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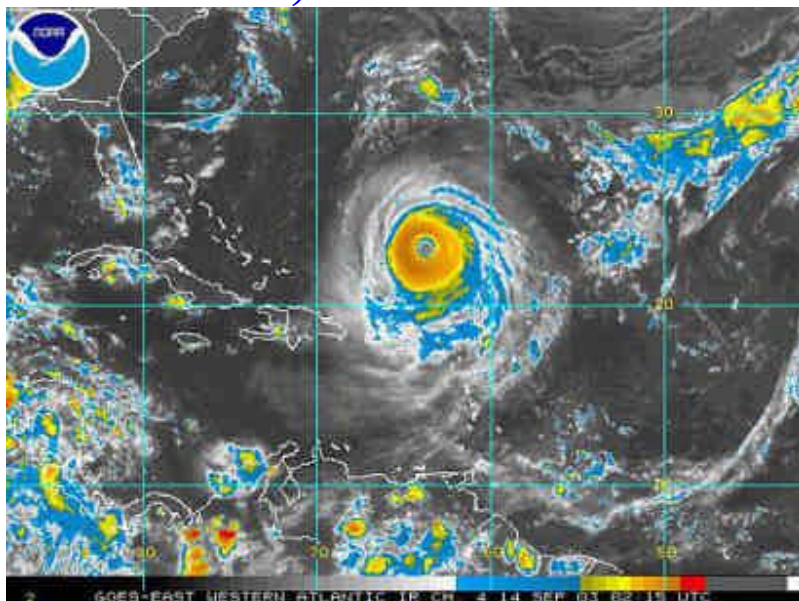
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The **MAESLANTKEERING** (Waterbarrier) in the Nieuwe Waterweg was closed during Saturday for the yearly test, this barrier is build to protect Rotterdam and the surrounding area incase of very highwater, due to this closure the Port of Rotterdam was closed for all shipping for some time.

**Photo : Jan van der Klooster ©**

## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



Hurricane **Isabel** is seen in this NOAA satellite image gathered at 10:15 p.m. EDT, Saturday Sept. 13, 2003. Isabel's sustained winds increased to 160 mph Saturday as the Category 5 hurricane swirled ominously closer to the East Coast.

## Double-hulled Polar Discovery tanker delivered to ConocoPhillips



**Polar Discovery**, a new double-hulled, Endeavour class tanker, was delivered last week to Polar Tankers Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips.

Classed by the American Bureau of Shipping, the new vessel joins sister ships Polar Endeavour and Polar Resolution in the ConocoPhillips US flag fleet carrying crude oil from Alaska to the US West Coast and Hawaii.

Endeavour class vessels have double hulls with 10 ft of space between the inner and outer

hulls, two independent engine rooms, twin propulsion and steering systems, a bow thruster, and state-of-the-art navigation systems.

"We are committed to operating and maintaining the safest and most environmentally sound vessels available," said Antonio Valdes, general manager of ConocoPhillips' marine division. "The Endeavour class tankers are outstanding vessels."

Avondale, La.-based Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, which built Polar Discovery, successfully completed sea trials significantly ahead of its revised delivery date.

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"The shipyard in Avondale is to be commended for. . . unparalleled workmanship and dedication to deliver this fleet," Valdes said. ConocoPhillips has ordered two more Endeavour class tankers, which currently are under construction at the Avondale yard. They are scheduled for delivery in 2004 and 2005, respectively, and ConocoPhillips said its entire US flag tanker fleet would be double-hulled by 2008.

The **POLAR DISCOVERY** and her four sister vessels are 272.69 M long by 46.2 M wide by 26.3 M deep. The vessels are powered by twin 11,060 KW (15,000 BHP) slow speed diesel engines. The ships have a 2206 KW (3000 HP) bow thruster. The speed is 16.6 knots loaded and 16.9 knots in ballast. The carriers will hold just over 1 million barrels of cargo at maximum capacity. The five ships will be equipped with the latest electronics to ensure safe and efficient operation.

