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The Indian supplier **SAMUDRIKA 9** moored in the Port of Mumbai – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Umm Qasr salvage deal awarded

SOUTH Florida-based **Titan Maritime** will provide marine survey of wrecks at the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr after winning a sub-contract from US construction company **Bechtel Corporation**, which is overseeing reconstruction work. The value of the contract, which will see Titan oversee wreck removal work, was not disclosed by Bechtel, which said it has also subcontracted US Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co to carry out emergency dredging. Dubai-based International Marine Contractors (IMC), part of Turkey's Sadikoglu marine and shipbuilding group, was reported in the Gulf News as winning a \$25M contract to salvage 19 shipwrecks from the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr. "Under the contract, we have been given a year to clear Umm Qasr of 19 sunken ships ... [but] will complete the job in seven months," IMC president Kahraman Sadikoglu told the paper. Bechtel was not immediately able to confirm the IMC contract, which was not listed in a recent list of successful subcontractors it released. IMC was believed to have been negotiating a contract with the previous Iraqi administration, sources said.

Crew agents welcome SARS move

SHIP and crewing agents in the Philippines have welcomed the country's removal from the World Health Organization list of SARS hotspots. The latest travel advisory issued by the agency no longer says "exit screening required" or "all but essential travel not recommended" for the Philippines. The move will lift procedures delaying crew deployment and cut operating costs, says the Philippine Seafarers Promotion Council. In response, the Philippines manning sector has agreed with the state-run National Epidemiology Centre on participation in a workshop to form industry anti-SARS guidelines. With these guidelines, the Council says, the crewing sector "should be able to reassure ship owners who have concerns on how Filipino seafarers maintain a SARS-free working environment and contribute to our competitiveness

SARS, fuel costs hit Star figures

STAR Cruises, the world's third largest cruise company, has posted a net loss of \$2.2M for the first quarter, compared with a net profit of \$6.3M for the same period last year. Among negative factors affecting the Asian and North American cruise markets were the SARS virus, a 60 per cent increase in fuel costs and higher administrative costs. The SARS situation, described in a Star statement as "unprecedented but manageable", brought passenger cancellations and greatly reduced forward bookings, especially in the core markets of Hong Kong and Singapore. The quarter saw a five per cent rise in Star Cruises' capacity and an 11 per cent increase at Norwegian Cruise Line, mainly due to the introduction of 'Freestyle Cruising' vessel Norwegian Dawn. With capacity increase far exceeding the rise in bookings taken, booked load factor as at March 31 was significantly lower than a year earlier. However, NCL's concentration on cruises ex-America has been helpful for North Americans unwilling to travel overseas for vacations.

Havenfeest staat voor probleem

Door Wout Bareman

De organisatoren van de Terneuzense Havenfeesten zitten met de handen in het haar. Ze gaan zo snel mogelijk met Rijkswaterstaat praten over een alternatieve opstapplaats voor de traditionele rondvaarten.

Waterstaat heeft deze week vastgesteld dat de ponton in de voormalige Veerhaven in zo'n slechte staat verkeert, dat het onverantwoord is er nog grote groepen mensen én voertuigen op toe te laten.

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De ponton fungeerde tot januari 1971 als aanlegplaats voor de veerboot Terneuzen-Hoedekenskerke, is minstens een halve eeuw oud en was al geruime tijd toe aan vervanging. Een woordvoerder van Rijkswaterstaat: "De nieuwe ponton stond ook al op onze begroting, maar door bezuinigingen is die vervanging voorlopig nog niet aan de orde. Vorige week is één van onze auto's door de oude ponton gezakt. Daarom hebben we nu alle gebruikers laten weten dat het onverantwoord is de ponton nog langer te gebruiken voor bijvoorbeeld bevoorrading van schepen en voor het opstappen van grote groepen mensen, zoals bij de rondvaarten tijdens de Havenfeesten." Waterstaat heeft de gebruikers uitgenodigd voor een gesprek. Dan wordt bekeken welke alternatieven er voorhanden zijn. Bestuurslid P. Eijsackers van het organisatiecomité van de jaarlijkse feestelijkheden in en om de oude Veerhaven: "Dit is een gevoelige streep door de rekening. Wij zijn er om eerlijk te zijn een beetje van geschrokken, want die ponton speelt nog altijd een centrale rol bij de Havenfeesten, niet alleen bij de rondvaarten, maar ook bij de roeiwedstrijden en andere watergebonden activiteiten." Als het aan het comité ligt, wordt de versleten ponton tijdelijk vervangen.

