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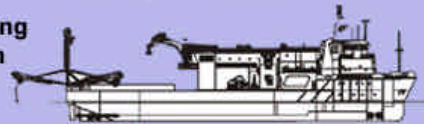
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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Spaanse koning op besmeurde kust Galicië



De Spaanse koning Juan Carlos heeft maandag een bezoek gebracht aan de met olie besmeurde kusten van Galicië. De vorst vloog over het rampgebied en hij sprak met getroffen vissers en met hulpverleners.

De koning riep alle Spanjaarden op zich in te spannen om de milieuvervuiling als gevolg van de gezonken tanker Prestige te bestrijden. De komst van de vorst was politiek pikant. Veel Spanjaarden, maar vooral de inwoners van Galicië, vinden dat

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premier Aznar te weinig doet om de getroffen te helpen. Zondag demonstreerden ongeveer 200.000 mensen tegen de regering in de hoofdstad van Galicië, Santiago de Compostela. Premier Aznar heeft zich nog altijd niet laten zien in de getroffen streek.

Nieuwe olievlekken

Nieuwe olievlekken uit de gezonken tanker Prestige zijn maandag aangespoeld op de stranden van de stad La Coruña in het noordwesten van Spanje. Dat heeft de Spaanse krant El Mundo maandag gemeld op gezag van minister van Milieu Jaime Matas. De minister liet weten dat inmiddels 164 stranden aan de kust van de Spaanse deelstaat Galicië met olie zijn besmeurd. De kust is vervuild van La Coruña tot Kaap Finisterre.



De Nederlandse sleepopperzuiger Rijndelta heeft moeite met het lossen van geruimde olie in La Coruña. De Spaanse pompen in de raffinaderij zijn niet krachtig genoeg om de dikke olie snel te kunnen verwerken. Spanje heeft beloofd beter materiaal te leveren.

De milieuorganisatie Bird Life International liet maandag weten dat door de olieramp inmiddels tussen de 10.000 en 15.000 zeevogels zijn omgekomen. Verder waarschuwde Bird Life dat de Iberische arend mede door de ramp met uitsterven wordt bedreigd.

CASUALTY REPORTING

Tahiti cruise ship on fire

Wind Song's voyage in French Polynesia



Passengers have been evacuated from a luxury four-masted cruise ship off Tahiti as crew members fight a fire on board.

The French High Commission in the Tahitian capital Papeete said all 127 passengers on board the **Wind Song** had been evacuated to another ship, the **Aremiti**.

There were no reports of casualties or injuries, a reporter for the French news agency AFP said.

According to the commission, 17 of the 90 crew members are still on board tackling the fire, which broke out in the engine room as the ship was

sailing 10 nautical miles from the island of Taha'a. Two French navy ships and fishing vessels are also trying to put out the fire.

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The passengers were first put on lifeboats, and were then picked up by the **Aremiti**, which is now heading for Raita, the largest of the Society Islands.

The crew of the **Wind Song** has chartered a flight to Raita, which will pick up the passengers and transfer them to Tahiti, the AFP reporter said.

The **Wind Song**, built in France in 1987, is a modern sailing ship which runs regular cruises round the Isles de Vent.



The ship is run by the US company Windstar Cruises based in Seattle and most of the crew are believed to be American.

It is 134 metres long, has four decks and can reach a wind-assisted speed of 14 knots.

Migrant ship sinks off Libya

Twelve people were killed and 56 were missing early Sunday after a ship smuggling over 100 African citizens to Europe sank off the Libyan coast.

The stricken fishing trawler, the nationality of which was not known, went down off Tripoli late on Saturday in bad weather, a justice ministry source said. "There were 120 people on board, illegal African immigrants en route to Europe and perhaps specifically towards Italy," the source said.

"The Libyan coastguard managed to save 52 people, 12 are dead and 56 are missing," he added. Investigations were under way to determine the nationality of the migrants and their human smugglers as well as their departure point.

WYNONA (PHILIPPINES)

Eighty-five passengers and crew were rescued from ferry **Wynona**, owned by Montenegro Shipping, Batangas province, which caught fire on Thursday (Nov 28) off the port of Pilar, in Sorsogon province, central Philippines, a report from the Philippine Coast Guard said.

The vessel had left the port of Tagbilaran, in southern Luzon, and was bound for Pilar when crewmen noticed fire coming from the vessel's smokestack at about 0800 hrs as it neared Pilar. The passengers were quickly evacuated with the help of nearby fishing vessels and transferred to ferry Don Francisco. There were no casualties. The crew of **Wynona** were able to bring the fire under control and the vessel proceeded under its own power to Pilar where it is now docked and undergoing repairs. Initial investigations showed that the fire started in the vessel's exhaust manifold.

