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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Crew with fake certificates held

THREE crew members with fake Colombian seafarers' documents have been arrested by US federal authorities. The seafarers were discovered on the Panamanian-flagged dry cargo vessel **Freedom Express** after it docked at a Miami River terminal in Florida. The US Coast Guard said the men carried fictitious Colombian STCW certificates. The arrests highlight long-standing problems with fake mariner certificates from Honduras, Panama and Colombia carried by seafarers working on ships serving this notorious, 8-km stretch of river past the Port of Miami. US Coast Guard Lt Cdr Larry Bowling said fraudulent certificates "were a too-frequent occurrence". It is estimated that half of the illegal cocaine shipped into Florida arrives via the Miami River on cargo vessels from Haiti, coincidentally 1958-built Freedom Express's last port of call. Vessel owners Caribbean Ocean Express were unavailable for comment.

Greenpeace vows to halt nuclear cargo shipments

ENVIRONMENTAL activists yesterday vowed to stop "the most controversial nuclear shipment in history" as two armed British-flagged vessels set sail from Barrow-in-Furness to Japan to pick up a cargo containing enough plutonium to build 50 nuclear bombs.

The ships, owned by a subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels, will return later this year carrying UK-manufactured MOX fuel which was rejected by Japan in 1999 after it was discovered that the British company had falsified quality control data.

"If this shipment proceeds, the UK and Japan will be creating a floating terrorist target and a huge danger to the health and security of millions of people globally," said Shaun Burnie, Greenpeace International nuclear campaigner.

"This shipment needs to be stopped and we will do all we can to peacefully prevent it happening."

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The shipment comes at a time when the transport of nuclear cargoes by sea is being heavily criticised by governments around the world, including the Panamanian legislature which is debating a Bill to ban such transports through the canal.



But BNFL said the shipment complies with strict international regulations and that the transport plan for the forthcoming voyage had been approved by the UK's security regulator, the Department of Trade and Industry's Office for Civil Nuclear Security.

This shipment is important for BNFL as it represents a fresh start following the scandal three years ago.

"This is an important milestone for BNFL as it begins to draw a line under the issue and we

now look forward to an increasingly positive relationship with our Japanese customers," said the nuclear company's chief executive Norman Askew.

No route has been announced for the return trip from Japan but there are three options, including through the Panama Canal, around Cape Horn or via the Cape of Good Hope.

The two ships, one of which will act as an escort to the vessel carrying the cargo, are the Pacific Teal and the Pacific Pintail, both operated by Pacific Nuclear Transport.

CASUALTY REPORTING

EMMAPLEIN (NETHERLANDS)

London, Apr 29 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0112, UTC: General cargo **Emmaplein** (2039 gt, built 1998), Bayonne for Cardiff, in ballast, with six persons on board, at 0050, UTC, had engine breakdown and drifting in lat 49 57.8N, long 05 42.5W. Drifting 029 deg at 1.7 knots, in westerly force eight (gale) and rough seas. Coastguard tug **Anglian Prince** has been tasked and proceeding.



London, Apr 29 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0505, UTC: General cargo Emmaplein recovered power at 0345, UTC, and was making its own way to Falmouth at 0410, with tug **Anglian Prince** standing by. ETA Falmouth 0830, UTC.

London, Apr 29 -- Following received from Coastguard Falmouth MRCC, timed 0834, UTC: Coastguard tug Anglian Prince was tasked at 0054, UTC, to general cargo Emmaplein not under command. **Anglian Prince** proceeded at 0124, UTC, and arrived on scene at 0238, UTC. Lloyd's Open Form agreed but vessel restarted engines prior to tow being connected. Tug escorted vessel back to Falmouth Bay and tug off task at 0728, UTC.

INSIKO 1907 (INDONESIA)

London, Apr 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: The tug that rescued a dog from tank Insiko 1907 took the disabled vessel under tow and was expected to reach Hawaii on Wednesday (May 1), the Coast Guard said. Fearing the vessel posed an environmental danger to Johnston Atoll, the Coast Guard had considered sinking it in deep water after the two-year-old dog was saved Friday (Apr 26).

