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Operation Enduring Freedom

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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

S.A. AGULHAS

SA Agulhas, the South African Antarctic supply ship, reached flying distance of the trapped Magdalena Oldendorff, according to the ship's master Capt Kevin Tate. He said last night that **SA**



Agulhas was making a steady 12 kt through a 90 per cent ice covered surface, with ice of between 5 and 10 cm thick, which was not causing any navigational problems. "We've had to slow down as it got darker this afternoon but should still be within a maximum flying distance from the Magdalena tonight." Tate said he hoped to send a flight to the stranded ship at daybreak today with food supplies and will attempt to fly off the first group of passengers from Magdalena Oldendorff to SA Agulhas. It is expected

that the two Oryx helicopters on board **SA Agulhas** will initially be able to complete one flight a day each between the two ships and that the operation will therefore last several days. However, strong

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winds and snowy conditions in the vicinity of **Magdalena Oldendorff** might prevent the helicopters from landing.

Magdalena rescue underway



TWO Oryx helicopters flying from the South African Antarctic supply ship **SA Agulhas** reached the trapped German ship **Magdalena Oldendorff**. They were able to drop off supplies before airlifting 21 Russian scientists back to the Agulhas. The Oryx were in the air for more than three hours before reaching the Magdalena. According to Capt Kevin Tate, master of **SA Agulhas**, the limited daylight hours will permit only two flights each day, weather permitting, until all passengers have been airlifted to safety. The supply ship has now come to a stop 370 km from the **Magdalena Oldendorff** and is

unable to go any closer because of thick pack ice separating the two ships.



However the Argentine icebreaker **Almirante Irizar**, (Photo left)

which is expected in the region late next week, will attempt to clear a path. "We're happy that the first rescue operation

went well and are optimistic about the rescue of the other crew and passengers," said Phindile Makwakwa, a spokesman for the South Africa Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism, the owner of the SA Agulhas.

Ship with 2 tons of cocaine aboard arrives in France

(BREST, France) A Cambodian-registered ship loaded with two tons of cocaine and fired on by the French Navy two weeks ago arrived under escort at a military port on Wednesday, ending the first chapter in an international high seas drug trafficking drama.

The 11 crew members aboard the **Winner** - two Greeks, four Romanians, three Ukrainians and two Chileans - were jailed on arrival at this Atlantic port.

Prosecutor Francois Nicot said a Spanish crew member injured when the French fired on the vessel was evacuated in Dakar, Senegal, but was to be returned to Brest in the weeks ahead.

The French fired on the ship, about 700 nautical miles off the coast of the Canary Islands, on June 13 to force it to stop in a joint operation with Spain and Greece. The high seas raid was based on information provided by US drug authorities.

Varying figures on how much cocaine the ship was carrying have been given in France and elsewhere,

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with reports there had been up to five tons aboard. However, Mr Nicot put the estimated figure at two tons.

The cocaine had been loaded onto the Winner at sea, shortly after leaving Cuba, and was to be transferred to another vessel before arriving in Bilbao, Spain, with its official shipment of scrap metal, the prosecutor said at a news conference.

The Winner was owned by Greek-based Acropol Shipmanagement Co and captained by Giorgos Boreas, a Greek.

Shortly after the raid, Greek officials said they had arrested two men - identified as Acropol owner Constantinos Seintis, 37 and Aristidis Kotsores, 47 - suspected of being the main organisers of the drug shipment.

Panama offers hefty discounts

THE Panamanian registry, which encompasses the world's largest merchant fleet of 6,245 vessels aggregating 122.3M GT, has cut its registration fee to attract newbuildings and bring down the average age of vessels, which stands at 16.5 years. The register has unveiled a comprehensive discount package and a clutch of tax incentives. A 20 per cent discount would be given on registration fee for groups of at least three vessels from 30,000 to 50,000 GT and 30 per cent for groups exceeding 50,000 GT and up to 100,000 GT. In addition, there would be a 25 per cent discount on annual tax. Groups of vessels exceeding 100,000 GT would be offered 50 per cent discounts on registration fee and 35 per cent discount on annual tax. Newbuildings would receive additional discounts of up to 35 per cent when registering in groups of at least four vessels each. Shipping lines registering at least 15 ships aggregating a minimum of 100,000 GT would be qualify for a 'special consideration'.

Four Thai vessels caught off Sarawak

Four chartered vessels from Thailand were nabbed off Tanjung Dato here during the *Ops Marlin 2/6* exercise conducted by the state Marine Fisheries Department on Tuesday morning.

