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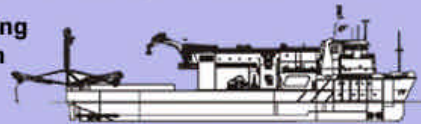
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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Ship Sunk to Boost Coral Reef

A 40-year-old ship was sunk amid pomp and jubilation at Bamburi Marine Park, Mombasa, where it is expected to help replenish the depleted coral reef.

The sinking of the **mv Dania** on Sunday was witnessed by hundreds of tourists along the Bamburi water front. They had been carried by boat to within a few metres of the blue vessel to witness the historic occasion.

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Coral reef along the Indian Ocean has been depleted by human activity. It is expected that coral will grow on the metal and encourage the growth of marine life.

At exactly 1.05 pm, the mv Dania, whose hull had been opened to flood it with water since morning, went down in style: The bow lifted above the water before disappearing under a plume of dust. Groups of anxious engineers and environmentalists hugged and cheered when the vessel went down.

Mr Walter Wilkie, a consultant with Whitesands Beach Hotel, who said he took part in another ship sinking in the Comoros in 1992, described yesterday's event as impressive.

Ms Katherine Anderson from the United Kingdom, travelling aboard the University mv Universe, exclaimed: "It is historic. Unbelievable!"

A boat stood alongside the vessel, pumping water into it to quicken the sinking. It had left the harbour at 7am and at 9am anchored off the beach at Bamburi. Mv Dania was built in Norway in 1965 and, until its decommissioning, plied the Indian Ocean for more than 15 years carrying livestock.

After decommissioning, and on her way to India on retirement, Buccaneer Diving, a Mombasa-based company, bought and made it an artificial reef.

Mr Bruce Philips of Buccaneer Wrecks, a sister company of Buccaneer Diving, said there was need to establish artificial reefs to stop the rapid destruction of natural ones especially in the Indian Ocean.

According to World Bank and Unep statistics, up to 38 per cent of the African coastline is considered at risk from human development and expansion such as cities, ports, road networks and pipelines.

This figure increases to 82 per cent in Indonesia where illegal blast fishing is practiced . a guide to the sinking project reads in part.

SaiBOS FDS

By : John de Hartog – Master SaiBOS FDS



"SaiBOS FDS" is an ultra deep water pipe-lay and construction vessel (FDS = Field Development Ship) The vessel is operated by SB-CMS bv in Hoofddorp and the mother-company is Saipem-

Milano. We just completed the deepest pipe-line ever laid (Canyon Express= 2250 m) and are presently standing-by in Pensacola-Florida. In the near future the vessel will proceed to Rotterdam and the next project will be in Angola.

Princess Bids Farewell To PACIFIC

After 27 years of service, Princess Cruises are retiring the **PACIFIC PRINCESS**. After her final sailing from New York to Rome October 27th, she will pass from the Princess fleet to new owners. In 1975 television producer Aaron Spelling approached Princess Cruises about filming a new TV show aboard their recently acquired ship 640-passenger PACIFIC PRINCESS. Although the ship was almost cruising fully booked, Princess felt that participating in the show would be an ideal way to increase awareness of the PACIFIC PRINCESS. The show ran for nine seasons as the "Love Boat" television series, its star, the PACIFIC PRINCESS, was widely considered responsible for sparking the modern-day boom in cruises. Sailing in a blast of whistles

CASUALTY REPORTING

Ferry Hits Warship

The Royal Navy's newest warship suffered major damage after it was hit by a ferry which was blown off course. The P&O ferry the **PRIDE OF PORSTMOUTH** was about to dock at its berth in Portsmouth harbour October 27th, when 70mph winds blew her into the side of the frigate **HMS St Albans**. None of the 850 passengers and 130 crew on board the ferry were injured. A Royal Navy spokesman says the type 23 frigate - which was delivered last November and has not even entered service yet - was **badly damaged**. The collision caused damaged to the port side including the superstructure, the 30mm gun deck, the seaboat supports and the bridge wing. No injuries were reported among the 37 people on board HMS St Albans. HMS St Albans was to sail tomorrow for the final preparations before the warship undergoes its sea trials. PRIDE OF PORSTMOUTH appeared undamaged and is expected to go back into service later that day.

