

DAILY SHIPPING NEWSLETTER: Sunday 02-06-2002

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS AURORA



Finally a Passenger vessel arrived again to visit the Port of Rotterdam, Saturday June 1st the **AURORA** of P & O Cruises passed Hoek van Holland inward bound for the Wilhelmina kade in Rotterdam, the ship departed again during the afternoon.

Photo's: Piet Sinke



Canada warned on crew age

A SHIPPING operations manager has warned that almost two thirds of personnel on Canadian ships are over 45 years old and will retire during the next decade. Capt John Greenway, of the Upper Lakes Group of Toronto, told a national marine conference in the city that replacing them was a major challenge for ship owners because few young people even thought of a maritime career. The problem was so bad that the four post-secondary schools that offer training in ship operations had trouble filling all their classes, he said, noting that the one in Ontario was to lose provincial funding for its marine courses. "We have to make the public more aware of the marine industry and its importance to the national economy," said Greenway, adding that the industry needed to inform students about the kinds of jobs that were available on ships.

Two dredgers leaving Tuas fired at near Singapore

Suspected pirates fired at two dredgers working on the Tuas project in the Singapore Straits, prompting a heightened warning for the area from the International Piracy Reporting Centre.

Both vessels took evasive action and fled the area. No crew member was hurt, but the International Maritime Bureau has sounded a piracy and armed robbery alert to ships passing the area.

Rapid fire hit the Panama-flagged **Queen of Ocean Penta** after dark on May 22 as the vessel approached Singapore.

An estimated 50 light rounds were fired before 'gunfire was intensified with large-bore weapons - probably heavier machinery weapons - firing another plus or minus 40 shots', according to the master's report given to the Kuala Lumpur-based Piracy Reporting Centre.

'Two windows of the bridge were riddled with bullets and several steel plates around the bridge and accommodation corridor above the waterline were punctured.'

The 161 m vessel was followed by 'a small craft with yellow flashing lights' that was soon joined by a 'second small craft and both tried to stop the ship by overtaking and crossing the bow' at 9.40 pm, before the assault.

'No attempt was made by the smamll craft to contact the ship,' the master's report said. 'Applying a zig zag course at full speed scared the attackers into abandoning the attack. Since there was no substantial damage, the ship continued her voyage.'

The second incident happened within an hour, at 'more or less the same location', according to Piracy Centre regional manager Noel Choong. He told The Shipping Times. from Kuala Lumpur that in this case, the master reported a small craft opened fire at his vessel.

The 127 m Netherlands-flagged **Volvox Hansa** immediately altered course and returned to Singapore and safely anchored at West Jurong before midnight.

Four other attacks occurred in Indonesia waters last week - three involving knife-wielding pirates and the fourth involving a religious conflict-linked shooting which killed four and injured 12 people aboard a passenger vessel. The incidents were described as both alarming and surprising by Mr Choong, who said they could represent 'an isolated case'.

'It's very strange and alarming. In fact, it surprised us as well - it's right in the middle of the Straits of Singapore,' he said, explaining it was yet to be determined whether the attacks occured in Singapore or Indonesian waters. 'We informed both countries concerned. I understand that Singapore is looking

into the matter,' he said.

'We do not know whether they intended to board or whether they were just firing at the ship - there are a lot of question marks and the only way to answer them is for the authorities to conduct an investigation.

Hopefully if they have their intelligence reports in certain areas they would know more about it,' Mr Choong said, explaining that in some cases, informants were based in piracy-prone areas.

'What we can do now is just to monitor the situation and see whether there are any other attacks similar to what happened last week. If they continue then we will have to take further action on our side and try to contact the authorities to see what can be done.

'We continue to advise ships to maintain strict anti-piracy watch.'

Waterway wins Ship of the Year title

Hook of Holland - The trailing suction hopper dredger **Waterway**, owned by Boskalis, has been named Ship of the Year.

This title is awarded by the Royal Netherlands Association of Maritime Technicians (KNVTS). The Waterway has won partly because of the unique partnership between its buyer, Boskalis, and its builder, De Merwede.



