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### Operation Enduring Freedom



The guided-missile cruiser **USS Vella Gulf (CG 72)** passes off the starboard side of *USS Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) during ammunition off-load operations between *Theodore Roosevelt* and the Military Sealift Command (MSC) ship *USNS Flint* (T-AE 32), the bow which is seen to the right.

*Theodore Roosevelt* and her battle group are supporting [Operation Enduring Freedom](#)

## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

### CHINOOK CHOPPER PASSENGERS PRESUMED DEAD

Zamboanga City,- The United States has given up for dead on Sunday seven U.S. soldiers missing in the crash of a helicopter taking part in a military exercise in the Philippines to vanquish Muslim rebels linked to Osama bin Laden. Lost in the tragedy were 10 American servicemen, including the three soldiers whose bodies were fished out from waters off Negros island hours after Friday's crash.

They were the first casualties in Southeast Asia in what is viewed as the second front of Washington's

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stepped-up war on terror.

U.S. military officials vowed the joint Philippine-American military exercise dubbed Balikatan would go on despite the disaster.

"We have reached a difficult but necessary point on the on-going search where we must transit from search and rescue operation to search and recovery operation," Brigadier-General Donald Wurster, chief of special forces of the U.S. Pacific Command, told reporters in southern Zamboanga city.

"Based on our best assessment and the extensive effort by the Philippine and U.S.

search and rescue teams, we have determined that there is no chance that we will find survivors," he said.

A U.S. team is flying to the Philippines to investigate the crash. Officials have ruled out hostile ground fire as a possible cause.



**A Filipino navy crew aboard a Philippine navy ship conduct a search and rescue operation for a Chinook MH-47 helicopter which crashed off the coast of Zamboanguita, Negros island in the southern Philippines February 23, 2002. The Philippines' military searched for seven U.S. servicemen missing after their helicopter, involved in anti-terrorism exercises, crashed a day earlier in the sea.**

## Ship of Shame docks in Melbourne

The crew of the Greek owned and Cypriot registered **ANL Progress** have been cheated out of \$300,000 in wages, fed on fish heads and intimidated. When three complained they were sacked. A battle between ITF and the shipowner is set to continue tonight when the vessel arrives at Port Melbourne in Australia.

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A court order, in a battle won by the ITF in NZ last week before the ship sailed for Melbourne, prevented the company sacking three Filipino seafarers who complained about pay and conditions. Now the ITF is out to get the crew the \$300,000 in wages they are owed.

The ITF is inviting a delegation of parliamentarians and the media on board to see first hand the shameful condition of the ship and its crew.

## Japan spy ship search

TOKYO: Japan's coast guard has begun a sonar search for a suspected North Korean spy ship that sank after a fire in the East China Sea two months ago.

All 15 people aboard the ship are believed to have died when the vessel sank after an explosion apparently ripped a hole in its hull.

North Korea has denied sending the ship to spy on Japan.

But personal effects discovered in the waters nearby suggested the crew was from the North.

A shootout erupted after the ship refused to heed repeated orders from the coast guard to halt and be boarded.

Coast guard spokeswoman Hisako Nakabayashi said a sonar search of the area began this morning and would continue until Friday.

She said the vessel was believed to be on the ocean floor, about 90 meters below the surface.

After determining the ship's location, a remote-controlled underwater camera would be used to take pictures of it, she said.

Japan is still considering whether to salvage the vessel, Nakabayashi said.

## Ship beached off NZ finally freed by tugs

(GISBORNE, New Zealand) A South Korean log ship which ran aground 18 days ago was coaxed off a sandbar by tugs yesterday.

The **Jody F Millennium** was moored six nautical miles off Gisborne's coast after being pushed and pulled off the sandbar by tugs in the fourth refloating attempt yesterday just before high tide.

The 156-metre Panamanian-registered ship ran aground in heavy seas on Feb 6 and had been stuck fast on a North Island east coast beach.

The vessel began leaking oil into the sea after a tank cracked, sparking fears of an environmental disaster. Around 25 to 40 tonnes of heavy oil which leaked onto the nearby beach has been trucked away.

Hundreds of people gathered on the beach yesterday to watch the latest effort.

Two tugs are holding the ship, and an inspection will be carried out today.

Preparations for yesterday's attempt began mid-morning with three helicopters being used to remove more of the ship's cargo.

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An attempt on Saturday, in which tugs were used to pull the ship, managed to move it about 75 metres - not enough to free it.

