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KOTUG 's **ZP MONTELENA** in the Caland canal — **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Bass Strait ferry and K Line boxship in '20 metre' near miss

MARINE Safety Victoria has confirmed that it is investigating a near collision in Port Philip Bay involving the Bass Strait ferry *Spirit of Tasmania I* and the K Line container ship *Henry Hudson Bridge*.

The vessels were understood to have passed within 20 metres of each other about 06:00 hrs on Friday, July 4. The 41,000dwt container ship was carrying a pilot while the *Spirit of Tasmania I* had a pilotage-exempt master in command. The ferry operator TT Line said the vessel, which can carry up to 870 passengers, was not full at the time.

It is understood that the incident was in reduced visibility. Mark Hughes, for Marine Safety Victoria, said the investigation is being undertaken by former Port Phillip sea pilot Neville Daniel.

Captain Daniel will be studying recorded tapes of the incident as part of his investigation, which should be completed within six weeks

Carnival Glory cements ties with Port Canaveral

CARNIVAL'S new flag ship 110,000 gt *Carnival Glory* was officially named this week before the ship set out on its inaugural five-day cruise to Mexico.



The *Carnival Glory*, capable of carrying 2,974 passengers, has a 40% greater capacity than the *Carnival Pride*. It is the 19th 'fun' ship to be added to the Carnival fleet.

The Panama-flagged Conquest class ship was built at Fincantieri's Monfalcone yard at a cost of \$500m and has a crew of 1,160. The 952 ft vessel has 13 decks, measures 116 ft across the beam and has a maximum draught of 27 ft. The diesel electric propulsion system

consists of six medium-speed engines, developing around 84,933 hps with individually controlled rudders.

Carnival president Bob Dickinson said the arrival of *Carnival Glory* at Port Canaveral, from where the company will offer seven-day western Caribbean cruises from July 19, represents the "high point in a 13-year relationship with Port Canaveral" and is a reflection of Carnival's faith in the future of the port.

Carnival expects to carry 400,000 passengers from the port per year, making it second only to Miami in terms of the company's US cruise business.

Carnival Glory is the largest ship to have been based at the port. The company began sailing from Port Canaveral in February 1990 with the 950 passenger *Carnivale*, which was followed by the *Mardi Gras*, before both ships were replaced by the *Fantasy*.

The company deployed its first new ship to the Central Florida market with the *Carnival Pride*.

The naming ceremony, performed by Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, also marked the latest chapter in Carnival's long-standing relationship with Fincantieri.

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At the launch, the Italian shipbuilder's executive president Corrado Antonini said he believed with a total of \$12bn spent by Carnival with the yard that Fincantieri had something akin to a joint venture with the US cruise giant. Fincantieri was "committed to building more ships for the group".

Fincantieri has just started work on its next fun ship for Carnival,. But the big question for all the European yards remains what happens after 2006 when cruiseship orders dry up, not least with the strength of the euro against the dollar making orders less attractive.

With overcapacity in the market, much will depend on whether the cruise company can attract new passengers. With Carnival Glory and the company's other fun ships, Carnival is keen to emphasise that cruising is not just for the older generation.

The company expects to carry a record 400,000 children this year and the new ship offers a 4,200 sq ft play area for children, with a dance club and game room aimed at the teenage market and an exclusive teenage shore excursion programme.

SMIT SALVAGES FREDINA



Top : The **FREDINA** in the tackles of the **TAKLIFT 3** and the **AMSTERDAM**

Photo : Hans de Jong – Maritime pictures ©

After cutting the sunken vessel in 2 parts the Floating sheerlegs **TAKLIFT 3** and **AMSTERDAM** have lifted the first part of the **FREDINA** from the seabed at 15 mtrs depth in the Botlek, Wednesday July 16th, the second part was lifted out the next day.

CASUALTY REPORTING

JAMBO (CYPRUS)

SMIT Salvage and Klyne Tugs have successfully removed and recovered 85 tonnes of bunker oil on board general cargo Jambo. The bunkers were pumped into a holding tank of salvage tug Anglian Prince. The operation was carried out utilising the "HOT TAP" technology which allows for the recovery of liquid substances from sunken vessels in a pollution free manner. After this success, the next step is to remove the cargo from the vessel. Salvors have mobilised the salvage tugs Lady Laura, Boxer and the crane barge Anna 4. Anna 4 will be used as a work, accommodation and diving platform. The recovered cargo will be pumped into five hopper split barges. Due to the nature of the cargo, divers will use the 'Dirty Harry System', a special 'closed diving system' where the diver does not get into contact with the water at all. -- SMIT Salvage BV.

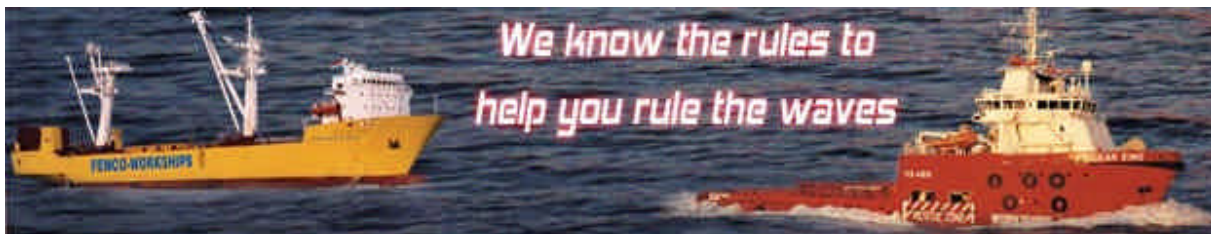
HMS ANGLESEY

HMS Anglesey which was enroute towards Portsmouth as mentioned in the newsletter of Thursday encountered a complete black out in the Bay of Biscay, the **HMS Anglesey** was taken in tow by the British frigate **Cornwall**, but the **MULTRATUG 7** which was enroute Gijon to collect Multraships sheerleg **CORMORANT** was contracted and re-routed towards the transport and took Wednesday morning the **HMS Anglesey** under tow and is at present enroute Portsmouth, ETA is Friday, after delivery of the **HMS Anglesey** the **Multratug 7** will depart again for Gijon.