### Getting ready



(SAINT-NAZAIRE, France) Cunard Line's **Queen Mary 2** going through the final stages of completion at the Alstom Chantiers Shipyard. The ship, the world's largest passenger liner, will sail on her maiden voyage on **Jan 12, 2004**, from Southampton, England, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida

## CASUALTY REPORTING

### Eight workers injured afer rig accident in Gulf of Mexico



EIGHT workers were injured in the Gulf of Mexico when **Parker Drilling's 14-J jack-up** rig collapsed during drilling operations.

The rig collapsed in 40 ft of water, sending 41 workers into the water and causing a four mile slick, said the US Coast Guard.

A Coast Guard Falcon jet on a routine flight heard a radio call that the Parker 14-J rig was overturning and that 41 people were in the water, Coast Guard spokesman Chad Saylor said.

Three Coast Guard helicopters took the injured to hospitals in the Gulf area and commercial boats returned workers to the shore. Parker Drilling has sent a ship out to the submerged rig in Chandeluer Sound block 27 to investigate the cause of the incident. The rig, built in Singapore in 1979, had 10,500 gallons of fuel on board, which has discharged into the sea in a 200 yard wide, four-mile long slick. This is drifting southwest away from the coast.

## SHIPYARD NEWS

### SVITSER BRUNEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Willem Harlaar noticed in Bilbao the new Svitser tug **SVITSER BRUNEL** under construction

Photo :  
Willem Harlaar ©

### BMI shipyard at Point is up for sale Nov. 5

**Baltimore County facility to be sold in pieces if no one wants all of it; Company is in Chapter 11; Auction house has received 'a number of responses so far'**

Baltimore Marine Industries Inc., the struggling shipyard that was once part of the Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s Sparrows Point complex, has run out of financial lifelines and will be sold or auctioned Nov. 5.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court hired Michael Fox International Inc. to find a buyer for the property and the equipment, the auctioneer said yesterday. The Owings Mills auction house was hired a month ago but just got its marketing campaign into full swing.

Bryan Goodman, a Fox project manager, said yesterday that the firm is compiling a list of prospective buyers, including other shipyards. Goodman said Fox plans to sell the shipyard as one package.

The yard has 250 acres at 600 Shipyard Road, including a mile of waterfront and docks, piers, basins, cranes and supporting shops. Goodman said it was possible that another company would reopen the shipyard. But because of the depressed state of the industry, he was prepared to sell it in parcels. Goodman would not identify any potential buyers or estimate a sale price.

"There are some shipyards and ship repair facilities worldwide that are interested," he said. "We've had quite a number of responses so far."

Baltimore Marine once employed close to 800 people but fell on hard times in the 1990s as shipyard industries contracted. It shifted focus from shipbuilding to ship repair, maintenance and scrapping.

Veritas Capital, a New York private investment firm, paid \$17 million to Bethlehem Steel in 1997 for the shipyard, then called BethShip. But Baltimore Marine filed for Chapter 11 protection in June after losing \$4.8 million last year and another \$4.25 million through May of this year, according to court papers.



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A handful of people still work at Baltimore Marine. No one there or at Veritas was available for comment yesterday.

Alan Grochal, attorney for the unsecured creditors committee, said the company owes about \$16 million to secured and unsecured creditors. One of the largest creditors is the state of Maryland, which had lent the company \$4 million when Veritas acquired it. Grochal said he hoped the sale could bring in \$10 million to pay back all of the secured and a significant portion of the unsecured debt.