HMCS FREDERICTON TO THE RESCUE

HMCS Fredericton rescued two workers from a burning ship in the Persian Gulf on Friday and helped them get to hospital. The ship, which was deployed from Halifax in March to participate in Operation Apollo, received a distress call from the **Al Safa** early Friday. "They were reported as having had a fire in the galley, resulting in two injured crew members with severe burns," Maj. Marc Theriault said from Operation Apollo's command station in Tampa, Fla.

A Sea King was sent to the ship, but was unable to hoist the men onto the aircraft because it was alongside another vessel. Another ship recovered the men and transported them to **HMCS Fredericton**, where they were stabilized. The vessel's Sea King then took them to an undisclosed airport in the region. Theriault said they were taken to a burn unit. One man suffered first- and second-degree burns to 70 per cent of his body, and severe trauma. The other had similar burns to 40 per cent of his body.

CASUALTY REPORT

At least 17 dead, 19 missing in Philippine ferry collision



At least 17 passengers have died and some 19 more are missing after two passenger ferries collided off Corregidor Island near the Philippine capital of Manila.

Philippine Coast Guard load a rubber boat to be used for their search and rescue effort following a sea collision between a passenger vessel and a larger ferry Sunday May 25, 2003 in choppy waters off Manila Bay south of Manila. The coast guard said at least 17 people were killed and 132 had been rescued.

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The wooden-hulled MV **San Nicolas** slammed into the larger **Super Ferry 12** and sank in choppy waters. The coast guard said 162 passengers on board the smaller vessel had been rescued.

A massive search operation involving several commercial vessels and navy cutters was underway to retrieve as many of the missing as possible but operations were being hampered by rough seas. The Super Ferry did not sustain any significant damage and all its passengers were safe.

The coast guard has launched an investigation to determine the cause of the accident, with weather possibly playing a key role. A spokeswoman for the Super Ferry management, said their vessel was en route to the southern city of Cebu when the **San Nicolas** rammed into its hull. The smaller boat was returning to Manila from the southwestern island of Palawan.

ATLAS II (POLAND)



Tug **Atlas II** (186 gt, built 1966) grounded on the approaches to Kronshtadt off St. Petersburg on May 19. A salvage contract was awarded to local salvors Baltic Tugs and the vessel was refloated with the assistance of tug Yasnyy on May 20. No damage, pollution or personal injury have been reported. **Atlas II** is reported as lying in Kronshtadt pending completion of salvage remuneration formalities.

Left : The **ATLAS II** at the roads of Algeciras July 2002

photo : Piet Sinke ©

HANJIN OTTAWA (GERMANY)



Following received from Coastguard Thames MRSC, timed 0742, UTC: C.c. **Hanjin Ottawa** (66278 gt, built 2000), Rotterdam for Felixstowe, 24 persons on board, grounded and making water in two

ballast tanks in lat 51 49.5N, long 01 59.4E at 0140, UTC. Vessel refloated itself using bowthruster and full astern engine and anchored in Sunk Anchorage in lat 51 54.7N, long 01 39.47E, off Harwich. Internal inspection by crew suggest flooding at the rate of about 350 cubic metres-an-hour into No.2 port ballast tank and about 150 cubic metres-an-hour into No.3 port ballast tank, pumps are coping. Vessel refused entry to Harwich until proven seaworthy, waiting instructions from owners.

Photo : **Hanjin Ottawa** – Dennis Shum ©

SHIPYARD NEWS

Aker Finnyards, the Finnish shipyard that built NorthLink's passenger fleet, was honoured at the ferry industry's Oscars this week, picking up the award for 'Most Significant New Build - Ferry'.



The yard was shortlisted for two of its recent build programmes – the NorthLink family of ferries and the **SeaFrance Rodin** - and scooped first spot for its work on the **Rodin**.

The award is a particularly significant achievement given the vast number of ferries built in the two years since the award was last made. Aker Finnyards earned the same accolade in 2001.

