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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



The upside-down hull of the **Spiegel Grove** lies off Key Largo, Florida, May 30, 2002, while salvage divers from Resolve Marine Group make preparations to rotate and fully sink the 510-foot retired Navy vessel as an artificial reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Salvage experts hope to execute the maneuver between June 5-7 with the assistance of air lift bags, air injection in port ballast tanks and two tugboats.

Statoil pays compensation to deep-sea divers

Statoil has paid up to NOK 750,000 in compensation to 123 deep-sea divers and dependents, after the company decided to grant economic support to persons who are left with reduced capacity for work, following employment in the oil industry.



-Altogether, Statoil has paid out nearly NOK 75 million to divers who took part in the start-up of the Norwegian oil adventure in the early 70's, says Svein Midtboe, secretary of the Statoil Compensation Board to NOPEF-Aktuelt. Of the 167 applicants, 44 were denied compensation.

CAROUSEL TUG TRAILS FIRST TRIALS WITH REAL CARROUSEL TUG CONVERTED COMBI TUG MULTRASHIP 12

Multratug 12 L = 28.50 m B = 6.60 BP 22 tonnes, Aft shaft driven CPP in nozzle, Bow retractable thruster



Sailing carrousel - hook over SB-side (110 deg) (approx. 20 tonnes)

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Sailing carrousel - hook over SB-side (85 deg) (approx. 40 tonnes)

CASUALTY REPORTING

none

SHIPYARD NEWS

**Fosen Yards before the Probate and
Bankruptcy Court**

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Top : the **Olympic Spirit** under construction at the Fosen yard

Fosen Mekaniske Verksteder, the yard which built the luxury cruise liner "**The World**", on Monday went before the Court of Probate and Bankruptcy and asked for debt negotiations with its creditors.

At a press conference on Monday, Fosen Mek. Verksted's CEO Anna-Synnoeve Bye and Chairman of the Board Arent M.Henriksen blamed a dispute over state subsidies for the yard's present difficult situation.

The Department for Industry is withholding state subsidies worth NOK 77 million, after it claimed that the yard had obtained considerable subsidies in an unlawful manner.

Fosen's Financial Director Arnstein Ugland stated that has registered debts of NOK 200-300 million, and more than 500 creditors.

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES AURORA

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The **AURORA** owned by P & O Cruises departed again from Rotterdam Saturday afternoon .

Photo : Henk van der Lugt

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	Slidrecht
09 Jun 02	HNLMS Harlingen	M 854	Middelburg
28 Jun 02	HNLMS Tjerk Hiddes	F 803	Amsterdam
28 Jun 02	HNLMS Tydeman	A 906	Terneuzen
09 Jul 02	HNLMS Tydeman	A 906	Amsterdam
12 Jul 02	HNLMS Van Amstel	F 831	Den Helder
12 Jul 02	HNLMS Abraham Van Der Hulst	F 832	Den Helder
12 Jul 02	FS Vulcain	M 611	Amsterdam
16 Aug 02	HNLMS Hellevoetsluis	M 859	Vlissingen
21 Aug 02	HNLMS Jacob Van Heemskerck	F 812	Devonport
30 Aug 02	HNLMS Nautilus	A 853	Arnhem
06 Sep 02	HNLMS Tydeman	A 906	Rotterdam

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An un-identified British Submarine departed from the Clyde May 31st 2002

Photo : Robin Coles

Russian Teams Begin Final Stage of Kursk Sub Probe



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MURMANSK, Russia (Reuters) - Salvage teams arrived off the Arctic port of Murmansk on Thursday to lift fragments of the Kursk submarine that they hope will finally tie up a painful probe into Russia's worst post-Soviet naval disaster.



All 118 of the crew aboard one of Russia's most modern submarines died when the Kursk sank in the icy Barents Sea in August 2000 after a faulty torpedo ripped open the 500-foot vessel. The bulk of the wreck was lifted last year to make good on President Vladimir Putin's emotional pledge to return the remains of crewmembers to relatives. But the bow containing the torpedo bays that may hold the key to reasons for the explosion,

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was sawn off to avoid destabilizing the delicate operation.