Top: The WATERWAY moored during February 2002 in Rotterdam - Photo: Piet Sinke

The Ship of the Year jury praised the vessel's innovative design and the efforts made to save energy on it. The Waterway has been specially designed to work mainly in shallow water, with a shallow draught but a high capacity.

The Waterway is operated by Boskalis' British subsidiary, Westminster, and is used mainly for dredging

projects at short and medium distances from base. It is shortly to sail for Nigeria, where it will be preparing a 72-hectare location for a gas plant. The Waterway now has a sister ship, the Coastway.

CASUALTY REPORTING

BRUSSEL (CYPRUS)

Freeport, Bahamas, May 29 -- Bulk/c.c. Brussel (25605 gt, built 1979) grounded at Freeport harbour May 22 during loading operations and while changing berth at the Bahama Rock facility. Vessel completed loading after which underwater survey was conducted with Bureau Veritas surveyor present. Vessel sailed late same day bound for her original destination, Aruba. -- Lloyd's Agents

MARIA H. (ANTIGUA & BARBUDA)

London, May 29 -- Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 2203, UTC: General cargo Maria H., River Trent for Europe, fully laden with steel, seven people including the pilot on board, struck Keadby Railway Bridge in lat 53 35N, long 00 44W at 2033, UTC. The vessel and bridge are severely damaged. The master of the vessel was injured and has been taken to hospital. Tug Chevet is proceeding to the scene and it is hoped to take Maria H. to Gunness Wharf. Coastguard Cleethorpes, Humber Private Rescue, fire, police and ambulance on scene.

London, May 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: A railway bridge over the River Trent was closed for two hours after being struck by general cargo Maria H.. The master of the vessel was injured when it struck the footbridge section of Keadby Bridge, near Scunthorpe. Humber Coastguard said he was taken to hospital with a severe gash to his ankle. A spokesman for Humberside Police reported the bridge was closed for safety checks after the incident at 2130, BST, yesterday. It was checked over by engineers and found to have been only slightly damaged. He said: "The bridge has been pronounced safe and it has been re-opened." Five crew members remained on board the vessel while it was moved away from the bridge and anchored. A Humber Coastguard spokesman said the cause of the accident was being investigated. "We're not really sure what caused the accident yet, but it could have been the state of the tide flooding up at the time," he said. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency, rail authority and police were all informed about the incident. No pollution from the vessel had been reported and the remaining crew members were not believed to be in any danger, the spokesman added. The bridge, which is also used by road traffic and pedestrians, is on the Cleethorpes to Doncaster line.

VAASABORG (NETHERLANDS)



Troy, Michigan, May 30 -- The refloating of general cargo Vaasaborg continued yesterday. Yesterday afternoon ro/ro Aivik had off loaded 1,100 tons of the proposed 2,500 tons, after a crane failure on board Aivik delayed operations. Once the off load is complete and Vaasaborg is refloated, the cargo will be reloaded in Contrecoeur or Montreal. The grounding of Vaasaborg was reported to be

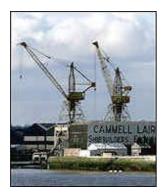
caused by a mechanical failure in the vessel's steering system.

SHIPYARD NEWS Red and green lights for HDW sale

A GERMAN Court has blocked the sale of Babcock Borsig's remaining 25 per cent stake in HDW shipyard to US bank One Equity Partners. The Duisburg Landsgericht made its ruling after representations by Guy Wyser-Pratte, who owns eight per cent of Babcock Borsig, but has had to face a sharp fall in the value of his holding after half the HDW shares were sold to the US. The case will now be decided by a higher court. This is expected to delay the share sale by several months. So far, half shares in HDW have been sold to One Equity by Preussag, although it is planned to transfer a 15 per cent holding to Ferrostaal and ThyssenKrupp later on. Meanwhile the EC has cleared One Equity to acquire 75 per cent of HDW shares under European competition rules

Former Cammell Laird yard reopens under new ownership

THE last of the former Cammell Laird shipyards, which were all closed when the company went bankrupt last year, is to reopen.



The drydock at Sunderland, is to re-open under the name of Wear Dock & Engineering Co. The new owner is Harry Wilson's Tyne Slipway & Engineering Co Ltd, which has taken a short-term, five year lease on the facility and has purchased all the allied engineering workshops, cranes, quayside facilities etc.

