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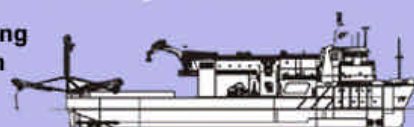
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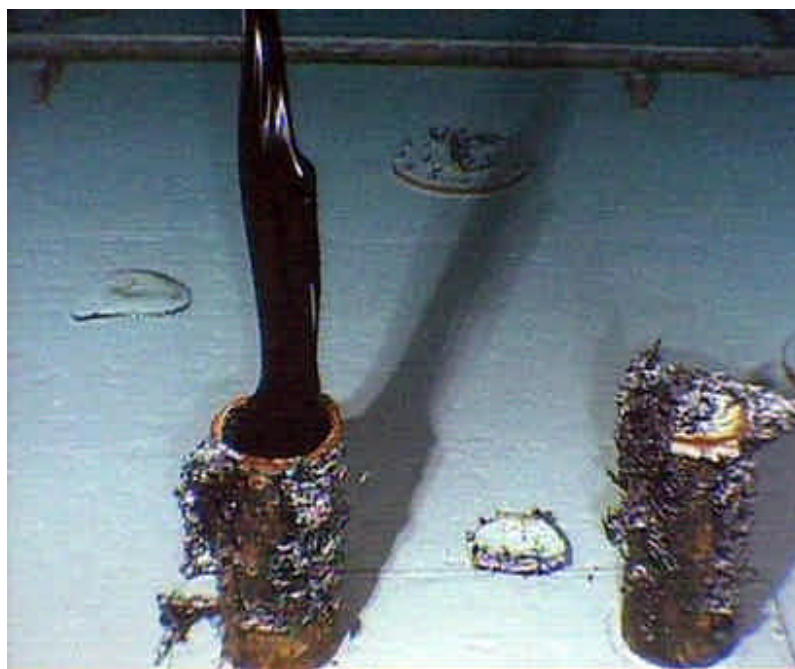
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**Operation  
Enduring Freedom**

## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



A stream of oil leaks from the damaged hull of the Bahamas-registered **Prestige** oil tanker in this video grab from the French Submarine **Nautilus** Thursday Dec. 5, 2002. The **Prestige** broke in two and sank off the northwestern coast of Spain Nov. 19, 2002, spewing 4.5 million gallons of the 20 million gallons of fuel oil it was carrying

## **‘Sex and the City’ Star to Serve as Godmother of Norwegian Dawn**

Kim Cattrall of HBO's Sex and the City was named Godmother of Norwegian Cruise Line's (NCL) newest ship. The **Norwegian Dawn**, set to call New York home, will be christened in a ceremony aboard the ship in New York on December 16. The 92,250-ton Norwegian Dawn is NCL's third ship purpose-built for the groundbreaking Freestyle Cruising concept. According to Colin Veitch, NCL's president and chief executive officer, "Kim embodies the spirit of New York and the distinctive style of Freestyle Cruising. Kim's allure is quite tantalizing, she is the new symbol of New York City and the perfect Godmother for our newest, most innovative vessel, Norwegian Dawn." Cattrall is a Golden Globe and Emmy-nominated actress who has received worldwide critical acclaim for her portrayal of femme fatale Samantha Jones on Sex and the City.

## **CASUALTY REPORTING**

### **N Korean ship aground off Japan, spilling oil**

A North Korean cargo ship ran aground off the east coast of Japan yesterday, spilling heavy oil, but damage was limited and there were no reports of injuries among the ship's 21 crew members, authorities said.

The 3,144-ton **Chil Song** carrying 1,200 tons of used tyre strips back to North Korea, ran aground near concrete tidebreakers earlier in the day in coastal waters off Ibaraki, 100 kilometres north of Tokyo, the Japan Coast Guard said.

Heavy oil leaked from a fuel tank located at the bottom of the ship and oil patches were spotted 200 metres away from the vessel.

Some 100 coast guard officials and local fishermen threw oil absorbing mats and nets around the ship, which was stuck around 300 metres from a nearby fishing port.

'We used thousands of oil mats and the damage was very limited,' said a coast guard official.

Two coast guard officials were already inside the North Korean ship to investigate the leak, the official said, adding the ship was not in danger of sinking.

He said all the North Korean crew members remained onboard.

'They have enough food and water to last for several weeks,' the official said.