Marine Fisheries director Suhaili Lee said the vessels were caught fishing illegally between 30 to 40 nautical miles off Tanjung Dato.

The 56 crew members, all Thai nationals, have been detained and will be prosecuted under Section 15 of the Fisheries Acts 1985.

Suhaili said the vessels, *KM Merdeka*, *KM Bakti Mulia-4*, *KM Salak* and *KM Mentari*, were chartered to fish in Indonesia.

This year, up to Tuesday, the department in collaboration with other relevant authorities had seized 27 vessels and detained 387 crew members.

Three of the vessels were from China, 14 from Vietnam and 10 from Thailand, while 79 of the crew members detained were from China, 160 from Vietnam and 148 from Thailand.

SHIPYARD NEWS

Incat optimistic on sale



THE receiver/manager for Incat, the troubled Australian fast ferry builder, has announced that a sale contract on hull number 058 may be "executed" in coming weeks. David McEvoy of PricewaterhouseCooper, who previously said the sale of this vessel holds the key to Incat's ability to refinance and restructure, said a strategy of pursuing sales while maintaining vessel construction would provide the time needed to restructure Incat's financial position. Incat directors and shareholders are vigorously chasing options for raising new debt finance or equity and there was strong interest in hull number 060 which would be completed by the end of August. Australia's other fast

ferry builder, Austal Ships, is experiencing rosier fortunes. Its United States subsidiary Austal USA announced the sale today of a passenger vessel to New York-based Cloud Nine. The 41 m dinner cruise mono hull, which is scheduled for an April 2003 delivery, will be used for Cloud Nine's New York Skyline Tours between Manhattan and Queens

ROUTE, PORTS & SERVICES

Redeliveries drag Stolt lower

Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group



CHEMICAL tanker operator Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group (SNTG) has attributed a reduction in income from operations in its second quarter results to lost income from the sale of two terminals and the redelivery of nine time-chartered tankers. The group recorded \$30.9M in income from operations compared to \$35.8M recorded in the same period last year. The wider Stolt-Nielsen group, recorded a net loss of \$600,000 on a net operating revenue of \$679.5M, compared to net profit of \$4.8M on net operating revenue of \$644.3M in 2001. Transport (\$14.4M) and offshore (\$9.6M) were the only divisions to

record net income this quarter, fuelled by the parcel tanker division which recorded a gross profit of \$36.5M. STNG chief executive Reginald Lee described the tanker division as "the cash cow of our business" at a ship finance forum in New York last week, and said he had placed staff on 'pay for performance' as part of a major cost cutting drive that has seen ten per cent of office staff sacked by "taking out a line of management".

Rome meets Italian owners' requests

ITALIAN transport minister Pietro Lunardi has agreed to meet ship owners' demands for urgent measures to enhance the competitive position of the Italian fleet. Speaking at the Confitarma general meeting in Rome yesterday, Lunardi highlighted the introduction of a tonnage tax system by 2003, the

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extension of the international ship register to take in the cabotage fleet, and a substantial contribution – estimated by Confitarma at about euro70M (\$69M) – towards the replacement of older tankers under the IMO regulation. The association's president, Giovanni Montanari, welcomed Costa Crociere chief executive Pier Luigi Foschi as vice president in place of Luigi D'Amato, and confirmed three more vice presidents: Giovanni Delle Piane, Emanuele Grimaldi and Nicola Coccia.

Island Cruises goes to Brazil



ISLAND Cruises, a joint venture between Royal Caribbean Cruises and First Choice Holidays of the UK, will send the Island Escape, formerly the Viking Serenade, to cruise Brazilian waters during this year's autumn and winter seasons from September 2002 to February 2003. The company plans to run three or four-night sailings targeting Brazilian passengers and departing from the country's major port, Santos. After its Brazilian season, Island Escape will return to the Mediterranean. Despite strict regulations governing foreign-flagged

cruise ships, the country's international cruise market has grown since a 1995 constitutional amendment granted waivers to those involved in cabotage trades. In the 2001-2002 season, about 140,000 passengers boarded foreign-flagged cruise ships, a 30 per cent increase from the previous season. Royal Caribbean, however, withdrew a ship from Brazil in early 2002 after new rules insisted that one-third of non-seafaring crew must be Brazilian. Sources say the curb remains in place and Island Cruises will have to meet these conditions.

