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The **MULTRAJET** of MULTRASHIP from Terneuzen — **photo : Stefaan Joris ©**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Carnival Pursues Giant Princess

Carnival Corporation chairman Micky Arison revealed that Carnival is following up with Princess's plan for the world's largest cruise ship. The 180,000 gt vessel will carry up to 4,000 passengers, and would be larger than the group's QUEEN MARY 2, which is currently under construction for Cunard Line. If the project goes ahead, Carnival's Princess brand would take delivery in 2006-07.

Forse nabetaling voor PSD-kapiteins



De **PRINS WILLEM ALEXANDER** in Vlissingen word gereed gemaakt voor vertrek naar Italy
photo : Piet Sinke ©

De provincie Zeeland moet vele honderdduizenden euro's extra betalen aan de kapiteins van de inmiddels opgeheven PSD. Dat is een gevolg van een uitspraak van de rechter. Die heeft bepaald dat de dertig PSD-kapiteins de afgelopen zes jaar te weinig betaald kregen voor onregelmatige diensten. De uitspraak kan nu ook grote gevolgen hebben voor de rest van het PSD-personeel

Support vessel purchased as Bibby eyes offshore operations

BIBBY Line has acquired its first diving support vessel with the purchase of the inspection class vessel **Aquamarine** from Subsea 7, writes Hugh O'Mahony.

The deal confirms the Liverpool shipping company's stated intention to expand into the offshore operations market and is expected to be followed by further vessel acquisitions. Bibby's first customer for the Aquamarine will be previous owner Subsea 7, which will charter the vessel back for 150 days to fulfil existing North Sea contracts. Bibby Line commercial director Jebb Kitchen said the company was keen to expand its offshore activities "and have identified the diving support sector as a market which offers new and exciting opportunities.

"This is our first venture into this market sector but we are confident that our relevant experience of the ownership and operation of LPGs, chemical ships, accommodation barges, floating storage units and jack-up rigs will be crucial as we establish a reputation and tender for work for the vessel for 2004." Mr Kitchen said Bibby Offshore, based in Aberdeen, would seek partners to provide a full and comprehensive inspection repair and maintenance service to offshore operators.

CASUALTY REPORTING

1 dead, 6 missing from ship rammed by container vessel

FUKUOKA-One crewman is dead and six are missing from a fishing boat that sank after being rammed by a container ship early Wednesday off Okinoshima in Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan Coast Guard officials said. The watch officer aboard the container vessel was arrested on suspicion of professional negligence in connection with the collision. The 135-ton **Koyo Maru No. 18**, operated by Kyowa Fishery Co., of Sakaiminato, Tottori Prefecture, had 17 aboard when it was hit by the **Heung-a Jupiter**, a 3,372-ton container ship of Panamanian registry, at 2:25 a.m. about 25 kilometers northeast of Okinoshima.

Eleven crewmen were picked up by another boat in the area, but one, Kazuhiro Yamashita, 43, of Sakaiminato, died later in a hospital. Six crew members were being sought. Yamashita was taken to a hospital in Fukuoka. Nine of those rescued were taken to a hospital in Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi Prefecture. Four were admitted for observation.

Four other members of the fishing boat crew were working on smaller boats tending nets when the fishing boat was hit. Officials said there was a fog warning, but visibility was fairly clear at the time. One crewman said the container ship was sighted about 10 minutes before the disaster. Crew members sounded the fishing boat's siren and flashed lights to signal the container ship when they saw it bearing down on them. A few minutes passed, but the Heung-a Jupiter did not change course, and the fishing vessel and its six smaller boats could not move because they had nets in the water. "I thought I was a goner," said Masaru Enomoto, 45, one of those rescued. He said he was coiling cable on the aft deck, hauling nets aboard when he heard shouts and saw the container ship close in. There was a loud bang and his boat flooded, tilted and sank in less than a minute, he recalled.

