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**Operation
Enduring Freedom**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Ship Sales

DRY bulk continues to be the mainstay of market activity and the competition for tonnage continues to boost prices.

Vessels sold for further trading BULK CARRIERS:

- ? **Marine Ranger**: 63,940 tdw blt 84 B + W reported sold region US\$5,800,000 to Greek buyers.
- ? **Lepta Venus**: 43,536 tdw blt 92 Tsuneishi crs 4/30 ts reported sold region US\$9,800,000 to Greek buyers.
- ? **Kapitan Betkher**: 36,630 tdw blt 85 Daewoo crs 4/25 ts reported sold region US\$5,800,000 to China buyers newclassed.
- ? **Silver Wing**: 28,470 tdw blt 92 Imabari crs 4/30 ts reported sold region US\$7,700,000 to Greek buyers.
- ? **Luckyman**: 27,915 tdw blt 80 Hitachi crs 5/25 ts reported sold region US\$2,000,000 to Greek buyers, may still be on a subject basis.
- ? **Zircon**: 23,853 tdw blt 80 Watanabe crs 4/25 ts reported sold region US\$1,550,000 to Syrian based buyers with delivery ""as is" in Spain.

TANKERS:

- ? **Meligunte**: 11,696 tdw blt 78 Koyo Chemicals - stainless centre tks reported sold region US\$3,600,000 to Greek buyers.
- ? **Alam Karang**: 7,544 tdw blt 85 Taihei Chemicals - stainless centre reported sold

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region US\$3,700,000 to Korean buyers.

DEMOLITION: all prices per ton lightweight

? **Mt Arrow**: 96,531 dwt, blt 1976, 16,968 lwt reported sold region US\$148 with delivery India.

? **BC Apollonia Lion**: 72,044 dwt, blt 1977, 12,807 lwt reported sold region US\$140 with delivery India.

? **BC Skiathos**: 34,237 dwt, blt 1977, 7,635 lwt reported sold region US\$147 with delivery India.

? **BC Ally**: 27,000 dwt, blt 1977, 6,632 lwt reported sold region US\$130 with delivery Bangladesh.

? **Mt River Stream**: 32,574 dwt, blt 1974, 7,346 lwt reported sold region US\$160.50 with delivery India (vessel had about 35 ts stainless steel).

? **Tw Jilfar**: 23,618 dwt, blt 1977, 7,552 lwt reported sold region US\$148 with delivery India.

? **PCC Ocean Kmir**: 13,977 dwt, blt 1977, 11,994 lwt reported sold region US\$135 with delivery India.

KRASIN



sailing icebreaker-museum



The ceremony of hoisting St. Andrew's flag on board the **Krasin** icebreaker (in pic) was held on the Neva River, in

St. Petersburg on Sunday. Eighty five years ago the flag was for the first time hoisted aboard the Polar class icebreaker Krasin (former Svyatogor), built in 1916. Since 1999 the vessel has been the only one in the world

Groot alarm voor parachutist in zee.

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Maandag 1 april, 2^e paasdag wordt er door het kustwachtcentrum Den Helder groot alarm gegeven voor een parachutist in zee voor de kust van 's Gravenzande. Een wandelaar heeft iets uit de lucht zien vallen en dacht aan een parachutist of een pakketje. Hierop werden de reddingstations Hoek van Holland, Ter Heijde en Scheveningen van de KNRM gealarmeerd alsook de Monsterse reddingsbrigade, de Zeevalk (douane) en een politiehelikopter.

Boven : Reddingsboot **KAPITEINS HAZEWINKEL** in actie – Foto : Ane Ree

De Hoekse reddingboot "Kapiteins Hazewinkel" vaart om 17.05 de Berghaven uit en spoed zich naar de opgegeven positie. Daar aangekomen wordt de "Kapiteins Hazewinkel" tot on scene commander benoemd en stuurt hierdoor de overige reddingvaartuigen en helikopter aan in het zoekgebied. De weersomstandigheden kunnen niet beter zijn, spiegels glad zeetje en matige Zuid oostenwind. In het zoekgebied zijn wel een paar ballonnen en een tennisbal gevonden (van ver te herkennen) die door de heersende wind uit Oostelijke richting naar zee zijn gedreven maar van een drenkeling te water geen spoor.

Na twee uur minutieus het hele zoekgebied met 6 schepen en een helikopter te hebben doorzocht blijkt er van een drenkeling geen spoor te vinden. Om 19.00 uur wordt door Den Helder rescue besloten om de zoekactie te stoppen, temeer daar er bij geen enkel vliegtuig of vliegveld bekend is dat voor de kust een dropping heeft plaatsgevonden. Alle hulpverleningsvaartuigen keren hierop terug naar hun thuisbasis. Wij, opstappers van de KNRM boot "Kapiteins Hazewinkel" meren om 19.15 weer aan in de Berghaven.



