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The **STENA CARRIER** seen here departing from Travemunde — photo : Henk van der Lugt ©

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



Kazumitsu Joko, principal of Uwajima Fisheries High School, left, speaks during a welcoming ceremony at the Aloha Tower's Pier 9 for The new **Ehime Maru** fishing vessel as it arrives in Honolulu on Tuesday, June 17, 2003. The new vessel is a replacement for the original Ehime Maru that sank after colliding with a U.S. Navy submarine off Oahu on Feb. 9, 2001. Nine of the 35 men and boys were killed in the collision

A Chinese-flagged high seas drift net (HSDN) vessel is shown fishing illegally in international waters with more than nine miles of drift net about 400 miles southwest of Attu in the waters off the Aleutian Islands. Scientists say nearly 1,000 whales, dolphins and porpoises drown every day after becoming tangled in fishing nets and other equipment



Mangouras breaks silence

A SPANISH court has turned down the latest appeal by lawyers acting for Apostolos Mangouras, master of the Prestige, to have his bail conditions eased.



Since his release from a high security jail last February after the London P&I Club paid his E 3m bail, the master has been required to report daily to a local police station.

Efforts to have this changed to weekly visits have so far failed. Capt Mangouras, currently residing in Barcelona, has now broken his silence.

In a one-off exclusive interview with Lloyd's List, his first since the Prestige saga began, he spoke of his bewilderment at the treatment he has received under the Spanish system.

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"I don't understand what they want from me," he told this newspaper. "They have the three million euros — what do they want?"

Capt Mangouras has been accused of disobeying government orders and causing damage to the environment. Spain alleges that he ignored repeated orders to give a towline to assisting tugs during the early hours of the accident.

He could face several years in jail if convicted. But in the interview, the 68-year old Greek master maintained his innocence and described how he risked his life to try and save the ship.

He was critical of Spain's decision to refuse a place of refuge, a decision that he said he could not understand. He also questioned the delay in providing extra hands to help secure the towline and in flying a Dutch salvage team on board the ship.

And he warned that European proposals calling for criminal sanctions for environmental offences at sea could backfire and create a situation where seafarers are wary of helping in severe casualty situations.

"Why give assistance?" Capt Mangouras asked. "I gave assistance and I was sent to prison."

Fugro neemt Deense branchegenoot Svitzer over

Fugro heeft Svitzer en Svitzer Surveys overgenomen van A/S Em. Z. Svitzer in Kopenhagen, Denemarken, aldus de onderneming maandag.

Svitzer, gevestigd in het Verenigd Koninkrijk en Svitzer Surveys dat in Denemarken gevestigd is, hebben samen 110 werknemers en waren in 2002 goed voor een omzet van 19,5 miljoen euro, aldus Fugro.

De overnamesom wordt op dit moment niet bekendgemaakt en zal uit bestaande kasstroom worden gefinancierd, aldus het engineeringbureau. De overgenomen onderneming wordt geconsolideerd per 1 juli 2003.

De acquisitie komt tegemoet aan Fugro's behoefte om het aantal schepen, geschikt voor survey-activiteiten, uit te breiden, zo stelt het bedrijf.

Svitzer heeft drie surveyschepen in gebruik. Deze vloot wordt ingezet voor geofysische site- en route-onderzoeken, milieuonderzoek, pijplijninspectie en geotechnische projecten voor de olie- en gassector en telecommunicatie-ondernemingen.

De activiteiten van Svitzer zullen met de reeds bestaande werkmaatschappijen in Aberdeen, Fugro Survey en Fugro-UDI worden samengevoegd tot een werkmaatschappij met de naam Fugro Survey.

CASUALTY REPORTING

DIPOLOG PRINCESS (PHILIPPINES)

On Jun 10, Sulpicio Lines ferry **Dipolog Princess** (3786 gt, built 1969), carrying 1,200 passengers, ran aground off Cordova in the Mactan channel. According to the Coast Guard reports on the incident, it turned out that Dipolog Princess was way off it's pre-plotted course. Further investigation revealed that third mate Ramon Mabanag was on the bridge when the accident happened. The master Captain Macario Paras admitted he was asleep in his cabin as the ship was nearing Cebu. It was also raining hard that night and the radar was not functioning. Hence, when the third mate was in doubt as to their course, he awoke the master, but by then it was already too late, the ship had hit bottom. No one got hurt in the incident.