After leaving North Korea, the Chil Song arrived in Japan and left a port in Aichi, 250 kilometres west of Tokyo, on Nov 28, and reached Ibaraki late on Wednesday

## SHIPYARD NEWS



The Italian tug **SAN CIRIACO** is the latest newbuilding from Damen seen at the picture at the Niehuis & van den Berg Shipyard Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Port of Rotterdam Selects PIERS for U.S. Ocean Trade Data

Commonwealth Business Media, Inc. announced that Rotterdam Municipal Port Management (RMPM) has agreed to purchase from PIERS, a provider of global commercial intelligence, a complete record of U.S. ocean trade shipped through Northern European and Mediterranean ports during the years 2001-2002. The PIERS information to be supplied to RMPM includes detailed data on shippers, points of origin and destination, cargo descriptions and estimated values of all U.S. exports to Europe during the last two years. Charged with managing and developing the nearly 26,000-acre (10,500-hectare) port and industrial zone in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, RMPM will use the PIERS information to benchmark the port's competitive performance, to guide its marketing efforts, and to plan new capacity and facility improvements. Bill Ralph, president of PIERS, said, "The RMPM is a recognized pioneer in automated container throughput and state-of-the-art multimodal hub facilities. PIERS is honored that the Port of Rotterdam has chosen our global intelligence solutions to support the continued growth and innovation of the world leading Port of Rotterdam."

## Wereldvloot containerschepen op zes jaar tijd verdriedubbeld tot 6 mln TEU

Volgens een analyse van BRS-Alphaliner over de groei van de wereldwijde vloot volcontainerschepen is de capaciteit van 2 mln TEU in februari 1996 gestegen naar 6 mln TEU in 2002, hetzij een verdriedubbeling op zes jaar tijd. De jaarlijkse groei bedraagt 10,8%, terwijl de wereldwijde handel slechts met 7% toeneemt.

## NAVY NEWS



Sailors aboard the guided missile destroyer **USS Mitscher (DDG 57)** 'man the rails' while dependents and friends look on in the rain and snow. The Mitscher is departing as part of the carrier battle group belong to **USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)**. The battle group is departing on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

## Naval Task Group to participate in Exercise Flying Fish



Top : The Royal Navy Task Force during 2001 – Photo : Coll. Piet Sinke

The MOD announced that a Royal Navy Task Group would deploy to the Asia Pacific region in 2003 to take part in *Flying Fish*, an exercise with the UK's partners under the Five Power Defence Arrangements, Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore.

A naval task group is routinely deployed on exercises around the world every three years. The 2003 deployment will be led by the aircraft carrier **HMS Ark Royal**, escorted by the destroyer **HMS Liverpool** and the frigate **HMS Marlborough**, and the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries **Fort Victoria** and **Orangeleaf**. A submarine will accompany them. The group will visit over 25 allies and partners en route in the Mediterranean, Gulf, Indian Ocean and Pacific, and undertake several training exercises. Exercise *Flying Fish* itself will commence off Malaysia and Singapore in June 2003.



Left :

The **USS CONSTELLATION** battle group passing the Singapore Strait West bound en-route the Middle East was escorted by vessels of the republic of Singapore Navy.

Photo: Coll. Piet Sinke ©

## HMS SEVERN LAUNCHED BY VOSPER THORNEYCROFT

**HMS Severn** was launched by shipbuilder Vosper Thornycroft (VT) in Southampton on 4th December and is the second of three new Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) that are being leased to the Royal Navy. VT is financing the £60m build of the three ships and will lease the vessels to the Royal Navy and support them in service for five years. At the end of that time, the MOD can extend the charter, purchase outright or return them to VT.



The other vessels are **HMS Tyne** and **HMS Mersey**. The first of the class, **HMS Tyne**, was launched on 05 June 02 and will be handed over to the Navy shortly. **HMS Severn** is due for acceptance next spring, while **HMS Mersey** will be handed over in Autumn 2003.

## Hr.Ms. Van Speyk rondt periode Enduring Freedom af



**Hr.Ms. Van Speyk** is op 6 december de haven van Willemstad binnenlopen. Met deze binnenkomst is voor het fregat de inzet voor Operatie Enduring Freedom in het Caribische gebied afgesloten. Hr.Ms. Van Speyk heeft de afgelopen vier maanden counterdrugsoperaties in de Caribische regio uitgevoerd. Zij deed dit op verzoek van de Verenigde Staten die hun Kustwachteenheden in het kader van de

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"homeport security" meer naar de Amerikaanse havens hebben teruggetrokken. Het gat wat hierdoor ontstond op het gebied van de counterdrugsoperaties is onder andere door Nederlandse eenheden opgevuld.

De bemanning van **Hr.Ms. Van Speyk** wist, met behulp van de aan boord gestationeerde Belgische boordhelikopter, in de laatste weken een tweetal drugstransporten te voorkomen. Op 23 november achtervolgde de Van Speyk nabij Grenada een "Go Fast" (kleine zeer snelle boot). Tijdens de achtervolging werden de drugs overboord gezet, maar de Go Fast wist te ontkomen. De zoektocht naar de overboord gezette drugs leverde geen resultaat op, waarschijnlijk omdat de drugspakketten verzwaard waren zodat ze direct naar de bodem zonken. In de nacht van een op twee december stuitte de helikopter van Hr.Ms. Van Speyk in de buurt van Grenada wederom op een Go Fast. Deze werd na een korte achtervolging tot stoppen gedwongen. Omdat de bemanning tijdens de achtervolging wederom alle drugs overboord had gezet, moest Hr.Ms. Van Speyk deze smokkelboot laten gaan. Vermoedelijk hadden beide smokkelboten ongeveer 200 kilo cocaïne aan boord.

