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The **SMIT MADURA** arrived in Rotterdam from the Bahama´s – **photo : Bert Bot ©**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

South Korean navy fires warning shots at North Korean fishing boat

South Korea's navy fired warning shots Monday after a North Korean fishing boat entered waters controlled by the South, the military said. The North Korean ship turned back and there were no further hostile exchanges between the two sides, South Korea's Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

The fishing boat intruded 594 feet into southern waters along the disputed western sea border, the statement said. South Korean navy speedboats fired five warning shots and the Northern boat returned to communist territory five minutes later. The maritime border between the two Koreas is not clearly marked, and North Korean fishing boats often cross over into South Korean waters. South Korean navy ships occasionally respond with warning shots. South Korea is studying whether Monday's alleged violation was intentional. North Korea is locked in a standoff over its suspected development of nuclear weapons. The United States is trying to persuade the North to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

The navies of the two Koreas, which were divided in 1945, fought deadly skirmishes in the western sea in 1999 and 2002.

Iceland's whale ships return with empty holds

Three Icelandic ships which were sent on a whaling mission following the country's controversial decision to begin the practice after a 14-year hiatus have returned to port today with empty holds. The ships' crews complained that their hunt went awry due to the flotilla of protesters and onlookers which followed them throughout.

One captain complained that some protesters had manoeuvred their boats so as to put them between the whalers and their quarry.

Iceland said on August 6 that it would restart limited whaling so as to carry out "further scientific research" on the mammals.

Iceland's fisheries ministry said that it was "realising the necessity" of research in order to get a "better understanding of the interactions between the different whale stocks and other marine species and the role of whales in the marine ecosystem".

Under plans submitted to the International Whaling Commission's (IWC) Scientific Committee, Iceland anticipates taking 50 sei whales, 100 fin whales and 100 minke whales annually for two years. However, at this stage only 38 minke whales will be taken up to September 30. The IWC's Scientific Committee has estimated that 43,000 minke whales are in Icelandic coastal waters.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) has voiced its "outrage" at the announcement. IFAW President Fred O'Regan said: "There is absolutely no scientific basis for these whales to be killed. Whales already face constant threat from pollution, entanglement in fishing nets, habitat loss and other dangers."

Oil transfer from Greek ship to be completed with in ten days

Managing Director Karachi Port Trust Brigadier Iftikhar Rashid said the transfer of remaining crude oil from Greek registered ship Tasmania Spirit, which grounded near Karachi port, will be completed with ten days.

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Total 25500 tons crude oil has been transferred including transfer of 6550 tons out of 76532 tons of oil in 14 tanks of the ship after re-launching lighterage operation, he said Monday addressing a briefing at KPT head office.



The oil leakage from broken oil tanker has stopped completely, he said, all KPT Tugs are busy in sucking oil from the sea surface in the affected areas. The spray in the affected areas has been stopped on advice of experts on Oil Spill Resource Limited after they surveyed the affected beaches and said oil slick was on very small scale.

Pakistan has lodged a formal complaint with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) claiming damages from the owner of a Greek tanker after a massive oil spill from its broken hull polluted a large coastal belt near the Karachi port

The fishing in the sea was underway as usual except the oil-affected areas, he said. The people living adjacent to affected areas

suffered eye-burning and breathing problem due to mixture of benzene gas in the air after the oil spill, however, he said the situation has improved, as there was no longer benzene gas in the air. On behalf of the citizens of Karachi, senior lawyer Kamal Azfar on Monday filed a public interest litigation in the Sindh High Court against the Karachi Port Trust (KPT) and the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) for not handling adequately the running aground of a Greek oil tanker near Karachi beach. Mr Azfar prayed in his suit that the management of the KPT and the PNSC be ordered to pay a sum of Rs 10 million to the City District Government Karachi as penalty because the leakage of oil had not merely affected marine life but also posed serious hazards to the health of citizens.

We're OK, says Sealand captain after warning



The container ship **Sealand Express** that ran aground on Sunset Beach in Table Bay during a heavy storm early on Tuesday morning apparently failed to heed repeated warnings that it was headed for trouble.

Photo : via Pim Zandee

An official with Cape Town Port Authority told Sapa that port control first contacted the

246m container ship at 4am and at least twice more before it grounded at 6.30am. The official, who declined to be named, said that during one of the radio calls to the vessel, a "cocky American captain

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said everything was OK". "When we called again at 6.10 to warn of the danger he said everything was under control; 20 minutes later he was aground and calling for tugs." The official said the ship appeared to have dragged its anchor. "At one stage the captain was carrying on about his anchor being too light," he said.

The official could not say why the ship had not started her engines and moved away from the looming coastline. He described the incident as "not very seamanlike" and said it was not the first piece of bad seamanship by the Sealand Express. "When the vessel entered Table Bay on Monday he anchored on top of another ship in the bay. We had a complaint from the captain of the other ship," the official said. A mariner at the scene of the grounding in Milnerton said at 11.30am that the damage to the Sealand Express was likely to be minimal. "She's in the surf, but the bottom here is sandy," the mariner, who also declined to be named, told Sapa.

