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## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



### **“Tsing Ma Bridge” voor eerste maal in Antwerpen**

Tijdens het Pinksterweekeinde voer de jongste aanwinst van de Japanse “K” Line, het 5.600 TEU post-Panamax-containerschip **“Tsing Ma Bridge”** voor de eerste maal de Schelde op. Het schip werd begin maart opgeleverd door Hyundai Heavy Industries en behoort tot de grootste containerschepen in de “K” Line-vloot. De schepen beschikken over plugs voor 500 reefer containers.

Het vaartuig, de negende in een serie van twaalf die de Japanse rederij bestelde bij diverse werven in Japan en Zuid-Korea, is ingezet op de wekelijkse penduludienst die K Line in nauwe samenwerking met Yang Ming onderhoudt tussen Azië en Noord-Europa. Daarnaast wordt ook samengewerkt met de Chinese rederij Cosco op basis van een uitwisseling van slots op bepaalde trajecten van de dienst. De “Tsing Ma Bridge” heeft een lengte van net geen 285 meter, een breedte van 40 meter en een inhoud van 68.687 bt. Bij een geladen diepgang van 12,5 meter kan het schip een dienstsnelheid lopen van 25 knopen.



Het grootste gedeelte van de containerschepen van “K” Line zijn genoemd naar een brug. De “Tsing Ma Bridge” draagt de naam van de langste hangbrug ter wereld voor zowel weg- als spoortrafiëk. Enkel de brug over de Humber in Hull is langer, maar op deze brug is enkel wegvervoer mogelijk.

De 2,2 kilometer lange Tsing Ma-brug overspant de drukke Ma Wang vaargeul in Hong Kong en verbindt de nieuwe luchthaven Chep Lap Kok van Hong Kong met het centrum van de voormalige kroonkolonie. De brug is dermate gebouwd dat het verkeer zelfs bij orkaanwinden,

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weliswaar onder bepaalde voorwaarden, kan blijven doorgaan.

Naamgever van de serie 5.600-TEU schepen is de "Golden Gate Bridge" die in augustus van vorig jaar in de vaart kwam. De drie laatste eenheden uit de reeks, de "Elkantra Bridge", "Long Beach Bridge" en "Shanghai Bridge" komen de komende maanden in dienst.

Eind november 2001 maakte "K" Line bekend een dertiende analoge eenheid te hebben besteld bij Imabari Shipbuilding Company voor oplevering in september van dit jaar.

## ARIZONA MEMORIAL



The **USS Arizona Memorial**, left, sits next to the battleship USS Missouri, in this Dec. 6, 2001 file photo, at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. The USS Arizona Memorial, honoring Americans killed during the attack that plunged the nation into World War II, draws 1.5 million visitors a year, many awed by its symbolism. A ceremony and floral tribute is set for Memorial Day, Monday,

May, 27, 2002 to mark the anniversary of the monument, which was designated a national historical landmark in 1989.

## Coast Guard sinks crippled ship **Insiko**



The Coast Guard sank the tanker **Insiko** yesterday, bringing to an end the saga of the crippled ship that drifted for weeks near Hawaii with a lone occupant, a dog that was unintentionally left behind.

The Indonesian vessel was towed to a spot about 14 miles southwest of Kalaeloa on Oahu, where explosives were used to send it to the ocean floor about 6,000 feet below, Coast Guard Chief Tyler Johnson said.

"Only thing that came off of it was some dust and some rust, and that was about it," Johnson said. "There was no oil sheen or anything like that -- no debris."

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A contractor this week completed cleanup of the 256-foot Insiko in preparation for its sinking. More than 296,000 gallons of fuel, oil and water had to be pumped from the vessel to minimize the potential of environmental damage.

During the cleanup, crews also discovered remains, believed to be those of Gi Huy Nian, the Chinese crew member who died aboard the ship. The remains were so badly burned that the city medical examiner's office has yet to make a positive identification.

Because of the delay, the Coast Guard was unable to accommodate a request by the victim's family that his remains be entombed aboard the Insiko.

