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Sail passenger clipper **STAR FLYER**, as seen June 14th 2003 at the port of Piraeus Greece.

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## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



The **TAKLIFT 7** started with attaching the bridge deck sections at the Rion-Antirion bridge in Greece

Photo : Rutger Kouwenhoven ©

## NEW LIFEBOAT FOR THE DGzRS

At present in Germany a new lifeboat ( sea rescue cruiser ) is under construction for the German DGzRS, the vessel at present named **SK29** will be the biggest lifeboat in the world, it will be a one-off addition for now simply because she has been expensive to build, expected cost of the vessel is € 14-15m.

The vessel which is not officially named which is at present under construction at the Fassmer Werft has been difficult for the DGzRS which relies on voluntary donations, the DGzRS admitted the body `first has to recover from the effort of raising her construction cost` before it can consider ordering a second boat, some 330.000 individuals contributed to the **SK29**.



The superlative 46 m long and 10.25 mtr width cruiser whose aluminium hull was built at aluship in Poland and draws 2.8 mtr, and will have a top speed of 25 knots, with a range of 920 nm at top speed and 2120 nm at 15 knots , the vessel will use 1700 ltr fuel an hour operating at full speed.

The **SK29** will be driven by a propulsion plant with a total of 6800 kW, the central main engine is an MTU diesel with a output of 2720 kW driving 1 fixed propeller and the 2 side engines are MTU diesels of 2040 kW each driving fixed propellers.

The **SK 29** will also have 2 bowthrusters of 105 kW each and a 18 knot tender with a length of 9.41 mtr.

The **SK29** can carry upto 600 persons below deck, the DGzRS said that was because of increased passenger and tourist ship activity in the German North Sea and the Baltic.

## **CASUALTY REPORTING**

### **NEW WIND**

Bulk **New Wind** (believed Idee Fixe, 27039 gt, built 1985) is immobilised, with mechanical failure, 100 to 120 nautical miles east of Socotra Island. Lloyd's Open form of Salvage Agreement was signed, on Jun 16, and tug/icebreaker Seaways 5 departed Sharjah today, with given ETA four days.

### **NORWAY (BAHAMAS)**

A press report, dated Jun 16, states: Norwegian Cruise Line plans to repair passenger **Norway** and return it to service. Work will begin after the National Transportation Safety Board completes its on-site probe to determine the cause of the explosion which occurred at Miami on May 25, killing six crew members. No passengers were injured in the accident, which occurred after the vessel returned from a seven-day Caribbean cruise. Three scheduled seven-day cruises have been cancelled.



SMIT Salvage Singapore was contracted by Tanker Pacific to refloat the grounded **APL EMERALD**

## **SHIPYARD NEWS**

### **IHC Caland clinches contracts worth \$310m in a quarter**

DUTCH offshore and shipbuilding group IHC Caland has won a series of contracts worth \$310m during the last three months.

When it came to its offshore oil and gas activities, the firm announced a two-year extension of the lease and operate contract with SEICL of the PA Sakhalin FSO on Shell Sakhalin II field in Russia. The time charter would now continue until year-end 2005.

A letter of intent had been signed for a one-year extension for the lease and operate contract with Petrobras of the Roncador FPSO in Brazil. This time charter has now been extended until May 2009.

Then came several CALM buoy supply contracts.

Based in Schiedam, near Rotterdam, the company bagged three contracts for Nexen in Yemen, ChevronTexaco in Angola and ConocoPhillips, in the UK. These were due to be delivered in 2004.

A letter of intent for an ultra deepwater CALM buoy to be delivered in mid 2005 to an unnamed oil company was secured as part of a large field development in West Africa.

IHC was contracted to supply another ultra deepwater CALM buoy from Saipem, for the Kizomba B field development, Block 15 offshore Angola for ExxonMobil. This should be delivered mid-2005.

Woodside signed a letter of intent for the supply of a disconnectable riser turret mooring for the FPSO to be installed as part of the Enfield development, off the North West Cape, Australia.