Met vragen kunt U contact opnemen met **Ron Zegers**, PR-Coördinator, en bemanning reddingboot **"Kapiteins Hazewinkel"**

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CASUALTY REPORTING

AI GE (Belize)

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London, Mar 31 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Ai Ge*, which was damaged in the collision with fishing *Koshi Maru No.3*, sank a few hours after the collision, at around 0830 hrs. No one from either vessel was injured in the accident. *Ai Ge* was carrying a cargo of around 2,600 tons of scrap iron, loaded at Funakawa port, in Oga city, Akita Prefecture, in north-eastern Japan.

Tottori, Mar 31 — General cargo *Ai Ge* sank today after it was in collision with fishing *Koshi Maru No.3* in waters off Shimane Prefecture in western Japan, a Japan Coast Guard official said. The 2,847-ton Belizean cargo vessel *Ai Ge*, with a crew of 18, collided with a 78-tonne Japanese fishing vessel in waters around 22 kilometres south-east of Dogo island, the official said. All of the 18 Chinese crew of the Belizean vessel were rescued by the Japanese fishing boat and taken safely back to port, although some suffered minor injuries such as whiplash, the coast guard official said. The coast guard received a report about the collision early this and the cargo vessel sank about five hours later, he said. There was little damage to the smaller fishing vessel, he said, adding that coast guard vessels have been sent to the scene. "There was some leakage of oil, and coast guard ships were dispatched to monitor it," the official said. So far the oil spill is limited to an area near where the collision took place, he added. The Belizean vessel had loaded scrap iron at a port in Akita prefecture in northern Japan and was headed for China when it collided with the fishing vessel. — Reuters.

ALBAKOR (Russia)

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, time 0950, UTC: Salvage operations were due to start on trawler *Albakor*, grounded on rocks off Trelleborg, yesterday.

ALKIMOS (Greece)

Sydney, Mar 28 — Australia has turned away a 36,000-tonne shipment of fertiliser to Newcastle from the United States on board bulk/c.c. *Alkimos* (25189 gt, built 1985) because it was contaminated by grain. There were also reports this morning of AQIS rejecting a second fertiliser shipment, believed to be on board bulk *Darya Taal* (18675 gt, built 1998), this time in Western Australia. The vessel is understood to be on a Conagria charter for independent importer David Rust. *Alkimos*, chartered by HMM, was prevented from unloading after quarantine officers found grain during an inspection at Newcastle. The cargo is primarily for Incitec, with one hold for Sumitomo. The rejection is a blow for all concerned because farmers are counting down to the winter crop sowing. However, the chairman of the Fertiliser Industry Federation of Australia played down the supply issue, saying there was no need for concern. "This shipment is one of many cargoes in the industry's extensive shipping program during the year," he said. According to AQIS, fertiliser contaminated with grain originating in the UK presents a high quarantine risk because it is used directly in rural and agricultural areas, where it could introduce pests or

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disease. The vessel's owners are now deciding what to do with the fertiliser. It could be exported to another country or sterilised. However, industry sources suggest that high analysis fertiliser for Australia is not necessarily suitable for other nearby markets such as Indonesia. The cargo will only be off-loaded in Australia if quarantine is satisfied it presents no risk. — "Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News."

ANANGEL SUCCESS (Greece)

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1230, UTC: Bulk *Anangel Success* (24643 gt, built 1984), China for Borneo, with steel products, grounded in lat 01 09.14N, long 107 26.12E, at 0900, Singapore time, today. Vessel has since been refloated and is heading to Singapore to be inspected by its classification society.

ARNEB (Germany)

London, Mar 29 — A press report, dated Mar 27, states: Ro/ro *Atlantic Osprey*, which carries plutonium around Europe, had to return to dock on Monday (Mar 25) after a fire broke out in its engine room. There was no nuclear material on board when the fire started. The crew was unable to reach the flames with hand-held extinguishers, so decided to evacuate the engine-room and flood it with carbon dioxide. The local fire brigade was called and, after two or three hours, fire fighters re-entered the room and confirmed the fire was out. The vessel has since returned to the Manchester dry dock for a full technical assessment to identify the root cause of the fire and also the extent of the damage caused. The fire was "minor" and no-one was injured.

BLUE SAPPHIRE (Liberia)

Port Said, Mar 31 — Chem.tank *Blue Sapphire* refloated at 2115, Mar 28, after discharging 4000 tons of vegetable oil into chem.tank *Stolt Heron*, and entered Canal with the northbound convoy on Mar 30, bound for Rotterdam. — Lloyd's Agents.

CANADIAN OLYMPIC (Canada)



London, Mar 31 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Early yesterday evening the bulk *Canadian Olympic* (22887 gt, built 1976) had a power failure while upbound in the Amherstburg Channel. Anchors were dropped, but the vessel grounded with her stern

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protruding about 25 feet into the channel. Upbound traffic was diverted to the Livingstone Channel. Shortly after 1000 hrs, today, the vessel was back in the Amherstburg Channel and underway. The tugs *Stormont*, *Salvor* and *Doug McKeil* assisted in freeing the vessel with no apparent damage. The vessel continued upbound for its destination with out stopping. The vessel reports that they lost an anchor in the incident, the tug *Annie M. Dean* with a barge are going to try to retrieve the anchor.