SHIPYARD NEWS

Navy contract joy for Rosyth

The operators of a Scottish dockyard have expressed "delight" that both of the bidders for a £3bn contract for two new Royal Navy aircraft carriers have named it as a preferred site.

Babcock International, which took over the Royal Navy shipyard at Rosyth in Fife, welcomed the commitment of the bidders to use its site for a major part of the contract.

In separate statements both French-led consortium Thales and BAE Systems identified Rosyth as the likely venue for assembling the major blocks from which the carriers will be built.

The Scottish Executive said the announcements were excellent news for shipbuilding in Scotland.



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Gordon Campbell, Chairman of Babcock International, said he was "delighted to be involved with both prime contractors".

He said: "We believe Rosyth is the logical and rational choice for assembling the carriers.

"It also recognises the performance of the Rosyth workforce in refitting the existing carriers on time and on budget."

Both BAE Systems and Thales responded to a Ministry of Defence tender for an "adaptable" aircraft carrier capable of operations with a wide range of planes.

Final assembly

Work will be split among yards around the country - mainly concentrated in Scotland, the North East and the South Coast - and will create or sustain about 10,000 jobs over the lifetime of the contract.

BAE Systems plan to build the hull in three "megablocks" - each at different yards - with the flight deck, hangars and bridge to be built separately.

Thales said it would divide the work into five "superblocks" - again built at different yards.

Both have named Rosyth as their preferred location for the final assembly of the various sections.

The Ministry of Defence is due to announce the award of the prime contract in February.

The carriers are due to enter service in 2012 and 2015.

Scottish Enterprise Minister Iain Gray said: "Both companies have now made it clear that Scottish yards are strong contenders to win a substantial proportion of work from the aircraft carrier contract.

"This will mean high-quality skilled jobs being created and retained in one of Scotland's key traditional industries," he said.

"While there is some time before the contracts will be awarded, what is clear is that no matter the outcome - Scotland is set to be a winner."



The first ship is due in service in 2012



The site is preferred by both consortia

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

APL gaat administratieve functies overhevelen naar centrum Kuala Lumpur

In de loop van de laatste week van november zou de rederij APL administratieve activiteiten uit het VK, Duitsland en de Benelux moeten overhevelen naar één van de twee regionale administratieve centra, met name dat van Kuala Lumpur. Het andere centrum bevindt zich in Shanghai.

Boskalis kan baggerfusie niet uit zijn hoofd zetten

AMSTERDAM - Koninklijke Boskalis Westminster kan HBG-dochter Ballast Ham Dredging niet uit zijn hoofd zetten. 'Het laatste hoofdstuk van HBG is nog niet geschreven', aldus bestuursvoorzitter R. van Gelder strijdlustig tijdens de Dag van het Aandeel. 'Twee jaar geleden was een goed moment om samen verder te gaan. Nu een stuk minder. Na het afketsen, zijn we alleen verder gegaan. Boskalis heeft inmiddels stevig geïnvesteerd. Je kunt een euro maar één keer uitgeven.' Toch heeft bestuursvoorzitter R. van Gelder van Boskalis een overname van Ballast Ham Dredging nog niet uit zijn hoofd gezet. Ondanks de mislukte inlijving van HBG's baggerbedrijf ziet Van Gelder onveranderd een grote noodzaak tot concentratie van de bedrijfstak. "Over twee of drie jaar kan samenwerking weer aan de orde zijn. Onze ogen en oortjes staan in ieder geval wijd open.' Van Gelder presenteerde op de Dag van het Aandeel Boskalis als onbetwist kampioen in het baggeren.

Fugro neemt schepen van Subsea over

AMSTERDAM (DFT) - Fugro heeft de geotechnische activiteiten van Subsea 7 overgenomen voor ongeveer \$22 miljoen. De geotechnische activiteiten van Subsea 7 bestaan uit twee specialistische schepen, de **Bucentaur** en de **Markab**, en uit lopende contracten met Statoil en Caspian Geophysical. Fugro maakte dit maandag voorbeurs bekend. Fugro bestempeld de acquisitie van de Bucentaur en de Markab als passend binnen de lange termijn strategie. Fugro is reeds eigenaar van twee andere geotechnische boorschepen, de net in gebruik genomen Fugro Explorer en de Mariner, en heeft twee andere schepen, de Bavenit en de Seaprobe, voor lange termijn gehuurd.

