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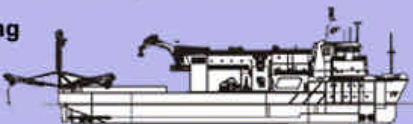


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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

PRINCESS PIA (PANAMA)

Crude oil tanker Princess Pia managed to come off the ground just outside the pier at Klaipeda port entrance about after discharging 7,000 tons of HFO. No spillage of oil reported during the entire process. Vessel confirmed having damage in double-bottom tanks and reported divers to attend during tomorrow, however the vessel cannot dock in the local repair yard since drydocks too small.

CASUALTY REPORTING

SKY ACE (PANAMA)

A press report, dated today, states: Chemical/oil carrier **Sky Ace** (5342 gt, built 1997) and c.c. **Kota Wijaya** (16731 gt, built 1991), were in collision in the Gulf of Thailand early today, damaging both ships and causing the tanker to leak fuel, a Thai port official said. Kota Wijaya collided with Sky Ace due to poor visibility in the pre-dawn darkness, said Lt. Commander Pisal Salee of the Laem Chabang port. Sky Ace sustained major structural damage and was leaking some of its fuel, he said. There were no casualties. Esso Singapore dispatched an emergency team to control the oil slick, which had spread about 200 square metres around the collision site, said Pisal. The accident took place near Pai island, which is 5.5 kilometers (3.5 miles) from Laem Chabang. Both ships headed to the port after the accident.

WESTERN VIKING (PHILIPPINES)

The owners of bulk **Western Viking** (27011 gt, built 1994) have awarded LOF 2000 Scopic to joint salvors SMIT Salvage BV and Nippon Salvage. The vessel ran aground north-west of Qatar around 1130 hrs, on Dec 11. Salvage teams are being mobilised. -- SMIT Salvage BV.

WIND SONG (BAHAMAS)

A press report, dated today, states: Four-masted luxury passenger **Wind Song** may be sunk rather than being repaired after it was gutted by fire earlier this month. The vessel sustained an engine-room fire earlier this month off Raiatea in French Polynesia, forcing its abandonment by all 127 passengers and 75 crew. It took three days to put out the blaze. The French Navy subsequently towed the vessel into Papeete harbour and efforts were made to prepare it for a tow to New Zealand or Singapore for major repairs. But the Tahiti Press news agency has quoted shipping sources as saying the damage is so extensive its US owners Windstar plan to scuttle Wind Song instead. Windstar has not commented. Former Renaissance vessel **Tahitian Princess** is expected at Papeete later this week to take over Wind Song's cruises.

KARIBA (BAHAMAS)

London could face a cargo claim of around \$40m on the cars that went down with the car carrier **Tricolor**. Lloyd's syndicates and company market insurers have a tradition of insuring Volvo cars, which together with the Saabs and BMWs that could be lost, were of relatively high value. The risk was thought to be spread among at least a dozen underwriting operations. Sources at Lloyd's indicated that Tricolor has a hull and machinery insured value of \$24m, topped up to about \$30m through the addition of an increased value policy. It was not immediately clear if Tricolor had total loss only cover. Insurance of the Norwegian-operated vessel was said to be concentrated in the Norwegian market, but London was said to have 25%, with the US and French markets also having significant lines. Meanwhile, Tricolor sustained further damage yesterday when general cargo Nicola hit the overturned hull. Nicola, owned by Intersee of Germany, was heading in ballast from Corunna to Rotterdam when it collided in fog. The Wilhelmsen Lines ro-ro, already holed on the port side, sustained some damage on the starboard side. However, the damage appeared to be superficial, said Lars Walder, spokesman for the salvage firm Smit, which is providing emergency assistance. No contract has been awarded yet to remove the vessel. Salvage will be the responsibility of the hull and machinery underwriter Norwegian Hull Club if the vessel can be repaired, or its P&I club, Gard, if it is declared a wreck.

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Lykes Lines en Contship CL trekken zich terug uit verlieslatende Europa/Verre Oosten-route

Deze beslissing viel te verwachten: de filialen van CP Ships, met name Lykes Lines en Contship Containerlines hebben besloten vanaf april een einde te stellen aan hun dienst tussen Europa, zowel noord als zuid, en Azië. Deze trafiek zet de resultaten van de groep CP Ships zwaar onder druk.



