



## TUG / SUPPLY BOAT SPECIAL

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**SEAFOX 4** and **PRIDE OF ROTTERDAM** move

By Capt. Hans Bosch - towmaster



The **SEAFOX 4** was moved by the **JADE**, **RT SPIRIT** and the **FRIGGA**, to a new location.

From which a photo impression at this page

Left : **JADE**

Right : **FRIGGA**



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Left : **RT SPIRIT**

Below : **Capt. Hans Bosch** at the helideck with the **RT SPIRIT** and the **FRIGGA** in the back ground.



Left : The **SMIT LLOYD 57** moves alongside.

## PRIDE OF ROTTERDAM MOVE



The **PRIDE of ROTTERDAM** was also moved to new location , the tugs used for this rigmove were this time the **FAR TURBOT , WESER** and the **BUGSIE 21**



Left : The **Bugsier 21** in action



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### NEWS



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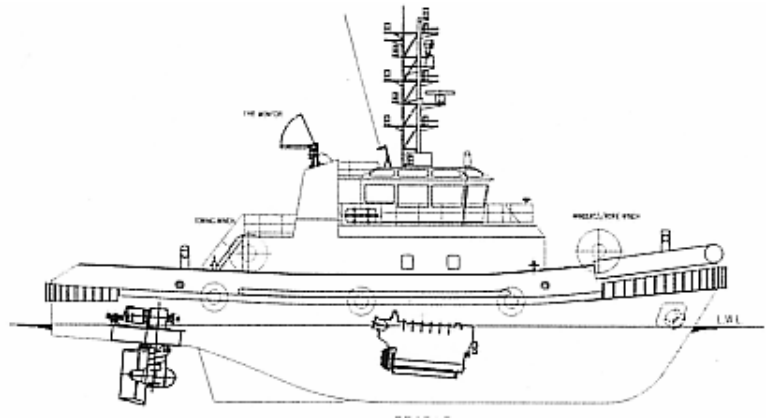
The **ARCTIC KALVIK** together with 2 Crowley Sea Victory class 7200 hp tugs were involved in the move of the 95 mtr square drilling rig **ORLAN** from Prudhoe Bay Alaska to Sovietskaya Gavan in the Russian Far East sector for Exxon Mobil.

The **ORLAN** is the former **GLOMAR BEAUFORT SEA**

#### HONG KONG TOWAGE & SALVAGE

**HKST** has ordered two new ASD seagoing / berthing tugs from the Kegoya Dock Company of Hiroshima, Japan.

Ouward similar to the design of the PENG CHAU class which were delivered during 2000 to HKST, this vessels will be a little bit longer ( 29 mtrs ) and the power will be delivered by 2 Yanmar diesel each developing 2000 hp, coupled to 2 stern mounted Kawasaki diesels.



The new **FRANCESCO NERI** homeported in Livorno build by Rosetti Marino Spa.

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Gulf Offshore had success with their **Highland Legend** and obtained a term charter for the vessel. The vessel has only recently come out of lay up and has already been snapped up for term work. The vessel will support the jack up drilling unit **Ensco 85** for 1 well firm plus 1 well option off Morcambe bay on the west coast for circa 60 days with HRL via Global Santa Fe. The charter commenced on the 31st of May and the vessel will run out of Heysham.

Kerr McGee fixed a handful of vessels this month for the tow of the Hutton TLP. The vessels that were chartered are the, **McNee Tide**, **Far Saltire**, **Far Senior**, **Vidar Viking** and **Balder Viking**. All vessels are equipped with a smit tow bracket for this operation. The Hutton TLP will be towed into Norway where it will be fully decommissioned and prepared for reuse. The commencement window is presently between the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Market sources indicate that a July start date is more likely than a June start date.



After a dramatic entry back to the North Sea spot market last month, the **Toisa Lion** has departed the North Sea to head for different shores. Owners are presently keeping tight lipped about the final destination.

Thales was at it again this month, and issued a letter of intent for Trico's UT745 DP PSV **Northern River**. The vessel is presently enroute to the North Sea after demobilising the CTC cable equipment that was installed on the vessel. It was reported last month that CTC had decided not to take options on the Northern River and redeliver the vessel, but before the vessel was redelivered, Trico managed to obtain a letter of intent for a long - term charter with Thales for ROV duties. Charter period is reported as being 3 years, and the market rumours on the day rate indicate a figure of approximately GBP £9,500 per day.

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Nomis Shipping had their **Dea Champion** commence a 10 month charter with Santos Madura PTY in Indonesia this month. The charter rate is thought to be in the region of US \$6500 per day.

## SEAWAY FALCON NEWS

BY : Jan Plug – Chief officer o/b Seaway Falcon



Solstad's 4560 dwt. **NORMAND CARRIER**, built in 1996 at Simek AS is serving as pipecarrier for the SEAWAY FALCON, currently at work for Conoco in the Murdoch Field, just South of Doggersbank in the Northsea. The 84.38 long vessel carried 754 joints of 12" pipe to the Falcon in addition to its own stock of 957 pipes, to connect the new Hawksley and McAdam wells to the Murdoch complex, a distance of 21,6 km. in 30 metres waterdepth.