"Overnight the two salvage ships arrived at the site. They are currently maneuvering themselves into position for the operation, finishing off preparations," said Igor Dygalo of the Northern Fleet.

"The team will be there for some weeks," he added. "Finding the cause is a task for the prosecutors. The task for this operation is to lift the fragments necessary for the investigation."

Russian officials initially offered a number of explanations for the disaster, including a collision with a foreign submarine or a World War Two mine. They later said a faulty torpedo had caused the blast.

Investigators hope that key fragments of the bow, which will be lifted by remote-controlled pincers, will provide a more detailed explanation. Remaining parts of the wreck are due to be destroyed.

The Kursk tragedy was the low point of Putin's presidency. Only recently arrived in office, Putin was showered with criticism after he failed to cut short a Black Sea holiday to deal with the crisis.

Exodus from Royal Navy on the increase



The number of people leaving the Royal Navy increased by more than 13% last year to 4,100, according to figures released yesterday by the Ministry of Defence.

Moreover, the figures showed that the three armed forces are 8,550 below their required strength.

The problems the armed forces have in keeping their personnel were underlined earlier this week by Vice-Admiral Sir Jonathan Band, deputy

commander in chief of the fleet. "If [they] are to sustain their expeditionary posture, they will need more people, not less", he told a conference in London. "They need more quality time at home". Geoff Hoon, the defence secretary, said in April this year: "I don't believe that we are overstretched. Certainly we are at the limit of our commitments, and obviously it is important that I recognise that." The present full time trained strength of all three armed forces is 187,600, against an official requirement of 196,150.

The total number of officers in the three services is 29,840, a deficit of 610. Other ranks number 157,760, or 7,940 below the requirement. The army was the only service to see a percentage increase in personnel since April 2001 - a 1.7% rise in officers and one of 0.3% in other ranks. However, the proportion of women in the regular forces continues to rise. In April this year, women accounted for 9.7% of officers and 8.1% of other ranks.

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USS SENTRY



The mine countermeasures ship **USS SENTRY (MCM 3)** renders honors to New York City as she participates in the "Parade of Sail" up the Hudson River. More than 6000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard personnel aboard 22 ships sailed into New York during the 15th Annual Fleet Week celebration

MOVEMENTS



With a water-squirting salute, by the retired New York City fireboat John J. Harvey, Holland America Lines **Prinsendam** passes downtown Manhattan as it arrives in New York Saturday, June 1, 2002, for inaugural activities. The 673-foot, 784-passenger ship is the newest, but smallest member of the Seattle-based companies 11-ship fleet. While many cruise lines are emphasizing close-to-home itineraries after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the **Prinsendam** is set to sail on an extended international voyage beginning with a June 3 Atlantic crossing followed by northern Europe, Mediterranean, west and east Africa, Asia, Australia and South Pacific cruises of 10 to 22 days in length



Lifeboat "BEURSPLEIN 5"



The De Cocksdorp Lifeboat **BEURSPLEIN 5** arrived Saturday at the Port of Hoek van Holland whilst enroute from her station at Texel to the shipyard in Maassluis for a maintenance period.

Photo : Piet Sinke

Lifeboat "ZEEMANSHOOP"



The Breskens Lifeboat **ZEEMANSHOOP** departed Saturday from Hoek van Holland bound for her station after some maintenance work was done in Maassluis

Photo : Piet Sinke

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AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



The space shuttle **Endeavour** sits on the launch pad at Kennedy Space Center near Cape Canaveral, Fla. Friday, May 31, 2002 as dark clouds fill the sky after the shuttle launch was delayed for a second time earlier Friday. With thunderstorms expected through the weekend, NASA has put off the launch of space shuttle Endeavour on a space station mission until Monday

NORTHSEA WEATHER

THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE AT 1130 ON SUNDAY 02 JUNE 2002

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0700

ATLANTIC LOW MOVING STEADILY EAST EXPECTED BAILEY 998 BY 0700 TOMORROW. HIGH GERMAN BIGHT 1027 MOVING AWAY SLOWLY NORTHEAST, DECLINING. LOW FASTNET 1013 MOVING SLOWLY NORTH, LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MAINLY GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 OR 7. FAIR. GOOD