Yemeni soldiers stand guard the North Korean ship **So San** at al-Mukalla port, 550 kilometers (345 miles) southeast of the Yemeni capital, San'a, Tuesday, Dec.17, 2002 after its cargo was unloaded. The ship, which was carrying a cargo of cement bags on top of the Scud missile containers, was intercepted December 9 in the Arabian Sea by Spanish warships

Statoil sells Navion to Teekay Shipping



Norway's **Statoil** ASA has sold its wholly-owned shipping company **Navion** ASA to Canadian **Teekay** Shipping Corporation .

The net sales price is approximately USD 800 million (around NOK 6 billion) in cash. The effective date of the transaction will be January 1st 2003 and the closing is expected to occur in the second quarter of 2003 at the latest. Navion's present board and president will continue until the closing.

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"We are very pleased to have entered into this transaction with Teekay. I am confident that Navion, under Teekay's ownership, will continue to deliver first class services to both Statoil and its other customers," says Erling Øverland, executive vice president for Statoil's Manufacturing & Marketing business area and chairman of Navion.

"We achieved a fair price with Teekay - a company with a proven record in safety, service and quality, global reach and financial strength. Teekay has expressed a commitment to further develop the competent Navion organisation in Stavanger which will be the main operating office for Teekay in Norway," adds Mr Øverland.

"We are proud to have been chosen as the long-term global shipping partner of Statoil," says Bjørn Møller, president and chief executive officer of Teekay. "There is a great fit between Statoil and Teekay, both in terms of operating philosophy and growth ambitions. Navion complements Teekay's existing business and enables us to expand our offer of services to our global customer base, for example, through Navion's broader involvement in the product tanker trades."

Navion is a Norwegian shipping company of a substantial international size. The company is the worldwide market leader within offshore loading and a leading regional conventional shipping company, according to a company press release.

With more than 20 years' experience in offshore loading, the company has developed cutting edge technology and concepts within this area.



Navion operates a fleet of **26 shuttle tankers**, **two storage vessels**, **12 crude tankers**, **nine product tankers** and **one gas carrier**. Based in Stavanger, the company employs around 100 people.

The press release states that Teekay Shipping Corporation is a leading provider of international crude and petroleum product transportation services through the world's largest fleet of medium-sized oil tankers. With its operational headquarters in Vancouver, Canada and offices in 11 other countries, Teekay employs more than 4,100 seagoing and land-based staff around the world. The company has earned a reputation for safety and excellence in providing transportation services to oil companies worldwide.

Topjaar voor Zeeuwse havens



Voor de Zeeuwse havens was 2002 een topjaar. Hoewel de economische groei vrijwel tot stilstand is gekomen, is het aantal goederen dat in de Zeeuwse havens is aan- en afgevoerd gestegen met ruim vijf procent. De totale overslag komt daarmee dit jaar uit op een record van 26,7 miljoen ton. Met name het havengebied van Terneuzen heeft bijgedragen aan het positieve bedrijfsresultaat.

Voorzitter D. Bruinooge en directeur J. Philippen van Zeeland Seaports maakten dat gistermiddag bekend. Opvallend is dat de positieve cijfers vooral zijn behaald in het havengebied van Terneuzen. Daar steeg het aantal aan- en afgevoerde goederen met ruim 12 procent van 11,9 miljoen ton naar 13,4 miljoen ton).

De overslag van aardolie(producten) steeg met 1,2 miljoen ton. In 2002 is ruim 100.000 ton meer erts en metaalresiduen aan- en afgevoerd en de overslag van chemische producten steeg met 130.000 ton. De stijging van de overslag van aardolie(producten) is volgens het havenschap met name een gevolg van de verhoging van de krakercapaciteit bij Dow Benelux in Terneuzen.

