

## DAILY SHIPPING NEWSLETTER



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## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

### Christopher wreck funding agreed

FUNDING has been agreed by Cyprus, the UK, the ITF and the EU for an expedition to the wreck of the Capesize bulker Christopher. The 165,000-DWT, Cyprus-flag bulker sank with all hands on December 23 last year north of the Azores. Each of the parties will contribute euro300,000 (\$284,000), with the EU contributing euro450,000. The involvement of the other parties is motivated by a desire to improve safety at sea, Andreas Constantinou, senior surveyor with the Cypriot Department of Merchant Shipping, told Fairplay this morning. "Christopher was only 18 years old... and did not appear to follow the usual pattern of loss," he said. "The problem appears to be hatch covers, which is why the government considers it important to direct every possible effort to carrying out an investigation." The UK's Maritime and Coastguard Agency was called in because of its experience with the Derbyshire investigation. The expedition will be undertaken this summer.

### Philippines strengthens security

MARITIME interests in the Philippines are forging new security arrangements for both ports and ships. A proposed memorandum of agreement detailing the strengthened security measures has been prepared to be signed by the heads of the respective agencies including the maritime police, coast guard, Filipino ship owners' group, immigration and customs bureaux. According to the agreement, the security arrangements, involving the deployment of additional personnel and extended manning of vital waterfront facilities, will "address certain concerns on regional trade liberalisation and effect a freer movement of people and trade within the area". Official sources said implementation of the new arrangement comes at a time when military forces are doubling efforts for the security of vital facilities to thwart kidnapping and terrorist attack. The point was underlined by the recent rescue of an American hostage and the death of two others from the hands of Islamist rebel group Abu Sayyaf.

### French troops storm cocaine ship

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**Left :** French troops stormed onto the ship

French authorities say their troops have intercepted a ship thought to be carrying tons of cocaine off Africa's Atlantic coast.

Sources involved in the raid said the ship's crew may have thrown at least one ton of the drug overboard when they realised the raid was happening, although naval officers were able to recover around 100 kilogram from the sea.

The French ships fired warning shots in the air before aiming cannons at the freighter, French maritime officials said.



The ship, called the Winner, was registered in Cambodia and could have been carrying as much as two tonnes of cocaine, with a street value of 243 million euros ( \$230m), according to the French news agency AFP.

### Shots

"It was necessary to fire warning shots and then fire at the ship in order to seize control of it," the French prime

minister's office said. One member of the cargo ship's 12-member crew is reportedly injured and being treated by a navy doctor.

French maritime authorities said they had been monitoring the ship for several days, in a joint operation with the United States, Greece and Spain.

Navy vessels are escorting it to the French port of Brest, because the authorities said they could not conduct a thorough search at sea.



## S. Africa Sent Ships to Rescue Scientists Trapped in Antarctica

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The South African Defense Forces said on Friday that it would send a ship to rescue the Russian scientists in a vessel trapped in the Antarctica.

Col. Piet Paxton, spokesman of South African Defense Forces, said the South African ship, the [Agulhas](#), will carry two helicopters, helping to take the Russians to safe place, if the trapped vessel, the [Magdalena Oldendorff](#), cannot find a way out from the iceberg.

According to South African Press Association, the Magdalena Oldendorff was carrying 79 Russian scientists and 28 crew members back to Cape Town earlier this week from the Novolazarevskaya station in northeast Antarctica when it came across an ice drift blocking its path.

An Argentinean icebreaker, the [Almirante Irizar](#), will meet the South African ship at the edge of the ice and they will try to free the trapped vessel.

South Africa's Agulhas departed Cape Town on June 16

## CASUALTY REPORTING

### None hurt as cat strikes breakwater

THE 499-GT passenger catamaran [Seajet 2](#), operated by Srintzis Lines, struck a concrete breakwater while entering port at the Cyclades island of Tinos . The 1998-built water-jet-propulsion vessel sustained a 80 cm-long gash below the waterline on its starboard side, took water and developed a 15-

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degree list. It managed to reach the port and disembarked 183 passengers, none of whom was injured. The ship's master blamed the accident on the rudder failure. Water was pumped out from the engine room and after the puncture was patched up temporarily, the vessel was towed to Neorion Shipyard for repairs.

## SHIPYARD NEWS BRILLIANCE OF THE SEAS

Photo & Text : Christian Costa



In the night from June 11th to June 12th Meyerwerft's latest newbuilding the "**Brilliance of the Seas**" finally was able to be transferred on the river Ems from Papenburg to Leerort and later on June 12th to Eemshaven for her final outfitting. In the next weeks there will be certain trials at sea. On the picture you can see the "Brilliance of the Seas" in front of the yard in Papenburg. Because of low water in the river they needed to reschedule the transfer on the river a couple of times. The first date for the transfer was the 8th of June. The picture was taken on June 11th.