FLECHA DAS ILHAS

At about 2015, local time, Jun 17, ferry **Flecha das Ilhas**, Niteroi for Rio de Janeiro, with 45 passengers on board, collided with an unidentified small tug/fuel carrier in Guanabara Bay. About 40 persons injured. Damages to both vessels.

APL EMERALD (SINGAPORE)

Following received from Singapore Port Marine Safety, timed 1330, UTC: C.c. **APL Emerald** was refloated at 1245, local time, June 18th.

TRICOLOR (NIS)

Salvage workers will this week cut apart the submerged wreck of vehicle **Tricolor** in the English Channel. The vessel was carrying pounds 30 million worth of BMWs, Saabs and Volvos when it sank in one of the world's busiest shipping lanes six months ago. It remains in French waters about 82 feet below the surface and is no longer visible. A team of Belgian and Dutch salvage experts will cut the wreck into nine sections which will then be lifted from the water. The remains will be placed onto pontoon barges for transport to Zeebrugge. The wreck is lying 30 miles east of Ramsgate, Kent

SHIPYARD NEWS

Pessimistic outlook for Japanese shipbuilders

DESPITE a strong orderbook for Japanese shipyards, the newly elected chairman of The Shipbuilders' Association of Japan has used his first public statement to highlight a distinct lack of optimism over pricing trends, writes Hugh O'Mahony.

Mototsugu Ito, who takes up a two-year tenure, characterised his new role as a "heavy responsibility... particularly in view of the situation in which we find ourselves today. "Deflation is going on worldwide, and uncertainty about the economic future of Japan is increasing," he said.

Brisk newbuilding demand was sustaining Japanese annual ship output at above 10 m GT, "and our orderbooks are filled for more than two years ahead, supported by contracts centred mainly in the bulk carrier segment". "However, the future of shipbuilding prices allows no optimism since intense international competition continues against a background of chronic supply-demand imbalance," said Mr Ito. Yard rationalisation, consolidation and spin-off from Japan's industrial giants could help shipbuilders face their future. "Yet I perceive a need for further continuation of their self-help endeavours," said Mr Ito.

SAJ would continue to monitor the EU's complaint against South Korea at the WTO over alleged shipbuilding subsidy, and participate in negotiations for a new OECD agreement. Mr Ito also highlighted the inclusion of Chinese shipbuilders in the international shipbuilding forum, recently renamed Jecku (Japan, EU, China, Korea, US).

Mr Ito said SAJ would "continue its efforts to promote not only mutual understanding with China but also discussions in further depth among the five regions... in search of ways to greater stabilization of world shipbuilding".



The **AL KHOMS** fitting out at the Damen Shipyard at Gorinchem – [photo : Ton Grootenboer](#) ©

PPL delivers first rig in US\$750m project

Local yard bidding for more jobs, along with competitor Keppel Fels



(SINGAPORE) Local offshore oil rig building specialist PPL Shipyard delivered the first of two advanced jackup rigs to GlobalSantaFe (GSF), part of a four-rig order by the global drilling giant estimated to be worth over US\$750 million.

The first jackup rig - the GSF Constellation I - was delivered last Friday under GSF's new building programme that will see PPL build two jackup rigs and two deepwater semisubmersibles with options for another four jackups and two semisubmersibles.

Worth an estimated US\$132 million, the rig took 28 months to construct and was built on schedule and within budget, according to PPL director Anthony Aurol.

The GSF Constellation I is scheduled to leave the yard on July 6 for a drilling assignment in South-east Asian waters, the location of which GSF wished not to reveal. The second jackup rig is now in its 15th month of construction with delivery targeted for the first quarter of 2004.

The highly mobile jackup rigs are commonly used in South-east Asian and Middle Eastern waters in shallow depths and less harsh conditions up to maximum of 400 feet. Each is capable of drilling to 30,000 feet.

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Zorgen over Zeeuwse havens

Door Maurits Sep

Zeeland -Seaports gaat een onzekere financiële toekomst tegemoet. Door de samenwerking met de haven van Rotterdam verliest het havenschap een groot deel van zijn inkomsten.

Volgens accountantsbureau Deloitte & Touche is het niet zeker dat de overige inkomsten - uit onder meer havengelden - voldoende zijn om het onderhoud van de Zeeuwse havens te kunnen blijven betalen. Dit blijkt uit het rapport dat het bureau heeft uitgebracht bij de jaarrekening 2002 van Zeeland Seaports.