Negotiations with Sunderland City Council are currently underway to finalise the deal. Meanwhile Tyne Slipway, which is located at South Shields, is to carry on in the smaller ship market. The drydock has dimensions of 115 m x 16.6 m. The new yard has already stemmed its first ship, Crescent Marine's 1,771 dwt coastal tanker Barmouth, which will be in the drydock for a total of seven days.

When Cammell Laird went into receivership, yards at Birkenhead, Tyneside, Teesside and Sunderland closed. A&P Group has since purchased the yards are Birkenhead, Teesside and Hebburn (Tyneside), all of which are expected to re-open later this year. A number of the former Cammell Laird management team took over the Bidston dock in Birkenhead, which Cammell Laird had previously purchased from Wright & Beyer. Under the new name of Northwestern Shiprepairers & Shipbuilders Ltd the Bidston-based facility has now taken over the lease of the drydocks in Liverpool owned by the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board.

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES Carriers edge closer to car makers

WILH Wilhelmsen and its partner in deep sea ro-ro trades, Wallenius Lines, have agreed key issues regarding entry into a 'strategic partnership' with two South Korean car manufacturers, Hyundai Motor Company and Kia Motors. The agreement would allow the Scandinavian operators "to offer long term services in the vehicle carrier sector", but a final contract is still subject to the approval of the boards of the four companies. The eventual contract is part of the planned joint acquisition by Wilhelmsen and Wallenius of Hyundai Merchant Marine's vehicle carrier division. The Scandinavian ro-ro companies plan

to set up a company, which they will jointly own 80.1 per cent, to acquire the new business. Hyundai and Kia will jointly own the remaining shares. The new company will have five-year contract to export Hyundai and Kia cars from South Korea.

Mooring stays compulsory in Italy

THE Italian court has rejected a claim by Corsica Ferries Sardinia Ferries against the Genoa Mooring Corp, intended to liberalise the use of mooring services. The court denied the right for ship owners to perform the operation themselves, saying that mooring and other "technical nautical services", such as towage and pilotage, must by law be performed by professional organisations in the interests of general safety. The court cited principles established at EU level as reported in a 1998 sentence from the Brussels Court of Justice. It added that the port administration was obliged to liberalise certain port operations, such as handling and transport, but not technical nautical services.

Savona to close in towage strike



THE Italian port of Savona, Liguria, will be closed to incoming and outgoing ships for three days from tomorrow night because of strike action by the workers of local towage company Carmelo Noli, the sole tug operator at the port. Tug assistance – which is compulsory for ships entering or leaving the port – will be suspended until the morning of June 4. A wage dispute between trade unions and the tug owner has been going on for a year. The unions have asked for a substantial pay increase but Carmelo Noli will grant it only in exchange for a reduction of staff numbers from 41 to 36. Savona port users and operators have protested strongly against the industrial action, which has

caused the regular suspension of extraordinary tug assistance since last November

Top: The latest new tug in the Noli fleet the **ANNA NOLI** – Photo: **Piet Sinke (03-04-2002)**

Bergesen may expand African ops

BERGESEN, the Oslo-based bulk shipping group that recently won a contract to ship LNG from Nigeria using four ships, may win further local LNG contracts. Francois Khawan, adviser at the New York based shipbroker Poten & Partners, who spoke at a ship finance conference in Oslo, reportedly said that he expects further LNG projects to be unveiled in Nigeria. Bergesen has set a goal that half of its turnover and profit would come from LNG and FPSO operations by 2005. This would reduce its exposure to spot market fluctuations in VLCC, dry bulk and LPG carrier businesses and is expected to lift its share price too.

Bayonne to launch UK link

THE French Atlantic port of Bayonne hopes to welcome a new ro-ro service later this year with a service to Liverpool and Dublin. The stimulus to the project is the 7,500 lorries passing through Bayonne every day from Spain, Portugal and South-Western France, many of which head for the UK, said the port's marketing manager Olivier Hautin. The service is expected to open in mid-October. A UK-based operator will charter a vessel able to carry about 75 lorries for the service, and is expected to take a share in a new venture set up to run the operation. Hautin said there was a greater chance of a freight-only ro-ro service being successful than trying to encourage shippers to use ro-pax ferry services from Bilbao and Santander. These are seasonal, he stressed, and are geared towards the passenger and tourist car trade: "a ferry is not a ro-ro".