Maritime Safety Authority deputy director Bruce Maroc said he was pleased the salvage had been successful. -

## Ship Sales

IT has been a very active week in respect of sales being concluded, in various sectors, especially the dry bulk market. A substantial proportion of the activity can be attributed to Greek buyers, however Chinese buyers remain active with a couple of deals.

### Vessels sold for further trading

#### BULK CARRIERS:

- ? Cinzia D Amato: 74,500 tdw blt 8/00 Hudong reported sold region US\$19,250,000 to German buyers, combined with 3 years time charter back to the sellers region US\$8,500 daily. There may still be some subjects to clear on the deal.
- ? Win Trader: 73,500 tdw blt 97 Sumitomo reported sold region US\$14,400,000 to clients of Gleanray in Greece.
- ? Ever Victory: 69,146 tdw blt 98 Eisa Brazil reported sold region US\$14,300,000 to undisclosed buyers.
- ? Favorita: 44,000 tdw blt 7/84 Espanoles crs 2/22 ts reported sold region US\$4,250,000 to China buyers.
- ? Orient River II: 43,595 tdw blt 92 Tsuneishi crs 4/30 ts reported sold region US\$8,850,000 to clients of Byzantine Maritime.
- ? Golden Pegasus: 42,248 tdw blt 89 Oshima crs 4/25 ts reported sold region US\$7,200,000 to Greek Buyers.

#### DEMOLITION:

*(all prices per tonne lightweight)*

- ? VLCC Skyros: 323,114 tdw blt 11/76 Eriksbergs 41,427 ldt reported sold region US\$137 with delivery Bangladesh.
- ? Mt Athenian Valour: 89,986 tdw blt 77 Imabari abt 16,417 ldt reported sold region US\$138 with delivery Bangladesh.
- ? LPG Yuan Xing: 49,785 tdw blt 2/73 Kawasaki abt 17,682 ldt reported sold region US\$117, in damaged condition, with delivery China.
- ? BC Samsun Booster: 31,762 tdw blt 70 Mitsui abt 7,318 ldt reported sold region US\$119 with delivery China.
- ? BC Stavros: 28,676 tdw blt 78 Mathias-Thesen abt 9,014 ldt reported sold region US\$130 with delivery India.

## **CASUALTY REPORTING**

### **Greek cargoship sinks near Skyros**

THE **Philipos K**, a Greek cargo ship sank in heavy seas northeast of the Aegean island of Skyros on Monday, and authorities were searching for one missing crew member, the semi-official Athens News Agency reported.

It said the vessel developed a 40 degree list early on Monday after its cargo of fertiliser shifted as it was sailing 11 nautical miles off Skyros en route to Crete.

The merchant marine ministry was not immediately available for comment.

ANA said all-weather helicopters rescued nine of the 10 crew members and a search was continuing for the 10th member.

#### **ALPENA (U.S.A.)**

London, Feb 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Scotland has been hit by another blast of wintry weather, with public transport and road services disrupted and flood warnings issued. Cross border rail services on both the east and west coast have been among the most significant casualties. West Coast and Cross Country services between Carlisle, Glasgow and Edinburgh have been suspended because of damaged power lines. And GNER services on the east coast line were suspended after the roof at York station was damaged in high winds. No-one was injured and two platforms were reopened to services late this afternoon. Ferry company Stena Line said Stranraer to Belfast services were suspended until further notice due to adverse weather conditions. Seacat sailings today between Troon and Belfast were also suspended and flights to the Western and Northern Isles were subject to delay. Caledonian MacBrayne ferries were suffering disruption to services with many services cancelled or delayed. People planning to travel by rail and ferry were asked to check with the operators. Five flood warnings were in place across the country. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (Sepa) said that heavy rain and melting snow in some areas had caused many rivers to rise dangerously high. The warnings applied to the Rivers Conon and Dulnain, in Inverness-shire, parts of the River Tay from Kenmore to the A9 road bridge, and the River Lyon in Perthshire. An alert was in place for the River Tummel in Perthshire downstream of the Pitlochry Dam to Ballinluig. The agency also issued 16 flood watch alerts. Police said the poor weather conditions had caused major problems for motorists. The Forth Road Bridge was closed for an extended period after a lorry overturned. The northbound carriageway was later reopened with one lane reopened southbound. But the area was subject to severe traffic disruption. The Dornoch and Kessock bridges were among those closed to high sided vehicles, with a series of other road closures across the country. Weather experts said the rain and strong winds would tail off by Saturday morning but that conditions would remain poor until Monday. Forecasters said gusts of wind had reached up to 50 or 60 miles per hour and that exposed areas on the west coast were being worst affected. Meanwhile, police in the Highlands said a man was killed after his vehicle went into a river in Sutherland.