The story of the Insiko began March 13 when a fire in the engine room knocked out the ship's power and communications. It was spotted April 2 by the cruise ship Norwegian Star, which rescued 11 crew members but unintentionally left behind the captain's 2-year-old mixed-breed white terrier, Hok Get.

A \$48,000 rescue effort launched by the Hawaiian Humane Society on April 5 was called off two days later when the Insiko could not be found. The ship was later spotted by a fishing vessel and then a Coast Guard plane, which reported seeing the dog running around on the deck.

It eventually drifted into U.S. territorial waters near Johnston Island, about 820 miles southwest of Hawaii, allowing the Coast Guard to cite the federal Oil Pollution Act and treat the vessel and its 60,000 gallons of diesel fuel and lubricating oil as a hazard to the marine life around the atoll.

A tug boat hired by the Coast Guard saved the dog and recovered the Insiko late last month and arrived in Honolulu Harbor May 2.

Hok Get, who earlier was referred to as Forgea because of a faulty transliteration of the dog's Taiwanese name, is now in quarantine on Kauai. She is to be adopted locally by a friend of her owner.

The entire cost of the recovery and sinking was \$500,625, all of which was covered by an oil industry environmental fund set up under the Oil Pollution Act, the Coast Guard said.

## SHIPYARD NEWS

### Werven willen snel fiscale regeling voor scheepsbouw

**Rotterdam** - De Nederlandse overheid moet haast maken met gunstige fiscale regelingen voor de scheepsbouwindustrie.

Bij het lang uitblijven van dergelijke regelingen zullen Nederlandse werven orders gaan mislopen, zo heeft voorzitter M. A. Busker van de Vereniging Nederlandse Scheepsbouwindustrie (VNSI) gezegd in zijn jaarrede.

De werven dringen al jaren aan op een zogeheten 'tax lease' regeling voor nieuw te bouwen zeeschepen. Zo'n regeling maakt het mogelijk nieuwe schepen snel af te schrijven en de daarmee gepaard gaande verliezen te compenseren. Alle concurrerende landen in Europa hebben zo'n regeling. De Nederlandse werven hebben recent bij minister Jorritsma (Ecomische Zaken) aangedrongen op de snelle totstandkoming van zo'n regeling. De werven willen ook voor de kleine scheepsnieuwbouw regelingen die de afschaffing van de fiscaal aantrekkelijke cv-constructie voor particuliere beleggers moeten compenseren. Zij willen een garantiefonds en een participatiefonds. Uit onderzoek van de VNSI is recent gebleken dat de beschikbaarheid van dergelijke financieringsfaciliteiten van belang is voor het doorgaan van nieuwe orders ter waarde van ruim 150 miljoen euro.

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Ook het uitblijven van Europees scheepsbouwbeleid is de VNSI een doorn in het oog. Nu de Europese industrieraad maar geen besluit hierover neemt, blijft een onzekere situatie bestaan. Volgens VNSI-voorzitter Busker stellen veel reders daarom investeringsbeslissingen uit.

Begin volgende maand praten de ministers van Economische Zaken in de Industrieraad opnieuw over dit onderwerp.

## SEA CENTURION



Italian built chartered RN Major Auxilliary Vehicle Cargo Ship **SEA CENTURION A 98** under repair at Babcocks Rosyth Dockyard on May 17th 2002 – **Photo : Charlie Tennant**

## Mitsubishi launches giant cruise ship



NAGASAKI (Kyodo) **Diamond Princess**, one of the largest cruise ships in the world, was launched Saturday from a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. shipyard here.

**Photo : Paul Mason**

The 113,000-ton Diamond Princess, 290 meters long and 41.5 meters wide, is

designed to be environment-friendly, featuring diesel engines that release reduced amounts of pollutants and a cutting-edge sewage disposal system, according to Mitsubishi officials.

About 130 people, including P&O Princess Cruise PLC officials, the British shipping company that owns the vessel, attended the keel-laying ceremony at Nagasaki Shipyard & Machine Works in Nagasaki. Local fireboats sprayed water in four colors as part of the celebrations.