London, Apr 1 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Yesterday afternoon as bulk *Canadian Olympic* was upbound to Courtright, the tug *Annie M. Dean* and her barge arrived at Buoy D43 to begin salvage operations. Divers would attempt to recover the *Canadian Olympic's* starboard anchor which was lost during the grounding. The anchor was not yet recovered at 1530 hrs, when operations were suspended for the day.

CEDARGLEN (Canada)

London, Mar 28 — Reported at 0918, today, bulk *Cedarglen* (ex *Cartierdoc*, 18531 gt, built 1959) while departing section No.18 in the port of Sorel, vessel grounded. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of a tug.

CLIPPER ADVENTURER (Bahamas)



Nicosia, Mar 28 — Passenger *Clipper Adventurer* (4376 gt, built 1975), cruising South American jungle rivers, ran aground in western Guyana yesterday, forcing more than 118 elderly tourists to evacuate by speedboat. The vessel, which arrived in the country on Tuesday (Mar 26), hit a sandbank on its way up the Essequibo River to a local resort. The tourists were taken to nearby resorts. Harbour-master Taig Kalicharran said crew and marine officials were confident

the vessel would return to even keel with high tides expected yesterday afternoon. The vessel had already made inland trips through Brazil, Venezuela, French Guiana and Suriname. It was due to leave Guyana today for Trinidad and Tobago. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

London, Mar 30 — A press report, dated Mar 28, states: Passenger *Clipper Adventurer* that got stuck on a sand bank for more than a day, was finally pulled into deeper water by Transport and Harbour Department tugs yesterday afternoon. Carrying some 118 tourists, the vessel ran onto a sand bank just outside of Saxacalli in the Essequibo River on Tuesday (Mar 26) afternoon. The tourists were forced to disembark the vessel and use speed boats to visit areas of interest yesterday. Passengers were seen boarding small speed boats owned and operated by Evergreen Adventures, the organisers of the Guyana leg of the tour. An official of Evergreen Adventures said that the vessel was heading to Bartica when it got stuck around midday on Tuesday. The official, however, maintained that despite the mishap the tour has been going ahead as scheduled. "While there were some slight shifts with the timings of each tour, we have been able to do all the things as

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planned." The difficulty posed by sand banks in the river channels had been cited by local officials as a hindrance to the visit of cruise vessels.

CSCL XIAMEN (Liberia)

Yokohama, Apr 1 — General cargo *Feng Quan* (1532 gt, built 1978) was in contact with c.c. *CSCL Xiamen* (25369 gt, built 2000) in Kanmon Passage, Yamaguchi Prefecture at 0510, Mar 28. *CSCL Xiamen* consequently ran aground, no oil spillage occurred. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Feng Quan* and *CSCL Xiamen* arrived Moji Mar 28.)

CSL TADOUSSAC (Canada)



London, Mar 27 — A press report, dated today, states: Toledo drydock is now being prepared to handle bulk *CSL Tadooussac*, when it arrives for rudder repairs, from Port Colborne. The tow of *CSL Tadooussac* has been delayed arriving in Toledo due to the strong winds on Lake Erie. Unknown at this time when the tow will begin. (See issue of Mar 13.)

London, Mar 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Tug *John Spence*, with bulk *CSL Tadooussac* in tow, arrived in Toledo yesterday morning. The tow was escorted, upbound the Maumee River, by several Great Lakes Towing Company tugs, headed for the drydock at Toledo Shipyard to have repairs made to its rudder. It is unknown at this time how long it will remain in drydock.

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FADEL 1 (Syria)

Alexandria, Mar 28 — At 0900, today general cargo *Fadel 1* (4244 gt, built 1969) was discharging a shipment of timber/wood in barges at inner anchorage, one bundle of wood fell and while falling it struck two stevedores. One of the workers and the bundle fell into the sea. The worker that fell into the sea was rescued and then two ambulances were called to transport and hospitalise the two injured workers. Their health condition is still not ascertained. As for the bundle that fell into the sea, its straps broke and its battens became loose and floated next to the vessel. The vessel is still discharging at inner anchorage and the investigation of the whole matter has been initiated. *Fadel 1* had arrived Alexandria Mar 27. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Fadel 1*, Novorossiysk for Alexandria, passed Dardanelles Mar 24.)

FISHER BANK (France)

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 2304, UTC, Mar 27: Fishing *Fisher Bank* (593 gt, built 1972) is presently under tow of fishing *Klondyke* bound Sullom Voe, due to fouled propeller. Position at 2245, UTC, lat 61 04N, long 01 00W. Tow proceeding at approximately 3.5 knots. *Klondyke* intends to hand *Fisher Bank* over to a harbour tug and return to fishing grounds.