Cochin ready to dig deeper



COCHIN Port Trust has said it is ready to initiate a project to deepen the harbour in a bid to stave off a proposed boycott by dock unions from July 1. The offer to Kochi Refineries to provide a 14 m draft in the channel and the oil terminal to facilitate berthing of Suezmax tankers was made by port trust chairman Jacob Thomas. He said work could start "immediately" if the refinery is willing to pool the cost of the project, estimated to be Rs750M (\$15.3M). The boycott is intended to protest against the proposed setting up of a single buoy mooring (SBM) by Kochi Refineries, which

plans to use VLCCs to cut costs. At present large tankers cannot call at Cochin because of draught restrictions. Unions fear massive layoffs because the port's major business is derived from handling

crude oil imports of the refinery. Jacobs has appealed to the joint-forum of port trade unions to withdraw the proposed boycott as the refinery has agreed to discuss the SBM issue.

Yang Ming orders two 5,500-TEU box ships



YANG MING Lines, the Taiwan carrier with 43 vessels and a total tonnage of 1.7 million DWT, has ordered two 5,500-TEU box ships, bringing the total that it operates of this size to 11, two of which are on charter from Japan.

The newbuildings are scheduled for delivery in April and June, 2004.

Yang Ming, which to date this year has launched a series of expanded intrapacific and Asia-Europe services, deploys its post-panamax ships on those

two sectors, known as PSW and AES, with calls that include Hamburg and Long Beach. Deals for the two newbuildings were formalised recently in Kaohsiung with Taiwan's China Shipbuilding Corporation, which has before built similar sized vessels (the Ming Bamboo and the Ming Pine) for Yang Ming.

The carrier has also used South Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries for three of the 5,500-TEU vessels that it calls the 'Millennium Type'.

The two latest vessels have the same specifications as those built previously: a scantling draft design of 12 metres or 14 metres with full capacity, a maximum speed of 26 knots, and a loading capacity of 400 forty-foot reefer containers. Yang Ming has said that given the same specifications among all 11 vessels, it will now be easier for to make appropriate slot allocations and therefore reduce operating costs. The building contract was signed by David Liu, vice president of Yang Ming and president of All Oceans Transportation Inc., a Yang Ming subsidiary, and Chiang Yuan-Chang, president of China Shipbuilding.

NAVY NEWS

Chinese Naval Ships End Visit to Ukraine

A flotilla of two Chinese naval ships ended on Friday its three-day goodwill visit to Ukraine's Black Sea port of Sevastopol. Ukraine's navy topbrass and local people of Chinese origin saw off the flotilla of the guided missile destroyer **Qingdao** and the supply ship **Taicang** at the port, on the southern tip of Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula. The visit was the first of its kind by warships of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). The flotilla, which sailed out of Qingdao on May 15 on a maidenround-the-globe voyage, visited Singapore, Egypt and Turkey beforearriving at Sevastopol Tuesday. Enditem

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South Korean patrol boats operate near Taeyonpyong Island, South Korea in this June 13, 1999 file photo.

Four South Korean navy personnel were killed and 18 wounded in an exchange of fire with North Korean navy ships near their western sea border on June 29, 2002, the South Korean defense ministry said in a statement.

USS Tortuga CO, XO Relieved of Duty



The commanding officer of the Little Creek-based dock landing ship **USS Tortuga (LSD 46)**, Cmdr. Brian Shanahan, and the ship's executive officer Lt. Cmdr. Byron Tracy, were relieved of duty June 19 by Commander, Amphibious Group 2, Rear Adm. Kevin Moran.

Based on the preliminary results of an ongoing official investigation, Moran relieved the two officers for the grounding of the ship off the North Carolina coast near Morehead City the night of June 6. The grounding occurred about 1,000 yards off the coast. No one was injured, nor does the ship require any

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repairs.

At the time of the incident, **Tortuga** was participating in a routine exercise as part of the **USS Nassau (LHA 4)** Amphibious Ready Group. The ship safely floated off the sand bar at high tide the following morning. Moran has assigned Cmdr. Tom Chassee as the commanding officer. Chassee's most recent assignment was as commanding officer of the Norfolk-based amphibious transport dock **USS Ponce (LPD 15)**. The new executive officer is Lt. Cmdr. Les Cardenas.

USS KLAKRING



The U.S. Navy guided missile frigate **USS Klakring (FFG 42)** is one of two U.S. Navy ships participating in the Pacific Phase of UNITAS 2002, scheduled between June 27 and July 11, 2002, along the Eastern coast of South America. 14 ships from five countries will rendezvous at the Chilean Navy Base in Coquimbo, Chile, to begin two weeks of intense multinational training exercises.