The giant ship can accommodate 3,100 passengers in 1,337 cabins, more than half of them with balconies onto the sea, the officials said.



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After the interior of the ship is completed and a test cruise is conducted by July 2003, the ship is to operate in the Caribbean Sea and waters off Alaska.

# BAE SYSTEMS Signs Lease For New Carrier Assembly Drydock



Britain's BAE SYSTEMS , which is competing against France's Thales for the \$3.6 billion contract to build Britain's future aircraft carriers, last week said it has leased the Inchgreen drydock facility in Greenock, Scotland, that it would use to assemble the carriers.

"The leasing of this site represents a significant commitment from Marine in support of this important program," Brian Phillipson, the managing director of BAE's Sea Systems group, said in a statement.

"We believe that the Inchgreen facility has many attractions for the assembly of the carriers, and we share the hope of the local community that the carriers will be

built using the skills of the existing Clydeside shipbuilding workforce. However, we recognize that the decisions on the design and build of the carriers

are still with the prime contractors and MoD (Ministry of Defence), and if another strategy is adopted we will be seeking to play as full a role as we can in the program."

BAE wants to be given overall responsibility for coordinating the engineering, manufacture, and construction of the two 50,000-ton aircraft carriers, with commissioning at the 984-foot drydock facility. Other British shipyards would be responsible for the construction of modular ship components.

Thales is also calling for a modular carrier design, with British shipyards competing to build five "superblock" sections for the two carriers that would be assembled by Halliburton at its Ross-shire, Scotland yard (Defense Daily International, April 19).

BAE's Barrow-in-Furness shipyard in England, and Govan shipyard in Clyde, Scotland, Cammell Laird's yard at Birkenhead, England, Harland and Wolff in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Swan Hunter in Tyne and Wear, England, were named in 1999 by the Ministry of Defence as possible builders of aircraft carriers. BAE said that no final decisions have been made on the construction strategy for the new aircraft carriers, which will heavily depend on the final design of the ships.

For its part, the Thales' baseline study calls for BAE's Govan shipyard, Harland and Wolff, Swan Hunter and Vosper Thornycroft [VSP.L] in Portsmouth, England, to build the superblocks. Both BAE and Thales are to formally submit their construction strategies to MoD later this year.

Thales' team bidding for the future aircraft carrier contract includes Lockheed Martin , Raytheon , Harland and Wolff, Swan Hunter, Devonport

Royal Dockyard, British Maritime Technology and France's Alstom Naval Systems. BAE's team includes Northrop Grumman and Britain's Rolls-Royce , Vosper Thornycroft, and the Anglo-Italian Alenia Marconi Systems joint venture between BAE and Italy's Finmeccanica.

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In November, the Ministry of Defence is expected to select one of the two

teams as the winner with a contract to conduct Stage 3 of the assessment. Stage 3 is to cover further risk reduction efforts and affordability questions, as well as further development of design maturity and the construction strategy. A contract for the demonstration and manufacture phase is expected to be awarded in spring 2004.

The two carriers are slated to replace the Royal Navy's three Invincible- class aircraft carriers, 20,000-ton ships that carry up to 24 aircraft. The first new carrier is expected to enter service in 2012 and the second in 2015.

## ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES



De 63.524 ton grote Britse 'Arcadia', met behulp van de sleepboten 'Titan' en 'Simson', onderweg naar Amsterdam

Foto's : Jack van der Valk

## Negen en tachtig cruiseschepen op weg naar Amsterdam

Deze maand zijn de eerste cruiseschepen weer gesignaleerd aan de Handelskade in Amsterdam. Totaal zijn er dit jaar 65 schepen te verwachten. De rij werd op 11 mei j.l. geopend door het passagiersschip 'Radisson Diamond'. Zaterdag 25 mei kwamen nummer zeven, de 'Costa Romantica', nummer acht de 'Arcadia' en nummer 9, de 'Black Watch' de Amsterdamse haven binnen. De 'Arcadia' van



de P & O was met zijn 63.524 ton en een lengte van 245,6 meter de grootste. Maandag 27 mei vertrekt dit grote Britse passagiersschip weer naar zee. Dit seizoen zal dit passagiersschip nog driemaal in Amsterdam aandoen. Ondanks de malaise in de cruisevaart staan voor

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het jaar 2003 al 24 passagiersschepen genoteerd. Hierbij is ook de nieuwe 84.000 ton grote en nieuwe 'Oosterdam' van de HAL op 21 september 2003.