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 0541, UTC: Fishing *Fisher Bank*, under tow of fishing *Klondyke*, is expected to arrive off Sullom Voe pilot station at approximately 0730, UTC.

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 1238, UTC: Fishing *Klondyke* released fishing *Fisher Bank* to Sullom Voe tug at 1215 hrs and returned to sea.

FLOODING AT DUBAI DRYDOCK, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

London, Mar 30 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: The search resumed yesterday for the bodies of 23 workers still missing after 13 died when a wall of water flooded into a giant dry dock in this Gulf emirate, Dubai Drydocks said. "The search effort resumed at eight this morning," a company employee said yesterday, nearly 24 hours after the dock

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gate ruptured. Frogmen had fished out 13 corpses by nightfall on Wednesday (Mar 27), police said, reporting another 23 men injured. The cause of the accident was under investigation by police and the safety department of the drydocks, one of the largest facilities in the world for ship repairs. Neither police nor the company gave the nationalities of the victims, but most of the workforce are Asians, mainly Indians, Filipinos, Bangladeshis and Sri Lankans. Dubai's deputy police chief, General Nasser al-Sayed Abdul Razzek said 241 workers, mostly Asians, were on the job at the time of the accident. A total of 85 frogmen had been drafted in but paint polluted the waters making the task more difficult, Gen Razeek said. Dubai Drydocks chief executive Keith Burgess released a brief statement six hours after the tragedy saying five had died and 31 were missing. But the company has since refused to elaborate and made no mention of injuries. Dock No.2, which measures 100 metres by 525 metres and can take the biggest ships in the world, contained five vessels when the gate broke, washing away eight-tonne concrete blocks a supertanker rested on. Painters and steelworkers were carrying out routine work on the dock floor and inside the vessel when the wall of water hit. Damage would take months to repair, an official said.

London, Mar 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Four bodies were recovered from the Dubai Drydocks as rescue teams, led by frogmen from the Dubai Police, resumed their operations for the third consecutive day yesterday. The death toll is now 26. Brigadier Sharafuddin Hussain Mohammed Hussain, Assistant Commander in Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department at Dubai Police, said three more people were still unaccounted for. He said that the search operations are being conducted in coordination with UAE Armed Forces and Dubai Civil Defence. "The problem which is encountering our divers and rescuers now is that the pollution and the existence of the heavy equipment in the bottom of the dock, where we expect to find some bodies seized by equipment and machines sunk there." Investigations into the causes of the accident were still underway. Technical sources from the drydocks said that draining the dock from the sea water will need two weeks before work could resume in the dock.

Dubai, Mar 28 — Dubai rescue workers today resumed their search for 23 workers feared dead at a ship repair facility where 13 others were killed after a gate collapsed, flooding the bustling dry dock within minutes. "The rescue operations have just started," a police official said. Only 13 bodies had been found when operations resumed, about 24 hours after the accident, another official said. A security official said about 150 injured had been taken to hospitals. Most were only slightly injured and had been released but 23 required further medical attention. — Reuters.

London, Mar 28 — Fears were growing last night over the fate of tens of workers who are missing following a tragic accident at Dubai Dry Docks which killed at least 13. A full scale rescue operation involving divers, police, army, dock workers and helicopters swung into action when the alarm was raised at 0900 hrs, yesterday. Five ships in the dock were damaged as the seawater flooded in, trapping many of the men working on them. One workman said he was working with 60 others on a barge in the dock when he saw the water gushing in, he dropped everything and ran as fast as possible. He said the impact of the water rushing in was tremendous. The barge he was working on, drill platform *SEP-350*, had tilted. But his fears are for the others who were working on pontoon *CB ONE*, which sank. There were more working on that barge. As it was a flat-decked barge, all the workers were inside it. Brig. Sharafuddin Hussain, Commander in Chief of Dubai Criminal Investigation Department, said: "We have our own people working in this rescue operation. Our main priority was to pump out the water which had flooded the dock. Our frogmen are going down to recover further casualties." The entire investigation is being carried out by Dubai Police.

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FRIGATE BIRD (U.K.)

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 0204, UTC: Fishing *Frigate Bird*, TT137, 17 metres, four people on board, ran aground by the Skye Bridge, Isle of Skye in lat 57 16.5N, long 05 44.46W at 2355, UTC. Vessel is hard aground on a shingle beach, half a mile from the Skye Bridge. Kyle and Portree Lifeboats having assessed the situation on scene, departing for Kyle to await the rising tide.

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 0248, UTC: Fishing *Frigate Bird*: Low water is at 0228, UTC. No apparent damage to the vessel and no evidence of pollution.

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 0540, UTC: Fishing *Frigate Bird* refloated at 0530, UTC with no ingress of water apparent. Vessel is proceeding to Mallaig harbour to check for damage to its propellor. Portree and Kyle Lifeboats released at 0530, UTC. Operations terminated at this time.