In de afgelopen jaren heeft Fugro de Bucentaur en de Markab regelmatig van Subsea 7 gehuurd voor geotechnisch werk. Door de aankoop van deze schepen hoeven deze diensten niet meer te worden ingehuurd. Met meer geotechnische schepen direct onder eigen beheer kan Fugro haar klanten in de hele wereld nog completere diensten aanbieden.

De acquisitie wordt uit de kasstroom betaald.

De Bucentaur is op dit moment onderweg naar Brazilië en de Markab is werkzaam in de Kaspische Zee. De schepen hebben op dit moment een werkvoorraad tot april 2003.

CARNIVAL CONQUEST Delivered

Carnival Cruise Lines took October 25th delivery of their new 110,000-ton **CARNIVAL CONQUEST**, the largest in the fleet, at a ceremony in the Fincantieri shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy. The 2,974-passenger CARNIVAL CONQUEST is the first in a new class of ships for the Carnival and becomes the 18th in the Carnival Cruise Lines fleet. She will sail from Italy on a 16-day transatlantic crossing in late October and is scheduled to arrive in her U.S. homeport of New Orleans the week of November 11. Her maiden voyage is a four-day cruise to Cozumel departing November 15. Beginning December 1, she will inaugurate her regular seven-day service from New Orleans. CARNIVAL CONQUEST features striking interiors inspired by the works of famous Impressionist and post-Impressionist painters in reference to her home ports' French past. Following CONQUEST, Carnival currently have three other 110,000-ton vessels on order or under construction at Fincantieri -- **CARNIVAL GLORY**, homeport Port Canaveral, Fla., July 2003; **CARNIVAL VALOR**, 2004; and an unnamed vessel expected in fall 2005. Also on order is the 88,500-ton **CARNIVAL MIRACLE** set to debut in spring 2004.

Hoteldirecteur wil voormalig HAL-vlaggenschip redden

Door Alexander Bakker

Er wordt opnieuw een poging ondernomen om het cruiseschip ss Rotterdam naar Rotterdam te halen. Oud- hoteldirecteur J. T. Roersma heeft bij de gemeente Rotterdam gemeld het passagiersschip te willen kopen. Hij wil van de gemeente een ligplaats voor het schip, het liefst in de Rijnhaven.

Het voormalige vlaggenschip van de Holland-Amerika Lijn (HAL) ligt nog steeds als ss Rembrandt opgelegd in de haven van Freetown op de Bahama's. Het is daar aan de ketting gelegd door de bank van de failliete eigenaar rederij Premier Cruise Lines. Tot nu toe is er geen belangstelling om het schip te kopen en komt sloop steeds dichterbij.

De nieuwe kandidaat-koper heeft zich recent bij wethouder M. W. van Sluis (economie en haven) gemeld. Van Sluis zelf wil over de plannen geen nadere mededelingen doen. Een projectgroep onder leiding van topambtenaar drs. P. H. Laman onderzoekt die plannen op dit moment. „Het ziet er niet onmogelijk uit," is het enige dat Van Sluis kwijt wil.

Opgetogen

Voorzitter K. Krijnen van de Stichting Behoud Stoomschip Rotterdam reageert opgetogen bij het vernemen van het nieuws over de nieuwe poging het schip naar Rotterdam te halen. „Dat is pas goed nieuws," zegt hij. Krijnen heeft nog geen contact gehad met de initiatiefnemer.

Volgens gemeenteraadslid M. F. van Gent (Leefbaar Rotterdam), die zich eerder dit jaar ook al sterk heeft gemaakt voor de komst van het schip naar Rotterdam, is de betrokken ondernemer een financieel zeer sterke partij. De financiering van de aankoop van het cruiseschip is volgens hem al geregeld. „De gemeente Rotterdam is alleen om faciliteiten gevraagd."

RDM

De afgelopen jaren zijn diverse pogingen ondernomen de ss Rotterdam aan te kopen en in Rotterdam af te meren. De plannen zijn steeds gestrand. Ook in Amsterdam is recent nog geprobeerd het schip naar de hoofdstad te halen.