Photo :

Via Pim Zandee

He said some of the ship's bottom plates might be "set in", a nautical term meaning they are pushed up, "but it's unlikely she's leaking." The seaman also

told Sapa the ship's second anchor had not been used and was clearly visible from the shore in the vessel's hawser pipe. Earlier on Tuesday, Cape Town harbour master Captain Edward Bremner said the **Sealand Express** had dragged her anchor and touched the beach due to the bad weather conditions. "At the moment the salvage tug is putting up a tow line and once that is complete they will pull her into the water." Bremner was not certain how many crew were on board but said no one was in danger. "The main thing now is to get the vessel back out to sea."



Sealand Express details

Length Overall:	257.50 meters		
Beam:	30.60 meters	Draft:	10.00 meters
Design Speed:	22 Kts	Capacity:	3733 TEU

VIARSA CHASED



Uruguayan-flagged ocean trawler, **Viarsa**, carrying what is believed to be a valuable cargo of Patagonian toothfish flees from an Australian patrol boat in the storm-lashed Southern Ocean. The Australian patrol boat **Southern Supporter** began chasing the trawler more than a week ago after it was spotted fishing in Australia's sub-Antarctic waters off Heard Island. A South African ship has joined the chase

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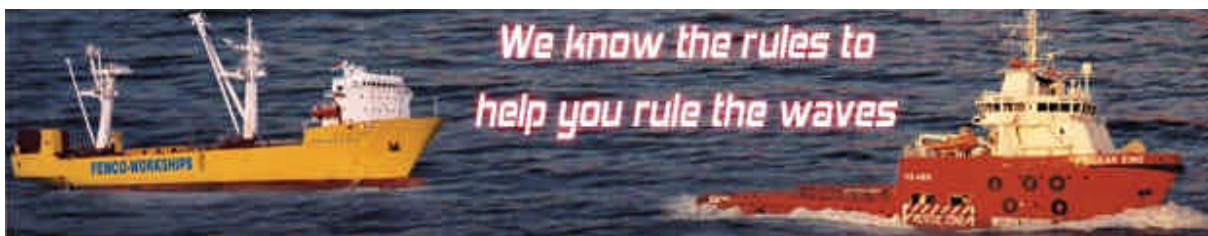


The **NADA V** arrived the Wilton harbour in Schiedam – photo : Frans Sanderse ©

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New service from HK to Japan

HONG KONG carrier SITC has launched a new service from Hong Kong to Japan. The service takes in Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka and will allow the company to upgrade and diversify service levels while providing greater flexibility to customers. SITC has turnover of over 400,000 TEU per year in China, serving over 30 coastal ports and international lines with 17 container vessels.

TT-Line service to Helsingborg

The German ferry operator TT-Line starts a new ferry service between Helsingborg in Sweden and Travemünde in Germany with weekly sailings and calls in Helsingborg on Saturdays from 6 September. The freight ferry line will be operated by the ro-pax vessels "**Nils Dacke**" and "**Robin Hood**". The company expects to handle 200 freight units per call. "**Nils Dacke**" and "**Robin Hood**" are built 1995 and have a cargo capacity of 160 trailers.

NAVY NEWS

LST-325 to return after tour of Mid-America



World War II ship has logged more than 3,000 miles during summer voyage along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers

The World War II ship **LST-325** has traveled 3,150 miles on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and had some 60,000 visitors since leaving Mobile in early June. It returned to Mobile on Tuesday.

"It's been a great success," Jornlin said of the trip, noting that donations and sales of souvenir items on the **LST-325** have

exceeded the goal of \$500,000. The vessel has been operating on donations by the public and gifts of parts and labor by corporations.



The journey has included visits to Vicksburg and Greenville, Miss., as well as Memphis, Tenn., Cape Girardeau, Mo., St. Louis, Paducah, Ky., and Jeffersonville and Evansville in Indiana.

US Government photo of the LST-325 temporarily stranded during low tide on the Normandy Beach. (June 12 1944)

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LST stands for landing ship, tank. The **LST-325** participated in the Normandy invasion as well as the invasions of Sicily and Salerno during World War II. The shallow-draft ships were designed to run right up on a beach and disgorge troops, vehicles and other equipment directly on shore.

Hundreds of LSTs were built at the ports of Evansville and Jeffersonville during World War II. Thousands of people in those two cities turned out for visits by the **LST-325**.

The United States gave the **LST-325** to Greece in 1964, and the Greek Navy used it for 35 years before it was decommissioned. Jörnlin and the crew took the ship from Greece to Gibraltar before the long voyage to Mobile.