#### **ARCO BOURNE (U.K.)**



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London, Feb 22 — Following received from Harwich Haven Authority, timed 1115, UTC: Trailing suction hopper dredge *Arco Bourne* (3249 gt, built 1980) sustained hull damage while dredging outside Felixstowe Basin early yesterday. Vessel was holed and water ingress was reported. Vessel was assisted into Felixstowe by lifeboats and a patch was placed on the damage. Vessel is still at Felixstowe under repair and inspection.

### **DORIS T. (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Feb 22 — Following received from Coast Guard Valentia MRSC, timed 1307, UTC: At 0147, UTC, general cargo *Doris T.* (1973 gt, built 1977), with eight people on board, in lat 51 39.3N, long 09 47.05W, Berehaven harbour, reported drifting ashore and anchor foul of salmon cage. Require immediate assistance. At 0151, UTC, Castletown lifeboat and naval offshore patrol vessel *Emer* tasked. At 0226, UTC, Castletown lifeboat on scene helping vessel to free the salmon cage. At 0319, UTC, anchor chain of *Doris T.* cut, vessel free of salmon cage and towed into Bantry Bay by Castletown lifeboat.

### **EUROCLYDON (U.K.)**

London, Feb 22 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 2244, UTC: Fishing *EUROCLYDON*, TH77, (56 gt, built 1987), six persons on board, reported with fouled propeller in lat 60 01N, long 02 56W at 2031, UTC. Wind westerly gale 8. Fishing *Amadeus* (sistership) to connect tow and tow *Euroclydon* to Scalloway. Tug *Anglian Monarch* to standby and assist as necessary. ETA for *Anglian Monarch* and *Amadeus* with *Euroclydon* 0300, UTC, Feb 23.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 0308, UTC: Fishing *EUROCLYDON*: Tug *Anglian Monarch* on scene at 0258, UTC. *Amadeus* due on scene 0330, UTC.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 0721, UTC: Fishing *Euroclydon*: Tow connected at 0422, UTC, and under way for Scalloway. Position at 0709, UTC, lat 59 56.6N, long 02 37.5W. Tow parted at 0712, UTC. Fishing *Amadeus* attempting to re-connect tow. Tug *Anglian Monarch* standing by.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 1225, UTC: Fishing *Euroclydon* is now back in tow of fishing *Amadeus* bound Scalloway, escorted by tug *Anglian Monarch*, ETA 1700, UTC.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Shetland MRSC, timed 1826, UTC: Fishing *Euroclydon* and fishing *Amedeus* tied up safely alongside the pier at Scalloway at 1822, UTC.

### **FIDELITY (U.K.)**

London, Feb 21 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 2104, UTC: Fishing *Fidelity* (25 gt, built 1975), 2GTY, four persons on board, weather force eight to nine (gale - severe gale), grounded in lat 57 00N, long 07 23W, in Northbay, Isle

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of Barra, at 2023, UTC. Barra Lifeboat expected at 2115, UTC, with intention of refloating vessel. Next high water 0103, UTC, Feb 22. *Fidelity* has 1000 gallons of fuel on board and skipper confirmed no leakage or holes.

London, Feb 21 — Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 2247, UTC: Barra lifeboat arrived on scene at 2106, UTC. Fishing *Fidelity* was refloated and escorted to a safe haven at Northbay Pier, Barra. Search & Rescue operations terminated at 2239, UTC.