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The Insiko 1907 proved to be in better condition than expected, Petty Officer David Mosley said yesterday. Using money from an oil industry environmental fund created for such situations, the Coast Guard hired the tug American Quest to tow the 270-foot vessel to Honolulu, where the diesel will be offloaded, Mosley said.

REMBRANDT VAN RIJN

London, Apr 29 -- At approximately 1800 yesterday inland passenger vessel Rembrandt van Rijn, dimensions 88.50 x 10.50 x 1.57 metres, Terneuzen to Vlissingen, with 120 passengers on board, had problems through the hard winds and high waves in the River Scheldt when it tried to enter Flushing outer harbour. It could not get through the wind to enter the outer harbour and drifted with the outgoing tide further out to sea. When it was abreast Flushing Boulevard, the vessel started rolling so



much the master of the vessel decided to call the assistance of tug **Walcheren**, (photo left) of the unie van Redding-en Sleepdienst Nederland (URS). The tug made fast and carefully manoeuvred the vessel into the outer harbour. Flushing traffic control feared that the side windows would be smashed in by the waves. Other vessels that came to assist the passengership were a Dutch and Belgian pilot tender and a river police patrol boat. The whole rescue

operation took about one and a half hours.

SEABULK FULMAR (MARSHALL ISLANDS)

London, Apr 29 -- Understand research Seabulk Fulmar (986 gt, built 1968) sank at moorings at Abidjan during a storm on Apr 26. Vessel is sitting on bottom with two metres of water in engine-room.



TERRA AUSTRALIS (CHILE)

London, Apr 29 -- Reported that passenger **Terra Australis** (1889 gt, built 1984) burned and sank in lat 40 32S, long 73 56W, 40 miles south of Valdivia, yesterday. One crew member dead.

SHIPYARDS **ZUIDERDAM**



The newbuilding VISTA class **ZUIDERDAM** under construction for the Holland America Line
Photo : Courtesy of Ton Grootenboer

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

Northern to order new log carriers



Top : The **PIONER BELORUSKI** of the Northern Shipping Company , Archangel — Russia

NORTHERN Shipping (NSC) of Archangel is planning to expand its fleet with newbuild timber carriers ranging from 2,500 to 15,000 DWT, a company spokesperson told Fairplay. The proposed move is aimed at cashing in on Russia's growing timber trade, which has enabled Northern to generate funds for acquiring stakes in timber production companies. Northern runs a liner service to Europe from Archangel and St Petersburg, but specialises mainly in deliveries of timber, pulp, paper and other timber products primarily to the Netherlands, France, Germany, Belgium and the UK. The return trips carry mostly containers. At present, Northern says its fleet consists of 34 multi-purpose carriers under Russian flag, 12 foreign-flagged vessels, three icebreakers, and a variety of smaller vessels that are deployed in domestic trades. The company lifted a total of 1.7M tonnes of cargo in 2001. Details of the fleet expansion plan will be released after shareholders approve the proposal at the AGM on May 18.

Australia to spend \$122M on ports

WESTERN Australia's government will embark on an A\$225M (\$122.5M) spending spree to develop infrastructure at the ports of Geraldton, Bunbury, Esperance, Fremantle, Port Hedland and Dampier. The funding, which is proposed to be included in the government's May 16 annual budget, would include A\$100M to deepen the mid-west port of Geraldton. The funding for the port, which serves the grain and mineral export industries, is subject to the development of the Mt Gibson iron ore project, located about 350km north-east of Perth. The project would see at least 1.5M tonnes of iron ore shipped through Geraldton per year. The harbour basin and access channel will be deepened to accommodate fully-laden Handymax vessels at a maximum draught of 12.8 m. Bulk handling facilities

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at Fremantle would be expanded at a cost of A\$62M. The port would be equipped with a jetty unloader.