# ALL NEW NUMBERS FOR "PORT OF ROTTERDAM" VESSELS



HAVENDIENST 1 became RPA 4  
HAVENDIENST 2 became RPA 25  
HAVENDIENST 3 became RPA 29  
HAVENDIENST 4 became RPA 26  
HAVENDIENST 5 became RPA 3  
HAVENDIENST 7 became RPA 27  
HAVENDIENST 8 became RPA 21  
HAVENDIENST 11 became RPA 28  
HAVENDIENST 12 became RPA 22  
HAVENDIENST 13 became RPA 24  
HAVENDIENST 14 became RPA 23  
HAVENDIENST 15 became RPA 20  
HAVENDIENST 17 became RPA 30  
HAVENDIENST 18 became RPA 15  
HAVENDIENST 19 became RPA 14



photo's : Piet Sinke



## **NAVY NEWS**

# **USS NIMITZ CVN 68**



**USS Nimitz (CVN 68)** transits San Diego harbor for a scheduled work-up period. Nimitz will conduct exercises and train the crew for its upcoming deployment.

## **Navy's new carriers are too big for British ports**



Britain's empire was built on the ability of its master shipbuilders to construct ships capable of reaching any corner of the world.

Similar feats could soon be impossible thanks to an astonishing blunder by defence chiefs: the next generation of aircraft carriers will be unable to dock at any British port because they will be too big.

Royal Navy insiders have told The Observer the problem has forced the MoD to conduct an urgent review of naval bases around Britain.

One option being considered is to reopen Portland base in Dorset, which the MoD closed 10 years ago at a cost of £300 million.

Facilities were transferred to Portsmouth, yet it now appears Portsmouth harbour is not deep enough to accommodate the two new aircraft carriers commissioned by the MoD at a cost of £2.5 billion, which will be twice as large as existing vessels.

Devonport is also unable to take them, and Navy sources suggest nor could Rosyth.

Mike Hancock, Liberal Democrat MP for Portsmouth South and a member of the House of Commons defence select committee, claimed that there would be a political motive behind any move to reopen Portland in order to benefit local Labour MPs.



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### MOVEMENTS



The **SMIT LLOYD 28** arrived with the loaded barge **SMIT ASIANGI** in the Port of Colombo.

### AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

**CAL black box still missing, over 35  
bodies recovered**



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**B-18255** Very shock to know about this plane was crashed this afternoon. This plane is the last B747-200 left in China's fleet. It performed Taipei to Hong Kong flight as CI 611 on 25/May departing at 1450 and disappeared from radar at 1530. The plane was already sold to Orient Thai with 1.45 million USD but still used for CI's flight before delivered to Orient Thai. C check was performed on 2001-11-25.

**Photo / Text : Arthur Yu – Hong Kong**

The black box of a Hong Kong-bound China Airlines Boeing 747 that crashed into the Taiwan Strait on Saturday with 225 people aboard is still missing, Administrative Vice Transportation Minister Chang Chia-juch said Sunday in denying earlier reports of its discovery.

As of 11 a.m. Sunday, rescue workers had recovered more than 35 bodies, but had yet to find any survivors. Private fishing boats from the Penghu Islands, which are near the crash site, joined the military and coast guard search and rescue efforts, government officials said.



Chang said earlier reports that military aircraft had located the black box in the sea were erroneous and that signals that were picked up were sent on a frequency typical of lifesaving equipment usually kept on a plane.

**There is almost no chance of finding survivors**

Once found, the black box may provide some clues about the cause of the crash, which is currently the subject of wild speculation.

Civil Aviation Authority officials and China Airlines executives would only confirm the Boeing 747-200 apparently "disintegrated while still in the air," but were not willing to say how or why an explosion could have occurred.

