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The **SPAARNEGRACHT** which visited the port of IJmuiden – photo : Joop Marechal ©

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Wrak Assi blijft op zeebodem

Het ziet er niet naar uit dat het wrak van het vrachtschip **Assi Eurolink** wordt geborgen, meldt de Leeuwarder Courant. Het schip ligt sinds eind januari na een aanvaring 80 kilometer ten noordwesten van Terschelling op bodem van de Noordzee.

Rijkswaterstaat kiest voor een goedkopere oplossing en wil een geul rondom graven, waardoor het wrak enkele meters zakt. Omdat uitstekende delen worden verwijderd, vormt het dan niet langer een potentieel gevaar voor de scheepvaart. De resterende stookolie, circa 100 ton, zal uit het wrak worden gehaald. Milieuorganisaties willen liever dat het geborgen wordt. Een definitieve beslissing over het lot van de **Assie Eurolink** is nog niet genomen.

Gebleken is overigens dat nalatigheid op het andere schip, de **Seawheel Rhine**, de oorzaak was van de aanvaring met de **Assi Eurolink**. De onervarenheid van de tweede stuurman en het onvoldoende ingewerkt zijn op zijn schip waren mede debet aan de crash, zo meldt het Friesch Dagblad. Aan boord van de **Seawheel Rhine** heeft een Zweeds inspectieteam in totaal 21 tekortkomingen op het gebied van uitrusting, veiligheid en bemanningseisen aangetoond, aldus het FD. Ook de bemanning van de **Assi Eurolink** krijgt kritiek, omdat er geen actie is ondernomen toen er het gevaar van een aanvaring dreigde.

Boxship and bulker collide near Singapore

THERE was a small oil spill in the Singapore Strait after a container- ship collided with a bulk carrier late Sunday night, writes Marcus Hand.



The 1997-built, 1,471 teu **Arabian Express**, operated by Dongnama Shipping South Korea, was sailing from Singapore's Brani Container Terminal when it collided with the 22,009 gt bulk carrier **Sea Liberty**, which was in the westbound lane of the traffic separation scheme at 2348 hrs on September 21.

According to the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore, there was a minor oil spill from the **Sea Liberty** which suffered damage to the

starboard side accommodation block and engine room.

The port authority said four anti-pollution craft had cleaned up the spill. The boxship suffered minor damage to its forward ballast tank, and no crew from either ship was injured. An MPA spokeswoman said the Vessel Traffic Information System warned both vessels 16 minutes before the collision and the two ships had been in communication. The next destination of the **Arabian Express** is unclear.

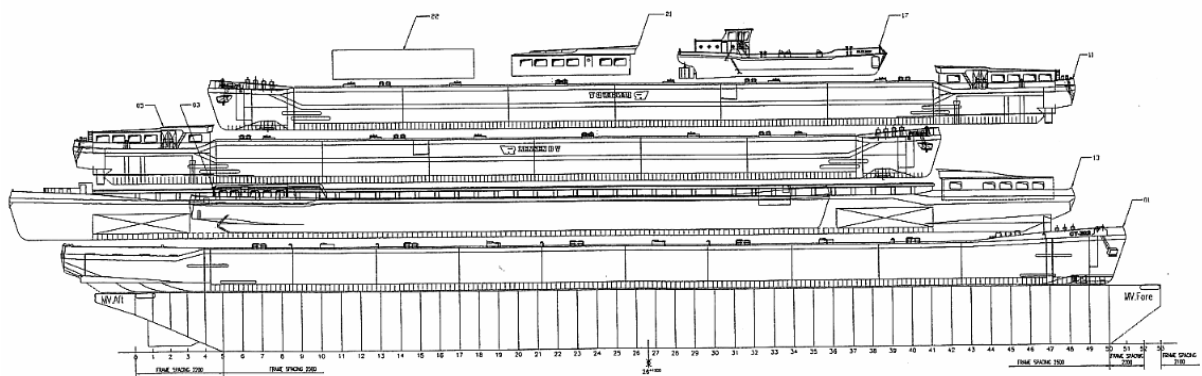
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SMITWIJS SINGAPORE ENROUTE



The Ocean going tug **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** is departed from Shanghai bound for Rotterdam with the loaded barge **SAINTY no 1**, this 135 mtr long and 40 mtr width barge is loaded with 20 newbuilding casco 's, the cargo consist out of 9 tankers , 8 cargo barges, 2 pontoons and 1 mud barge, with a total weight of 15.000 ton, the arrival of the **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** with the barge is expected around the second week of December.



Largest ice shelf breaks up

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The largest ice shelf in the Arctic, a solid feature for 3,000 years, has broken up, scientists in the United States and Canada said on Monday. They said the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf, on the north coast of



Ellesmere Island in Canada's Nunavut territory, broke into two main parts, themselves cut through with fissures. A freshwater lake drained into the sea, the researchers reported.

Large ice islands also calved off from the shelf and some are large enough to be dangerous to shipping and to drilling platforms in the Beaufort Sea.

Local warming of the climate is to blame, they said - adding that they did not have the evidence needed to link the melting ice to the steady, planet-wide climate change known as global warming.