The ability to disconnect allows the FPSO to sail away under typhoon conditions and reconnect without heavy assistance.

The Enfield turret can accommodate 13 risers in deep water. Due to be delivered at the end of 2005, the turret would be fitted to a 150,000-dwt FPSO.



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Included in the \$310m, were contracts won by the dredger and specialised shipbuilding divisions totalling E 73m (US\$ 85m).

Dredger contractors in Iran, India, Morocco, Malaysia, Maldives, Nigeria and Croatia all placed orders for the design and delivery of cutter and hopper-type dredgers.

Orders were also placed for the lengthening of an existing sea-going gravel dredger, as well as for dredging installations, components, automation and instrumentation for the renovation and upgrading of existing dredgers.

Dunav Tours of Bulgaria placed an order for a river cruise vessel with an option for a second vessel.

President Sjef van Dooremalen, said he hoped the company could achieve its \$110m forecast profit for 2003.

## Shiprepair Roundup Greece

Neorion (Syros) has just completed one of this year's largest repair contracts and is about to begin another.

Grounding damage brought the 7,697 dwt general cargo vessel **P&O Nedlloyd Capri**, owned by Germany's Hartmann Shiffahrts, into the yard for repairs in early May.

The yard has now begun general repairs to Bergesen's 25,663 dwt lpg carrier **Havrim**, a vessel due to stay for about one month undergoing routine drydocking including refurbishment of double bottom tanks and fore and aft peaks. The **Havrim** is the third contract from Oslo's Bergesen for Neorion this year, repairs to the 49,513 dwt lpg carrier **Havis** and the 22,040 dwt lpg carrier **Century** already completed. Since re-opening the yard in 1994, over 50 ships from Bergesen have been repaired by Neorion.

Among ships due in the yard is the 66,755dwt panamax bulk carrier **Morning Cloud**, which will also be the third ships from Zodiac Maritime repaired by Neorion this year, the 37,694 dwt bulk carrier **Spingwood** and the 8,044 dwt reefer vessel **River Phoenix** already completed.

Also due is the 45,783 grt Japanese-operated car carrier **Triton Highway**, which is owned by Taiyo Nippon Kaisha, Tokyo.

## United Kingdom

A&P Tyne has begun a series of repair projects involving Offshore Supply Vessels (OSVs) owned by Norway's Farstad Shipping ASA, Aalesund.

The first in the series was the 4,680 dwt **Far Swan**, which was completed during early June, to be followed by the 3,053 dwt **Far Supporter** and the 3,050 dwt **Far Server** during June and July, all three vessels operated out of Farstad Shipping's Aberdeen office.

## Singapore

Due in at Jurong Shipyard this week for repairs is the 25,651 dwt container carrier **Horizon Consumer**, owned by Horizon Lines, West Charlotte.

## **Bahrain**

A sry's long term contracts include the 87,219 dwt tanker **Kourion**, owned by W T Ships, Singapore, the 202,184 dwt VLCC **Olympic Loyalty**, owned by Olympic Shipping, Monte Carlo, KSC Livestock & Transport, Safat's 25,088 dwt livestock carrier **Al Shuwaikh**, the 18,165 dwt lpg vessel **Maharshi Vyas**, owned by Varun Shipping, Mumbai, the dredger **Salaiti-18**, owned by Salaiti Marine Services, Bahrain and the 41,378 dwt bulk carrier **Mercan A**, which is operated out of Turkey by Aslan Transmarin, Istanbul.