QUEEN ELIZABETH 2 WILL VISIT FIVE AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Cunard's luxurious liner Queen Elizabeth 2 will visit five Australian ports next February during the 107-days 2003 World Cruise which departs New York on January 25. "QE2 will visit Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns and Darwin, providing her globetrotting guests with an opportunity to enjoy sophisticated Australian cities, the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and tropical north, and the marvels of the Top End", said Ms Jackie Foggitt, Vice President Asia Pacific, World's Leading Cruise Lines. Australian arrival dates are: Melbourne, February 10 (for one day), Sydney February 12 (three days), Brisbane February 15 (one day), Cairns February 17 (one day) and Darwin February 20 (one day)

Denholm to take over Fairwind

Denholm Shipping is acquiring Fairwind Shipping, the company founded by Trevor Fairhurst, one of the most colourful characters in the industry best known for the provision of ship recovery services to the banking industry, writes Tony Gray.

Fairwind will retain its corporate identity and continue to provide the same services to clients.

Mr Fairhurst and Jean Richards, now chairman of Fairwind, will join the Denholm board. Denholm chairman John Denholm said the acquisition "extends the range of service Denholm provides to the shipping community and strengthens our management presence in London". With deep Scottish roots, Denholm Ship-ping's activities encompass shipowning, commercial management and ship operation.

Through subsidiaries the group owns four product carriers and one bulk carrier, while it has interests in a further five vessels through joint ventures and investments.

Fairwind was set up in 1983 and specialises in providing services to shipping lenders. Mr Fairhurst said the sale was not related to proceedings alleging fraud against him and others by Adriatic Tankers owner Panagis Zissimatos. Fairwind did not have to sell but he was looking forward to getting "close to long-term ships".

NAVY NEWS

WHICH FOREIGN NAVY SHIPS WILL VISIT DUTCH PORTS & WHICH PORTS ARE VISITED BY DUTCH NAVY SHIPS

06 Jun 02 HNLMS Philips Van Almonde

F 823 Santa Cruz de Tenerife

07 Jun 02 HMS Somerset

F 82 Amsterdam

07 Jun 02 HNLMS Maassluis M 856 Sliedrecht
09 Jun 02 HNLMS Harlingen M 854 Middelburg

Grafschip nog niet verplaatst

ZEEBRUGGE - De in mei 1940 gezonken torpedojager Wakeful blijft wellicht nog een jaartje op de oude rustplaats voor de Belgische kust liggen.

Het marineschip met aan boord de resten van naar schatting zeshonderd Engelse militairen zou deze zomer verplaatst worden naar een andere gezonken Britse torpedojager. De financiering van de operatie is echter nog niet helemaal rond.

De **Wakeful** ligt in de weg. Vlakbij het wrak bevindt zich de loodspost Wandelaar, waar loodsen van en aan boord van zeeschepen gaan. Voor de veiligheid is daar meer ruimte nodig. Gewoonlijk worden wrakken dan verwijderd, maar met de Wakeful kan dat niet. Het is een officieel Brits oorlogsgraf. De Belgische autoriteiten besloten daarom in overleg met de Engelsen het schip voorzichtig te lichten en onder water naar een ander oorlogsgraf in de directe omgeving te brengen, de eveneens op 29 mei 1940 tot zinken gebrachte torpedojager Grafton.

De afspraken met de Engelsen zijn rond, laat projectleider D. de Brauwer weten. "Wij hebben hun zegen, maar wij hebben nog geen volledig financieel akkoord van ons ministerie." Hij verwacht dat de operatie niet meer dit jaar zal plaatsvinden, zoals eerst was gepland.