Warwick Vincent and Derek Mueller of Laval University in Quebec City, Canada, and Martin Jeffries of the University of Alaska Fairbanks lived at the site, flew over it and used radar satellite imaging for their study

CASUALTY REPORTING

BANGA BIRAJ (BANGLADESH)

At least 20 navy sailors were injured on Sunday (Sep 21) after a Panamanian-flagged vessel crashed into six other vessels at Bangladesh's main Chittagong port, officials said. They said all operations of the port have been suspended since the incident. C.c. **Eagle Strength** (11875 gt, built 1995) tried to avoid hitting a small feeder vessel at the entry channel of the port and hit passing c.c. **Banga Biraj** (8350 gt, built 1982), then went on to hit five navy vessels, one port official said. Military sources said at least 20 sailors were injured and were being treated at the naval hospital. The damaged Bangladesh Navy vessels included a mine sweeper and a gun boat, the officials said. Crew members on Banga Biraj, belonging to Bangladesh's private HRC Shipping Lines were unhurt, but the vessel was damaged. "Several of the containers were thrown overboard after being hit," the port official said. Crew of Eagle Strength have been asked not to disembark, the official said. A high-powered body is investigating the incident.

ARABIAN EXPRESS (PANAMA)

At about 2348, Sep 21, a collision occurred between Malta-registered bulk **Sea Liberty** (22009 gt, built 1984) and Panama-registered c.c. **Arabian Express** (15095 gt, built 1997) in lat 01 12.8N, long 103 53.2E, about 2.8 km south-east of Kusu Island. At the time of the incident, Sea Liberty was transiting westbound in the Singapore Strait and Arabian Express was departing Singapore, after leaving Brani Container Terminal. The accommodation area on the starboard side and engine-room of Sea Liberty were damaged. Arabian Express sustained minor damages at its forward ballast tank. Both vessels are in stable condition. **Sea Liberty** and **Arabian Express** are now anchored about 3 km and 7 km south-east of Kusu Island respectively. There was a minor oil spill from **Sea Liberty** as a result of the incident, which has been cleaned-up by four anti-pollution craft deployed by the MPA. There was no report of injury to the crew members of both vessels. The owner of **Sea Liberty** has appointed the salvage companies **Semco** and **Smit International** for the salvage operations. Port operations and vessel traffic remain unaffected. Navigational broadcasts have been issued to inform vessels in the vicinity of the incident and to keep clear. As a precaution, anti-pollution craft will continue to monitor the situation. The MPA will be investigating the incident

SEA-LAND EXPRESS (U.S.A.)

C.c. **Sea-Land Express** is to be towed later this coming week to Durban where the ship will undergo permanent repairs. The award for the contract to repair the ship has been given to Durban-based ship repair company Dormac. The availability of the Durban dry dock for a lengthy period may have been a factor in the decision to send the ship up the South African coast. All the cargo on board the ship has been discharged in Cape Town where it has undergone survey ahead of being transhipped for onward passage

TASMAN SPIRIT (MALTA)

Karachi, Sep 20 -- Karachi Port Trust said this afternoon that the fate of crude oil tanker **Endeavor II** will be decided on Sep 23 when a hearing will be held in Sindh High Court. Meanwhile it remains detained at berth 16/17. It has a load of 39,000 mt of Iranian crude oil transferred from crude oil tanker Tasman Spirit. The six local insurance companies have filed Admiralty Suit No 20 of 2003, claiming about \$15 million against defendant Asimina Maritime Limited of Valletta, Malta, and owner of Tasman Spirit -- Lloyd's List Correspondent

SHIPYARD NEWS



The **NOORDHOEK SINGAPORE** moored at Antwerp Ship repair - photo : Stefaan Joris ©

Izar and DCN form shipbuilding alliance

SPAIN and France have laid down the groundwork for a military shipbuilding alliance that could eventually grow to a pan-European consortium that could encompass commercial vessel construction.

The Sociedad Estatal de Participaciones Industriales, the Spanish state holding company that owns Izar, and the Délégation Générale pour l'Armement, France's defence procurement agency, agreed last week to intensify the cooperation between Izar and French military shipbuilder DCN. The initiative so far is limited to defence contracts but SEPI, highlighting competition from Asian shipbuilders, has stated that its ultimate aim is to work with other European yards on joint civil projects.

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Izar, formed through the merger of Astilleros Españoles and its naval counterpart Bazán, is active in both sectors. In a statement following a bilateral two-day meeting in Granada, the Spanish and French government bodies described the agreement as a "significant step" toward the creation of a European naval consortium. Izar and DCN will establish a joint committee to examine further opportunities for technical and commercial cooperation on submarines and surface vessels. The two companies have already worked closely on the Scorpene submarine series.

ABB to supply four support vessels

ABB's Marine business unit in Norway has been awarded a contract from China's Zhejiang Shipbuilding to supply integrated electrical systems and services for four diesel-electric platform support vessels to be built for the offshore division of Groupe Bourbon (France).