The **Wynona** is owned by the same company, **MONTENEGRO SHIPPING**, as the ferry **Maria Carmela** which caught fire off Pagbilao (Quezon) during April 2002 and sank later.

Gewonden door explosie op vrachtschip

Bij een explosie op een Duits vrachtschip in de Deense havenplaats Aalborg zijn maandag drie zeelieden zwaargewond geraakt. Drie andere leden van de grotendeels Poolse bemanning liepen lichte verwondingen op. Het schip, de **Sierksdorf**, is gezonken.

Het schip vervoerde een soort cementstof die volgens de politie vermoedelijk in contact is gekomen met water waardoor vuurgevaarlijke dampen ontstonden. De ontploffing had plaats toen de bemanning een pomp aanzette. De explosie, die in de hele stad te horen was, sloeg een groot gat in de wand van het honderd meter lange schip. Bergingswerkers probeerden het schip tevergeefs drijvend te houden.

BALTIC SWAN (ISLE OF MAN)



Product tanker **Baltic Swan** (2615 gt, built 1968), carrying 5,000 tons of oil, ran aground today off Copenhagen, the Danish navy said. There were no reports of damage to the tanker's single hull, nor did any oil leak out. The navy said the Baltic Swan was pulled free and sailed on to its destination under its own power. The incident happened this afternoon when the Isle of Man-registered tanker slowed down to take a pilot on board as it entered the

narrow Oresund strait between the western Denmark island of Zealand and southern Sweden. Some 200 tons of oil was pumped out of the tanker before it could be pulled free a few hours later. The vessel, which began its voyage in Gdansk, Poland, sailed into Copenhagen's harbour. Strong winds possibly knocked the tanker off its course, the navy said, but the Danish Maritime Authority said it would investigate the incident.

EROTOKRITOS (GREECE)



During the afternoon of Nov 28 passenger ro/ro **Erotokritos** (23870 gt, built 1974), Monfalcone for Patras, with 51 vehicles, struck with the aft starboard side against the quay, while performing berthing manoeuvres at

the new port of Igoumenitsa. As a result cracks occurred in three locations in the hull, 1.5m from the

waterline. Additionally, some deformations to frames of the starboard side were sustained. No personal injuries were reported. The Port Authority of Igoumenitsa has prohibited departure pending inspection of the repairs and survey by the Marine Inspectorate.

GAZ POEM (PANAMA)

Shenzhen authorities have been placed on high alert to prevent an oil leak from lpg **Gaz Poem**, which caught fire last Saturday (Nov 23) off Dapeng Bay in Shenzhen. A spokesman for the local government said yesterday that although the fire on the vessel, carrying 20,000 tonnes of liquefied petroleum gas, had been extinguished, a task force was still working round the clock to cool down the vessel and prevent oil leaks. He said so far there had been no reports of leaks. The blaze has alarmed the central government, which sent experts from the Marine Bureau and Transport Ministry to supervise rescue work. Vice-Premier Wu Bangguo also gave instructions to Shenzhen authorities on contingency measures, state media reported. The vessel was headed for an LPG pier in Dapeng Bay when it caught fire. However, the spokesman said the nuclear plant in Dapeng Bay would not be affected even if there was an explosion.

HOLIDAY (BAHAMAS)



A news release from Carnival Cruise Lines, states: passenger **Holiday** which had been lodged on a sandbank off of Playa del Carmen was freed. She is now operating under her own power and there are no reported damages. All of the guests on board at the time of the incident were debarked on Nov 28 in Mexico and flown back to New Orleans. The cruise would have normally returned to New Orleans on Nov 28. The next Holiday voyage, scheduled to depart Nov. 28, was initially modified to a two-day cruise to nowhere departing Nov. 30. We will now be forced to cancel this two-day

cruise as a result of the grounding incident. Guests booked on the Nov 30 sailing will receive a full refund and a 50% discount on a future Carnival cruise departing between now and Dec 15, 2004, excluding holiday voyages.

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Top : The new GRIMALDI LINES ferry **LA SUPREMA** was launched at the Apuania yard.

Earlier this year Nuovi Cantieri Apuania of Italy delivered the new cruise ferry **LA SUPERBA** to Grimaldi Lines a sister ship of the newly launched **LA SUPREMA**. (above)

This ferries are notable for having what is believed to be one of the most powerful propulsion plants for a ship of this type, similar to the **KNOSSOS PALACE**-class for Minoan Lines.

Four WARTSILA 16V46C medium speed diesel engines provide a total power of 67.200 kW which will give the vessel a maximum speed of 31 knots.