INTERNATIONAL 4 (Panama)

London, Mar 30 — Following received from Stavanger MRCC, timed 1140, UTC: At 0908, UTC, Inmarsat C distress alert received from general cargo *International 4* (6127 gt, built 1980), distress position lat 06 15N, long 55 11W, engine-room flooded above main engine crankcase door. Tug assistance/pumping out arrangements requested.

London, Mar 30 — Following received from the Dubai operators of general cargo *International 4*, timed 1420, UTC: *International 4* is anchored at Paramaribo, awaiting a tug and diver. The diver is expected to inspect and patch the sea suction valve, which, it is believed, has not fully closed. The vessel is still taking water.

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Stavanger MRCC, timed 0945, UTC: General cargo *International 4* has been towed inshore and beached, to await a more powerful tug.

INTERNATIONAL 4 (Romania)

London, Mar 30 — Following received from Stavanger MRCC, timed 1940, UTC: Owners of general cargo *International 4* advise that a tug is due alongside the vessel in 30 minutes. A diver is on board the tug and once alongside, the diver will undertake a hull survey.

J.W.WESTCOTT II (U.S.A.)

London, Mar 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Repairs to mail tug *J.W. Westcott II* continue to progress. The hull has been patched of any holes, paint has been added over the grey primer. Water run-offs along the gunwales have been increased in size. The engine is expected to be completely functional within the next two weeks. Wiring on board is nearly complete now. J.W. Westcott Company will officially begin operation on Wednesday, Apr 8.

JOHNNY (Malta)

Cape Town, Mar 28 — General cargo *Johnny* has been towed into Cape Town harbour today, by salvage tug *Leopard*. The vessel sustained damages to its main engine and is due to be repaired at this port. — Lloyd's Agents.

KOSHI MARU NO.3 (Japan)

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LA PAMPA (Panama)

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Australia MRCC, timed 0034, UTC: Bulk *La Pampa* has been moved and is now anchored outside the entrance to Gladstone harbour. Vessel is still awaiting survey.

London, Mar 29 — Following received from Australia MRCC, timed 0003, UTC: Bulk *La Pampa* is still anchored off Gladstone.

London, Mar 30 — Following received from Australia MRCC, timed 0520, UTC: Bulk *La Pampa* remains at anchor off Gladstone.

London, Apr 1 — Following received from Gladstone Port Authority, timed 0045, UTC: Bulk *La Pampa* is still at anchor off Gladstone, detained and under investigation by the Australian Maritime Authority.

LES EMBRUNS (France)

London, Mar 30 — Following received from Coastguard Swansea MRCC, timed 0234, UTC: Fishing *Les Embruns* six people on board, reported taking in water in lat 51 09N, long 05 51W at 1841, UTC, Mar 29. Pump transferred to vessel by rescue helicopter 169. RFA *Sir Galahad* on scene and will remain so until 1200, UTC, today. *Les Embruns* awaiting assistance from unidentified French fishing vessel for tow back to France. Portable pump returned to *Sir Galahad* for return to Coastguard. *Les Embruns* is awaiting tow.

London, Mar 30 — Following received from Gris Nez MRCC, timed 0310, UTC: *Les Embruns*, FGJM, 91.06gt, 22 metres, is awaiting towage back to France. Towage estimated to commence later this morning.

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Londkn, Mar 30 — Following received from Swansea MRCC, timed 0724, UTC: t 0620, UTC, fishing *Les Embruns* under tow of fishing *Men Scoedec*, course 180 deg, speed six knots, destination Le Guilvinec.

LONELY HUNTER (U.S.A.)

London, Mar 29 — Following received from Coast Guard Boston, dated today: Fish *Lonely Hunter* is still aground in the same position. Her Owners are currently seeking Salvors.

MANGAL MEENA (India)

Mumbai, Feb 20 — The Mumbai Port Trust's daily shipping list of today states that general cargo *Mangal Meena* is still off Hay Bunder and restrained from sailing due to an outstanding account with the Docks Department. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Feb 13.)

MARI (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 1225, UTC: General cargo *Mari* (1911 gt, built 1971), with 1,400 tons of calcium carbonate, left Carboneras on Mar 27. At 1515, same day, it was reported to be one mile off Carboneras, in bad weather, force eight to nine winds (gale to severe gale), when the cargo shifted and the vessel developed a 30 degree list to starboard. *Mari* returned to Carboneras, where the list had progressed to 45 degrees by the time it was alongside. Part of the cargo has been removed by shore crane and, by this morning, the list was down to five degrees.