The **HJATLAND** in the port of Aberdeen-photo : **Piet Sinke ©**

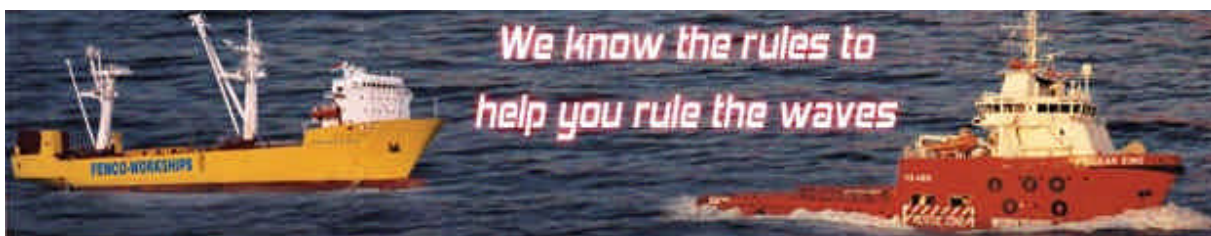
The prize was awarded at May 14th second biennial Cruise and

Ferry Awards, held at the Hilton Metropole in London. More than 800 industry professionals attended the awards dinner and conference which was hosted by Radio 4's Today programme presenter, John Humphrys. The awards were judged by a seven-strong panel of industry experts, including Trevor Blakeley, chief executive of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects. Bill Davidson, NorthLink's chief executive who represented the company at the ceremony, said: "Although our fleet didn't ultimately take first-spot in this category, even to make it on to a worldwide shortlist of eight is a great achievement. We can be proud of the fact that the yard that built MV **Hjaltland**, MV **Hrossey** and MV **Hamnavoe** has been recognised as the best in its field for the second time running. I'd like to extend my congratulations to Aker Finnyards on this award."

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Asian feeder enters N Europe sector

ASIAN feeder operator Sea Consortium has entered the North European feeder market with the introduction of a fixed-day weekly service linking ports in the North Continent and UK with north Spain and Portugal. Operated by Sea Consortium's X-Press Container Line as North Continent Iberia X-Press, the service will deploy two 450-TEU vessels, the **Alexandra** and **Mira J**, calling at Rotterdam, Bilbao, Lisbon, Leixoes, Vigo, Bilbao, Le Havre, Thamesport, Felixstowe and Rotterdam. A company spokesman told Fairplay that the service would concentrate on operating as a third-party common user feeder. Singapore-based Sea Consortium operates extensively in South-East Asia, the Indian sub-continent and the Middle East, carrying 800,000 TEU per year and operating over 30 ships of 300 to 1,500 TEU capacity.

Dutch minister supports shipping

KARLA Peijs, Member of the European Parliament for the Netherlands' Christian Democratic Party, is "almost certain" she will become transport minister in the newly formed Dutch coalition government. Prime minister Jan-Peter Balkenende is forming a new Cabinet with representatives of his own Christian Democratic Party which won the elections, the liberal party VVD and the 'left liberal' party D66. Peijs has welcomed the opportunity to become transport minister. "I am a firm supporter of inland and short-sea shipping as alternative modes of transport to relieve motorway congestion," she told Fairplay. "The issue is on the European Parliament agenda, but when it comes to solving the problem of congestion, the solutions are not always accepted in the Netherlands." She regards it as positive for the inland shipping sector that one of her predecessors at the ministry – Annemarie Jorritsma – has become chairman of Inland Navigation Europe. "I will certainly talk to her when I am officially appointed minister," she said.

The fast ferry Alcántara starts operating on the Algeciras-Tangier line.

On the 1st May, the fast ferry **Alcántara** was incorporated on the Algeciras-Tangier line, a one-hour crossing, with two daily departures in each direction and a timetable of 07:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., from the port of Algeciras, and 07:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (local time) from the port of Tangier. The Alcántara ferry has a capacity to carry 590 passengers and 76 vehicles. Trasmediterránea also operates daily on this line with the ferry **Ciudad de Málaga**, that has two daily departures in each direction.

The new Milenium Dos catamaran is added to the Trasmediterránea fleet.

This high-speed ship will start operating on the Valencia-Ibiza-Palma line in the second half of June. From the time it left the Australian port of Hobart on the 6th May, the **Milenium Dos** will cover a distance of more than 13,400 miles, sailing for some 600 hours, until it finally arrives at the port of Barcelona on the 4th June.