MOVEMENTS VAN GOGH



The Passenger liner **VAN GOGH** is due to arrive in the **Port of Rotterdam** July 1st.

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The Van Gogh was commissioned in 1975 under the name **GRUZIYA** under which named she sailed until 1995 , then she was renamed **ODESSA SKY** and during 1999 she was sold again and renamed **CLUB 1** , under this name she sailed for sometime from the base port of Rotterdam end the end of 1999 she was renamed **VAN GOGH**

Further details of the **VAN GOGH**

Builder	:	1975 - Kvaerner – Turku
Yard Number	:	1213
Gross	:	15402 ton
Net	:	6057 ton
Dwt	:	2452 ton
Length	:	156.3 mtr
Breadth	:	22.1 mtr
Draft	:	5.9 mtrs
Passengers (max)	:	650
Max Speed	:	21 knots
Lloyds number	:	23507
Callsign	:	J8WK2
Classification	:	Norske Veritas

STAD AMSTERDAM



The sailing vessel **STAD AMSTERDAM** which arrived Friday departed again from Rotterdam Saturday and passed Hoek van Holland outward bound around noon

Photo : Piet Sinke

MULTIFLEX SPRINT (BAHAMAS)

General cargo **Multiflex Sprint**, now renamed **Flex**, is still in Antwerp, moored on berth DDM 4. Understood it may leave within the next three days.

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PATSY (CYPRUS)

On Jun 25, tank Patsy, under arrest in Limassol since April 11, was released from the arrest. Vessel is still in Limassol

MEGA S. (MALTA)

Bulk Mega S. was sold on Jun 13 for US\$2,000,000 and the bunkers were sold for US\$150,660. -- Admiralty Ship Sales.

AVALON (PANAMA)

The Signal Department of Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority advises that refrigerated Avalon sailed from the outside fishing harbour to high seas on Aug 29, 2001. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- Avalon was placed under arrest in Tema during October 1992 and on Apr 13, 2000, was reported to be still in port, under arrest.)

ROWANGARTH



Top : The **Rowangarth** as seen Saturday morning with new SVITSER funnel colours
Photo : Kevin Blair

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

Orion ingezet bij de operatie Enduring Freedom



Een Orion van de Marineluchtvaartdienst, is 28-06-2002 vertrokken vanaf marinevliegkamp Valkenburg naar de Verenigde Arabische Emiraten (VAE) in het kader van operatie Enduring Freedom. Het maritieme patrouillevliegtuig wordt belast met waarneming en inlichtingenverzameling.

Tijdens de operaties wordt nauw samengewerkt met de Canadese Luchtmacht, die daar met twee patrouillevliegtuigen van het type Aurora, de Canadese versie van de Orion, opereert. In totaal gaan er 23 militairen naar de VAE , waaronder tien bemanningsleden van de Orion. Verder bestaat het Nederlandse team uit technici, een ziekenverpleger en twee leden van de Koninklijke Marechaussee.

KDC-10 terug uit Qatar



Het KDC-10 toestel van de Koninklijke Luchtmacht is teruggekeerd uit Qatar. Het toestel was daar op de vliegbasis Al Udeid gestationeerd als onderdeel van operatie "Enduring Freedom". Sinds 3 april jl. heeft de KDC-10 – een vliegtuig om andere vliegtuigen in de lucht bij te tanken – 55 tankermisies gevlogen. Daarmee waren 278 vliegers gemoeid. Verder is bijna 4 miljoen pond brandstof verbruikt en afgegeven.

