

yard rejuvenation



Six months in Baltimore with Bethlehem Steel was an experience. Leaving only the unmistakable profile of what she was before, SOUTHWIND suffered practically a total overhaul and facelifting. The yard's primary emphasis was on modernization of berthing and living areas and the installation of brand spanking new communications facilities.

Wading through a multitude of small fires, spark showers, and falling junk the crew followed what turned out to be progress aiding wherever and whenever they could; however, their primary toil was elsewhere. The engineers rebuilt, supply ordered and stored, operations planned, and the deck force painted and multiplied. All participated in the age old art of cum-shaw.

On May 19 the vessel sailed the fraction of a mile to Baltimore's prize pier location and opened house to the city.