Technical data :

Length	:	211.50 mtr
Breadth	:	30.40 mtr
Draught	:	7.80 mtr
Deadweight	:	9750 dwt
Gross	:	50.400 gt
Speed, max	:	31 knots
Speed, service	:	28 knots
Output	:	4 x 16.800 kW
Total Passengers	:	3000 persons
Passenger cabins	:	567 cabins
Passenger berths	:	2148 berths
Pullman seats	:	940
Crew Cabins	:	91 cabins
Capacity on 4 decks	:	97 cars + 153 trailers
		Or
		900 cars
Total lane length	:	3230 mtr



The **LA SUPERBA** moored in the port of Genua October 2002 – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

Attica enjoys profit rise to \$15m

GREEK ferry giant Attica Enterprises has declared an increase in profits for the first nine months on higher revenues with a helping hand from extraordinary income.

Net profit rose by 44.6% to E 15.3m (\$15.2m) against E 10.6m a year earlier. Group turnover increased by more than 25% to E 247m, with E 151m in revenues coming from its wholly owned Superfast Ferries operation in the Adriatic, Baltic and North Sea.

Meanwhile, Strintzis Lines, which is 48.6% controlled by Attica, reported turnover of E 95.7m from its Blue Star Ferries fleet.



The **Blue Star 2** arriving in the port of Patras, Blue Star Ferries is a part of Strintzis Lines
photo : Piet Sinke ©

Strintzis separately declared a pre-tax profit of E 3.4m for the nine months, up 75% on last year.

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Attica's balance sheet benefits from net extraordinary income of E 18.6m.

It gained E 41.3m from the sale earlier this year of Superfast III and IV to Tasmania and penalty payments from late newbuilding deliveries. Against this it booked E 24.7m in extraordinary expenses.



The **Superfast IX** which is operated by Attica Enterprises - photo : Rob de Visser ©

Like other leading Greek ferry operators, the group has struggled to absorb increased expenses from a huge newbuilding programme that in Attica's case was wound up this year with five more deliveries for its Superfast fleet and Strintzis affiliate.

In a statement, Attica attributed the improved financial results mainly to the modernisation of its fleet and the development, through the Blue Star Ferries fleet, of new routes in the domestic Greek market.

Attica claimed that the Superfast Ferries fleet maintained its position as the biggest carrier in the Adriatic Sea market for the fifth year running with just over one-quarter of all passenger and freight traffic carried between Greece and Italy.

Container terminal Ceres niet verstandig

De bouw van de Ceres Paragon containerterminal in Amsterdam was volgens minister Roelf de Boer van Verkeer en Waterstaat 'onverstandig'. Volgens De Boer moet de Amsterdamse haven niet de concurrentie aangaan met de veel sterkere positie die Rotterdam op containergebied heeft.

De Boer zei dit gisteravond tijdens het jaarlijkse Havengildediner in Hotel Okura. De minister was eerder voorzitter van de Kamer van Koophandel in Rotterdam. De bouw van de containerterminal, waaraan de gemeente Amsterdam 128 miljoen euro heeft bijgedragen, kreeg in het verleden al veel kritiek vanuit Rotterdam.

In Amsterdam worden al jaren nauwelijks containers overgeslagen - bijna 53.000 TEU (standaardmaat voor containers) in 2001 tegen 6,1 miljoen in Rotterdam. De Ceresterminal aan de Amerikahaven kan maximaal 950.000 TEU verwerken, maar heeft sinds zijn opening nog geen enkele reder getrokken. De terminal kwam eerder dit jaar in handen van het Japanse NYK Lines.

"Ongetwijfeld zal het allemaal goedkomen met de Ceresterminal," aldus De Boer gisteravond. "Maar ik draai er niet omheen. Was het nu wel zo nodig om in Amsterdam een aparte containerterminal te bouwen? Je kunt je afvragen of Amsterdam en Rotterdam op deze manier met elkaar moet

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concurreren. Ik zie liever dat de Nederlandse havens in hun geheel de concurrentie aangaan met de buurlanden."

Voorzitter Sjoerd Terpstra van belangenvereniging Amsterdam Ports Association, is het niet met de minister eens. "Bij een haven als Amsterdam hoort een containerterminal."

De Boer vindt het overigens net zo onnodig dat Rotterdam een terminal voor cruiseschepen heeft gebouwd, nadat Amsterdam zijn Passagiersterminal al had neergezet. De Rotterdamse cruisetterminal krijgt nauwelijks aanloop, terwijl de Amsterdamse terminal dit jaar circa zeventig cruiseschepen heeft getrokken.