Crude spill at Saldanha

SEVERAL tonnes of Basrah light crude oil began washing up on beaches in South Africa's Saldanha Bay at the weekend, after spilling as it was pumped ashore from the 285,690 DWT Norwegian tanker **Front Sabang**. The shipment, part of an order for four million barrels from Iraq, is destined for South Africa's strategic reserve, to be stored at a terminal outside the port. According to a spokesman for the Strategic Fuel Fund, Renosi Mokate, the oil was being transferred ashore when a faulty release valve caused the oil to fill a slop tank and then "overflow into the ocean". Clean-up operations began immediately and by late on April 26 about 250 barrels had been recovered from the sea. However, during the weekend oil began washing up onto local beaches. Clean-up measures there are also under way.

HubLine makes more sailings, port calls

HUBLINE, the Malaysian carrier which this year launched a rapid expansion of its limited feeder network, is increasing its frequency of sailings from two a week to three between Port Klang and selected ports in Thailand.

In March, the line launched the Hong Kong-Bintulu (in Malaysia Borneo) service - its first to Greater China, and which is almost certainly a precursor to its expansion to Mainland China, with Shanghai as the next intended port of call later this year.

Launched in 1932 with a single ship plying Singapore and Yangon in Myanmar, HubLine today has 22 vessels, two of them chartered, with a total carrying capacity of 10,000 TEUs. It serves mostly Asia, feeding cargo to main transshipment ports.

The size of HubLine's vessels, ranging from 130 to 800 TEUs, it is said, made them ideal for navigating the regional waters of Asia. The capture, therefore, of this market niche has earned it the reputation as a "junior mainline".

HubLine's Hong Kong service uses a 477-TEU vessel and because it bypasses either Port Klang or Singapore it has a short, 5-day transit time compared to 10 days required for sailing into the Straits of Malacca. It has proposed using a 600-TEU vessel for the Shanghai call.

For the additional Port Klang-Thailand sailing, the vessel will be provided under the Feeder Associate System, its alliance with the French CMA-CGM.

The consortium is the first to offer a comprehensive port of coverage between Malaysia and Thailand, managing director Dennis Ling said in a Malaysian maritime web site. Existing services on the sector uses ships of 500 TEUs carrying capacity.

ANL Container Line enters Asia/Europe trade

ANL Container Line is to enter the Asia/Europe trade with a weekly fixed day fast transit service comprising two loops.

The new service, the ANL East West Express, has two westbound and two eastbound loops.

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Loop 1 westbound will utilise the CMA CGM Verlaine which will depart from Shanghai today (April 29), while loop two will deploy the Norasia Singa departing from Pusan on May 2.

On eastbound loop 1, ANL will charter space on the CMA CGM Balzac which will depart from Le Havre on May 17, while loop 2 will utilise the Ville de Virgo which will depart from Southampton on May 19.

John Lines, ANL's managing director, said: "ANL's entry into this trade is an exciting development for the company. We have been seeking an opportunity to re-enter the Europe trade and expand our Middle East Gulf routes for some time and we are extremely pleased with this opportunity to do so.

"The ANL brand has high recognition in the Asian market as a quality provider of shipping services and we are pleased to be able to extend our market coverage to our customers.

Calais passenger numbers surge



PASSENGER growth at the Port of Calais surged by nearly 19 per cent in the first quarter of the year, boosted by the early Easter holidays and the demise of foot and mouth disease that hit ferry business in the early part of 2001. Nearly 2.66M passengers transited the French ferry port during the three-month period, while March alone saw passenger carryings up by 315,000 to 1.22M. Ferry operators say that their marketing campaigns have also had a positive influence on passenger numbers, with tourist traffic on the Dover-Calais route increasing by nearly 18 per cent during the quarter, to 437,000. Freight traffic through the Port of Calais witnessed a more moderate increase, up 3.3 per cent to 346,254 units.

Finnlines buys Nordo-Link



FINNLINES, the Helsinki-based liner shipping group, has acquired Swedish ferry operator Nordo-Link from its owner MGA Holding at a cost of SK615M (\$65M). Nordo-Link operates a service between Malmö in Southern Sweden and Travemünde in Germany with three ro-pax vessels. It owns the two ships with rail vehicle capacity and charters the third, Finnsailor, from Finnlines. MGA had negotiated a sale of Nordo-Link to Scandlines last year, but the deal fell through. Finnlines, meanwhile, acquired full control of feeder container ship operator Team Lines last year, and bought out German shareholders who held two thirds of the Team Lines' shares.