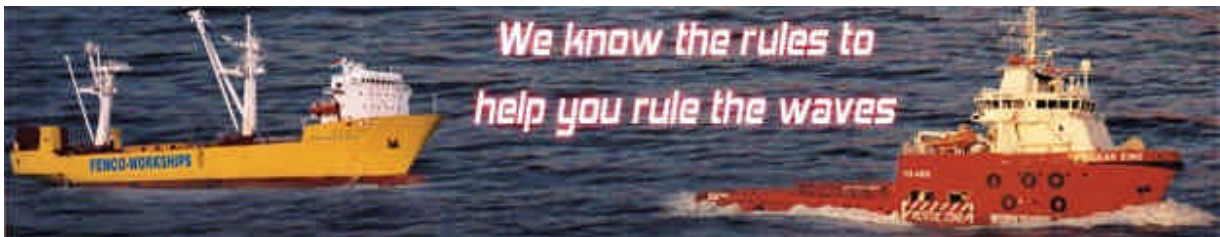
## **Netherlands**

Shipdock Amsterdam is currently carrying out repairs to the 30,461 dwt containership **City of London**, owned by Andrew Weir Shipping, UK, the Royal Dutch Navy auxiliary supply vessel **HRMS Amsterdam**, the 3,200 dwt dredger **Hendrika**, owned by Inverba.

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### **Leif Hoegh exercises two Daewoo car carrier options**

NORWAY'S Leif Hoegh & Co has exercised options for two further car carrier newbuildings at South Korea's Daewoo. The pure car truck carriers (PCTCs), which will have a capacity of 6,100 car equivalent units, will be delivered in the third and fourth quarter of 2005.

This brings the number of PCTC newbuildings Hoegh has ordered from Daewoo to five, and further options are included in the agreement with the yard.

The vessels will enter service in the group's ro-ro subsidiary HUAL's world-wide trade systems.

The order forms part of the renewal of HUAL's fleet, which includes a number of vessels built in 1980/81 and which will be 25 years old in 2005/2006.

Hoegh said HUAL was also experiencing "a substantial demand for flexible PCTC vessels in most of its services and some increase in fleet capacity is therefore necessary to meet customer requirements in a best possible way".

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HUAL will operate a fleet of about 50 vessels including these five newbuildings and another four new vessels on long term charter from 2003 and 2004.

### Samsung on brink of first North European ferry order

ANOTHER step looks imminent in the long, and for some concerted, march by South Korean shipbuilders towards a significant share in the ferry market.

It is understood that Samsung Heavy Industries is on the verge of taking its first order for a North European cruise ferry.

Yesterday, the second of two Hyundai Heavy-built 1,500 passenger capacity, 211 m long, double-end loading ro-pax vessels for Stena Line arrived in Dublin.

Despite the ground-breaking nature of this contract, pressure is once again high for cargoship slots, and HHI recently stated: "Our engagement in the passenger/ ferry sector will remain limited for some period because the building of passenger/ ferry ships requires a very different operation of the yard and a well-developed infrastructure."

Despite the fact that SHI is enjoying comparable levels of demand, it appears more amenable to the ferry market. It is presenting a version of a 2,000 passenger capacity ship initially aimed at Mediterranean owners, modified for North Europe.

Mystery surrounds the identity of the North European owner that an SHI source said was close to placing a two ship cruise ferry deal, with one option attached, and another undeclared.

SHI's London spokesman would only say that talks had been held with a range of shipowners as part of the normal round of visits to potential clients, but some had been held at the request of shipowners looking to take advantage of the strong euro.

Stena Ro-Ro managing director Carl-Otto Dahlberg said that the owner was "not involved in any contract negotiations with Samsung at this time".

A spokesman for DFDS said an approach had been made by SHI with the aim of demonstrating its capabilities in the passengership field. The owner had "looked at the prospect", but had "no plans to take matters further this year or next".

P&O Ferries would seem the likely candidate, given that it has said that it will be looking for two ro-pax ferries of between 180 m and 200 m long for the 2006 season and that it is considering yards in Japan and South Korea.

However, P&O Ferries fleet director Mike Ridley said that plans remained proposals only, and had not crystallised into a firm design.

The SHI source, based at the Koje shipyard, emphasised that the shipbuilder did "not wish to concentrate on the ferry business", but added that the "step-by-step development of new ferry designs is essential for the future of our shipyard".