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Oman orders gas tankers worth \$300m

MUSCAT - Oman has ordered two gas tankers worth 300 million dollars from Japanese and South Korean companies, the official ONA news agency reports. Oman signed a 149-million-dollar contract with Japan's Kawasaki Heavy Industries and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to build a tanker capable of holding 145,000 cubic metres (5.12 million cubic feet) of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), ONA said.

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The sultanate also signed a contract worth 150.5 million dollars with South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries for a tanker with a capacity of 147,000 cubic metres (5.19 million cubic feet), the agency added. The two tankers, which will be delivered end-2005 and operational in 2006, will be used to transport LNG to Asian and European markets, Economy Minister Ahmed bin Abdul Nabi Mekki said.

With delivery, Oman will have four such tankers. Oman, a small non-OPEC oil producer, has put its proven gas reserves at around 660 million cubic metres (23 trillion cubic feet), with potential reserves more than double that figure.

STENA SEARIDER



The tug **THAMESBANK** assisted the **STENA SEARIDER** during her departure Wednesday evening due to the strong South westerly winds – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

Navion extends Silia T timecharter for further year

TSAKOS Energy Navigation has announced an extension of the timecharter on the suezmax **Silia T** with Norway's Navion.

The one-year extension begins in September 2003 upon the expiration of the initial timecharter agreement, signed in July 2002. The renewal is at the maximum rate negotiated for the one-year extension option granted under the original agreement. Navion has continuously employed **Silia T** since its delivery and president Nikolas Tsakos said "TEN is focused on expanding our strong relationships with companies such as Navion by providing ships that meet our clients' individual requirements and providing superior customer service and support directly to major oil producers."

TEN announced earlier this month that it had ordered two additional suezmax newbuildings, scheduled for delivery in 2005. Mr Tsakos said the rates secured for the vessel are indicative of the strong timecharter market observed over the last several months. TEN has 17 vessels operating with medium or long-term employment contracts or contracts accounting for 70% of estimated operating days for the remainder of 2003 and 50% for 2004

Raad van State verbiedt aanleg WCT

De Raad van State verbiedt de aanleg van de Westerschelde Container Terminal (WCT). Dat is woensdagochtend bekend geworden.

De Raad van State vindt dat de provinciale staten van Zeeland onvoldoende onderzoek heeft verricht naar alternatieven voor de WCT. De raad zegt ook dat het besluit van de provincie onvoldoende motiveert waarom het economisch belang van de WCT zwaarder moet wegen dan het belang om het bestaande Europees beschermde natuurgebied te behouden. De compensatie van natuurgebied dat

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verloren gaat met de aanleg, is in het besluit wel voldoende verzekerd.

De Afdeling bestuursrechtspraak van de Raad van State oordeelt verder dat door ontoereikend onderzoek van de provincie grote onduidelijkheid blijft bestaan over de gevolgen die de aanleg en ingebruikname van de WCT kunnen hebben.

De uitspraak van de Raad van State is een gevolg van de beroepen die onder meer natuurbeschermingsorganisaties, de vereniging Redt de Kaloot en de gemeente Goes hadden ingesteld. De provincie zal nu opnieuw onderzoek moeten doen als zij een beslissing wil nemen over de aanleg van de WCT.

NAVY NEWS



USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) sits in dry dock undergoing repairs at Naval Base Yokosuka ensuring its ability, to continue to maintain a responsible defensive posture in the Western Pacific region.

DULUTH RETURNS



Sailors and Marines “man the rails” aboard the amphibious transport dock ship **USS Duluth (LPD 6)** as the ship pulls into her berth at Naval Station San Diego. Duluth and her embarked 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) supported U.S. and coalition forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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The **SOLITAIRE** arrived back in the Caland canal – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**



Alfons Hakans **ZEUS** departed again from Rotterdam Wednesday evening – **photo : Piet Sinke ©**



The **THETIS** of ISKES from IJmuiden started her seatrails — **photo : Jan Simons ©**

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



A US C-130 military transport plane came under fire from a surface-to-air missile as it landed at Baghdad's airport.

Helicopter Crashes in Sicily

A helicopter from Helicopter Support Squadron (HC) 4 crashed approximately 10 miles on land, west southwest of Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella near Palagonia, Sicily, July 16 at 5 p.m. local time . Four crew members were aboard at the time of the accident.

Firefighters and security from NAS Sigonella are at the scene of the accident.



The status of crew members are unknown. The names of the crew members are being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The cause of the accident is under investigation. HC-4 provides heavy helicopter combat support to the fleet in the Mediterranean. HC-4 uses the **MH-53E Sea Dragon**.

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The **LUPUS** (former **BANJAARDSBANK**) seen here operating in Norway — **Photo : Henk de Winde ©**

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