## Shipbuilding contracts for Snohvit LNG project become effective

KAWASAKI Kisen Kaisha Ltd (K Line), Statoil ASA, Mitsui & Co. Ltd and Iino Kaiun Kaisha Ltd have established two new joint companies.

In addition, the long-term time charter of two liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers, entered into by K Line and the Snohvit Shippers (Statoil, Petoro, TotalFinaElf, Norsk Hydro, Amerada Hess, RWE-DEA, Svenska Petroleum Exploration) on December 2001, became effective on May 31 this year. At the same time the shipbuilding contracts with Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding and Kawasaki Heavy Industries became effective. The two LNG carriers will be delivered in November 2005 and April 2006 respectively.

The two new companies which will own the LNG carriers, Northern LNG Transport Co., I/II Ltd have entered into 20-year charter parties with Snohvit Shippers which will exploit the gas resources from the Snohvit field in the Barents Sea.

The Snohvit LNG Project represents a first milestone for K Line's LNG transportation in the North Atlantic area, and K Line has established a Bulk & Gas Division in K Line (Europe) Ltd, a subsidiary company in Europe. This is in order to expand and strengthen its LNG transportation operations in the Atlantic Basin in response to ever-increasing needs for LNG transportation worldwide.



## **ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES**

### **AP Møller plaatst vraagtekens bij dedicated terminals**



*Boven : de **LEDA MAERSK** met op de achtergrond de **SEALAND PERFORMANCE** aan de Maersk terminal op 14-06-2002 in Algeciras – foto : Piet Sinke*

De AP Møller groep is een vastbesloten voorstander van de globalisering. Tijdens een uiteenzetting op "TOC 2002" zei Peter Søndergaard, vice-voorzitter van APM Terminal, dat de markt operatoren lijkt te waarderen die in deze globale context werken. De grootste operatoren groeien overigens sneller dan het internationale gemiddelde.

### **Cunard affirms UK homeport**

CARNIVAL Corp subsidiary Cunard Line has signed a five-year agreement with UK port operator ABP that reaffirms Southampton as homeport for the fleet until 2009. The agreement also underpins a major investment programme by ABP to modernise the Queen Elizabeth II passenger terminal. Southampton is preparing for the maiden voyage of the 150,000-GT, 2,800-passenger newbuilding Queen Mary 2 on January 12, 2004. The extensive refurbishment programme at the passenger terminal will provide an extra 50 per cent passenger capacity, with a new overhead gangway, increased baggage-hall facilities, improvements to the embarkation lounge, twice as many check-in desks, and the refurbishment of the waiting lounge. Cunard will take delivery of a second newbuilding, of 82,000-GT and 3,200 passengers, in mid-2006. Last September ABP announced that agreement had been reached with P&O Cruises regarding the refurbishing of the port's Mayflower terminal.

## **Ecu-Line offers 14-day service to Panama**

ECU-LINE, the Belgian multi-modal transport group which has been restructuring its America service and creating a Central American hub under its Panama operations, is to launch a fortnightly direct Antwerp-Panama service with a transit time of 14 days.

Manzanillo is the port of discharge, but the containers will be unloaded in Panama City, Ecu-Line announced in a statement.

The restructuring begun last October.

Panama is also a hub for services from China (Hong Kong, Shanghai), Korea and Thailand, and the carrier has offices in Chile, Peru and Ecuador.

From Panama City, there are transit possibilities to Colon Free Zone, Cristobal, Balboa, Las Minas and Manzanillo.

By truck there are also biweekly departures to San Juan in Puerto Rico, Rio Haina and Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, La Guaira in Venezuela, Buenaventura in Colombia and Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Because of the wide range of new services out of Colon Free Zone, where Ecu-Line has its warehouse, the Panama hub operations and its network have gained a reputation among freight forwarders as a highly neutral NVOCC, the carrier has said.

## **Pelepas on target for 2.5M TEU**

THE Port of Tanjung Pelepas in Johor, Malaysia is on target to achieve volumes of 2.5M TEU in 2002 after registering its highest volume last month with over 208,000 TEU handled. The port, set up in 1999 as a rival container transshipment hub to neighbouring Singapore, also said that it achieved its highest vessel productivity yesterday when it handled 185 containers per hour for the 6,600 TEU Carsten Maersk using five post-Panamax cranes. Gross moves per hour per crane exceeded 39, which PTP said was also a new high. Maersk alone brings in over 2M TEU annually and is the main customer as well as a 30 per cent equity holder in PTP. The port, which is currently equipped with six berths, has an annual capacity of 4.5M TEU and is set to embark on its second phase of expansion. Initially two berths would be constructed with completion set for end of 2003.

