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The **SMIT DUTSLAND** assisting a Maersk container vessel.

A lot of models like this can be seen at the Haven feesten in Terneuzen 28 & 29 June 2003

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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

BUG HITS CRUISE SHIP



A LUXURY cruise was cancelled when half the ship's crew were struck down with severe tonsillitis.

The **Hebridean Princess** was forced to put into Tobermory, on the Isle of Mull, when 12 of the ship's 38 crew were hit by the bug.

They were treated by doctors, but when another six were struck down, the vessel, once voted best British

deluxe cruise ship, returned to Oban, Argyll.

A spokesman for the ship's owners, Hebridean Island Cruises, said: "All passengers will be offered appropriate compensation."

Construction Begins for Birka Line's New Cruise Vessel

14 Shipyards were competing last November for Birka Line's newbuilding contract. Aker Finnyards won, and after the design period the production of the cruiser started today. The vessel, approximately \$181M, is considered to be an environmentally friendly vessel- it fulfills two very new classification criteria; DNV's Clean Design rule defining several environmental solutions as to the ship structures, and the Comfort Class rule securing a noiseless and vibration free environment. In addition, the vessel complies with the same environmental quality standards as the Birka Princess, which is equipped with an exhaust gas treatment system, closed sewage treatment systems, atoxic bottom painting etc. The cruise ship designed mainly for year round service in the Baltic sea comprises eleven decks, five of which are dedicated to passenger accommodation and three to passenger public spaces; conference area, dance lounge, several restaurants and bars, casino, shopping area, children's playroom etc.

CASUALTY REPORTING

VLCC, product tanker collide in Gulf killing four

An explosion following a collision on Wednesday between two oil tankers in the Gulf off the United Arab Emirates has left four dead, according to the shipping agent for one of the two vessels involved.

An official working for Middle East-based Kanoo shipping agency said the collision was between crude tanker **Sebu** and product tanker **Efixnos**. The UAE coastguard in Fujairah said: "There was an explosion on an oil tanker about six miles off the coast of Fujairah." Kanoo represents the tanker **Sebu**, a 293,000 tonne very large crude carrier owned by Singapore's Worldwide. **Efixnos** is a 57,000 tonne product tanker.



Blowout and Fire on Transocean Rig 62 Kills One

The blowout and subsequent fire that occurred on Transocean's inland barge **Rig 62** during drilling operations late on Tuesday night regrettably took the life of one of the company's employees. The rig is under contract to TransTexas Gas Corporation and is operating off San Leon,

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Texas in Upper Galveston Bay. Twenty-two people were on board the rig, and 21 people were successfully evacuated. Four persons evacuated from the rig were taken to area hospitals and three have been released. The remaining hospitalized person does not appear to have life-threatening injuries.

The latest reports indicate that the fire on the rig has diminished and is presently confined to the mud pits and that the well has ceased to flow. TransTexas retained well and pollution control specialists immediately after the incident and they are currently on site. The latest reports indicate that there are no visible signs of pollution and efforts are underway to extinguish the mud pit fire. Rig 62 is a posted barge that was built in 1978

SHIPYARD NEWS

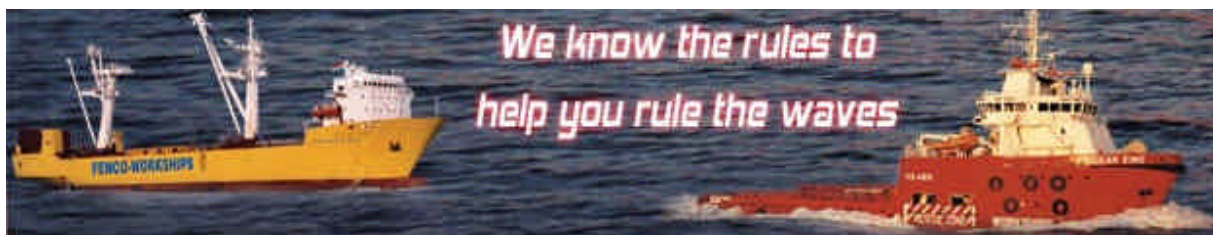


The [Queen Mary 2](#) getting shape in St Nazaire — [photo : Maurizio Eliseo ©](#)

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Color-Line will fight city's bid to take over terminal

Norwegian shipping group Color Line is resisting legal efforts by the city of Oslo to renegotiate the lease of its cargo and passenger terminal at Hjordnes in Oslo port.