In het Vlissingse havengebied bleef de goederenoverslag nagenoeg gelijk met vorig jaar en bereikte een totale omvang van 13,3 miljoen ton. Tegenover een stijging van chemische producten, overige goederen en meststoffen, is dit jaar minder bouwmaterialen, vaste minerale brandstoffen en erts en metaalresiduen aan- en afgevoerd. De overslag van aardolie(producten) is dit jaar lager uitgevallen, doordat olieraffinaderij Total een maand heeft stilgelegd voor onderhoud.

Winst

Ook financieel gezien doen de Zeeuwse havens het goed. De nettowinst van Zeeland Seaports komt naar verwachting dit jaar uit op 5,5 miljoen euro, ruim twee keer zo hoog als vorig jaar. De inkomsten uit haven- en kadegelden en de effecten van de hoge gronduitgifte op de grondexploitatie hebben daaraan volgens het havenschap bijgedragen. Zo is dit jaar ruim 19 hectare terrein uitgegeven aan voornamelijk logistieke dienstverleners. Directeur Philippen zegt dat er in Vlissingen-Oost nog circa 300 hectare over is en in het Terneuzense havengebied nog circa 700 hectare (onder andere Axelse Vlake).

De vooruitzichten voor het komend jaar zijn goed, aldus voorzitter Bruinooge van het havenschap. Hij verwacht dat Cobelfret in de eerste helft van komend jaar zal beginnen. „In 2002 zijn beslissingen genomen die voor de komende tien jaar een stempel drukken op de ontwikkeling van de havens: de goedkeuring van Provinciale Staten om het streekplan te wijzigen ten behoeve van de Westerschelde Container Terminal, het uitbreiden van de samenwerking met Rotterdam in de Exploitatie Maatschappij Schelde-Maas en de samenwerking met Dow Benelux in het Valuepark.”

Van de roep om het bestuur van het havenschap te moderniseren - geuit door burgemeester en havenschapsbestuurslid P. van den Baar - raakt Bruinooge niet onder de indruk. „Vergeet niet dat de havenzaken in Rotterdam die in een NV zijn ondergebracht nog steeds vallen onder verantwoordelijk van het gemeentebestuur. De zeggenschap van gemeenten en provincie in het Zeeuwse havenschap is altijd groot geweest. Als politieke bestuurders al vinden dat Zeeland Seaports anders moet worden bestuurd, moeten ze daar nog maar eens heel goed over nadenken.”

Odfjell orders another two specialist vessels

NORWEGIAN chemical tanker operator Odfjell ordered a further two specialist vessels worth a total of \$108m and booked an option for another two newbuilds with Poland's resurgent Stocznia Szczecinska yard, writes Jerry Frank.

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The Bergen-based shipping group now has firm orders for half a dozen 39,500 dwt chemical tankers worth around \$324m with the Polish yard, which faced closure only four months ago.

Odfjell's six ship order reverses its earlier decision as bankruptcy loomed over the Szczecin yard in August to cancel a \$220m contract for four chemical tankers. The Norwegian specialist tanker owner said that the two sisterships were due for delivery in June and December 2005, with the first four ships inked in for 2003 and 2004. "These newbuildings will replace older tonnage that will be close to 30 years at the time of delivery of the newbuildings," said Odfjell president and chief executive officer Bjørn Sjaastad.

"All newbuildings have a substantial number of segregations and all cargo tanks are made of stainless steel. Options for a seventh and eight chemical tanker will be held open for delivery in 2006. Odfjell, which owns 51 vessels out of its 90-strong fleet, has a further order for a 37,500-dwt chemical tanker with Kleven Fløro in Norway for delivery next December.

Color Line reinstates ferry order after tax decision



NORWAY'S Color Line gave the all clear to a €300m (\$300m) ferry order with Finnish shipbuilder Kvaerner Masa-Yards that it had threatened to ditch two months ago if Oslo voted to axe shipowner tax breaks.

Norway's largest ferry operator signed the final agreement with Kvaerner to construct the 2,800-passenger vessel after Norwegian parliament earlier this month rejected budget proposals to end tax breaks for shipowners.

Kvaerner Masa's Turku yard agreed to deliver what will be the world's largest cruise ferry by December 2004, with an option on a further sistership.