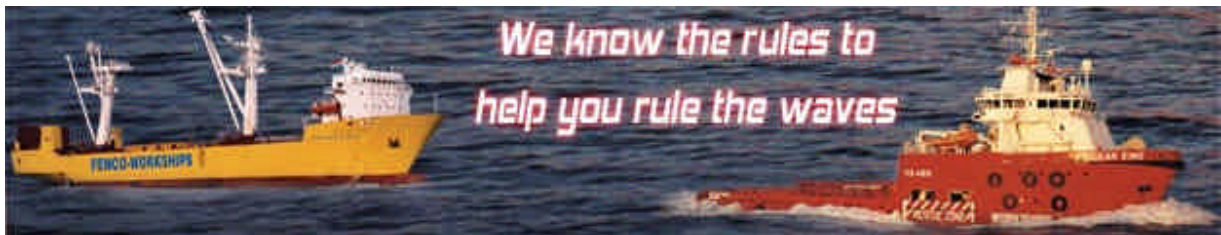
A sale became inevitable, he said, because the company could not continue to operate without a willing lender. The committee had been searching for its own buyers, and he said the goal is to find someone who would operate the shipyard.

Grochal said a more likely scenario is that the property will be broken up. He said some of the land not needed by a shipyard could be sold to commercial developers, although it is zoned for industry and would need city approval for other uses. He said one local developer had toured the site, but declined to identify the company.

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## P&O's H1 loss narrows to 9m

(LONDON) Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co, the largest UK sea-freight company, said its first-half loss narrowed after it charged more for transporting cargo at a shipping joint venture and expanded its port business.

The net loss narrowed to 9 million (\$25 million), or 1.6 pence a share, from 55.6 million, or 8.5 pence a share, in the year-earlier period. Sales fell 11 per cent to 1.82 billion after P&O sold its contract-logistics unit.

P&O is focusing on port operations and expanding in China and India to capitalise on their growing economies.

The company wants to reduce its stake in P&O Nedlloyd Container Line after it led to losses last year. The unit has benefited from a recovery in container shipping prices this year.

The company maintained the dividend at 4.5 pence.

## NAVY NEWS



An Australian Navy **Sea King** helicopter hovers above the United States destroyer **USS Curtis Wilbur** during 'Exercise Pacific Protector' in the Coral Sea, off the central coast of Queensland, September 13, 2003. The U.S. Navy is leading four countries in the first series of contentious high sea exercises to stop and search ships, particularly those of North Korea suspected of trafficking weapons of mass destruction. Countries participating in the exercise are Australia, Japan, the United States and France. (Photo taken September 13<sup>th</sup>)

Right :  
Japanese coast guardsmen slide down a rope from a **Super Puma** helicopter onto the deck of a U.S. military supply ship during a training exercise code-named '**Exercise Pacific Protector**' on the Coral Sea off Australia's east coast, Saturday Sept. 13, 2003. Australia, the United States and Japan took part in the one-day maneuvers aimed at demonstrating their ability to board ships suspected of smuggling weapons of mass destruction



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Oil Tanker **DROMEAS** (Runner in Greek), as seen Saturday Sept 13th 2003 at Kynosoura, Salamis island in Greece.

Photo : George Grekos ©

The 60489 DWT tanker **DROMEAS** is built in 1986 under yard number T600/1 at the Dalian shipyard in Dalian (China) under the name **XING KAI HU**, she sailed under this name until 1996 when she was renamed in **ANELLA**, under this name the 228 mtr long tanker sailed until 1998 when she was renamed **LANNER** in 2003 she was renamed again in **DROMEAS** and received the Bahamas flag, the tanker is powered by B&W diesel of 11400 hp for a speed of 13.5 knots.