De **Wakeful** en het zusterschip **Grafton** zijn, met elk zo'n zeshonderd militairen aan boord, het doelwit geweest van Duitse onderzeeërs. Zij waren op weg naar Dover met soldaten die zich op de stranden van het Franse Duinkerken hadden verzameld op de vlucht voor Duitse troepen. Onder normale omstandigheden waren de schepen nooit langs de Belgische kust naar Engeland gevaren. Ze moesten die route nemen, omdat de Duitsers mijnenvelden hadden gelegd tussen de Franse kust en Dover.

MOVEMENTS COSTA EUROPA



The **COSTA EUROPA** visited the Port of Amsterdam, the vessel is the former **WESTERDAM** of Holland America Cruises and was recently handed over to COSTA CRUISES.

Photo: Ton Grootenboer

ZEEMANSHOOP



The Breskens Lifeboat **ZEEMANSHOOP** which was enroute from the De Haas Shipyard in Maassluis to her homeport Breskens made a stop over at the Port of Hoek van Holland Friday evening.

Photo's: Piet Sinke



AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

CRASH INTO SEA OFF PENGHU ISLAND, TAIWAN

A press report, states: Taiwan search teams have located the two "black box" recorders of a China Airlines Boeing 747 that crashed into the sea last weekend, killing 225 people. Attempts will be made to recover them. On Sunday (May 26), officials said search teams had found signals from flight cockpit voice and flight data recorders, but later the signals were found to be false

.... POSITIONS.....

AHTS Available Prompt Aberdeen											
Vessel Type BHP BP Deck Comments Available Port											
Maersk Assister	AHTS	23480	250	803		Prompt	Bergen				
Olympic Hercules	AHTS	23100	250	640		Prompt	Aberdeen				
Northern Corona	AHTS	15600	170	554	CSO 02/06	Prompt	Aberdeen				
McNee Tide	AHTS	15000	160	521		Prompt	Aberdeen				

PSV Available Prompt Aberdeen									
Vessel	Туре	ВНР	Deck	Comments	Available	Port			
Far Strider	PSV	6600	902	poss avail w/e	TBA	Aberdeen			
Far Superior	PSV	6600	868	poss avail w/e	TBA	Aberdeen			

Aberdeen AHTS Vessels Currently Employed											
Vessel	Туре	ВНР	ВР	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port				
Balder Viking	AHTS	18300	206	603	ASCO T.O Nordic	05/06	Aberdeen				
Tor Viking	AHTS	18300	202	603	KMG C/R	01/06	Aberdeen				
Vidar Viking	AHTS	18300	205	603	KMG / GSF Borgny Dolphin	07/06	Aberdeen				
Havila Crown	AHTS	18000	201	570	Hereema / ASCO TO Nordic	05/06	Aberdeen				
Far Senior	AHTS	16800	180	585	GSF Borgny Dolphin	07/06	Aberdeen				
Far Saltire	AHTS	16300	170	490	SMS/GSF Chain work	03/06	Aberdeen				
Havila Charisma	AHTS	16014	187	560	Marathon Canada	08/07	Aberdeen				
Olympic Poseidon	AHTS	15900	165	640	Shell N C/R	03/06	Aberdeen				
Northern Chaser	AHTS	15600	170	554	Phillips N	05/06	Aberdeen				
Stirling Islay	AHTS	15000	175	500	Phillips cargo run	02/06	Aberdeen				
Torm Heron	AHTS	15000	160	550	Team / GSF Borgny Dolphin	07/06	Aberdeen				
Stirling Jura	AHTS	15000	175	500	ASCO R/M Sedco 711	06/06	Aberdeen				
Stirling Iona	AHTS	15000	175	554	Shell relet	TBA	Aberdeen				
Maersk Challenger	AHTS	14400	173	633	DONG	31/07	Aberdeen				
Olympic Supplier	AHTS	13320	152	476	OMC Ensco 85	06/06	Aberdeen				
Pacific Banner	AHTS	12240	150	400	ASCO R/M Sedco 711	03/06	Aberdeen				
Pacific Blade	AHTS	12240	150	400	ASCO R/M Sedco 711	03/06	Aberdeen				
Normand Drott	AHTS	12000	148	536	Smedvig R/M West Alpha	04/06	Aberdeen				
Havila Clever	AHTS	11040	135	242	BP	17/06	Aberdeen				
Far Sky	AHTS	10800	157	567	(3 engines) ASCO C/R	04/06	Aberdeen				
Far Turbot	AHTS	10560	101	440	Petersons Cargo duties	06/06	Aberdeen				
Esvagt Gamma	AHTS	9000	110	412		TBA	Aberdeen				
Atrek	AHTS	8350	91	418	D/D	30/06	Aberdeen				
Pasvik	AHTS	7200	86	414	Team C/R	31/05	Aberdeen				
Faroe Connector	AHTS	6500	102	280	Statoil	10/06	Aberdeen				

