

# Shipbuilders Launch More Effective Review Sessions

Peters Shipyards, the Netherlands



Drawings are discussed in detail using the SMART Board® interactive whiteboard.

SMART Board® interactive whiteboards and innovative software improve the shipbuilding process in Kampen, the Netherlands.

## The Challenge

Peters Shipyards is a shipbuilding company located in the city of Kampen, on the banks of the river IJssel, and has been building ships for over 100 years. The staff at Peters Shipyards is closely involved in the entire shipbuilding process – from initial contact with the customer to the launch of the ship. Quality and reliability are top priorities throughout the process, but flexibility and the customer's requirements are equally important.

In early 2009, Peters Shipyards sought technology that would enable a more detailed view of drawings. After considering a smaller touchscreen computer, it was decided that the screen size would be too small and that an interactive whiteboard would be more appropriate for the company's use.

## The Solution

Several brands of interactive whiteboard were considered, but Peters Shipyards eventually chose the SMART Board interactive whiteboard because it is easy-to-use and includes software with many helpful features.

## The Result

Peters Shipyards currently uses the SMART Board interactive whiteboard for viewing technical drawings and facilitating discussions, especially in their installation and hull department, which is responsible for fitting the ship and regularly hosting discussions with engineers. The SMART Board interactive whiteboard is consistently used during these discussions, because it enables the drawings to be displayed in more detail than previously possible. Users

## Challenge

Find a tool to enable a more detailed view of drawings.

## Solution

BT uses two SMART Board® 685ix interactive whiteboard systems in meetings and trainings and plans to purchase the Bridgit conferencing software to be better connected with a naval architecture company in Croatia.

## Result

The SMART solutions help make Dutch shipbuilding more engaging and productive.

can even view the drawings in 3D, making it easier to spot defects, and they can add notes directly to the drawing to record and clarify important information from the discussion.

## The Future

Peters Shipyards works closely with Shipyard LEDA, a naval architecture company in Croatia. Currently, a working group from Peters Shipyards travels to Croatia for monthly discussions. To enhance the meeting experience and reduce the number of physical visits between the two companies, Peters Shipyards intends to purchase SMART Bridgit® conferencing software, making cooperation with LEDA easier and more cost effective. If LEDA were also to purchase a SMART Board® interactive whiteboard, the companies could hold remote meetings where everyone can see what is displayed and make notes on each other's interactive whiteboards, eliminating the need to explain details by phone and e-mail and making communication clearer.

Peters Shipyards also uses the SMART Board interactive whiteboard for internal training. The company plans to purchase more interactive whiteboards to provide its engineering department with alternative ways of discussing and developing projects and to deliver interactive presentations to staff, prospects and customers. For its second – and possibly third – interactive whiteboard, Peters Shipyards plans to purchase the SMART Board 685ix interactive whiteboard system. The 685ix features a widescreen to optimize workspace and is equipped with a projector that eliminates shadows, glare and distracting projector light.

Peters Shipyards is very satisfied with the SMART Board interactive whiteboard and believes it brings added value to the company.



A new ship completed by Peters Shipyards.

**“SMART Board’s interactivity makes presentations much more communicative.”**

**Xander Buschgens,**  
Peters Shipyards

### About SMART

SMART Technologies is a leading provider of collaboration solutions that transform the way the world works and learns. We believe that collaboration and interaction should be easy. As the global leader in interactive whiteboards, we bring more than two decades of collaboration research and development to a broad range of easy-to-use, integrated solutions that free people from their desks and computer screens, so collaborating and learning with digital resources are more natural.

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