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The Trailer suction dredger **W.D.GATEWAY** – photo : Piet Sinke ©

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Senegal remembers ferry tragedy

Memorial ceremonies have been taking place in Senegal to mark the first anniversary of the sinking of the passenger ferry, **Joola**, in which more than 1,800 people died. Mourners wearing black sashes gathered at the graveyards of the victims and at the port of Ziguinchor in the southern province of Casamance, from where the Joola set out on its fateful voyage. Women wailed and President Abdoulaye Wade was seen to shed tears as he placed flowers on the river at the Ziguinchor ceremony. About 15 girls whose parents died in the accident cried as each dropped a clutch of flowers, one by one, into the water in memory of the 15 nationalities aboard the Joola. The ferry capsized in heavy seas on its way to the Senegalese capital, Dakar, in one of the world's worst maritime disasters. The ferry was carrying nearly four times as many people as it should have been when it went down off the Gambian coast.

CASUALTY REPORTING

BUNGA RAYA DUA AGROUND



Saturday morning around 08:00 hrs LT the **BUNGA RAYA DUA** lost power whilst departing from the



Nieuwe Waterweg and ran aground at the Southern Breakwater, **SMIT** mobilized 7 tugs from the Scheurhaven and Hoek van Holland.

The vessel was refloated 09:45 hrs LT by the the **SMIT HUMBER, SMIT CLYDE, SMIT LOIRE, SMIT POLEN, SMIT JAPAN, TEXELBANK** and the **FAIRPLAY 21**.

Photo 5 : Piet Sinke ©



Three dead in Indonesian ferry accident

A Taiwanese cargo ship and an Indonesian ferry have collided off the eastern coast of the Indonesian island of Java, killing three people and injuring 11. Officials at the port in Surabaya, the capital of the province of East Java, say the victims were passengers on the ferry, **KM Mandiri Nusantara**, which now has a huge hole on its right side. The cargo vessel, **United Gloria**, suffered minor damage.

SHIPYARD NEWS SAPPHIRE PRINCESS LAUNCHED



The **Sapphire Princess** (ex-Diamond Princess) at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Nagasaki Shipyard seen here at the launch September 23rd.

Photo's : via Tsuyoshi Ishiyama ©



Mr. **Micky Arison** (CEO of Carnival Cruises) & Mr. **Peter Ratcliffe** (Princess Cruises) visited Nagasaki, Japan last week.

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Princess Cruises' **Sapphire Princess**, under construction at Mitsubishi's Koyagi Shipyard in Nagasaki, Japan, was floated out last week. The ritual ceremony, which marks the end of construction and de-contamination work – and heralds the beginning of interior development – was celebrated with the traditional champagne-over-bow smash. Carnival Corporation's Micky Arison and Princess Cruises' Peter Ratcliffe were on hand for the event.

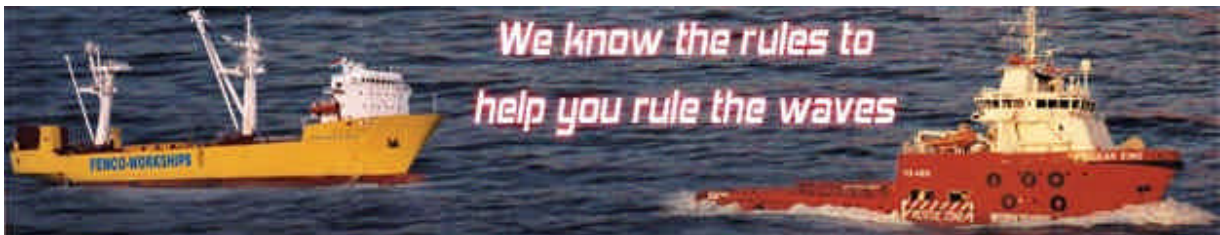
The ship was formerly called **Diamond Princess** before a shipyard fire made it necessary for Princess to swap it with its twin vessel (also under construction at Mitsubishi) and rename it **Sapphire**. The fire set the schedule of the newbuild, slated to be the first of two to be introduced, back a few months. Still with us? And so the former **Sapphire Princess** was renamed **Diamond Princess** and will now receive first-launch honors.

The 113,000-ton, 2,670-passenger **Sapphire Princess**, which launches in June, will, like sister ship **Diamond Princess**, will feature many of Princess' contemporary trademarks, including Skywalkers, the Wheelhouse Bar, Explorers Lounge, a wedding chapel and an extensive facility for children.

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Once known for luxury ocean liners

Italy going mass-market with Carnival cruises

With a mighty crash and the boom of a foghorn, the champagne bottle slammed into the ship's hull, shattering into the Gulf of Naples below and christening the newest ship in Italy's cruising fleet.