Russia to Hold Large-Scale Naval Exercises

Russia will make threatening gestures to its potential enemies rather carefully large-scale exercises of Russia's Pacific Navy start in the Far East. The exercises will engage also subdivisions of 16 ministries and departments, starting from the RF Ministry of Defense and the State Fishery Committee.

Russia's news agency RIA Novosti informs, the exercises will be held in three stages: August 18-19 will be devoted to basic preparation of forces and troops; August 20-22 - to all-round preparation of arms, military technique, deployment of troops on the territories where missions are to be carried out; August 23-27 - an active stage of the exercises with participation of observers from six countries of the Asian-Pacific region. There will be 24 separate exercises: 10 will be held in the Primorye region, 7 v in the northern part of the Sea of Okhotsk and 7 v near Kamchatka. It should be mentioned here that a scandal nearly broke out concerning observers of the exercises last week. US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in a letter to Russia's Minister of Defense Sergey Ivanov that the USA wouldn't send any ships for participation in the exercises. He explained the decision with the fact that allegedly the USA received an invitation to the manoeuvres too late. However, Commander of the Russian Navy Central Headquarters Viktor Kravchenko says the invitations to participants of the exercises were sent in time. It is important that Russia's neighbors in the region somehow or other will take part in the exercises. South Korea and Japan will appropriate ships, China and North Korea decided to send only their observers to the manoeuvres. It is expected that observers from the USA and Canada will be present at the navy exercises as well.

These manoeuvres in Russia's Far East are the largest in five years. Over **68 ships** and boats, **42 auxiliary** vessels, **50 planes and helicopters**, up to 30,000 servicemen and civil specialists will be engaged for the exercises. The official aim of the exercises is to polish methods of fighting against terrorism, fend against piracy and protection of biological resources (the scale of poaching is immense in the Far East, it is quite obvious).



One of Taiwan's 50-year-old Guppy-class submarines. Taiwan has taken a critical step forward in its plans to acquire eight conventional submarines from the United States after paying three million dollars to kickstart the deal

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MT **SALUS** is departed again from Rotterdam after delivery of the **NAVIRA** for Landfall and is now enroute in ballast again to the Black Sea where the SALUS have a tow of a new building container ship hull from Nikolaev to Cuxhaven. ETA Nikolaev is 28.08.2003.

OTTON IN FLUSHING



Monday evening the **OTTON** arrived in Flushing , the **OTTON** is the former **RIBUT** of Wijsmuller

Photo : Wim Kosten ©

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The **OTTON** was build during 1974 under yard number 240 at the Matsuura Tekko yard in Japan, under the name **SEA NEPTUNE**, she sailed under this name until 1977 when she was renamed in **RIBUT** until 1991, the she got the name **ALBUQUERQUE** and this year she was renamed **OTTON**, the vessel is flying the Colombian flag and is at present home ported Barranquilla , the vessel measures a gross tonnage of 447 ton, length 39 mtr , width 9.4 mtr and is powered by 2 Fuji diesels with a total output of 3828 Kw



The **MSC CARLA** arrived in Santos – **photo : Marcello Lopez ©**

The **MSC CARLA** is build at the Hitachi yard under number 4815 during 1986 under the name **HANJIN LONGBEACH** she was renamed in **MSC CARLA** during 2001, the 2668 TEU vessel has a DWT of 43.300 tons and has a length of 241 mtr , width of 32 mtr and a maximum draft of 11.7 mtr, the vessel is powered by a Sulzer diesel of 30.100 hp good for a speed of 24 knots



Roro passenger **ZAKYNTHOS I** , Greek flag, IMO 7320291, GRT 4328, built in 1973, radio callsign SW6516, as seen August 17th 2003, entering to Kilini port Greece.

Photo : George Grekos ©

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The **SMIT MADURA** arrived at the Waterweg bound for the Parkkade

Photo´s - **Top : Jan van der Klooster ©**

Below : John van Eijk ©



The **SMIT MADURA** is build as the **SALVATORE** at the Ferrari yard in La Spezia (1988) under yard number 68, the 50 mtr long and 14.3 mtr width vessel is powered by 2 Wartsila 16V25 diesels with a total output of 9000 hp, the vessel which was renamed **SMIT MADURA** during 2003 is at present owned by Smit International Singapore.

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"Seaway Falcon" is now laying the Rogass pipe from Tananger at Stavanger to Kaarstoe Gas Terminal. Our pipecarrier is the "Havila Surf", an UT 722LX design, build at Langsten Shipyard earlier this year. Photo : Oddgeir Refvik ©

The **HAVILA SURF** is build at the Langsten yard in Tomrefjord under yard number 196, the vessel measures a GRT of 3905 tons, a length of 87.7 mtr and a width of 18 mtr



The RNLI Lifeboat **ALBERT BROWN** (17-03) will participate in the Tromp festival in Ter Heyde
Photo : Rob de Visser ©

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The **HAM 602** passing Koedood outward bound - photo : Frans Sanderse ©

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