The city authority has told Color Line it needs the terminal site and adjacent land to build housing, leisure facilities and public parks.

Color Line insists it holds a legally binding lease contract on the terminal and adjoining land until 2036, and has refused the offer of an alternative facility 5km away at Revier Quay.

Color Line has threatened to move its operations to Copenhagen or Kiel if the city refuses to honour the lease and issues a mandatory repossession order, a power which municipalities have under Norwegian state law.

STENA ADVENTURER ARRIVED IN BIRKENHEAD



The brandnew **Stena Adventurer** arrived at A&P Birkenhead just after midnight on June 17. She was reported all fast in the wet basin around 00:45

Photo : Tony Brennan ©

Cape Glory joins K Line fleet

K LINE has taken delivery of a cape-size bulk carrier, **Cape Glory**, from Namura Shipbuilding Co.

The new vessel will be used to transport Australian iron ore and coal that is primarily destined for Japanese steel mills.

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The 170,000 dwt Dunkirkmax-type newbuild has been constructed to prevent the proliferation of aquatic organisms and pathogens.

To further improve safety, the vessel's hold frame on its single side skin has been made stronger by using higher-quality anti-rusting paint, the line said.

Energy-saving aspects such as stern tunnel fins and an efficient propeller have also been installed and to prevent possible oil pollution, an air-seal type of stern tube sealing device has been fitted.

Vertrek PSD-schepen vertraagd

door Edith Ramakers

VLISSINGEN - Het is nog onduidelijk wanneer de drie voormalige veerboten van de Provinciale Stoombootdiensten (PSD) naar Italië vertrekken om in de Straat van Messina tussen Calabria en Sicilië een veerdienst te onderhouden. Het oudste schip, de **Prinses Christina**, is nog niet goedgekeurd door het classificatiebureau, Det Norske Veritas.



Het schip mag zonder de goedkeuring het zeegat niet uit. Het vertrek is al met een dikke maand vertraagd. De Italiaanse rederij Amadeus SpA hoopt desondanks voor het weekeinde groen licht te krijgen. De reder kocht de schepen begin april van de PSD.

De twee Italiaanse kapiteins, Luigi Mazzitelli en Rosario Caminiti bevestigen deze versie. Aan de schepen worden hoge eisen gesteld omdat ze op eigen kracht van Vlissingen naar Italië zullen varen. De tocht duurt ongeveer zeven dagen. Ze vertrekken met zijn drieën

tegelijk, dicht langs de kust en blijven in de buurt van elkaar. „De **Christina** heeft nog te veel openingen`, weet Mazzitelli. Het bureau Veritas vindt dat er nog er nog meer `gaten dichtgemaakt moeten worden om naar de mediterrane te varen`.

Ze hopen vrijdag te vertrekken. „Maar ik durf dat eigenlijk nog niet hardop te zeggen`, zegt Mazzitelli, de kapitein van **Ladies Maticena**, de voormalige **Prinses Juliana**.