Aberdeen PSV Vessels Currently Employed									
Vessel	Туре	ВНР	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port			
Normand Vester	PSV	9100	956	Kerr McGee C/R	02/06	Aberdeen			

Normand Carrier	PSV	9100	956	Stolt	20/06	Aberdeen
Stirling Aquarius	PSV	6600	830	Petersons	01/08	Aberdeen
Far Grimshader	PSV	6120	780	en-route + maint	05/06	Aberdeen
Sable Sea	PSV	6000	570	Enterprise	31/06	Aberdeen
Malaviya Sixteen	PSV	5460	688	ASCO C/R	02/06	Aberdeen
Waveney Fortress	PSV	5460	621	D/D / Petersons to mid August	TBA	Aberdeen
Waveney Castle	PSV	5460	621	ASCO	TBA	Aberdeen
Stout Truck	PSV	5450	620	ASCO	TBA	Aberdeen
Torm Kestrel	PSV	5450	621	Team relet	01/06	Aberdeen
Highland Fortress	PSV	5450	300	CNS	TBA	Aberdeen
Havila Sea	PSV	4800	300	in house	03/06	Aberdeen
Northern Seeker	PSV	4200	448	AGIP	03/06	Aberdeen
Northern Viking	PSV	4200	551	Seaforth relet	TBA	Aberdeen
Toisa Leopard	PSV	3450	333	Asco GY	04/06	Aberdeen
Highland Navigator	PSV		300	Thales	TBA	Aberdeen

Great Yarmouth Range PSV / AHTS Vessel Availability											
Vessel	Туре	ВНР	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port				
Havila Champion	AHTS	10000	120	402	MOG R/M N B Welliver	03/06	GT Yarmouth				
Anglian Duke	AHTS	8400	100	182	Allseas 120 days	Sept	Lwstoft				
Lady Laura	AHTS	7230	92	112	Towage	01/06	Lowestoft				

Netherlands / France Range										
Vessel	/essel Type BHP BP Deck Work Role Available									
Havila Captain	AHTS	10000	120	402	MOG R/M Ensco 71	01/06	Den Helder			
Zeus	AHTS	7730	101	400	OMC Ensco 85	03/06	Den Helder			
Neftegaz 66	AHTS	7200	80	408	AKA Maritime PLGR	0505	Den Helder			
Neftegaz 31	AHTS	7200	80	410	GSF R/M Noble Julie Robertson	31/05	Rotterdam			
Thorax	AHT	7200	90	180	Saipem	12/06	Rotterdam			
Granit	AHTS	6940	87	418	in house	TBA	Den Helder			

		Norway	y PSV	/ AHT	S Vessel Availability		
Vessel	Туре	ВНР	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port
Normand Pioneer	AHTS	27800	286	1000	(CSO 20/05)	05/06	Bergen
Far Fosna	AHTS	14400	160	570	Statoil / Shell N	24/06	Stavanger
Normand Mermaid	PSV	12730		800		Prompt	Stavanger

AHTS 12000 150 536 Smedvig West Alpha Normand Jarl 04/06 Bergen Info: Offshore Shipbrokers – UK North Sea offshore supply vessel dayrates (GBP) Type 21 - 27 May 13 - 21 May 6 - 13 May 29 Apr - 6 May Large PSVs 5500-14,000 4250-6750 4750-7750 17,500-17,500 Small - Medium PSVs 2600-3000 3500-5500 5750-9000 2500-3000 AHTS (BHP <12,000) 2700-5000 5250-5250 3500-10,000 5500-7300 AHTS (BHP >12,000) 5000-14,000 4500-14,000 4000-13,000 8100-25,000

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