Whether anything should be read into the way South Korean shipbuilders have secured orders for ferries in seeming rotation remains unclear. The facts are that Daewoo built a pair of 175 m, 1,880 passenger ferries for Moby Lines in 2001, while SHI's order for three 212 m long, 1,250 passenger 25 m wide ferries to Minoan Lines in 2002 was then followed by the HHI/Stena deal.

SHI's renewed interest sees the shipbuilder offering Mediterranean owners a 216 m long ship featuring 26.8 m across the beam.

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The SHI source said a 40,000 gt ship, drawing a draft of 7 m and capable of 29.5 knots, could be delivered for roughly \$110m.

The Minoan ferries featured just 105 cabins, but the upgraded SHI design for Mediterranean customers proposes a vessel featuring 238 cabins for passengers, as well as capacity for 128 private cars and 2,100 trailer lane metres.

With two stern ramps, it would be powered by four 16,800 kW main engines, and feature twin four-blade controlled-pitch propellers.

For North Europe, the shipbuilder is pitching a comparable ship, but one featuring modified accommodation, with up to 500 cabins.

Where the Minoan ferries featured private car storage space under the main deck, SHI said this would not be acceptable to a North European owner.

The SHI source said the company had also developed a smaller, 154 m ro-pax ferry design, with model testing already performed.

If the alleged project breaks down, it will by no means be a first. SHI was reputedly close to a deal with European interests for a 50,000 gt ferry last year, but the project was put on ice. A campaign to leap into the cruise business saw the builder come away empty handed during the boom years of 1999-2000. However, once more, experience is quietly being gathered.

## Red Funnel News

**Red Jet 4** will be officially named by Ellen MacArthur in Cowes Yacht Haven Wed 18 June starting at 11am. The Yacht Haven is open to the public if you are interested in attending - the whole event will have an Australian theme and over 1,000 red, white and blue balloons will be released! The vessel will operate V.I.P trips for Island Club Season ticket and Gold card members on Thursday & Friday and on Saturday, she will follow the 'Round the Island Race' (supported by Red Funnel) and circumnavigate the Isle of Wight with over 200 V.I.P's before entering service on Monday 23 June.

## DOCK UPGRADE FOR 'SUPER-FERRY'

Improvements worth £4 million will be carried out at Millbay Docks in preparation for Brittany Ferries' new £100 million 'super-ferry', which comes into service next April.

Associated British Ports (ABP) today confirmed it would plough the cash into major construction work so the port can accommodate the craft, which is 20 metres longer than the largest vessel currently using the port.

The investment will allow the ship, the Pont-Aven, to navigate into Millbay Docks all year round, the first time that such a service has operated on the Plymouth-Santander route.

Work is expected to get under way this autumn and will include the construction of three new berthing aids and dredging to improve access into the port and assist the Pont-Aven when manoeuvring on to the berth. At the same time, ABP will be investing in the port's landside operations by expanding the current passenger and freight vehicle reception area and improving security and Customs facilities.



## NAVY NEWS



**Joint Venture**, High Speed Vessel Experimental One (HSV X1) pulls a Special Boat Team (SBT) Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) out of the water. **Joint Venture** is deployed to the Central Command Area of Responsibility in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the multi-national coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and end the regime of Saddam Hussein.



The latest addition to the German Navy the **F 219 SACHSEN** of the F124 Frigate class build by Blohm + Voss.

Builders Blohm + Voss have delivered the **Sachsen** as the first unit of the new type F 124 to the Federal Office for Defence technology and procurement 4 weeks ahead of the due date. The F124 programme is a joint cooperation on frigates between Germany, The Netherlands and Spain, the total contract value is about € 1,5 bn makes this one of the largest procurements ever for the Federal German armed forces.

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The **LADY LAURA** arrived with the **SMITBARGE 5** loaded with some parts of the **Aliance Spirit** from Algeria, the pusher tug MAAS assisted on the river as can be seen at the picture

Photo : Jas Louwen ©

THE TUG **SMIT HUNTER** IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITH THE FLOATING CRANE **ANNA 4** **THURSDAY JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>** DURING THE MORNING HOURS, EXPECTED ARRIVAL AT THE MAAS CENTRE PILOT STATION WILL BE UPDATED IN THE SHIPPINGNEWS TOMORROW.