### FORAGER (U.S.A.)

London, Feb 24 — A press report, dated Feb 23, states: The state Department of Environmental Management has closed the harbour of Refuge and a portion of Point Judith Pond to fishing and shellfishing because of an oil spill from fishing *FORAGER* that sank Tuesday (Feb 19). It is unclear how much diesel fuel leaked from *Forager*, but officials said an oil sheen was visible on the water. Stephanie Powell, spokesperson for the DEM, said the harbour was closed out of an abundance of caution. The wood-hulled *Forager* sank just as she was leaving Point Judith on a fishing trip. Water started leaking in from the stern and, after efforts to pump the water out proved ineffective, the three-man crew were forced to abandon the vessel. No one was injured. The Coast Guard is overseeing efforts to clean up the spilled fuel and a team of divers hired by the owner of *Forager*, were waiting late yesterday to start pumping the remaining diesel from the vessel's storage tanks. On Tuesday, divers sealed up vents on the sunken vessel to prevent further leaks, and the Coast Guard placed a floating boom on the water around the site. Once the fuel is pumped out, a salvage vessel will raise *Forager* and tow her back into port in Galilee from her current location, about 300 feet inside the harbour of Refuge. On Thursday, the DEM closed the harbor and the southern half of Point Judith Pond, which are connected, after inspectors found clams covered in oil washed up on the nearby Roger Wheeler and Salty Brine state beaches. They also noticed a strong smell of fuel there. The state Department of Health notified all commercial dealers of the spill, according to Ernest Julian, head of the department's office of water and food safety.

### JANINA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0550, UTC: General cargo *Janina*, J8B2345, (910 gt, built 1988), Dunkirk for Sunderland, cargo steel plate and coil on deck, anchored in lat 54 16.2N, long 00 11.2W, with engine defect. Vessel anchored and holding position, investigating engine defect. Vessel expects to be underway at 0700 hrs.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0714, UTC: Master of general cargo *Janina* now reports problem more serious than first thought. Owners and agents contacted, and arrangements being discussed for a tug to tow vessel to Sunderland. Vessel's anchors holding and weather on scene is good.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 1441, UTC: General cargo *Janina* is still anchored. Tug *Englishman* is proceeding to take vessel in tow, ETA on scene 1700-1800, UTC.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 1551, UTC: General cargo *Janina* is still anchored and holding position. Vessel has sustained a broken piston and cylinder cover and is unable to effect repairs at sea. Tug *Englishman* is en-

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route and will arrive by 1800, UTC, this evening, when the vessel will be towed to Sunderland.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 1855, UTC: General cargo *Janina* under tow by tug *Englishman* at 1854, UTC, bound Sunderland.

London, Feb 24 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 0726, UTC: Tug *Englishman*, with general cargo *Janina* in tow, is presently waiting to enter Sunderland.

### JODY F.MILLENNIUM (Panama)

London, Feb 22 — A press report from Maritime Safety Authority, dated today states: There will be no refloating attempt today of bulk *Jody F. Millennium*. Overnight the salvors managed to reposition the bow of the vessel 10 degrees seaward. The vessel's heading is now 191 degrees. Today salvors will focus on discharging logs from the vessel. Removal of cargo has enabled access to the top-side oil tanks. The salvage team is now considering options for removing oil from these tanks. Helicopters may also be used to remove logs from the vessel. This will assist in reducing the draught of the vessel which will help refloating. Tug *Pacific Chieftain* is returning to New Plymouth and will be replaced by the *SeaTow 25*. The next refloat attempt is likely to take place at high tide early tomorrow afternoon. Yesterday MSA staff successfully lifted the lancer barges out of the water and on to the wharf. No oil was spilled during this process. The barges were used to transfer oil from the *Jody F. Millennium* to the *HMNZS Endeavour* and ashore in to trucks. Waikanae and Kaiti beaches have been opened for beach access only. There is no swimming in the exclusion zone from Waikanae Cut to the south end of Stanley Road with strong advice not to swim in the Bay. The beaches remain closed for seafood gathering. Beaches may be closed again at short notice in the event of any further oil spill from the *Jody F. Millennium*. The MSA national oil spill response team remains on high alert as the risk of an oil spill remains. Once the *Jody F. Millennium* is shifted out into Poverty Bay, it could remain there for up to four days while divers inspect the damage and possibly repairs are made. The cost of the oil spill response to date is estimated at \$1.6 million. The spiller is liable for this cost. (See issue of Feb 22.)



London, Feb 22 — A press report, dated today, states: Maritime authorities hope to this weekend attempt to refloat bulk *Jody F. Millennium* that ran aground on New Zealand's North Island more than two weeks ago, a spokeswoman said today. Salvors

continued to remove logs from the vessel in preparation for the attempt, the Maritime Safety Authority (MSA) spokeswoman said. The refloating attempt would not take place before tomorrow, she said. Salvors were also to remove oil from the vessel's top tankers. United Salvage director Ian Hoskison said he hoped the some 2,000 tonnes of logs being removed from the vessel would enable it to sit higher in the water and refloat.