## **Unicorn feeder tie confirmed**

RUMOURS circulating in South Africa regarding Unicorn's coastal service were confirmed this morning, contradicting an earlier denial from Unicorn Lines. In a joint statement, Safmarine Container Lines and Grindrod Group have announced a joint venture of their South and East Africa shipping services. The venture will operate as Unifeeder (Pty), running six chartered vessels currently operated by Unicorn. The existing service operating along the Southern African coast from Angola to Mozambique will be extended to include Dar-es-Salaam and Mombasa. Unicorn Lines, Safmarine and Maersk Sealand will continue to market their own services as customers of Unifeeder, which will now link into other Indian Ocean services operated by Safmarine and Maersk Sealand. Unifeeder will be managed from the Durban offices of Unicorn Lines. Unifeeder director Dave Rennie told Fairplay the partners complemented each other, with Unicorn as the domestic feeder and coastal provider and Safmarine [and Maersk Sealand] the import/export trade.

## **Ship arrives to transport nuclear fuel to Britain**

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A cargo ship arrived in Takahamacho, Fukui Prefecture, Friday morning, to transport plutonium-uranium mixed oxide (MOX) fuel from a Kansai Electric Power Co. nuclear plant in the town.

The fuel, which was to have been used for a plutonium thermal project, will be shipped back to a British nuclear fuel company from the port, which is exclusively used by the nuclear plant.

## NAVY NEWS

### Warm onthaal voor opvarenden Philips van Almonde



Honderden familieleden en vrienden met tientallen spandoeken onthaalden met gejuich de opvarenden van Hr. Ms. Philips van Almonde toen het fregat afgelopen vrijdag (14-06) de marinehaven van Den Helder binnenvoer. Een watergordijn links en rechts van het schip en oranje rook uit de schoorsteen was de reactie vanaf het schip. De bemanning stond in paradeerrol aan dek opgesteld. Na zes maanden kon de familie zoon, dochter of vader weer in levende lijve aanschouwen.

De vader van korporaal Arjen Deelen staat ook te

wachten en vertelt dat het Thuisfrontcomité waarin hij zitting heeft, voor de T-shirts met opdruk (Operation Enduring Freedom, laatste bemanning Hr Ms Philips van Almonde 2001-2002) heeft gezorgd, waar hier veel mensen in rondlopen. "Die zes maanden waren wel te overzien, we konden e-mailen en op de website van het schip werden veel foto's getoond en reisverhalen gezet. Dat was heel goed geregeld." Theo en Mike, twee vrienden van matroos Martin Houtman houden een spandoek omhoog met de tekst "Na 6 maanden zeeman spelen komt Martin nu ons vervelen". "Dat is satirisch bedoeld hoor," zegt Mike voor zekerheid. Een moeder met een kind op haar arm staat al te zwaaien. "Dat is mijn dochter Anouschka Deyl, ze is arts aan boord." Een andere moeder met een spandoek "Tessa Meissie" zegt trots met tranen in de ogen "Die kleine daar aan boord, dat is onze dochter." De moeder en oma van Martin Penders vertellen dat ze die zes maanden toch wel lang vonden. "Martin woont nog thuis en vorig jaar was hij ook al vier maanden weg." Zelf vond hij het wel meevallen, had hij zijn moeder laten weten.

Het duurde toch nog een tijdje voor de bemanning van boord kon gaan maar een draaiorgel op de kade zorgde intussen voor een echt Hollands geluid.

Dan volgt het vertrouwde beeld van elkaar omarmende familieleden en vertrekt iedereen snel huiswaarts.



## Navy investigators at crash scene



Air accident investigators have travelled to the US to try to establish the cause of a Royal Navy helicopter crash in the Atlantic.

Two British crew members were killed when the Lynx aircraft came down 200 miles off the coast of Virginia earlier this week.

The bodies of Lieutenants Rod Skidmore, 39, and Jenny Lewis, 25, have not yet been found but it is presumed they perished when the helicopter hit the water.

A third crew member, Paul Hanson, a petty officer working as a photographer, escaped with only minor injuries after being thrown clear as the craft hit the water.

The helicopter was attached to warship **HMS Richmond** and the crew was returning from an exercise when tragedy struck.