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The **ARMADA HOLLAND** seen here arriving in Rotterdam – photo : Piet Sinke ©

The **ARMADA HOLLAND** is built at the Kvaerner Warnemunde yard under number 427 during 1994, at that time she was named **TEVAL**, the same year she was renamed **RED SEA EMERALD** and in 1995 in **EMERALD**, in 1997 she got the name **TEVAL** again until 2002 when she was renamed in **P&O NEDLLOYD CAMOES**, in 2003 she sailed again shortly under the name **TEVAL** and finally she was renamed again during 2003 in **ARMADA HOLLAND**, the 1388 TEU vessel has a length of 167 mtr and a width of 25 mtr, she is powered by 1 Sulzer diesel of 15130 hp for a speed of 18,5 knots



The **MSC NEW YORK** departed from Antwerp – photo : Willem Kruit ©

The **MSC NEW YORK** started her life as the **NORASIA KIEL** and was built at Howaldtswerke in Kiel under number 286 in 1994, the 3326 TEU vessel was renamed during 1997 in **MSC NEW YORK**, the length of the vessel is 242 mtr and she is powered by 1 Mitsubishi diesel of 37102 hp for 22 knots speed



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The **MIGHTY SERVANT 1** moored in the 8<sup>th</sup> Petroleumharbor in the Europort (Rotterdam) awaiting the loading of the **KIZOMBA-A** platform - photo : Piet Sinke ©



Saipem's **BAR PROTECTOR** arrived Sunday at the Nieuwe Waterweg bound for Schiedam  
photo : Piet Sinke ©

The **BAR PROTECTOR** is built as **STENA PROTECTOR** in 1981 at the Oresundvarvet yard in Sweden under number 277, in 1983 she was renamed in **BAR PROTECTOR** by Saipem, the 111 mtr long vessel is powered by 5 NOHAB diesels with a total output of 18.000 hp



The **BOW HUNTER** departed Sunday from Rotterdam – Photo : Piet Sinke ©

The **BOW HUNTER** is built in 1983 at the Daewoo yard in Okpo (Korea) under yard number 2004, the 23002 DWT tanker is 159 mtr in length and is powered by 1 B & W Diesel of 10500 hp for a speed of 15,5 knots.

## **AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS**



**HA-LOD** The first 737-600 for Malev, leased from ILFC.



**HB-JZA** is the first 1st EasyJet A319 – photo : Gerd Beilfuss ©

## 6 hurt in Manila airport mishap

(MANILA) Six people were injured near the Philippines' main airport yesterday when a display bomb went off during a security briefing to teach airport staff how to guard against bombing attempts, officials said. Two aviation policemen were seriously injured while four airport employees suffered superficial injuries in the explosion, which ripped through a seminar room of the aviation administration building near the Manila airport passenger terminal. The policemen were showing about 50 airport employees the types of bombs, grenades and explosive devices they might encounter when one of the homemade bombs went off, said Angel Atutubo, airport assistant general manager for security and emergency services. It was not clear why the device exploded

## RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van zondag t/m woensdag:

**AANGENAAM NAZOMERWEER!**

Morgen is het zonnig, daarna zijn er zonnige perioden en het blijft voorlopig nog droog. Op dinsdag en woensdagochtend bestaat er kans op mist. Met een middagtemperatuur van 21 of 22 graden is het aangenaam.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	22	21	22	21
Minimumtemperatuur:	8	10	11	12
Zonnekans in %:	80	50	60	50
Neerslagkans in %:	0	5	10	10
Windrichting kracht:	ZO-2-3	W-1-3	Z-2-3	ZZW-3-5

## .... PHOTO OF THE DAY ....

## REGENT STAR ( FORMER STATENDAM )



The **REGENT STAR** ( former **STATENDAM** ) laid up in Eleusis is ready to be towed to breakers in India, the vessel is damaged on the Port side due to "leaning" of the **Mediterranean Sky**, which sank in the meantime in the bay.

Photo's : Hans Hoffmann ©



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The **REGENT STAR** is built in 1957 at the **WILTON FIJENOORD** yard in Schiedam under number 753 as **STATENDAM** for the Holland America Line, in 1982 was the vessel renamed **RHAPSODY** and during 1988 in **REGENT STAR**, the vessel has a length of 195 mtr and a width of 24.7 mtr, 01 November 1995 the vessel was arrested and Laid up (stranded) at Eleusis due owners declared bankrupt.



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