**Hr.Ms. Abraham van der Hulst** was het eerste fregat dat zes maanden in de regio aanwezig was in het kader van Enduring Freedom. **Hr.Ms. Abraham van der Hulst** wist bij elkaar ongeveer 1500 kilo cocaïne en 5000 kilo Marihuana te onderscheppen. Eveneens leverde zij een waardevolle bijdrage bij de aanhouding van het Panamese vrachtschip LIV, waarbij 1000 kilo cocaïne in beslag werd genomen. Gedurende de gehele operatie werd een extra **P3C-Orion** ingezet in de Caribische regio. Gedurende de in totaal 800 extra vliegreuren die de extra P3C-Orion maakte, werd geassisteerd bij diverse drugsvangsten.

**Hr.Ms. Van Speyk** zal op maandag 9 december uit de haven van Willemstad vertrekken. Naar verwachting zal zij op vrijdag 20 december de haven van Den Helder binnenlopen.

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The ITC Tug **SIROCCO** moored at the Parkkade – Photo : Jan van der Klooster ©

**SIROCCO** (7613002) Int Transport Contrators Man BV Heemstede/PAN 1976 Matsuura  
Hiroshima GT 987 dwt 942 Loa 55m Bm 11.2m 8990 bhp 102 ttp



The Polish tug **ODYS** arrived Friday with a new building hull from Poland – Photo's : Piet Sinke ©



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Left :

The  
**NEFTEGAZ 66**  
in the Europort

**Photo :**  
**Dirk van**  
**Wolveren Sr**



The **BLACK MARLIN** completed loading in the Kalloothaven in Flushing

**Photo : Kees de Hollander ©**

## AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



**It is with deep regret that the Ministry of Defence has to confirm that a Royal Navy **Harrier T8** crashed at RAF Wittering on the morning of 5 December 2002. One of the two crew members aboard suffered fatal injuries. The other has been taken to hospital; his injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.**

The officer killed was Lieutenant Commander Martin London MBE QCBA, known throughout the Service as Jack. Aged 43, he was born in Cornwall and had one child. Jack London joined the Royal Navy in 1978, and had enjoyed a distinguished career in the Fleet Air Arm. He was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery in the Air following an incident when his Sea Harrier lost its canopy at high altitude - despite the damage, he landed the aircraft safely. Lt Cdr London was the Royal Navy's most distinguished and experienced serving Sea Harrier pilot, and was a fully qualified instructor on both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. At the time of his death, he was serving with 899 Naval Air Squadron, having recently completed a two year tour with 801 NAS aboard **HMS *Illustrious***. His career had included operational service off Sierra Leone, Iraq and Yugoslavia. The accident will of course be the subject of a full inquiry. Our deepest sympathies are with his family and friends at this very difficult time, and the media are asked to respect their privacy

### The new low cost airline Hapag Lloyd Express



**D-AGEN** (cn 28100/16) On the very first day of HLX operations, a Boeing 737-75B during the first flight arrives from Berlin-Tegel, full of VIP guests and media. A huge fleet of Cologne taxis were driven in front of the aircraft as it taxied to the terminal.

**Photo : Tamsin Zvereva ©**

## RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van zondag t/m woensdag:

**Koud winterweer!**

Zonnig, droog en schraal winterweer met lichte tot matige vorst.

	ZO-08	MA-09	DI-10	WO-11
Maximumtemperatuur:	0	-1	-2	-2
Minimumtemperatuur:	-2	-5	-6	-6
Zonnekans in %:	60	80	80	70
Neerslagkans in %:	5	5	5	5
Windrichting kracht:	O-4-6	O-4-6	O-4-5	O-3-5

## .... STORY OF THE DAY ....



The battleship **USS Arizona** belches smoke as it topples over into the sea during a Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Dec. 7, 1941. The ship sank with more than 80 percent of its 1,500-man crew, including Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd. The attack, which left 2,343 Americans dead and 916 missing, broke the backbone of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and forced America out of a policy of isolationism. President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that it was 'a date which will live in infamy' and Congress declared war on Japan the morning after. This was the first attack on American territory since 1812.

The 61st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor was commemorated Saturday Dec. 7, 2002.

### NOTE:

**Discovery channel will broadcast  
SUNDAY December 8<sup>th</sup> at 21:00 hrs  
The documentary  
"SALVAGING THE KURSK"**