Left :  
SCANDLINES ferry  
**DEUTSCHLAND** seen  
here arriving in  
Puttgarden

Photo :  
Henk van der Lugt ©

## AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



A French Air Force **Mirage 2000** fighter jet flies over Le Bourget, during the Paris Air Show which takes place for eight days at Le Bourget airport, north of Paris, Tuesday June 17, 2003

### Ongeval met vliegtuig op vliegveld Eelde

EELDE - Op het vliegveld **Groningen Airport Eelde** is dinsdagmorgen om 9.20 uur een vliegtuig bij het opstijgen van de baan geraakt. Een McDonnell Douglas MD-88 van de Turkse maatschappij Onur Air die via Maastricht naar Dalaman in Turkije zou vliegen, kwam niet van de grond en schoot 50 meter door. De meeste reizigers bleven ongedeerd.

In het vliegtuig zaten 141 passagiers en een baby en er waren er twee bemanningsleden en zes man cabinepersoneel aan boord, allen Turken. Zij hebben het toestel via de nooduitgangen verlaten.

Een passagier werd met hartklachten in een ziekenhuis opgenomen, een ander met een gebroken sleutelbeen. Twee bemanningsleden belandden voor onderzoek in het ziekenhuis. Naar de oorzaak van het incident hebben de luchtvaartpolitie en de Raad voor Transportveiligheid een onderzoek ingesteld. De piloot wordt gehoord over de oorzaak van het incident. Ooggetuigen zeggen dat het toestel ook bij aankomst al problemen had, maar daar willen de autoriteiten niet op ingaan. Wel ontkende vliegvelddirecteur J. Meulendijks dat de MD-88 kerosine had gelekt.

Dertig passagiers gaan met een bus naar Amsterdam om vandaar alsnog naar Turkije te vliegen, 31 mensen weten nog niet of ze de reis voortzetten, zegt een woordvoerder van reisorganisatie OAD, waar het merendeel van de passagiers geboekt had. Onder de passagiers waren 76 mensen die via Groningen op de terugweg naar Maastricht waren, zijn met bussen naar Maastricht gebracht. Reizigers die om 10.30 uur vanuit Maastricht naar Dalaman zouden reizen, zijn dinsdagmiddag met Transavia naar Turkije vertrokken.

Groningen Airport Eelde is voor de buitenwereld afgesloten. De bergingswerkzaamheden, waarmee inmiddels is begonnen, zullen vermoedelijk de hele nacht in beslag nemen. Vliegvelddirecteur Meulendijks verwacht dat het vliegveld in de loop van woensdag weer open gaat, mits het gecrashte vliegtuig is geborgen. De verdere vluchten voor dinsdag zijn geschrapt en zijn omgeleid via Schiphol. Het gaat om charters naar Heraklion op Kreta, nog een vlucht naar Dalaman en lijnvluchten naar Londen. De reizigers zijn met bussen naar Schiphol gebracht.



## RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van woensdag t/m zaterdag:

**LICHT WISSELVALLIG!**

Af en toe zon en een enkele bui. Middagtemperatuur 18 graden aan zee tot 22 graden landinwaarts.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	21	20	20	20
Minimumtemperatuur:	15	15	14	13
Zonnekans in %:	40	50	30	40
Neerslagkans in %:	20	30	50	30
Windrichting kracht:	W-3-5	W-3-5	W-3-5	W-3-4

## .... PHOTO OF THE DAY ....

### CORRIE (former EERLAND 19)



The **CORRIE** is the former **EERLAND 19**, seen on this picture made by **Jan Plug** ©  
The **Corrie** is purchased by Maarten van der Ree uit IJmuiden, this family owned in the past a fishing vessel named IJM 44, The **Corrie** departed Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> from IJmuiden bound for Tiburron in Denmark where Maarten van Ree will start living onboard the vessel.



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