Local TV reports said three similar past air disasters were all caused by

"external factors."

The Defense Ministry dismissed a theory that a stray missile or rocket had struck the aircraft, saying no live ammunition drills were held Saturday.

The chances of finding survivors appeared slim given that China Airlines Flight CI611 dropped into the sea from an altitude of around 10,600 meters.

Relatives of those who were aboard the flight arrived in Makung in the Penghus late Saturday and early Sunday on charter flights to identify the dead.

They were asked to provide blood and DNA samples to help identification efforts.



Aviation and airline officials reiterated there had been no communication from the crew indicating the plane, a 22-year-old Boeing 747-200 that was to be decommissioned, had mechanical trouble or was in an emergency.

Crash signals picked up by two Cathay Pacific jetliners flying in the area were automatically generated by Flight CI611's emergency location transmitter, which is activated when a plane hits water. Weather conditions were good at the time of the crash.

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The aircraft, which had already been sold to a Thai local airline but had yet to be delivered, had recently been through a thorough maintenance and safety check. The pilot and copilot had both logged more than 6,000 hours of flight time.

On Saturday, a fisherman operating in the area told local TV he heard a big explosion around the time of the crash.

Scraps of airline inflight magazines, insulation material and other debris apparently from an aircraft were found strewn over rice fields in Changhua County on Taiwan's western coast, some 50 kilometers of the apparent crash site, fueling the explosion theory.

The China Times daily in its Sunday edition reported the jet, which was China Airlines' last remaining Boeing 747-200 passenger aircraft, was originally not scheduled to fly to Hong Kong on Saturday, but replaced a newer Boeing 747-400 that had technical problems.

[The Taiwan Coast Guard is continuing its search](#)

Flight CI611 disappeared from radar screens around 3:30 p.m. Saturday, less than half an hour after it took off from Taipei's Chiang Kai-shek international airport at 3:08 p.m.

The plane was carrying 206 passengers, including three infants, and 19 crew members. China Airlines said 14 of the passengers were confirmed to be from Hong Kong, Macao and China, while one was from Singapore and one from Switzerland.

The remaining 209, including all crew, were Taiwan nationals. Many of the passengers were traveling with tour groups and included entire families. The latest crash is expected to greatly damage China Airlines' efforts to improve its safety record, which ranks among the world's worst.

Taiwan's former flag carrier has had nine accidents since 1970 involving a total of more than 700 fatalities. On Feb. 16, 1998, a China Airlines plane flying in from Bali crashed into a residential area near Taipei on its second landing attempt, killing all 15 crew and 182 passengers as well as at least seven persons on the ground.



On April 26, 1994, another China Airlines plane stalled and crashed in Nagoya during approach, killing all 15 crew and 249 of the 264 passengers. China Airlines runs 105 weekly flights between Taipei and Hong Kong, which is one of its most profitable routes both for tourism and business travelers.

[A China Airlines plane taxis past an engine from a crashed Singapore Airlines jet, which sits on the tarmac at Taipei airport in this 2000 file photo. The Singapore crash was the last major crash in Taiwan](#)



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## .... POSITIONS ....