Eerder dit jaar nog heeft bestuurder D. Schrijer van de deelgemeente Charlois zich sterk gemaakt voor de komst van het cruiseschip naar Rotterdam. Hij denkt het schip te kunnen inpassen in de plannen die de deelgemeente maakt voor de voormalige RDM-werf op Heijlplaat. Schrijer heeft nog steeds goede hoop daar onder meer een nationaal transportmuseum, een initiatief van de Rotterdamse stichting Romeo, te vestigen.

„Tot dat dat gebied helemaal klaar is kan de Rotterdam prima een paar jaar in de Rijnhaven worden afgemeerd," zegt Schrijer. „Daar kan het schip dan nog wat aan bekendheid winnen door er feesten en evenementen op te organiseren. Later moet het schip dan naar Heijlplaat, naar de werf waar zij in 1958 is gedoopt." Haast is wel geboden, meent Schrijer. „De gemeente Rotterdam mag deze kans niet laten lopen. Schiedam heeft zich inmiddels ook al gemeld om het transportmuseum onderdak te bieden."

Niet iedereen in Rotterdam voelt er voor de ss Rotterdam in de Rijnhaven af te meren. Vooral het OntwikkelingsBedrijf Rotterdam is hiertegen fel gekant omdat het schip het uitzicht uit de luxueuze flats die er gaan worden gebouwd, belemmert. Volgens Schrijer kan het schip ook heel goed worden

afgemeerd aan de Wilhelminakade, pal voor de parkeerplaats tussen het World Port Center en de cruiserterminal.

Stena Christens Tanker Designed for Sensitive Coastal Waters

On Tuesday, Stena Bulk in Gothenburg christened its second C-MAX Class crude oil tanker, the **Stena Calypso**. The christening took place at the quayside in Gothenburg and the vessel's godmother was Rosalind Simmons, wife of His Excellency Peter Simmons, High Commissioner for Barbados in London. The tanker will be deployed in the Caribbean. Like her sister ship the Stena Caribbean, the Stena Calypso is a high-safety vessel built for service in environmentally sensitive waters. She is characterised by extremely high manoeuvrability thanks to stern propellers, which can be rotated 360°, and a bow propeller, a double bottom and integrated steering and navigation instrumentation. In addition, she has very flexible cargo intake – up to 17 different types of products can be transported simultaneously, including liquid gas in two on-deck containers. At the press briefing on Tuesday, Lars Carlsson, President of Concordia Maritime – the Stena company responsible for the management of the Stena Calypso – said that the shipping company was following developments in the Baltic with interest. One assessment is that oil freight rates on the Baltic will double in the next five years. Considering the Baltic's extreme environmental sensitivity, C-MAX-type vessels would be very well suited for service in the region. Stena is making major investments in the Safe Tanker segment. Last year, Concordia Maritime took delivery of very two large tankers built according to the same principle: Double safety, large cargo intake and a shallow draught. An adaptation of the vessel to the environment and not the other way round. Lars Carlsson also expressed concern that the stagnating freight market could result in yards focusing on building ships with reduced safety. Carlsson, who is the chairman of the international shipowner organisation Intertanko, said that the organisation intends to introduce an award, "The Environmental Challenge", to stimulate a safety philosophy in the industry.

NAVY NEWS

HMS NOTTINGHAM



M/V Swan with **HMS Nottingham** embarked sailed from the RAN base of Garden Island at 0220, 29 Oct 02, bound for the UK.

The departure had been delayed by the time taken to complete all the securing arrangements of the Type 42 destroyer on Swan's deck.

Under the terms of the Royal Navy's contract with Dockwise the Dutch Heavy Lift Shipping Company, Swan sailed as soon as she was ready.

Royal Navy spokesman, Lt Cdr Simon Dalziel, said the operation to recover Nottingham from

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Australia had been a success and an excellent example of close co-operation between Australia and the UK.

Praise was also due to the members of Nottingham's ship's company, who could feel justifiably proud of the fact she was on her way home after their tremendous efforts to save the ship after the grounding incident on 7 July.



It is expected that the passage to the UK will take approx. 6 weeks with Swan arriving early to mid December.