Festival builds on Cuban demand



FESTIVAL Cruises, the Pan-European operator, has acquired the 1948-built, 16,144 GT **Valtur Prima** and will deploy the ship on seven-day cruises from Havana, Cuba starting on July 12. The ship brings to four the number of 'Discovery'-class vessels and comes as Festival takes delivery of the newbuilding 58,000 GT **European Stars** from Chantiers de l'Atlantique. The Cuban move follows a successful Havana season

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with the 48,000 GT Mistral, the first of the three new vessels, which was delivered in 1999. Festival Cruises Vice President Roberto Costaguta told Fairplay yesterday the major US operators had been watching the Cuba cruise sector closely. Carnival CEO Micky Arison confirmed to an Italian paper earlier this week that he would be sending ships to Havana as soon as restrictions were lifted. The European Stars begins a series of Western Mediterranean cruises from Genoa on April 28, calling at Naples, Messina, Bizerte, Palma de Majorca, Barcelona and Marseilles.

Panama Canal Authority Augments Tugboat Fleet

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) awarded a \$10,626,595 contract to the Canadian company *Irving Shipbuilding*, for the construction of two tugboats. The units arrived at the Port of Cristobal, in Panama, on November 14, 2001, from Prince Edward Island, Canada. They were named *Coclé* and *Colón*, after two provinces in Panama that have areas in the Canal watershed. After the arrival, the tugboats were transferred to Miraflores Locks for the installation of fenders and radio systems. The acquisition is part of the Canal's modernization and improvement program, which aims to increase the waterway capacity by 20 percent.



The contract between the ACP and *Irving Shipbuilding* includes an option for the purchase of two additional tugboats for \$11,073,602, in 2002. The new tugboats are made of steel and they use Schottel Azimuth stern drive propulsion units. They also have 4,4000 horsepower capacity Deutz engines. These aspects enable the ACP to provide a better quality service to its customers.

With this new acquisition, the Canal tugboat fleet was augmented to 22 units, but the goal of the modernization program is to reach 24 units by the end of fiscal year 2002. The official launching of the *Coclé* and *Colón* took place on December 4, 2001.

NAVY NEWS

Hr Ms VLAARDINGEN



The **Hr Ms Vlaardingen (M 863)** which was on her way from Den Helder naval base to the city of Vlaardingen to celebrate the Queens birthday had intentions to stop Monday evening at the Stena Line jetty in Hoek van Holland to take some guest onboard before continuation of her trip to Vlaardingen.

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During the mooring operation something went wrong, due to the strong South westerly winds the ship was pushed against a steel mooring pillon which made a



large hole in the SB side of the **Vlaardingen**, but this was not all, after embarking the passengers the vessel departed from the Stena Line jetty and ended up a few minutes later aground at the west side of the entrance of the harbour of Hoek van



Holland, the tug **MEHARI** from **Henk Wesselius** came direct in action and connected to the Port Stern of the **Vlaardingen** and started pulling and the **Vlaardingen** came free of the bottom later, the **MEHARI** pulled the **Vlaardingen** midstream where she was turned / pushed around and continued here trip to her destination **Vlaardingen** .



The Commanding officer is 1st Lt J.Franken which is commanding the **Vlaardingen** since 12 July 2001



Photo's : Jan van der Klooster / Piet Sinke

Your flying reporters ✍️

See for more pictures and details Jan's website : <http://www.scheepvaarthoek.nl>

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AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



EC-IDB this is the first A330 registered in Spain, and the first of the type for IWD, which will use it on its Caribbean flights to substitute its A310. This was its first revenue flight out of MADRID bound for Cancun. - photo : Ariel Shocron

RIJNSMOND WEATHER

woensdag 1 mei

9 uur 's ochtends :
temperatuur: 10 graden
kans op neerslag: 50%
wind: vrij krachtig (33 km/u) uit ZZW

5 uur 's middags :
temperatuur: 13 graden
kans op neerslag: 30%
wind: vrij krachtig (30 km/u) uit WZW

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