De Boer zei ook dat op korte termijn geen nieuw besluit over de door Amsterdam vurig gewenste aanleg van een grote zeesluis bij IJmuiden zal vallen. Het vorige kabinet besloot eerder dit jaar geen geld vrij te maken voor een nieuwe sluis.

Maar onder De Boer werd dat besluit gedeeltelijk teruggedraaid: als er alternatieve financieringsplannen komen, dan wil het kabinet de derde zeesluis opnieuw overwegen.

Het demissionaire kabinet zal dat zeker niet doen, aldus De Boer, ondanks het feit dat gemeente, provincie en het ministerie van Verkeer een aantal financieringsmogelijkheden heeft onderzocht, waarbij ook de Noordzeekanaalregio bereid is geld bij te dragen.

NAVY NEWS



A developmental Standard Missile-3 (SM-3), designed to intercept short to medium-ranged ballistic missile threats, is launched from the Pearl Harbor-based Aegis cruiser USS [Lake Erie \(CG 70\)](#). The SM-3 missile intercepted its target three and one-half minutes after the targets launch from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii. This was the third consecutive successful intercept in the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) program, part of the multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defense System being developed by the Missile Defense Agency.

DUTCH WARSHIPS PORT VISITS

03 Dec 02	HNLMS Willemstad	M 864	Den Helder
05 Dec 02	HNLMS Scheidam	M 860	Den Helder
05 Dec 02	HNLMS Urk	M 861	Malaga
06 Dec 02	HNLMS Van Speijk	F 828	Willemstad
06 Dec 02	HNLMS Tydeman	A 906	Newcastle
06 Dec 02	HNLMS Makkum	M 857	Aarhus
07 Dec 02	HNLMS Dolfijn	S 808	Kristiansand
07 Dec 02	HNLMS Van Nes	F 833	Muscat
13 Dec 02	HNLMS Urk	M 861	Den Helder
20 Dec 02	HNLMS Van Speijk	F 828	Den Helder

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The above pictured supplier arrived on the Tyne under the name **STIRLING FORTH** and departed Monday again under the name **INVERFORTH**

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EXPECTED COSCON VESSELS



Top : The **ZHEN HE** entering the port of Rotterdam Oct 1st 2002 – photo : Piet Sinke ©

SHAN HE	097E	3 DEC
TRADE TESIA	012W	4 DEC
HANJIN VIENNA	001W	4 DEC
BONN EXPRESS	091E	5 DEC

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HANJIN AMSTERDAM	001W	5 DEC
COSCO HAMBURG	007W	7 DEC
ROTTERDAM BRIDGE	003W	9 DEC
MERCURY BRIDGE	017W	10 DEC
ZHEN HE	104E	10 DEC
TRADE FREDA	012W	11 DEC
PONL MARSEILLE	038E	12 DEC
HANJIN GOTHENBURG	001W	12 DEC

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

Israel makes Ethiopian jet land to check security

Israeli airport officials made an Ethiopian Airlines plane land at an airforce base in southern Israel on Sunday for a security check, airport authority officials said.

Airport officials said the plane was told to land for an inspection before flying to Ben Gurion international airport in Israel's heavily populated coastal heartland because of concerns of lax security procedures at Addis Ababa airport. "In the last few days especially...we received bad news on the security measures in Addis Ababa," Amos Amir, the head of the Israel Airports Authority, told Israeli television.

The plane, which carried 70 passengers, was later cleared to fly on to Ben Gurion. Amir was expected to meet with his Ethiopian counterpart later in the week to address the security shortcomings at Addis Ababa airport, the Transport Ministry said in a statement.

It said that security measures at airports used by Israeli airlines had been upgraded following last week's attacks in Mombasa, Kenya. A missile attack on an Israeli airliner taking off from the airport at Mombasa failed on Thursday, but a car-bomb which blew up at a nearby Israeli-owned hotel killed 16 people the same day.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van dinsdag t/m vrijdag:

Geleidelijk kouder!

Eerst nog kans op een bui en vrij zacht. In de tweede helft van de week overgang naar een kouder en droger weertype met wolkenvelden. Of dit het begin is van een doorzettende vorstperiode is nog afwachten.

	DI-03	WO-04	DO-05	VR-06
Maximumtemperatuur:	9	7	6	5
Minimumtemperatuur:	5	4	3	1
Zonnekans in %:	20	20	20	20
Neerslagkans in %:	30	40	20	10
Windrichting kracht:	ZZO-2-3	ZO-3-4	NO-3-5	NO-3-5

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The **MERWEDELTA** moored in the port of Hull – photo : George Robinson ©

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