Deloitte & Touche noemt het 'onzeker of de kosten van de resterende beheersactiviteiten kunnen worden gedekt uit de reguliere havengelden, erfpachten e.a.'. Dat heeft te maken met de nieuwe taakverdeling tussen ESM en Zeeland Seaports. ESM gaat de haventerreinen in het Sloegebied en de Kanaalzone exploiteren (ontwikkelen en verkopen). Zeeland Seaports gaat de haventerreinen beheren en onderhouden. De kosten die daarvoor gemaakt worden, worden deels betaald door ESM en deels vergoed uit de havengelden.

Voorzitter G. de Kok van Zeeland Seaports is daarom niet bang dat het havenschap in geldnood zal komen. "ESM verricht activiteiten voor Zeeland Seaports, en omgekeerd. Een deel gaat met gesloten beurzen. Voor sommige activiteiten, zoals het fysieke onderhoud van terreinen die onder het samenwerkingsverband vallen, wordt wel een rekening betaald."

Bovendien heeft Zeeland Sea-ports berekeningen laten maken van de ontwikkeling van de havengelden. "Prognoses hebben altijd een mate van onzekerheid in zich", geeft De Kok toe. "Maar naar verwachting zijn die havengelden zeker toereikend om de beheerskosten te kunnen blijven betalen. We houden namelijk rekening met een stijging van het aantal zeevaartbewegingen en dus met hogere inkomsten uit havengelden."

Deloitte & Touche adviseert Zeeland Seaports desalniettemin 'hoge prioriteit' toe te kennen aan de meerjarenbegrotingen die gemaakt gaan worden. Daaruit zal blijken of de inkomsten van het havenschap voldoende zullen zijn om de uitgaven te dekken.

Norfolk Line behind Samsung Heavy ro-pax pair

NORFOLK LINE has emerged as the North European shipowner behind a twin ro-pax ship order placed with Samsung Heavy Industries.

The deal sees the Dutch shipowner ordering the ships for its Dover - Dunkirk service, with the first vessel to enter service in July/August 2005 and the second due in November/December the same year.

The new purpose-built vessels will each have capacity for 120 accompanied trailers and 200 cars and carry 780 passengers.

The vessels have been designed in order to separate freight and passenger accommodation and public spaces, with dedicated freight trailer and passenger car decks, as well as separate dining, shopping and lounge facilities

NAVY NEWS



Friends and family members of sailors stationed aboard the hospital ship **USNS Comfort (T-AH 20)** await the ships return from deployment 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.

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The NEL Line ferry **Theofilos** departs from Piraeus - Photo : George Grekos ©



The Belgian pilot tender **Pieter Deconinck** departs from Flushing port – photo : Piet Sinke ©



The **SMIT POLEN** took over the **SMITBARGE 5** from the **Lady Laura** Tuesday
Photo : Frans Sanderse ©

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



The **Patrouille de France** seen here during the opening of Le Bourget airshow.
The **Patrouille de France** will also perform during the open days of de Dutch Airforce at **Twenthe**
AFB June 21/22 – photo : **Konstantin von Wedelstaed** ©



An Eurofighter Typhoon of the Italian airforce over Le Bourget
Photo : Philippe Noret ©

ACCIDENT AT EELDE AIRPORT, NETHERLANDS

A passenger aircraft overshot the runway this morning during take-off at Eelde airport in the province of Drenthe, in the Netherlands. The jet, operated by the Turkish airline, Onur Air, failed to lift off and continued for another fifty metres before it came to a stop. The 150 passengers and crew were forced to use emergency exits. A number of passengers were treated for neck and knee injuries. Four of them were admitted to hospital. The jet's destination was the Turkish city of Dalaman. The Dutch aviation authorities have begun an inquiry.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van donderdag t/m zondag:

PRIMA ZOMERWEER!

Morgen veel bewolking en kans op wat lichte (mot)regen. Vanaf vrijdag perioden met zon en droog. Middagtemperatuur 17 graden op het strand tot 22 graden landinwaarts.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	20	20	20	22
Minimumtemperatuur:	15	14	13	13
Zonnekans in %:	20	50	50	50
Neerslagkans in %:	40	10	10	20
Windrichting kracht:	WZW-4-5	W-4-5	W-3-4	VAR-2-3

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