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London, Feb 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Bulk *Jody F. Millennium* is continuing to make subtle moves towards the ocean. The vessel has now been wedged in the Gisborne seabed for three weeks as salvors try to remove the cargo of logs to lighten her. United Salvage spokesman Ian Hoskison said the vessel's movements were slow but sure. He said the vessel started to come afloat in her trench, so salvors took advantage of that and moved her another metre out to sea. Mr Hoskison said that was pleasing, even though it seems a small amount. He said testing around the vessel's bow showed there is a greater volume of water around the vessel than several days ago.

London, Feb 24 — A press report, dated today, states: Bulk *Jody F. Millennium* was this afternoon being towed out to sea after a successful attempt to refloat the vessel today, the Maritime Safety Authority said. The vessel, which had been wedged on a sandbank off Gisborne's Waikanae Beach for 12 days, would be taken by a tug further into Poverty Bay where a damage inspection, and possibly repairs, will be carried out. Preparations for the latest attempt began mid-morning in readiness for high tide at 1600 hrs but the authority said the vessel was pulled free before then.

### LUKE DAVID (U.S.A.)

New Orleans, Feb 21 — Capsized and drifting supply *Luke David* has been stabilised and is under the control of two tugs which are holding her in a pipeline free area of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Salvage plans are being formulated and salvage will commence as soon as a contract is signed and weather conditions permit. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Feb 22.)

### MACHIAVELLI (Netherlands)

London, Feb 24 — Following received from Klaipeda MRSC, timed 0315, UTC: The seven crew of dredger *Machiavelli*, PFRW, (517 gt, built 1994) were rescued from the vessel by a Swedish helicopter late Feb 22 in lat 55 46.1N, long 21 04.5E, approximately 2.5 miles from Klaipeda port. The dredge is now underwater.

### MILLENIUM VENTURE (Hong Kong)

Helsinki, Feb 22 — Bulk *Millenium Venture* (37831 gt, built 2000) was entangled in underwater cable, on Feb 17, while heaving her starboard anchor in the vicinity of anchorage Bravo, in Bay of Muuga. Consequently, the underwater electric cable, supplying island Prangli with electricity, was broken. In this connection the vessel was arrested on Feb 20, according to the decision of Estonian Harju County Court. Release of the vessel is currently in the stage of settlement. — Lloyd's Agents.

### NAKHODKA (Russia)

London, Feb 22 — A press report, dated today, states: A total of 25.14 billion yen (About #5 million) in compensation will be paid to about 6,000 claimants over the January 1997 oil spill from tank *Nakhodka* in the Sea of Japan as a result of assessment of their claims by an international fund. The amount exceeded the maximum payment set by the London-based International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF), which assessed the claims, by about 2 billion yen. The amount includes 13.97 billion yen in compensation to the central government and the Maritime Disaster Prevention Centre, an agency of the

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Construction and Transport Ministry. If the government agrees with the assessment, the money will be paid to all parties that claimed compensation for damage caused by the oil spill. The excess of about 2 billion yen will be covered by a British insurance association that carried a policy on the *Nakhodka* taken out by the owners. The assessment marks a major step in settling the largest compensation suit involving a tanker accident in Japan. Those seeking compensation, including 10 prefectures facing the sea from Shimane to Akita, and fishing and tourism businesses, initially demanded 34.84 billion yen. The assessment by the fund turned out to be 72 percent of the requested amount. The IOPCF studied whether damages claimed by the related parties were genuinely caused by the oil spill.

### OOSTERBRUG (Netherlands)

Maassluis, Feb 21 — General cargo *Oosterbrug* sailed Vlaardingen 2245, local time, Feb 20, bound for Sweden. —

### ORION B. (Malta)

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 1126, UTC: General cargo *Orion B.* (3433 gt, built 1981), Rotterdam for Gijon with machinery in cases, reported cargo shifted in heavy weather 15 miles off Portland Bill, in lat 50 26.9N, long 02 04.6W, at 1035, UTC. Wind westerly force 8-9 (gale to strong gale), with rough seas. Vessel proceeding to Tor Bay to anchor and re-lash cargo. No list and no danger to vessel.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 1429, UTC: General cargo *Orion B.* still proceeding to Tor Bay to resecure cargo. Position at 1415, UTC, lat 50 25.79N, long 02 32.47W, course 280 deg, speed five knots.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Coastguard Portland MRSC, timed 2100, UTC: General cargo *Orion B.* is now anchored in lat 50 27N, long 02 03.17W, where she will assess her situation overnight. Control of this incident has now been passed to Coastguard Brixham MRSC.