MENIAT (Venezuela)

Nicosia, Mar 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Spanish police seized the Venezuelan fishing vessel *Meniat* in mid-Atlantic yesterday and landed a haul of almost two tonnes of cocaine, authorities said. Police boarded the vessel some 900 km west of the Canary Islands and arrested its seven Venezuelan crew in the early hours, a Spanish government official said. The seizure — Spain's largest so far this year — was the result of a year-long police, customs and navy operation which involved the arrests of 12 Spaniards. Interior Ministry official Gonzalo Robles, who heads Spain's anti-drug agency, told reporters that the ramshackle fishing vessel had been bound for the northern Spanish fishing port of La Coruna and the drugs were in 76 bundles on the ship's deck. Robles, who said the 80 per cent purity cocaine appeared to have come from Colombia, declined to give a street value for the drugs but said the amount was enough to supply users with more than 16 million individual "hits". The drugs had been transferred to a Spanish naval vessel and were now being taken to Spain's Canary Islands off western Africa, while the vessel and its crew were being towed to the Spanish mainland. — Lloyd's List Correspondent

MODESTE I (Honduras)

London, Mar 27 — Following received from Coast Guard Miami, timed 1600, UTC: Supply *Modeste I* (636 gt, built 1975) had engine breakdown in lat 19 48N, long 72 14W, last night. A Coast Guard vessel stood by until the arrival on scene of a commercial tug. It is to be towed into Cap Haitien.

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NORFOLK (U.S.A.)

London, Mar 29 — A press report, dated Norfolk today, states: Crews worked to raise anchor handling tug *Norfolk* (499 gt, built 1976) that sank yesterday morning at Norfolk Naval Station. There was no damage to Navy property when the tug sank at 0430 hrs, near Pier 2 at the south end of the base, Navy officials said. What caused it to sink still wasn't known yesterday afternoon. Divers attached wires to the tug and used cranes to raise it. The tug had been contracted for routine maintenance dredging, a Navy spokesman said.

ORIENTAL QUEEN

London, Mar 31 — A press report, dated today, states: The sinking of the *Oriental Queen* was caused partly by unprofessional care, said a Harbour Department source. The source said the 160-seater luxury river cruiser could have been saved if mechanics rather than security guards had been on duty when the ship went down on Friday (Mar 29) morning. "A boat mechanic or a specialist would have suspected that something was wrong when the cruiser started to tip and submerge," he said. The cruiser is sitting on the bed of Chao Phraya river, some 30 metres under water. It sank in 45 minutes. An official at Bang Rak fire station, next to the Oriental Hotel, said the river traffic carrying on as normal. Under the Thai Water Navigation Act, any vessel disrupting traffic must be towed away at once. A staff member from the Oriental Hotel said construction firm Ital-Thai Co Ltd would take care of salvaging the boat. It is not known when the operation will start. The Harbour Department had asked an oil trapper boat to stand by in the event of an oil leak.

RAJHANS (Pakistan)

Karachi, Mar 28 — The Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works (KSEW) said today that it had hired Smit Salvage, Singapore, to save tug *Sindbad* and hopper barge *Rajhans*, which sank on Feb 27 while under repair on a floating dock in the shipyard, according to a shipyard official. According to the KSEW, the value of the contract is \$60,000 for 15 days or \$4,000 a day, whichever is earlier. The contract was awarded to Smit after the KSEW engineers were unsuccessful in salvaging the vessels. The KPT may incur a heavy loss because of the incident, as water could damage the costly electrical systems, installed in the vessels. In addition, dredging work at the port has also been interrupted by the sinking of *Rajhans*. Earlier salvage operations were delayed due to lack of availability of a replacement gate from another floating dock. The KSEW engineers were expecting that repairs to another vessel would be completed soon, enabling them to fix the gate from that floating dock in place of the damaged gate. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

RITA S. (Lebanon)

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Walvis Bay Port Control, timed 0050, UTC: General cargo *Rita S.* (10156 gt, built 1979) is proceeding to Walvis Bay under her own power after successfully pumping water ingress from Hold No.2 in about lat 19 51S, long 12 22E.

SARAH LOUISE (U.K.)

London, Mar 28 — Following received from The Maritime & Coastguard Agency press office, dated Mar 27: The skipper of Brixham registered fishing *Sarah Louise* (78 gt, built

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1962) was airlifted to hospital suffering from superficial burns and smoke inhalation in the early hours of this morning. Brixham Coastguard received a call from the 23 metre beam trawler at 0120 hrs this morning to request assistance after a fire had broken out in the engine-room. The four crew were successfully bringing the fire under control but their skipper had become injured in the process. Andy Huber, Brixham Coastguard Watch Manager said: "We immediately requested the assistance of Salcombe Lifeboat as well as Navy Rescue Helicopter 193 from RNAS Culdrose. In addition, two other fishing vessels *Sarah Lena* and *Philamina* which had heard of the plight of *Sarah Louise* offered their assistance and went to the scene. The vessel was 11.5 miles south west of Bolt Head near Salcombe. There were westerly force 3 winds on scene with a calm sea and good visibility, so conditions for airlifting the skipper were good. He was assessed at the scene by the helicopter crew who then airlifted him to Roborough Airport where a waiting ambulance then transferred him to Derriford Hospital. Damage on board *Sarah Louise* is currently being assessed by its crew. It is unable to use its engines and it looks likely that it will need to be towed into Brixham."