The newbuild decision comes just weeks after Norwegian competition authorities blocked its takeover moves on Fjord Line, the country's second largest ferry operator. Olav Nils Sunde, the owner of Color Line, earlier this month sold his 51% stake in Fjord after competition watchdogs ruled against his \$33m bid to takeover his smaller rival.

Oslo's competition authorities held that both companies operated between Norway and Denmark and the deal would have given Color Line control over three-quarters of Norway's international ferry services. The 74,600 gt state-of-the-art cruise ferry is due to sail between Kiel and Oslo for the Christmas season in 2004. Color Line's decision to finalise the cruise ferry order will come as a huge boon for Kvaerner Masa, which last month said it would cut capacity as the slowdown in world shipbuilding continues to bite. President and chief executive officer, Jorma Eloranta, said: "This contract is very important for Kvaerner Masa-Yards, our employees, sub-contractors and other partners, following a period of exceptionally low market activity worldwide, resulting in decreasing order books." Color Line and Kvaerner Masa signed the letter of intent for the 73,000-gt cruise ferry in July.

NAVY NEWS

Vice-admiraal Klaver nieuwe bevelhebber marine



Vice-admiraal R. Klaver wordt per 25 april 2003 de nieuwe Bevelhebber der Zeestrijdkrachten. Hij neemt op die datum het bevel over van vice-admiraal C. van Duyvendijk, die de actieve dienst verlaat. De ministerraad is vrijdag akkoord gegaan met zijn benoeming. Dit heeft de Rijksvoorlichtingsdienst 13 december bekend gemaakt.

Vice-admiraal Ruurt Klaver (52) was medio van 1999 tot medio 2000 plaatsvervangend bevelhebber van de Koninklijke Marine. Vanaf medio 2000 is hij geplaatst bij het NAVO-Hoofdkwartier EASTLANT te Northwood (nabij Londen), in de functie van plaatsvervangend commandant van alle NAVO-eenheden in het oostelijk en noordelijk deel van de Atlantische Oceaan.

Klaver begon zijn carrière in 1966 met een opleiding aan het Koninklijk Instituut van de Marine in Den Helder. Aansluitend volgde verschillende plaatsingen aan boord van schepen en wal-inrichtingen. Zo was Klaver eind jaren tachtig, begin jaren negentig commandant van Hr. Ms. Jacob van Heemskerck en Hr. Ms. Karel Doorman

NAVY NAMES DDG 96 “BAINBRIDGE “

Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England has selected the name **Bainbridge** for its newest destroyer, DDG 96. As the U.S. Navy continues to recognize the 100th anniversary of the development of the destroyer type of warship (1902-2002) the Bainbridge will be a state of the art warship built at Bath Iron Works, a General Dynamics Company in Maine.

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RAINBOW WARRIOR



Left :

The Greenpeace vessel **RAINBOW WARRIOR** arrived in Rotterdam 17-12-2002

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SMITWIJS SINGAPORE



The **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** passed Hoek van Holland outward bound for seatrails
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BARRACUDA



The **MULTRASHIP** tug **Barracuda** is at present enroute with the **TROMP** from Den Helder Naval base to 's Gravendeel , **ETA Maascenter is Wednesday December 18th 07:30 hrs LT**

Upon delivery of the TROMP most probably the Barracuda will return direct Den Helder to collect the DE RUYTER also bound for 's Gravendeel.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van woensdag t/m vrijdag:

Vanaf vrijdag zachter!

Perioden met zon en droog, in de nacht en ochtend lichte vorst. Vanaf vrijdag meer bewolking, een toenemende regenkans en zachter.

	WO-18	DO-19	VR-20	ZA-21
Maximumtemperatuur:	4	3	5	10
Minimumtemperatuur:	-2	-3	-1	5
Zonnekans in %:	50	60	30	10
Neerslagkans in %:	5	5	30	70
Windrichting kracht:	NO-1-3	O-3-4	ZZO-3-5	ZW-4-6

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The **VOLENDAM** in Alaskan waters seen from the **VEENDAM**
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The Russian Kirov class nuclear powered guided missile cruiser **Petr Velikiy** near the Kursk Location
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