He struggled out of his slicker and waders and grabbed a float. "I'd be dead if I hadn't shed that raincoat," he said. He said three other crew members were clinging to the float with him for five or 10 minutes before they were rescued. The fishing boat was located by sonar about 110 meters beneath the surface. Japan Coast Guard officials out of the Moji base in Kita-Kyushu escorted the ship there, where they arrested Yun Guk-tae, 21, the watch officer on the container ship, later Wednesday on suspicion of professional negligence resulting in death and professional negligence endangering maritime transit. The container vessel, with a crew of 16-13 from South Korea and three from China-was bound for Hiroshima from Pusan, South Korea. Those listed as missing are: Ryoichi Hazeyama, 34, of Sakaiminato, the fishing vessel's captain; Yukinori Kojima, 51, of Kamigoto in Nagasaki Prefecture; Masumi Shinkawa, 40, of Sakaiminato; Junichi Kirie, 49, of Kamigoto in Nagasaki Prefecture; Hiroaki Fukuda, 32, of Tamanoura, in Nagasaki Prefecture, and Hisashi Ikeda, 36, of Sakaiminato

One killed, 9 hurt in tanker blast

SURAT: One person was killed on the spot and nine others injured, some of them seriously, in a blast in a parked oil tanker on the outskirts of Kadodara on Wednesday.

The incident occurred when a hole was being made in the tanker using a gas cutter by a worker of the shop where the vehicle was stationed. The injured were rushed to Sanjivani Hospital at Palsana town, sources said. The deceased has been identified as Suresh Jadav.

DE PING HAI (CHINA)

Bulk **De Ping Hai** (40437 gt, built 2002), bound China, loaded with 41,300 tonnes of soyabean, having sailed Terminal Toepfer, Arroyo Seco, Rosario, bound for Bahía Blanca to complete cargo, reported aground at Km 315 of the left margin of River Parana, at 0625, local time, today. Draught sailing 9.91 metres, not obstructing navigation,

JAMBO (CYPRUS)

Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 0855, UTC: General cargo Jambo: According to a report received from counter-pollution aircraft Atlantic 406 at 0644, UTC, a heavy, coloured sheen is visible around Jambo and on the mainland shore east of the vessel. The sheen is also drifting away from the site, in a south-easterly direction

SHIPYARD NEWS

Imabari wins \$200m Cosco boxship order

COSCO Container Lines (Coscon) has placed a contract, believed to be worth close to US\$200m, with Japan's Imabari Shipbuilding for three 5,576 teu boxships.

The vessels are the first to be built by Imabari for a subsidiary of China Ocean Shipping Group (Cosco), China's largest shipping firm, for five years. The vessels, 279m long, 40m wide with a 12.5m draught, are due for delivery by June 2005. The last vessels to be built by Imabari for Cosco were two containerships, the 24,000 dwt Song Yun He and Fengyunhe, that were delivered in 1998. The orders coincide with a revamp of Coscon's services between China and Japan to expand port coverage in both countries. The Kanto-Kansai-Qingdao-Lianyungang service, operated by two ships, has been expanded to cover

EUROGRACHT



The **EUROGRACHT** completed her drydocking at the Niehuis & van den Berg shipyard and departed from Rotterdam — **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

PRIDE (ex VICKY)

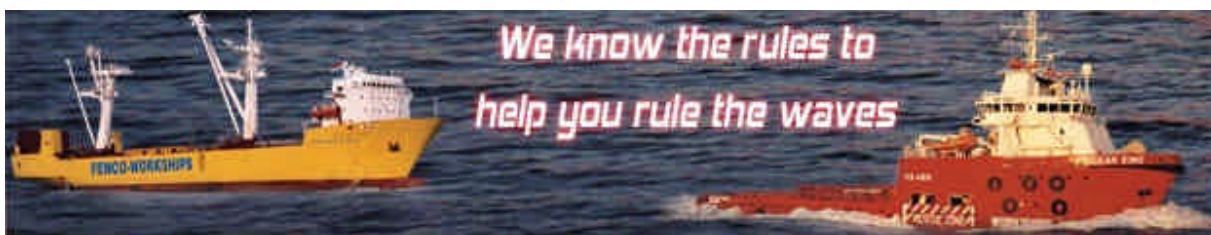


The **PRIDE** is the former **VICKY** which hit the wreck of the **TRICOLOR** and was repaired at the Rotterdam United Dockyard – [photo : Piet Sinke ©](#)