Hr. Ms. Van Nes later vertrokken



Het multipurpose-fregat Hr. Ms. Van Nes is 28 oktober rond acht uur vertrokken uit de haven van Den Helder voor een periode van ongeveer zes maanden naar de Arabische Zee. Het vertrek was zondagmiddag gepland maar werd door de storm uitgesteld. Het fregat neemt de taken over van Hr. Ms. Van Galen in de operatie "Enduring Freedom" bij de strijd tegen het internationale terrorisme.

Vanwege de extreme weersomstandigheden -zeer zware storm met windkracht 11 en uitschieters tot 140 kilometer per uur - en de verwachte zeer hoge waterstand van 2,50 meter boven NAP, werd het vertrek van de Van Nes en het aan boord nemen van de boordhelikopter uitgesteld. Een aantal

familieleden die al in Den Helder waren gearriveerd om de 160 bemanningsleden uit te zwaaien konden niet meer naar huis terug vanwege het ontbreken van openbaar vervoer. Ze werden voor de nacht ondergebracht op de marinekazerne Willemsoord.

MSDF ships back from support duty

SASEBO, Nagasaki Pref. (Kyodo) Two Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyers returned home Tuesday after four months in the Indian Ocean providing logistic support to U.S.-led antiterrorism forces.

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The 4,550-ton **Inazuma**, which has a crew of about 180, returned to Kure port, Hiroshima Prefecture, and the 3,850-ton **Asakaze**, with a crew of some 230, arrived in Sasebo port, Nagasaki Prefecture.

The destroyers were deployed July 1 to escort the MSDF supply ships **Towada** and **Hamana** in the Arabian Sea.

The supply ships provided fuel to U.S. and British vessels as part of Japan's logistic support mission under antiterrorism legislation enacted by the Diet in October.

About 350 relatives and other MSDF members gathered at Kure base to welcome the crew of the Inazuma. Families cheered as the ship entered the port.

The crew of the Asakaze was welcomed by a crowd of 350 people when they returned to Sasebo.

Australian Navy leaves for Gulf

THE families of the crew of two Australian frigates which left Perth for the Gulf yesterday could be extremely proud of their contributions to the war on terrorism, Navy Chief Chris Ritchie said.

More than 400 family and friends of Naval personnel aboard **HMAS Darwin** and **Anzac** turned out today to farewell their loved ones who sailed for the Gulf.

It is the fourth rotation of Australian Navy ships to take part in the international coalition against terrorism.

For HMAS Anzac, it is the second deployment. The vessel was stationed in the Gulf at the time of the attacks on Washington and New York on September 11 last year.

Vice Admiral Ritchie said Australian sailors had earned a reputation as extremely proficient at inspections of merchant traffic transiting in and out of Iraq in accordance with United Nations sanctions.

"I think most of them are very keen to go and do what it is that they've trained to do for a long time, and they are well trained, they are well prepared," Vice Admiral Ritchie told reporters.

"They've spent a lot of time getting ready to go and do this."

Darwin and Anzac will take over duty from Arunta and Melbourne, both of which are due to return to their home ports in the coming months

MOVEMENTS

AHT "**Banckert**" departed last Monday with the Sheerlegs **TAKLIFT 4** from Rotterdam bound for Galveston (USA)

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The **KIGORIA** arrived with the Heerema 104 at the port of Rotterdam Tuesday October 29th.
Photo : Jan Simons ©



And berthed at SEABREX at the Merwehaven

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Aad Horiens ©

The South African tug **JOHN ROSS** departed Monday from Rotterdam bound for the US Gulf

Photo : Jas louwen ©



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Wisselvallig!

Overgang naar wisselvallig weer met veel bewolking en van tijd tot tijd regen. Middagtemperatuur oplopend naar 14 graden bij een toenemende zuidwestenwind.

	DO-31	VR-01	ZA-02	ZO-03
Maximumtemperatuur:	11	13	14	14
Minimumtemperatuur:	8	8	10	11
Zonnekans in %:	20	20	20	20
Neerslagkans in %:	20	50	60	60
Windrichting kracht:	VAR-1-3	Z-3-4	ZW-3-5	ZW-4-6

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