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Coast Guard Brixham MRSC, timed 0920, UTC: *Sarah Louise* arrived Brixham in tow at 1111, UTC, yesterday.

SHINHAEIN (South Korea)

London, Mar 29 — Following received from Japan Marine Safety Agency, Tokyo, timed 0447, UTC: General cargo *Shinhaein* refloated at 1820, UTC, Mar 26, and anchored in Kameura port at 1940 same day. Damage survey was carried out and vessel was found to be in good condition. Vessel weighed anchor at 2200 same day and proceeded to Komatsushima, where arrived at 0015, Mar 27

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STARLITE ELISA (Panama)

London, Mar 28 — General cargo *Starlite Elisa* (3150 gt, built 1984), bound Vietnam with a cargo of scrap steel, was abandoned by its crew after its cargo shifted and it took a list in heavy weather off Sakaiminato. Lloyd's Standard Form salvage contract was signed with Nippon Salvage and the vessel was towed into Sakaiminato, where it was earlier reported as being due Mar 26. At present it is alongside at Sakaiminato with operations to correct its list still under way.

STEADFAST IV (U.K.)

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 2335, UTC, Mar 30: Fishing *Steadfast IV* (288 gt, built 1996) five people on board, is disabled due to engine failure in lat 58 35N, long 08 20W at 2239, UTC, Mar 30. Sea, moderate to rough, wind southerly force 5 (fresh breeze). Fishery protection *Vigilant* proceeding, ETA 0050, UTC.

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 0200, UTC: Fishing *Steadfast IV*: Fishery protection *Vigilant* on scene at 0004, UTC and standing by awaiting first light when tow will be established.

London, Mar 31 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 1729, UTC: Fishing *Steadfast IV* under tow of fishery protection *Vigilant* is currently in lat 58 33.6N, long 06 26.0W, approaching the Butt of Lewis, destination Ullapool.

London, Apr 1 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 0002, UTC: Fishing *Steadfast IV* continues under tow by fishery protection *Vigilant*. Intention is to transfer tow to fishing *Kinnaird* at Priest Island, Loch Broom and towed to Ullapool harbour. Approximate time of transfer, 0400, UTC.

STOLT PERSEVERANCE (Cayman Islands)

Cristobal, Mar 28 — The final report into the collision between chem. tank *Stolt Perseverance* and bulk *Prairie Sky* will be issued in approximately 6-8 weeks. *Stolt Perseverance* sailed Balboa at 1600 hrs, Mar 19 after completing temporary repairs under Class supervision. Rescue efforts by the Panama Canal Authority are now underway to refloat *Prairie Sky*, but at this stage it is still unclear how much time will be needed to complete this task. The vessel is badly damaged and various options are being considered including transshipment of all cargo. — Lloyd's Agents.

THE IRIS (Malta)

London, Mar 28 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1250, UTC: Passenger ro/ro *The Iris* (12668 gt, built 1982) was in collision with sludge carrier *Olympic* (961 gt, built 1968), at Patmos, last night, while *The Iris* was attempting to leave the port. *The Iris*

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sustained only paint scratches and *Olympic* sustained minor damage to starboard side, adjacent to the engine-room. Both vessels remain in Patmos.

London, Mar 29 — Lloyd's Casualty Representatives in Greece Report : On Mar 27, during departure manoeuvres from the port of Patmos, passenger ro/ro *The Iris* was in collision with sludge carrier *Olympic*. From the collision damages were caused to *Olympic*, however *The Iris* sustained only paintwork damages. On board *The Iris* were 373 Passengers and 190 Crewmembers who are in good health. *The Iris* was scheduled to continue the round trip Haifa-Limassol- Marmaras-Patmos-Santorini-St. Nicholas-Haifa. Both vessels have been prohibited to depart by the Port Authority of Patmos which is performing the pre-investigation, pending inspection by the local branch of the Marine Inspectorate.

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YAPI (Cayman Islands)

Port Said, Mar 31 — Tank *Yapi* (17018 gt, built 1989), which entered the Suez Canal with the north-bound convoy on Mar 30, sustained sudden engine trouble at km 130 in Canal. Vessel was moored at the Great Bitter Lakes to effect the necessary repair. — Lloyd's Agents.

SHIPYARD NEWS



Hoogezand, 28 march 2002 at 1130hrs, the launch of **Wisaforest** at Bodewes Scheepswerven. The **Wisaforest** is the 5th vessel in a series built by Bodewes for Feederlines, Groningen. She will probably be the last vessel that was completely constructed (and launched !) at Hoogezand... to be more cost effective Bodewes will also start importing hulls from Roumania.