### Aberdeen AHTS Vessels Currently Employed

Vessel	Type	BHP	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port
Maersk Assister	AHTS	23480	250	803	Statoil + Saga	27/05	Aberdeen
Olympic Hercules	AHTS	23100	250	640	Statoil / Enterprise	31/05	Aberdeen
Tor Viking	AHTS	18300	202	603	Enterprise	15/06	Aberdeen
Balder Viking	AHTS	18300	206	603	Kerr McGee C/R	25/05	Aberdeen
Vidar Viking	AHTS	18300	205	603	KMG C/R	27/05	Aberdeen
Havila Crown	AHTS	18000	201	570	Hereema	29/05	Aberdeen
Far Senior	AHTS	16800	180	585	Statoil / Enterprise	31/05	Aberdeen
Far Saltire	AHTS	16300	170	490	BP N R/M Maersk Guardian	28/05	Aberdeen
Havila Charisma	AHTS	16014	187	560	Marathon Canada	01/07	Aberdeen
Olympic Poseidon	AHTS	15900	165	640	Shell N C/R	04/06	Aberdeen
Northern Corona	AHTS	15600	170	554	Phillips N / CSOL(30/05)	27/05	Aberdeen
Northern Chaser	AHTS	15600	170	554	(Phillips N 23/05)	05/06	Aberdeen
Torm Heron	AHTS	15000	160	550	Team R/M Deep Sea Bergen	28/05	Aberdeen
McNee Tide	AHTS	15000	160	521	Shell R/M Ocean Guardian	28/05	Aberdeen
Stirling Islay	AHTS	15000	175	500	Phillips cargo run	26/05	Aberdeen
Stirling Iona	AHTS	15000	175	554	Shell relet	TBA	Aberdeen
Stirling Jura	AHTS	15000	175	500	Seaforth cargo run	25/05	Aberdeen
Maersk Challenger	AHTS	14400	173	633	DONG	31/07	Aberdeen
<b>Olympic Supplier</b>	<b>AHTS</b>	<b>13320</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>OMC Ensco 85</b>	<b>01/06</b>	<b>Aberdeen</b>
Pacific Blade	AHTS	12240	150	400	Phillips C/R + opt	29/05	Aberdeen
Pacific Banner	AHTS	12240	150	400	Team R/M Deep Sea Bergen	28/05	Aberdeen
Normand Drott	AHTS	12000	148	536	Shell relet to 23/05	TBA	Aberdeen
Havila Clever	AHTS	11040	135	242	BP	17/06	Aberdeen
Far Sky	AHTS	10800	157	567	(3 engines)ASCO C/R	25/05	Aberdeen
Far Turbot	AHTS	10560	101	440	Petersons Cargo duties	02/06	Aberdeen
Esvagt Gamma	AHTS	9000	110	412		27/05	Aberdeen
Atrek	AHTS	8350	91	418	D/D	30/06	Aberdeen
Pasvik	AHTS	7200	86	414	CSOL C/R	29/05	Aberdeen
Faroe Connector	AHTS	6500	102	280	Statoil	10/06	Aberdeen

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### Great Yarmouth Range PSV / AHTS Vessel Availability

Vessel	Type	BHP	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port
Havila Champion	AHTS	10000	120	402	MOG R/M N B Welliver	27/05	GT Yarmouth
Anglian Duke	AHTS	8400	100	182	Allseas 120 days	Sept	Lowestoft
Lady Laura	AHTS	7230	92	112	Towage	01/06	Lowestoft

### Netherlands / France Range

Vessel	Type	BHP	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port
Havila Captain	AHTS	10000	120	402	MOG R/M Ensco 71	27/05	Den Helder
<b>Zeus</b>	<b>AHTS</b>	<b>7730</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>OMC Ensco 85</b>	<b>01/06</b>	<b>Den Helder</b>
Neftegaz 66	AHTS	7200	80	408		Prompt	Den Helder
<b>Neftegaz 31</b>	<b>AHTS</b>	<b>7200</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>410</b>		<b>Prompt</b>	<b>Rotterdam</b>
<b>Thorax</b>	<b>AHT</b>	<b>7200</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>BP N R/M Maersk Guardian</b>	<b>28/05</b>	<b>Rotterdam</b>
Granit	AHTS	6940	87	418	in house	TBA	Den Helder

### Norway PSV / AHTS Vessel Availability

Vessel	Type	BHP	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port
Normand Pioneer	AHTS	27800	286	1000	(CSO 20/05)	29/05	Bergen
Far Fosna	AHTS	14400	160	570	Statoil storage duties	01/06	Stavanger
Normand Jarl	AHTS	12000	150	536	Statoil	29/05	Bergen

### Other

Vessel	Type	BHP	BP	Deck	Work Role	Available	Port
<b>Thorax</b>	<b>AHT</b>	<b>7200</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>BP N R/M Maersk Guardian</b>	<b>28/05</b>	<b>Rotterdam</b>

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