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GLORY From Italy

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Ceremonies at the Fincantieri shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy, marked the delivery of **CARNIVAL GLORY**, Carnival Cruise Line's new 110,000-ton ship. Following a 12-day transatlantic crossing from Monfalcone to Port Canaveral, Florida the 2,974-passenger vessel will be "officially" named July 14 by space industry pioneer Dr. Sally Ride and then sail on a special five-day pre-inaugural cruise to Mexico. Following that, CARNIVAL GLORY will launch year-round seven-day Caribbean service from Port Canaveral July 19, becoming the nineteenth vessel in the Carnival Cruise line fleet and the second in Carnival's "CONQUEST-class"

Chantiers Capers

After Princess Cruises' new 88,000 gt Panamax cruise ship **MV ISLAND PRINCESS** was delivered to her owners (June 19), in the presence of Carnival chairman Mickey Arison and Princess chairman Peter Ratcliffe, Mr. Arison then paid a visit to the nearby QM2, which is fitting out in the same yard at Chantiers de l'Atlantique. It was agreed that her official delivery is on schedule for 22 December, 2003.

Royal Caribbean is in talks with Chantiers de l'Atlantique for the building of one (and, possibly, two) 160,000 gt cruise ship(s), intended to crush the 150,000 gt record set so far by QM2.

TT Line confirms third ferry for Sydney-Devonport service

TASMANIAN premier Jim Bacon confirmed today that a new ferry would start operating on the Sydney-to-Devonport run in January next year.

The TT Line will take delivery of the **Spirit of Tasmania III** in September this year and she will arrive in Australia in December. The vessel is almost identical to the current Spirit of Tasmania I and II and is three years older. She has been run by Attica Enterprises in Greece as Superfast II . I have inspected the vessel with TT Line officials and it is in excellent condition, having undergone substantial refurbishment over the last 12 months," Mr Bacon said. "Inspections have confirmed that capital expenditure would be less than originally expected, due to recent upgrades." The vessel will berth at a prime Sydney location in Darling Harbour that will see her pass under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The service will run to and from Sydney three times a week and will take 20 hours one way.

Mr Bacon said that the total project cost for acquiring Spirit of Tasmania III is \$105m. This includes the cost of the vessel, the refit, the establishment costs in Sydney, delivery and crewing. Under the contract for sale, Attica Enterprises does not want the exact price of the vessel made public. TT Line will debt-fund the purchase of the third ferry, with income from the new service expected to service the debt. Following the purchase of the first two Spirits , the government agreed to provide TT-Line with four annual \$44m injections of equity. Over the next four budgets the government will assign \$44m from budget flexibility to the Economic and Social Infrastructure Fund (ESIF). The money provided to the ESIF will be held as a contingency fund should the TT-Line require an additional round of equity in the future

NAVY NEWS



The Dutch Frigate **F 803 TROMP** making good speed – photo : Hans Koster – Zeearend ©

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The newbuilding **SALAH EDDINE** departed from Rotterdam – photo : **Jas Louwen** ©



The **ATREK** departed with the **H-404** loaded with the **NAM K7 FB-1** from Flushing
Photo : **Peter Andriessen** ©

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The **NORTH STREAM** arrived on the Tyne from Aberdeen to discharge equipment for Rowan Gorilla VII at McNulty's South Shields – **photo : Kevin Blair ©**



The **JULIANAHAVEN** of VANUDEN RO-RO arrived in Rotterdam – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., praises the first model of the Boeing 767 Tanker Transport aircraft to roll off the production line at Boeing's Everett, Wash. plant Thursday, July 3, 2003. From Everett, the plane will go to Wichita, Kan., where it will be configured for use as a refueling tanker and then delivered to the Italian Air Force. The U.S. Air Force also plans to lease 100 of the 767s in a \$16 billion deal to replace some of its aging tanker fleet

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



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