

## M/S Viking Grace winner of Shippax Awards 2013

Viking Line's new ship M/S Viking Grace won awards in five categories of the annual Shippax Awards competition. This year the ceremony was arranged on 23–25 April on board M/S Pride of Rotterdam sailing between Rotterdam and Hull.

- In 2009, our Viking XPRS won a prize for the exterior style and now Viking Grace was the winner of a total of five awards, two of which went to the shipyard and three to the shipping company Viking Line. This proves that the hard work done by our project groups together with the shipyard *STX Finland Oy*, *dSign Vertti Kivi & Co* interior design office and many others has created something totally new and different. We have achieved a brand new environmentally sound experience which has already become a worldwide standard for many vessels, says Kari Granberg, Project Manager of M/S Viking Grace.

M/S Viking Grace was awarded for the following innovations:

- Environmental quality; this is the first long-distance ship equipped with double-fuel motors (gas and diesel)
- Environmental quality; the ship has many energy-saving solutions
- Exterior design; (LNG tanks & small chimney)
- Food supplies and provisions logistics
- Innovative interior design

To win prizes in this competition, ships have to introduce a new innovation. There can be several winners in one category. On the other hand, there are categories in which no winner has been elected.

### **Shippax Award**

The goal of the Shippax Award launched in 1999 is to stimulate innovative solutions. The basic idea was to promote noteworthy design features on newly-delivered ferries, ro-ro and cruise vessels. What makes the Shippax Award unique is that the jury comprises persons with thorough knowledge of the details of the ships and trends in the industry. It is considered the most prestigious trade award in the combined ferry, ro-ro and cruise industry.

*Viking Line's new vessel is the first one in the Baltic Sea and the first large passenger ship in the whole world using LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas). For a passenger ship of this size, LNG is a unique fuel which decreases nitrogen emissions by 85% and greenhouse gases by 15%. There are practically no sulphur and particle emissions.*



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