„De vertraging is voor iedereen vervelend. Ik heb een vrouw en twee zonen thuis. Wat dacht u? Die mis ik`, merkt Mazzitelli op. „Vlissingen heeft gelukkig wel een paar leuke pubs. Het is een gezellige stad. In sommige café's kennen ze ons intussen. We zijn ook goed verzorgd door de mensen van de PSD.`

Uitzwaaien

Mazzitelli belooft dat ze niet stilletjes zullen vertrekken. „We zullen `s ochtends vertrekken, zodat Vlissingers de drie schepen uit kunnen zwaaien. Ik heb gemerkt dat deze schepen veel hebben betekend voor Vlissingen.`

De voltallige Italiaanse bemanning, die uit circa dertig mannen bestaat, was gisteren uitgenodigd door de afdeling `afbouw` van de PSD. „De Italianen zitten hier al zo lang. We willen hun verblijf veraangenamen`, zegt H. Thomaes, hoofd stafafdeling afbouw PSD. „De `afbouwers` komen geregeld voor de gezelligheid samen. We maken nog enkele klussen voor de PSD af. Op 1 maart 2004 moeten we alle zaken hebben afgewikkeld. Dan is de PSD verleden tijd`, zegt Thomaes. Van de circa 220 ex-PSD`ers zijn er nog tachtig die werk zoeken.

NAVY NEWS

Corner Brook set to begin service

HMCS Corner Brook, the third of four diesel-electric submarines acquired from the United Kingdom, will be commissioned at a ceremony in Corner Brook, Nfld., on June 29.

The commissioning will signal the official start of the sub's operational life with the Canadian navy.

The 70-metre sub can travel 22 kilometres an hour on the surface and 24 kilometres an hour underwater.

The **Corner Brook** and its sister ships **HMCS Windsor**, **HMCS Victoria** and **HMCS Chicoutimi** were initially commissioned by the Royal Navy in 1992 but mothballed in 1994 when the U.K. switched to a nuclear fleet.

RCNS SUMMERSIDE



The Canadian offshore patrol vessel **711 Summerside** – Photo : via Dave Shirlaw



As Peruvian Navy Vessel **BAP Chipana (SS 34)** surfaces June 4th, the aircrew assigned to the "Grandmasters" of Light Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Forty Six (HS-46) take the opportunity to snap a photo. Due to the quietness of its diesel engine, Chipana provided challenging training to the aircraft and ship crews participating in Silent Force Exercise (SIFOREX).

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Top : The **Antonio Machado** laid up in the port of Algeciras – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

"Antonio Machado" was due to be taken by tow out of Algeciras June 18th - she is bound for Genoa. She is the first of the four former Isnasa ferries purchased by Enermar to be removed from Algeciras.



The **SMIT HUNTER** arrived with the **ANNA 4** from Algeria in Rotterdam
Photo : Piet Sinke ©

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Top : The **SMIT HUNTER** at the Maaspilot station – [photo : Frans Sanderse ©](#)



The **BALKHAN** arrived in Rotterdam – [photo : Frans Sanderse ©](#)



The **FAIRPLAY XIV** arrived in and departed again from Rotterdam – photo : Jan Simons ©

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

Boeing to look into developing 'advanced' 747

Upgraded 747 plane could have more capacity and lower seat-mile costs

(LE BOURGET, France) Boeing Co said on Monday technologies that could be developed for its planned 7E7 plane may also be used to build an advanced version of its classic 747 jumbo, allowing it to fly further with more passengers.



High technology: the proposed 7E7 plane (above) is now on the drawing board, but technologies that could be developed for it could be used to upgrade Boeing's classic 747 jumbo jet

'Initial results have been encouraging,' said Randy Baseler, vice-president of marketing, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, at the Paris Air Show.

'Ten per cent more capacity, non-stop capability between the US East Coast and Asia and 5 per cent lower seat-mile costs than today's 747s are all achievable,' he said.

Orders for the venerable jumbo, which first flew in 1969, have slowed to a trickle in recent years as airlines were hit by a slump in air travel and rival Airbus SAS stole customers with its A380 superjumbo, due to enter service in 2006. Late last year Boeing scrapped plans to build a fast jet, the Sonic Cruiser, after customers said they wanted cost efficiency more than speed.