The new fast ferry **Milenium Dos** is added to the Company's fleet with its incorporation in the high-speed communications with the Balearic Islands, on the 4th June. On the Mainland-Balearic Islands connections, another similar catamaran has been successfully operating for three years now between the ports of Barcelona and Palma de Mallorca. With the incorporation of the new **Milenium Dos**, the two units will operate alternatively from Barcelona and Valencia to cover the two high-speed lines with the Balearic archipelago.

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Throughout the second half of June, the new catamaran will start operating on the Valencia-Ibiza-Palma line, with daily departures in each direction. Of similar technical characteristics to those of the other Milenium catamaran now in service, the new ship substitutes the fast-ferry Almudaina on the Valencia-Ibiza-Palma line. The **Milenium Dos** ship, that has been built at the Incat shipyards in Tasmania, sailed from the Australian port of Hobart on the 6th May to make a long crossing of more than 13,400 miles in 589 hours of navigation until it finally reaches the port of Barcelona, on the 4th June next, and after calling off at Auckland (New Zealand), Papete (Tahiti), Balboa and Colon (Panama), and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

NAVY NEWS



An Acrobatic Group of Spanish aircraft perform aerial maneuvers over **USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)** off the coast of Cartagena, Spain. The Roosevelt is currently conducting operations in the Mediterranean Sea.



USS Nimitz (CVN 68) approaches **USS Bridge (AOE 10)** to begin an underway replenishment (UNREP). The **Nimitz** Carrier Strike Force and Carrier Air Wing Eleven (CVW-11) are currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier **USS Harry S. Truman** stand on the deck of the nuclear-powered ship as they return to their home port of Norfolk, Virginia, May 23, 2003 after almost six months deployment in the war against Iraq. More than 8,000 sailors from the ships and squadrons that

comprise **the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group** returned home from action in the Mediterranean Sea

1,000th Trap for Enterprise Underway



Most aircraft carriers usually achieve their 1,000th arrested landing a few weeks after starting an overseas deployment. **USS Enterprise (CVN 65)** achieved this milestone **nine days** after completing sea trials. The 1,000th arrested landing, or trap, happened on arresting gear wire #3, with aircraft "Joker" 204, an F/A-18C Hornet from Fighter Attack Squadron (VFA) 34 Blue Blasters, piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Doug Verissimo. Lt. Dave C. Baker, detachment officer-in-charge for VFA-81 Sunliners, representing the squadrons aboard Enterprise during this Carrier Qualifications

phase, congratulated the "gear dogs" on their accomplishment.

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The **NEFTEGAZ 31** arrived Saturday at Steinsvik (near Stavanger) to pick up a barge.

Photo : Terje Moen ©



The **Uran** is currently on charter to Svitser in Bristol and has been renamed **Danegarth**.

Photo : Chris Jones ©

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

Ook tweede leven voor Fokker F 50

Na de Fokker F 100 wordt nu ook de Fokker F 50 opnieuw gelanceerd. Toestellen van dit type die waar ook ter wereld aan de grond komen te staan, krijgen bij Fokker Services in Hoogerheide groot onderhoud en modificaties om te worden doorverkocht aan nieuwe gebruikers.



Links : Fokker 50 van KLM Cityhopper
Foto : [Matthew Willmott-Sharp](#) ©

Om de Fokkervloot vliegende en dus onderhoudsbehoefig te houden, heeft Stork in februari al een alliantie gesloten met motorenfabrikant Rolls-Royce met als doel Fokker F 100's die met name door de noodlijdende vliegmaatschappijen US Airways en American Airlines aan de grond waren gezet, opgelapt door te sluisen naar nieuwe gebruikers. „Op dit moment arriveert er hier elke twee, drie weken een F 100 die we aanpassen voor de Duitse vliegmaatschappij Germania,” vertelt een woordvoerder. „Voor de F 50 hebben we nog geen grote opdrachtgever, maar er zijn zeer hoopvolle contacten.” Van de tweehonderd toestellen tellende F 50-vloot zijn er wereldwijd zo'n dertig 'werkeloos'. Stork kan goed nieuws wel gebruiken, want vorig jaar werd besloten om driehonderd van de 675 banen te schrappen.



The [Aeroshell T-6 Team](#) performed at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Saturday, May 24, 2003, during the Festival of Flight air show

.... PHOTO'S OF THE DAY



The 1914 build paddle steamer **SAVOIE** seen her at Lausanne (Lake Geneva) last Friday
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