The contract also includes an option for similar deliveries to four additional vessels. Groupe Bourbon offshore division's new PSVs, of GPA 670 design from Guido Perla & Associates, will be equipped with diesel-electric propulsion and dynamic positioning systems for superior operational performance. Delivery of the first vessel is scheduled for the beginning of second quarter of 2005, with the remaining deliveries at intervals of approximately three months.

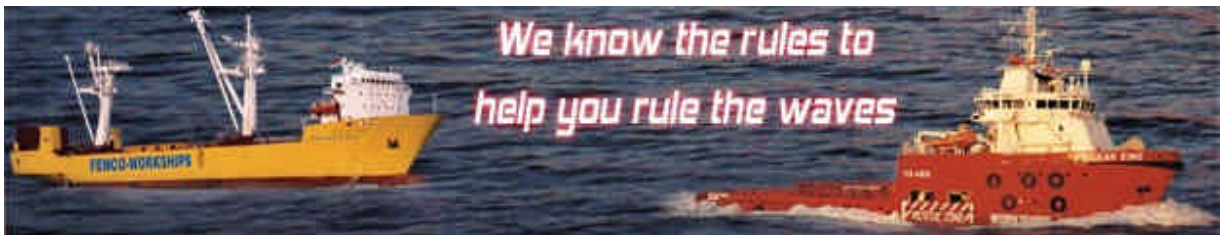
As an integrated electric system vendor, ABB will supply a complete electro-technical solution that also includes dynamic positioning, thruster control and automation from Kongsberg Maritime.

With a focus on the fast-growing Chinese shipbuilding market, ABB has established a marine branch office in Shanghai.

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Golar returns to Daewoo for \$151m LNG order

DAEWOO Shipbuilding has won an order from Golar LNG to build a liquefied natural gas ship for \$151m.

The delivery of the 145,700-cubic-meter vessel will be made by the end of the first quarter of 2006.

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Golar also has the option to order two more LNG vessels from the shipbuilder.

The latest order brings Daewoo Shipbuilding's total contracts for vessels and offshore projects to \$2.52 billion, about 90 percent of the company's target of \$2.83 billion for the year.

Daewoo Shipbuilding shares fell as much as 4.1 percent to 13,000 won and traded at 13,200 won as of 11:06 a.m. in Seoul.



Bangladesh's Chittagong port resumed operations after being closed for 12 hours due to collisions between several vessels

NAVY NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL DESIGNATE

The North Atlantic Council appointed Mr. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, currently Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, as Secretary General of NATO and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, in succession to Lord Robertson of Port Ellen. Mr. de Hoop Scheffer will assume his functions as Secretary General on January 1st, 2004.

US Navy guided-missile ships visit China

Two US guided-missile ships docked Monday in the port of Zhanjiang, home of the South China Sea Fleet of the Chinese Navy, kicking off their five-day goodwill visit to China.



The ships, with more than 600 crew on board, are the cruiser **Cowpens** and the frigate **Vandegrift**.

Hou Yuexi, chief of staff of the South China Sea Fleet, said at the welcoming ceremony that Sept. 22 was a day worth commemorating in the history of exchanges between the Chinese and US navies.

He said, this was the first time for Zhanjiang port to open to foreign vessels since the founding of new China. "The US Navy is the first to be invited to visit Zhanjiang, and this shows we have attached

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importance to the relations between the Chinese and US navies." James Kelly, a US major general who is commander of the US ships, said he was very happy with the visit as it was of great importance to the exchanges between China and the United States, especially between the two navies.

He also expressed his sincere thanks. Hou and Kelly answered questions from over 20 reporters from domestic and foreign media after the ceremony.

During the visit, the US naval staff will participate in various activities with their Chinese counterparts, including visiting warships, holding talks and playing basketball, football and tug-of-war.

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The **MAXIM GORKIY** arrived Monday in Amsterdam — photo : Joop Marechal ©

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Top : The **KUALA LUMPUR EXPRESS** seen here departing from Halifax.
Photo : Jim Gallacher ©



Top : The **PSARA** arrived in the Caland Canal – photo : Piet Sinke ©



The **MSC MELISSA** seen at the Westerscheldt pilot station – photo : Willem Kruit ©

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



A plane of Swiss national airline Swiss Air is seen at London Heathrow airport on April 29, 2003. Trading in shares of Swiss Air was suspended Monday Sept. 22, 2003, amid mounting speculation that the company will announce a lifesaving deal with another carrier

RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van woensdag t/m zaterdag:

LICHT WISSELVALLIG!

Donderdag zonnig en droog. In de loop van vrijdag meer bewolking. Zaterdag af en toe zon en kans op een bui. In de nacht van woensdag op donderdag in het oosten van de regio kans op vorst aan de grond.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	17	18	19	18
Minimumtemperatuur:	7	6	9	12
Zonnekans in %:	60	90	50	30
Neerslagkans in %:	10	0	30	30
Windrichting kracht:	WNW-2-4	ZO-3-4	ZZW-3-5	ZW-3-5

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The **MIGHTY SERVANT 1** with the **KIZOMBA-A** platform enroute Angola
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