FORTIES

SOUTHEASTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 OR 7. SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR LATER

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE WEST DOGGER

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 FOR A TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR BECOMING GOOD

EAST DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 OR 7. MAINLY FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN HUMBER. THUNDERY SHOWERS. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND

SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING WESTERLY 3 OR 4. THUNDERY SHOWERS CLEARING. MODERATE OR GOOD, WITH FOG PATCHES FOR A TIME

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PLYMOUTH

MAINLY WESTERLY 3 OR 4. THUNDERY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, WITH FOG PATCHES AT FIRST

BISCAY SOUTHEAST FITZROY

WEST OR NORTHWEST 3 OR 4. THUNDERY SHOWERS CLEARING. MODERATE WITH FOG PATCHES BECOMING GOOD

NORTHWEST FITZROY SOLE

WESTERLY BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET

CYCLONIC BECOMING WESTERLY 3 OR 4, OCCASIONALLY 5. THUNDERY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, WITH FOG PATCHES AT FIRST

IRISH SEA

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 3 OR 4, OCCASIONALLY 5. THUNDERY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, WITH FOG PATCHES AT FIRST

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTHERLY VEERING WESTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 3 OR 4, OCCASIONALLY 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY

SOUTHEAST BECOMING CYCLONIC 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 TO 7 IN WEST. RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

SOUTH BACKING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTHWEST BACKING NORTHEAST 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

.... TRAVEL.....

Negatief reisadvies voor India

DEN HAAG - Het ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken ontraadt Nederlanders voor onbepaalde tijd om naar India te reizen. Dat blijkt uit een nieuw reisadvies dat het ministerie gisteren heeft uitgebracht. Voorheen werd alleen het bezoeken van bepaalde delen van India ontraden.

De Amerikaanse, Britse en Duitse regeringen drongen er gisteren bij hun landgenoten in India op aan het land te verlaten.

Het Nederlandse reisadvies heeft te maken met de gespannen situatie tussen India en Pakistan. Het ministerie raadt Nederlanders in India aan om na te gaan of hun verblijf daar wel strikt noodzakelijk is. Eerder deze week had Buitenlandse Zaken het negatieve reisadvies voor Pakistan al aangescherpt. De regeringen van de Verenigde Staten, Groot-Brittannië en Duitsland adviseerden hun landgenoten gisteren India te verlaten. De Britse minister van Buitenlandse Zaken Straw noemde de oplopende spanningen tussen India en Pakistan 'gevaarlijk'.

Op dit moment verblijven er ongeveer 20.000 Britten en 60.000 Amerikaanse staatsburgers in India. Straw zei dat ook de meeste Britse diplomaten en hun medewerkers in India op vrijwillige basis naar Groot-Brittannië kunnen terugkeren als ze dat willen. Ook de niet-essentiële Amerikaanse diplomaten in India mogen naar de Verenigde Staten terugkeren.

De Britse regering riep vorige week de ongeveer 7000 Britten in Pakistan al op uit dat land te vertrekken. Washington trok in maart dit jaar het grootste deel van het ambassadepersoneel terug uit Pakistan na een bomaanslag in hoofdstad Islamabad. Door die actie kwamen vijf mensen, onder wie

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twee Amerikanen, om het leven. In Pakistan verblijven nu nog ongeveer tweehonderd Amerikanen. De spanning tussen India en Pakistan is sterk gestegen na de aanslag op een Indiaas legerkamp in de betwiste deelstaat Kashmir. Volgens India hebben door Pakistan gesteunde moslims die aanslag gepleegd. De twee kernmachten bezigen al dagen zeer oorlogszuchtige taal, en hebben zo'n miljoen militairen aan de grens samengetrokken.

Indiase regeringsfunctionarissen zeiden gisteren dat strijders van het terroristische netwerk Al Qaeda zich hebben aangesloten bij militante moslims in Kashmir, die willen dat de regio volledig onafhankelijk wordt van India.

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