London, Feb 24 — Following received from Coastguard Brixham MRSC, timed 0747, UTC: General cargo *Orion B.* is presently effecting repairs to hatch problem, ETC four to five hours. Once repairs are completed, vessel will wait for the weather to improve before resuming voyage.

### PACIFIC (Sao Tome & Principe)

London, Feb 24 — Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 0200, UTC: Fish *Pacific*, S9A2208, is now at Slite.

### PACIFIC (Sao Tome & Principe)

Gothenburg, Feb 23 — Mayday received from fish *Pacific*, with 14 persons on board, at 0250 today, reporting heavy ingress of water east of Ostergarn, Gotland island, and vessel being abandoned. The area has experienced bad weather over the last 24 hours, with heavy wet snow and poor visibility, although this is slowly improving. Coast Guard

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has initiated a search using all available air and sea units, along with a number of merchant vessels. — Westax Marine Services AB.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 1103, UTC: Fish *Pacific* is presently adrift in lat 57 38N, long 19 16E. Crew are still on board and Coast Guard are on scene. Tug proceeding, ETA 1230, local time.

Gothenburg, Feb 23 — Tonga-registered fish *Pacific*, length 33 metres, with 14 Russian and Greek crew on board, lost hydraulic pressure to the propeller and also touched bottom, resulting in water ingress. Vessel is presently awaiting tug to tow her into Slite. Weather is still rough, with winds of 18 metres per second and snow showers.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 1436, UTC: Fish *Pacific* is now under tow of tug *Merkur*, bound Slite, ETA four to five hours.

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 2100, UTC: Fish *Pacific*, in tow of tug *Merkur*, ETA Slite, now about 2300, UTC.

### PAK ONE

London, Feb 23 — A press report, dated Feb 22, states: The navy will sink lpg *PAK ONE* after draining the liquefied petroleum gas in her tanks. Capt Somprasong Visondilokpan, deputy-director of First Naval Area Command said the wreck would be sent back to the sea bottom this month. The navy's ship salvaging unit will drag the vessel into the Gulf of Thailand before draining the estimated 600 tonnes of liquefied petroleum gas remaining inside. The vessel will be sunk in a position 40 nautical miles offshore between Koh Chang in Trat and Koh Samet in Rayong, in 35-metre deep waters that are suitable for scuba diving. The navy said the vessel would come to rest in a horizontal position, not bow-upwards as she was previously. Resinking the ship will cost baht 2.8 million, to be shared by insurance companies and the government. (See issue of Feb 20.)

### ROLLNES (Bahamas)

Gothenburg, Feb 21 — Fire alleged started in engine-room of general cargo *Rollnes* (on Feb 19) and further upwards to cabins, etc. One Polish seaman sustained injuries from the fire. Around eight merchant marine vessels participated and evacuated 13 crew and helped with the firefighting. Fire reported under control after an hour. Firemen from Bergen participated and put out the fire while other vessels sprayed the superstructures, limiting the fire. The vessel was towed into Bergen later yesterday morning. — Westax Marine Services AB.

### THOR SIMBA (Isle of Man)

London, Feb 23 — Following received from Australia MRCC, timed 0220, UTC: General cargo *Thor Simba* arrived Dampier 2100, UTC, Feb 20. (See issue of Feb 18.)

## SHIPYARD NEWS

### Smit-Lloyd 57

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The **Smit-Lloyd 57** departed the Shipdock shipyard in Amsterdam again Friday ( February 22nd ) back to her offshore base Den Helder to resume her charter with Supply Link, at Shipdock the damage to her Port funnel , mast and aerials which occurred after a small collision with a fixed platform was repaired . Her departure was delayed due to the stormy weather during which the shipyard cranes were not able to operate (8-9 Bft) - [Tekst / Foto : Hans van der Ster](#)

## Giant 4

Despite some articles which appeared last week in the newspapers, the conversion of the **Giant 4** back into a normal transport barge is nearly completed , Tuesday 26-02-2002 the drydock will be flooded and the Giant 4 will be taken out again soon , to make space for the **Smit Pioneer** which will enter the same drydock at the SHIPDOCK yard next week. — [Tekst : Hans van der Ster](#)



## Major conversion at Bollinger underway



A major conversion of eight Crescent Towing 105-foot sister ships, single screw tugs to 4000 HP double screw vessels has begun at Bollinger's Algiers (New Orleans) repair and conversion shipyard.