Aanvankelijk zou het toestel een jaar in Qatar blijven. Het toestel is echter eerder teruggekeerd in verband met de voorgenomen stationering van F-16's van de luchtmacht in oktober op de Kyrgizische vliegbasis Manas. Gelijk met de F-16's wordt ook de KDC-10 in Manas gestationeerd. Om deze inzet vanaf Manas voor te bereiden is in overleg met de Amerikaanse militaire autoriteiten besloten de KDC-10 nu terug te halen naar Nederland. De KDC-10 was gedurende het verblijf in Qatar ingedeeld bij de 379 Expeditionary Operations Group van de Amerikaanse luchtmacht en werkte daar nauw samen met Amerikaanse tankvliegtuigen. Tankers van deze groep hebben tot nu toe bijna 125 miljoen liter brandstof overgegeven aan andere vliegtuigen boven of bij Afghanistan. Volgens de commandant van 379 Expeditionary Operations Group, de Amerikaanse luitenant-kolonel Dean Wolford, mocht de Nederlandse bijdrage er absoluut zijn. "De Nederlandse tanker vormde een belangrijke aanvulling op onze eigen tankvliegtuigen." Wolford stelt verder dat de Nederlandse luchtmachtmilitairen hebben laten zien dat ze net zo makkelijk als de Amerikanen overal ter wereld kunnen worden ingezet. "Bovendien hebben ze laten zien dat ze ook erg professioneel en flexibel zijn als ze moeten integreren en samenwerken met andere eenheden." Terugkijkend op het verblijf in Qatar stelt de nu teruggekeerde Nederlandse detachementscommandant van het Eindhovense 334-Squadron: "We hebben uitermate nuttig werk kunnen doen in Qatar. Tankercapaciteit is schaars en dus zeer gewenst. Met ons toestel hebben we een keur aan Amerikaanse toestellen kunnen bijtanken. Met name het bijtanken van de grote J-Stars was een operationele uitdaging", aldus de detachementscommandant.

SPACE SHUTTLE "ENDEAVOUR"



The Space Shuttle **Endeavour**, mounted securely atop one of NASA's modified Boeing 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, takes off from NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base in Edwards, California at sunrise on June 28, 2002. The shuttle is en route Cape Canaveral, Florida



.....SHIP OF THE DAY.....

ENSCO SCHOONER



The **ENSCO SCHOONER** arriving in Port Fourchon – Photo : Piet Sinke

Build during 1979 as **Clipper Cozumel** and renamed 20 August 1992 **Ensco Schooner**

Builder	:	Blount – Rhode Island
Gross	:	656 ton
Net	:	196 ton
Dwt	:	700 ton
Lloydsnumber	:	242175
Length	:	54 mtr
Breadth	:	12.1 mtr
Draft	:	3.7 mtr
Flag	:	USA
Owner	:	Ensco
NO OTHER DETAILS KNOWN		

.... OVERIG NIEUWS.....

Havensfeer herleeft in Schipperwerf en Schipperscafé

Met de realisatie van de Schipperwerf krijgt Rotterdam er een attractie van formaat bij. De bouw van de Schipperwerf bereikt komende vrijdag het hoogste punt en deze zomer wordt de werf afgemeerd in de Rijnhaven naast Hotel New York in Rotterdam. De Schipperwerf bestaat uit een tweetal pontons met daarop een werfgedeelte, een schipperscafé, steigers en looppaden naar de wal. Het gaat dienst doen als thuisbasis van de Watertaxis van Hotel New York en de snelle Maastaxis. De schepen kunnen bij de werf afmeren en worden er onderhouden. Voor het onderhoud kunnen de schepen het gebouw invaren om vervolgens uit het water getild te worden voor onderhoud of reparatie. Vanuit het schipperscafé kan men dit zien door een glazen wand. De Schipperwerf met zijn café krijgt een uitstraling die vroeger in veel Rotterdamse havenkroegen te vinden was. Het ontwerp is naar een idee van Dorine de Vos en werd uitgewerkt door architect Arco Zweistra. Omdat het café op pontons in het water drijft zal het unieke plek worden in de Rotterdamse haven. Een café voor sterke verhalen, een groot glas bier en ballen gehakt. Het café kan door iedereen bezocht worden, bijvoorbeeld als men wacht op de Watertaxi. Daarnaast zullen de circa 50 schippers van de Water- en de Maastaxis, het als hun uitvalsbasis gebruiken. Het café heeft circa 60 zitplaatsen.

Deze nieuwe onderneming is een initiatief van de oude en de nieuwe eigenaren van Hotel New York, Daan van der Have, Hans Loos en Willem Tieleman. Met het Gemeentelijk Havenbedrijf Rotterdam is overeenstemming bereikt om de Schipperwerf een plek te geven naast Hotel New York, waar momenteel de Watertaxi aanlegt.

Vrijdag is ook de ingebruikname van een nieuwe steiger voor de Maastaxi. In totaal zijn circa 30 steigers op de noord- en zuidoever van de rivier geplaatst. De steigers worden in samenwerking met het OntwikkelingsBedrijf Rotterdam gerealiseerd. Ze dienen als op- en afstapplaats voor de Maastaxis. De steiger die komende vrijdag in gebruik wordt genomen, komt te liggen bij de Veerhaven buiten naast restaurant Zenne.

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