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### Departures

#### Vessels which have recently left or are due to leave the North Sea:

Edda Freya PSV ROV Market  
Lui Tide PSV West Africa  
Rigdon Tide PSV West Africa  
(When delivered from Yard)  
Normand Pioneer AHTS Back to CSO for season support  
Maersk Chancellor AHTS Canada  
Havila Charisma AHTS Canada  
Guardsman PSV Brazil  
Havila Charmer AHTS Brazil  
Anglian Duke AHT Irish Sector  
Toisa Lion PSV TBA  
Malaviya 18 PSV India  
Normand Ivan AHTS West Africa  
Northern River PSV Chartered to Thales  
Stirling Aquarius PSV Petersons  
Waveney Fortress PSV Peterson

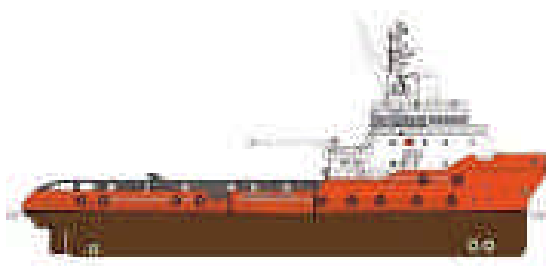
### Arrivals

#### Vessels which have recently arrived on the spot market. :

Stirling Aquarius PSV Released by Shell  
Maersk Handler AHTS Newbuild  
Normand Carrier PSV Released from N Hydro

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Zeus AHT Back from Med  
Havila Champion AHTS Back from Med  
Normand Vester PSV Released from Saipem  
Toisa Tiger PSV Completed ASCo charter  
Havila Trader PSV Released from Seaforth



May saw the delivery of the **Pacific Warrior** to Swire Pacific. The vessel had a quick visit to Aberdeen for stores and supplies. As the vessel is wanted by ExxonMobil Equatorial Guinea to commence a long-term charter the vessel did not have long to hang around, and departed after 2 days in port.

### Details:

LOA 68.3m , Beam 15.50m , Deadweight 200 tonnes , Bollard Pull min 120 tns , Deck 468m<sup>2</sup>  
Deck Load 800 m/t , Fresh Water 400 m<sup>3</sup> , Fuel 780 m<sup>3</sup> , Mud / Brine 450 m<sup>3</sup> , Dry Bulk 215 m<sup>3</sup>  
BHP 10800 BHP , DP 1 and FiFi 1

## Newbuilding

SBS Marine have taken up their option to confirm the order of a second VS470 MkII PSV for delivery in Norway in October 2003. The first vessel will be named SBS Nimbus is for delivery in April 2003.

Island Offshore takes over contracts for the two newbuilding AHTS of the UT722L due for delivery from Langsten Slip and Batbyggeri AS in January and March 2003. Contract value is NOK 650 million.

Tidewater has placed a USD 45 million contract with Bollinger Shipyards USA for four offshore supply vessels.

Farstad Shipping AS has through its wholly owned subsidiary Farstad Supply AS have ordered a UT755L from Brevik Construction AS for delivery in July 2003.

International Offshore Services ANS (IOS), the 50/50 joint venture between Farstad Shipping ASA and P & O Australia has entered into an agreement to purchase a platform supply vessel, design UT 755L, from Consensus Foss KS (Det Nordenfjeldske Dampskipsselskap). The vessel is under construction at Aker Brattvaag. IOS will formally take over the vessel immediately after delivery from the yard in December 2002.



### New tugs for the Port of Singapore

The PSA have recently commissioned 4 new tugs , named **SENTINEL** , **STERLING** ( below ) , **APEX** and **AGILE**



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Left : the Newbuilding **APEX**

The ASDs are 286 grt and measure 29,9 5m with a beam of 9.90m and a draft of 4.08 m. They are both powered by a pair of Deutz SBV 8M628 diesels, each developing 166 3kw at 1,000 rev/min. which turn Schottel SRP 1212

Rudderpropellers mounted aft. These latest vessels, which are progressively more powerful than the otherwise similar **Seeker** and **Sigma** (built in 2000) and **Serene** and **Scorpio** (early 2001), achieve a bollard pull of 54 tonnes and a free - running speed of 12 knots.

PSA's modern era of tug construction began in 1997 with three Chinese built azimuthing tractors which were followed in 1999 by **Skilful** and **Splendour** the first in the now highly productive association between the PSA and the ASL Shipyard

Although the four vessels were completed towards the end of last year at the same yard, ASL Shipyard (formerly Ang Shi Liu). Singapore, the new tugs are two different pairs of sisters **Sterling** and **Sentinel** are ASD whilst the **Apex** and **Agile** are in tractor configuration using azimuthing thrusters forward and a skeg aft.



## NEW HARBOUR TUGS FOR KEPPEL-SMIT IN SINGAPORE



Keppel-Smit Towage in Singapore is expanding the fleet again, this time four new vessels will join the fleet, the ships are named :

**KST SPICA**  
**KST SIRIUS**  
**KST SCORPIOS**  
**KST SCULPTOR**

Further KST have given an additional order to the same yard for the construction of another 3 vessels, which will come into service during 2003.