It is thought the most likely cause was engine failure. A Royal Navy spokesman said that "no stone will be left unturned" in the investigation.

### **No known defects**

"We're dealing here with the human condition and tragedy. People want to know what happened," he said.

Lt Skidmore was a father of two, while Lt Lewis was single. Ministry of Defence welfare staff have been providing their families with support.

The helicopter is believed to be lying in 4,000m of water and an MoD spokesman said a salvage operation could be possible.

"The Board of Inquiry is going to be joining the ship to interview the photographer who survived and anyone who has had anything to do with what happened," the spokesman said.

"We have been asked about safety. As far as we are aware, there is no issue of safety with the Lynx or indication about defects which could be proven in other aircraft."

Colleagues on the Portsmouth-based Richmond, which has been on an annual training exercise since Easter, held a service on Thursday near their colleagues' last reported position.

A white Royal Navy ensign was thrown into the water as crew members, the ship's padre and commanding officers looked on.

Lt Lewis's mother, Jo Lewis, said her daughter "died doing the job she loved" and that the Navy was her life.

### **'Professional aviators'**



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Senior officers at the flyers' base in Yeovilton, Somerset, also praised the crew.

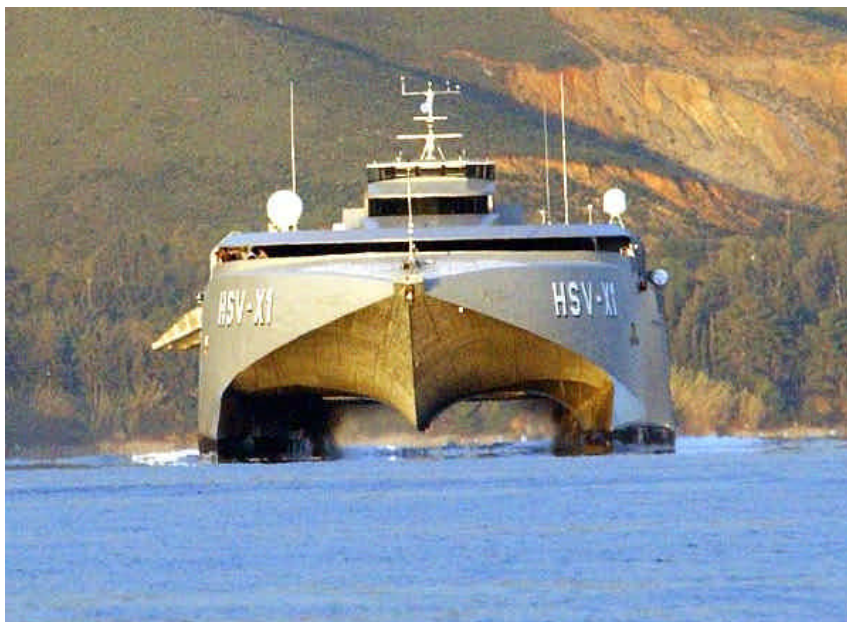
Commanding Officer Tony Cramp said: "The pair of them were extremely diligent, professional aviators.

"Rod was the consummate professional, who had been in the business for a long time and who helped the pilots to be where they are now."

Lt Lewis was one of three women from 40 members of 815 Naval Air Squadron and was said to be talented with a bright future ahead of her.

She made an emergency call at low altitude about 40 miles from the ship before the crash.

## USS JOINT VENTURE



The Multi-service high speed vessel, **Joint Venture (HSV-X1)** pulls into the port of Souda Bay, Crete. The 313 foot-long experimental craft is a wave-piercing catamaran capable of 45 knots and is currently being operated by joint U.S. Army and U.S. Navy personnel. Joint Venture's naval employment includes replenishment and resupply at sea, special operations insertion and redeployment, reconnaissance, command and control, anti-submarine warfare, mine

warfare, humanitarian assistance/evacuation, surface warfare and force protection

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### MOVEMENTS



**NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC** (7417587) P&O Nedlloyd CI London/Bermuda 1978 Bremer Vulcan GT 43704 dwt 38642 TEU 2079 Loa 248.6m Bm 32.3m ex New Zealand Pacific-88, Tui-89

Photo / text : Jan van der Klooster



**ARMADA SPRINT** (9004255) Briese Leer/Antigua 1993 Kvaerner Warnow, Warnemunde GT 14865 dwt 20150 TEU 1354 Loa 167.2m Bm 25.0m ex Nordwoege-93, Contship Le Havre-95, Nordwoege-96, CCNI Antofagasta-97, Nordwoege-98, SCL Africa-00, Cala Palamos-01, Nordwoege-01

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