When completed, each of the 3500 HP tugs will be re-powered with two Caterpillar 3512B engines coupled to Reintjes WAF 673 reduction gears driving 83-inch Bollinger stainless steel propellers. The boats will also have a 45-degree rudder angle for better maneuverability. Their sterns will also be modified to accommodate the new propulsion systems.

The Crescent tugs will also receive new radars, GPS, depth sounders, hailer, VHF radios, fax machines, sound powered telephones, fuel emergency shut off systems, and remote control start and stop for the main engines. Their engine rooms will be equipped with Coast Guard approved oil and water separators and sanitary systems. Their channel coolers will be replaced with grid coolers. Living spaces and galleys will be refurbished and new air conditioning and heating will be installed.

The conversion of all eight tugs could take four years. When asked if that would "tie up" the shipyard's capacity, Mark Detillier, executive vice-president of Bollinger smiled and said, "No way. We have over 35,000 square feet of wet dock space and another dry dock at Algiers and 40 other dry-docks at our

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yards between New Orleans and Houston. We can accommodate up to 22,400 tons and service everything from small work boats to large ocean-going vessels and offshore drilling rigs."

## ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

### Corus boost to inland shipping

AFTER two years of planning and negotiation, steel producer Corus of Ijmuiden has begun shipping 50,000 tonnes of steel annually to customers around the French town of Thionville, near Luxembourg, by inland vessel. This cargo used to go by road. Although the use of inland shipping requires extra packing and handling, both in Ijmuiden and at destination, Pieter van Tongeren, general manager of logistics with Corus, expects to make a saving of euro230,000 (\$200,000) per year by this modal shift. Last year, the company shifted 72,000 tonnes of steel for the German Ruhr town of Gelsenkirchen from road to inland shipping, which has since increased to 150,000 tonnes. Currently, Corus ships about 1.5M tonnes per year by inland vessel, using an all-weather terminal in Ijmuiden, whilst both rail and road handle about 1M tonnes. A further 2.5M tonnes is shipped to overseas customers.

### Downturn hits Star Cruises



MALAYSIA-based Star Cruises' finances have taken a turn for the worse thanks to a \$30.8M bill for rationalising its North Asian cruise operations. The move was needed following a "steeper than expected" economic downturn, exacerbated by the September 11 attacks, which forced the company to stop cruise operations in Japan and Taiwan. The group's North American market and the longer-itinerary ships based in Europe were also "negatively impacted" by the events of September 11, Star Cruises said in its earnings announcement for 2001. As a result, operating income shrunk 47 per cent from \$160.6M in 2000 to \$85.2M in 2001. But net losses for the group at \$8.4M on revenue of \$1.38Bn were less than that suffered in 2000, which amounted to \$29.6M on revenue of \$1.33Bn. Star, however, said that the results for 2001 are not comparable to previous year's performance as the acquisition of the majority interest in NCL occurred only in February 2000.

### Delmas weaves Asia into East African network



DELMAS is to launch a comprehensive service linking major ports in Asia and East Africa, with extensive feeder services to other sea ports as well as a host of inland destinations.

The new service, ASEA, will boast excellent transit times which Delmas claims are the fastest in the industry. Hong



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Kong to Mombasa will take only 17 days as compared with the industry standard of 25. Starting from Hong Kong on March 6 the new ASEA service will initially deploy three 500-TEU containerships every 10 days.

Singapore-based Delmas director, Stephane Armand, spoke to the Hong Kong Shipping Gazette to outline the strengths of the new service. "So far we are the only ones going direct - all of the competition is going via other destinations such as the Middle East, Indian or Ocean Islands. We wanted to offer a new advantage to the shipper."

Elaborating on the new service, Mr Armand said: "We already have a big development in Asia, but it connects with West Africa, which is quite well covered. So we are using our existing network in Asia to supply and support this new development." The new ASEA service will utilise the ASAF lane which calls at Shanghai, Keelung, Hong Kong and Singapore, and from there it will continue on a direct link to Mombasa and Dar-es-Salaam. Feeder services will be provided for Tianjin, Bangkok, Malaysia, Vietnam, Jakarta, the Philippines and many Chinese ports directly. Also provided will be transit services to Male and Port Victoria on both the westbound and eastbound legs between Singapore and East Africa. From Dar-es-Salaam and Mombasa, connections will be made to Mtwara, Nacala, Quelimane, Majunga, Mutsamudu, Moroni, Mayotte, Maputo, Beira, Pemba and Zanzibar. From these ports cargoes can be transited inland.