The trawler on the berth of the plant (in pic). A whole series of modern pot trawlers was ordered by a Norwegian fishing company at the **Vyborg shipbuilding** plant. The ships were designed by Vik-Sandvik AS of Norway. The Norwegians find it expedient to order the vessels in Vyborg because of the high rating of the plant

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

ICTSI to expand Manila terminal

(MANILA) International Container Terminal Services Inc will build a 50,000 square metre empty container depot at the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) in anticipation of increased volumes this year, BusinessWorld reported, quoting ICTSI senior vice-president Francis Andrews. 'With the Philippine economy on its way to recovery, ICTSI is expecting increased container traffic in the coming years. When that time comes, the MICT will be ready,' he said.

STENA EUROPE



Top : the **STENA EUROPA** in her new outfit after her €6.35 million refurbishment

(See shippingnews 31-03-2002 – **Photo : Collection Rob de Visser**)

NAVY NEWS



Underwater camera filmed bodies in suspected N. Korea spy ship

Photo taken on February 25, 2002 shows the Japan Coast Guard survey ship Kaiyo in operation to investigate a suspected North Korean spy ship lying at the bottom of the East China Sea. Sources close to the investigation said April 1 that a remote-controlled camera filmed several bodies in the spy ship.

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A patrol vessel lies out in close proximity to Russian president`s summer residence "Bocharov Ruchei" on the Black Sea.



MOVEMENTS



The **GIANT 2** departed from Rotterdam bound for Rostock under tow of the **Solano**
Photo : Ton Duivestein

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

KLM-vliegtuig geëvacueerd wegens rookalarm



top : a KLM-UK Fokker 100 during take off at Manchester – Photo : Jason Taperell

MANCHESTER - De inzittenden van een vliegtuig van luchtvaartmaatschappij KLM zijn maandagochtend op het vliegveld van Manchester geëvacueerd, omdat er rookontwikkeling was in één van de toiletten. Vijf passagiers van de in totaal 94 personen aan boord raakten lichtgewond, aldus een woordvoester van de KLM.

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Het toestel had als bestemming Amsterdam. "Het vliegtuig was aan het taxiën, toen er rook werd ontdekt in het achterste toilet. De piloot zette direct een noodevacuatie in gang", zegt de woordvoester. De passagiers moesten langs de glijbanen naar buiten, waar de nooddiensten van het vliegveld ze op stonden te wachten.

Momententeel wordt er onderzoek gedaan naar de oorzaak van de rookontwikkeling. "Het lijkt een technisch probleem", meldt de woordvoester. De passagiers zijn later maandagochtend in een vervangend vliegtuig vertrokken naar Amsterdam.

HELICOPTER CRASH



PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - Three Cambodian military pilots died when a helicopter crashed April 1 at a military base near Phnom Penh's international airport. Se Vong Sotha, deputy chief of the Cambodian Air Force, told that the crash of the Russian-made Mi-17 helicopter also injured a mechanic on board.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

woensdag 3 april

9 uur 's ochtends :
temperatuur: 11 graden
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.... SHIP OF THE DAY

CARNIVAL CONQUEST



The **Carnival Conquest** is one of the largest cruise ships in the world at 109,000gt, and was built at Fincantieri's shipyard at Monfalcone. The Carnival Conquest is 290m long and 38m wide. It has a cruising speed of almost 23 knots and can accommodate 4,860 people, passengers and crew in over 2,100 cabins. Approximately 60 per cent of the vessel's 1,488 staterooms offer an ocean view, and 60 per cent of those feature private balconies.

Carnival cruises have designated this the largest 'Fun Ship' ever constructed, with

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PASSENGER DECKS AND FACILITIES

The ship also features 13 passenger decks, housing four swimming pools - one with a 214ft-long water slide - a 15,000ft² health and fitness facility, an internet cafe, four restaurants and a boulevard of shops and boutiques.

Expanded family-friendly facilities will include action alley; a recreation centre housing a video arcade, teen coffee bar and dance club, along with a 3,300ft² children's play area.

Other features aboard the Carnival Conquest include a conference centre, an expansive sports deck with basketball and volleyball courts, a jogging track and a full casino.

Dining choices include twin two-deck-high formal restaurants and an expansive two-level poolside eatery (offering casual alternatives for breakfast, lunch and dinner), a 24-hour pizzeria and a variety of specialty areas.

A reservations-only supper club, a patisserie, a sushi bar and complimentary 24-hour room service are also available.



NEW ORLEANS TO PLAYA DEL CARMEN

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The Carnival Conquest's week-long voyages depart from New Orleans every Sunday and visit three of the Western Caribbean's most popular destinations - Ocho Rios, Jamaica; George Town, Grand Cayman; and Playa del Carmen/Cozumel, Mexico.

Prior to the launch of its seven-day Western Caribbean programme, Carnival Conquest operates a special four-day Thanksgiving cruise departing

The yard will go on to build the Carnival Glory and the Carnival Valor, due for delivery in early 2003 and late 2004 respectively.



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