Mr Baseler said that in the next two years

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Boeing would continue to look at configuration alternatives on an '747 Advanced' as it talks to customers. With the A380, Airbus is betting carriers still need bigger planes to allow traffic to keep growing at the world's biggest airports such as Tokyo Narita, JFK in New York and London's Heathrow, where take-off and landing slots are limited.

Boeing has decided not to invest in an all-new superjumbo, reckoning that future air traffic growth will be based around direct connections between smaller airports as airline customers demand more point-to-point flights. Mr Baseler predicted that the market for planes with 400 seats and more would represent about 11 per cent of the total market in dollar terms over the next 20 years, and only 4 per cent of jets delivered.

Airbus says the market for big planes will be much larger. Earlier on Monday, Dubai-based Emirates placed the biggest order for wide-body planes in civil aviation history, including the purchase of 21 A380s. The airline also plans to lease 26 Boeing 777s from lessors ILFC and GECAS. Overall, Boeing forecasts the market for the next two decades for commercial aeroplanes and aviation services will total US\$5.2 trillion, with the world fleet more than doubling to 34,000 by 2022.

Of that, about 18,400 new planes would be needed just for market growth. Traffic is expected to increase by 5.1 per cent annually in the long term, with Latin America growing the fastest of all regions. Boeing also projected that airlines would invest US\$1.9 trillion in new planes, equating to about 24,000 deliveries over the next 20 years.

Korean Air to Announce Airbus Order Plan

Korean Air is expected to announce plans to order between six and eight Airbus wide-body jets later on Wednesday, sources familiar with the plans told Reuters at the Paris Air Show.



The sources said the planned order involved Airbus A380 superjumbos and suggested that a firm order as well as options could be announced.

A spokeswoman for Airbus declined to comment.

Airbus rival Boeing Co said on Tuesday it had signed a memorandum of understanding with Korean to sell it nine new planes, including 747 jumbo jets. On Monday, Airbus won a \$12.5 billion order from Dubai-based Emirates airline for 41 wide-body planes, including 21 A380s. It is also expected to win an order from Qatar Airways on

Thursday for up to 30 jets.

The Toulouse, France-based plane maker already has outstanding orders for **116** A380s, a 555-seat double-decker which will begin flying with airlines from 2006.

It said that total was expected to rise to 124 once pending contracts are signed with Malaysia Airline System and Qatar. An order from Korean would boost its A380 backlog even further. Airbus has said it expects to end the year with at least 125 firm A380 orders, half of the total sales it says are necessary to break even on the program. Airbus is 80-percent owned by European aerospace firm EADS, with the rest held by BAE Systems Plc of the UK.

F-16 verliest oefenbom boven Vlieland



RNAF, GD F16-B, J-066,
315 Sqn. (archive Marcel
van Leeuwen)

Een F-16 straaljager van de Koninklijke Luchtmacht heeft woensdag boven Vlieland een oefenbom verloren. Het projectiel kwam terecht bij een complex van de Koninklijke Nederlandse Reddingsmaatschappij, buiten het oefengebied de Vliehors. Dat heeft het ministerie van Defensie bekendgemaakt.

Volgens Defensie was de bom niet geladen met springstof. In het complex van de reddingsmaatschappij, een voormalig reddingshuisje, waren tijdens het incident 35 mensen aanwezig. Ze namen deel aan een excursie. Niemand raakte gewond.

De F-16 was afkomstig van vliegbasis Volkel en voerde een reguliere oefenvlucht uit.

RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van vrijdag t/m maandag:

WARM WEEKEND!

Perioden met zon, droog en opnieuw snel warmer. Vanaf zondagavond een toenemende kans op onweersbuien gevolgd door afkoeling.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	19	23	27	21
Minimumtemperatuur:	13	11	14	17
Zonnekans in %:	60	60	50	40
Neerslagkans in %:	10	10	30	50
Windrichting kracht:	W-4-5	WNW-3-4	ZO-3-4	WZW-4-5

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The **Goliat** acting as carousel tug ???



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