In Africa, Delmas' sister company SDV Transami acts as an agency network which covers a huge range of inland destinations. Mr Armand said: "We are able to offer a solution which is reliable. The SDV Transami network has the strongest presence in East Africa because it offers inland connections." Once in East Africa, Delmas can pretty much cover the entire supply chain with owned inland transportation, forwarding and warehouse facilities.

## Ferry lines drop Greek islands

INHABITANTS of 25 Aegean islands are up in arms about a decision taken by Greek ferry operators to exclude their islands from planned itineraries next year. The problem arose when the shipping administration called the ferry operators to indicate which lines they wish to serve after November this year when the cabotage law is abolished. As a result, 25 islands attracted no interest from operators, apparently because servicing them was deemed unprofitable. Public services and shops in Leros, Patmos and Kalymnos have been closed since February 20 in protest against the prospect of losing direct ferry links with the mainland, while representatives from the affected islands met shipping minister George Anomeritis yesterday to plea for a solution. The minister promised to make sure all islands are served adequately, even if he had to impose a public service obligation on ferry operators

## New World Alliance slashes capacity



THE New World Alliance is slashing capacity by 20% on the Asia-Europe trade as it confirms the suspension of its Asia-Mediterranean service at the end of March.

As first reported by Lloyd's List in January, the Alliance — comprising APL, Hyundai Merchant Marine and MOL — has confirmed that it is suspending the Asia-Mediterranean service run with Yang Ming Line from the end of March.

Along with the already confirmed suspension, the

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remaining fortnightly loop of the New China Express service launched last June, the service cuts will slash the alliance's capacity by 20% on the Asia-Europe trade lane.

With the withdrawal of the Mediterranean service the alliance's new hub for the region at Gioia Tauro will be added to its Japan-Europe Express service. The service will also be upgraded with five 6,000 teu newbuildings from MOL.

The Asia-Europe express will also call at Gioia Tauro.

"We have seen the sluggish market in the Asia-Europe trades. As a result, we are making the adjustments of service on the NEX and the MED to meet the requirements of the market, but we will ensure [that we] maintain our full scope of service coverage as in the past, with the improved services such as transit time using TNWA's enhanced weekly strings that sail between Asia and Europe/Mediterranean," said J H Lee, managing director of Hyundai in Europe.

For Mediterranean feeder coverage the alliance said it was in the process of finalising details which will be announced in coming weeks.

The dropping of the MED service and the NEX string leaves the alliance with three Asia-Europe loops — the Japan-Europe Express, the China-Europe Express and the Asia-Europe Express.

The NEX service was cut after projected Chinese export growth failed to materialise in 2001. The long planned service lasted just nine months. Three new ports of call in China on the service, Chiwan, Qingdao and Ningbo, will no longer be served by mainline calls from the alliance.

The five ships from the service will likely be deployed in the Trans-Pacific, which is beginning to show some growth volumes eastbound, up 4.7% in December 2001 compared with the same month in 2000.

"Asia-Europe has shown continued growth over the years, and we expect the volumes to come back. But for now, TNWA will have taken out approximately 20% of its capacity. Our strategy is to refine when the volumes return," said Kenneth Glenn, APL vice-president, Asia-Europe trade.

The New World Alliance is not alone in cutting services as container shipping suffers from its worst business conditions since the mid-1980s.

The Grand Alliance is planning vessel lay-ups and will cancel its seventh weekly service, cutting capacity by more than 15% on the Asia-Europe trade lane this year.

Maersk Sealand has cut tonnage on the Asia-Europe trade by more than 15% with the removal of its AE4 string.

Meanwhile, K Line and Yang Ming are combining their Japan-Europe service and the Asia-Europe Express into a single string.

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17 Mar 02	USS Oscar Austin	DDG 79	Rotterdam
17 Mar 02	USS Briscoe	DD 977	Rotterdam
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24 Mar 02	USS Mount Whitney	LCC 20	Rotterdam
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## RIJNMOND WEATHER

dinsdag 26 februari

9 uur 's ochtends :  
 temperatuur: 9 graden  
 kans op neerslag: 80%  
 wind: krachtig (44 km/u) uit ZZW

5 uur 's middags :  
 temperatuur: 10 graden  
 kans op neerslag: 55%  
 wind: hard (59 km/u) uit WZW

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