But this was no luxury ocean liner like the famed Rex, the Conte di Savoia or the Leonardo da Vinci, 20th-century gems that helped establish "cruising Italian style" as a state of mind and a first-class way to cross the Atlantic.

This was the **Costa Mediterranea**, a 2,680-passenger megaship belonging to Costa Crociere, the 150-year-old Italian company bought by Carnival Corp. in 1997. With Carnival running Costa, Italian cruising has gone mass market.

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Gone are the Indian walnut balustrades and yellow Siena marble columns that decorated the Conte di Savoia. Gone too are the 18th century tapestries and onyx light fixtures that dotted the Rex's wood-paneled first-class lounge.

In their place aboard the Costa Mediterranea are bright blue water slides that snake up above amoeba-shaped pools, ceramic vases with Venetian glass "flames" bursting out the tops, and a two-story black and red disco that plays Kenny G during off hours.

Costa, Europe's largest cruise line, has launched a new ship every year since 2000, and in 2003 will put out two, the Mediterranea and the **Costa Fortuna**. In 2004, the **Costa Magica** is due; it and the **Costa Fortuna** will each have passenger capacities of 3,470.

"Costa Mediterranea, the Las Vegas of the seas, sets sail," headlined the Milan daily Corriere della Sera.

The newspaper's take on the ship focused on its sheer size -- 85,700 tons, 1,057 passenger cabins and 920 crew members. Corriere also noted the ship's casino and the "jaw-dropping" atrium that features life-sized statues of dancers that spin around like pinwheels on the wall, decor it said was clearly inspired by the "emotional and aesthetic philosophy" of Las Vegas.

Costa's rates are comparatively cheap: A 17-day cruise aboard the **Costa Mediterranea** from Genoa to the Caribbean, including a flight home from Fort Lauderdale, runs from about \$2,350 to \$4,125 per person in peak season. Rates for a seven-day jaunt around the Mediterranean aboard the competing top-of-the-line Radisson Seven Seas ship start at about \$4,120 and reach \$8,360 for a master suite.

"It's cheaper than staying at home, because everything is included," said Costa's Foschi.

Rotterdam Mayor highlights high China container numbers

THE Mayor of Rotterdam, Ivo Opstelten, commented on the high proportion of containers from China handled by his city's port during a visit to Cosco Group's Ocean Plaza in Beijing.

Mr Opstelten met Cosco's executive vice-president Zhang Fusheng.

During their meeting, Mr Opstelten told Mr Zhang that the total number of containers handled by the port of Rotterdam in the first half of 2003 has increased by 11 per cent, out of which the trade with China takes 33 per cent.

Mr Zhang and the mayor also exchanged views on potential container growth at Rotterdam, service and expansion of the port as well as the growth potential for trade between China and Europe.

Cosco and its alliance partners have weekly container service to the port of Rotterdam, and Cosco's bulk and general-cargo ships also call at the port every week.

Last year, the port of Rotterdam handled 300 million tons of cargo. It is also the biggest container port in Europe, and the seventh largest in the world.

Havenarbeiders leggen werk neer

door Wout Bareman

TERNEUZEN - Enkele honderden zeeuwse havenarbeiders leggen maandag tussen tien en twaalf uur `s morgens het werk neer. Dat gebeurt uit solidariteit met de grote internationale vakbondsdemonstratie die op hetzelfde tijdstip plaatsvindt in Rotterdam. De Europese havenarbeiders protesteren tegen de Europese richtlijn, die het werk in de haven moet liberaliseren.

Het afgelopen jaren werd in de Europese havens veelvuldig actie gevoerd tegen de liberaliseringsplannen van de Europese Commissie, die worden gesteund door de ministers van transport. Het Europees Parlement is tegen en onderneemt maandag een verzoeningspoging. Om die in de goede richting te sturen, gaan de havenarbeiders uit Nederland, Engeland, Denemarken, Duitsland, België, Frankrijk, Malta, Spanje en Oost-Europa de straat op. Het zwaartepunt van de actie ligt in Rotterdam, ook in Barcelona wordt er gedemonstreerd.

De Zeeuwse havenarbeiders namen in januari al met honderden deel aan een stakingsactie. Vorige week werden kantinebijeenkomsten gehouden in de havens van Vlissingen en Terneuzen. Maandag stappen ruim zestig Zeeuwse havenarbeiders op de bus naar Rotterdam. Een grote groep collega's trekt in optocht naar het kantoor van het havenschap Zeeland Seaports in het havengebied en wordt daar toegesproken door waarnemend directeur Hans van der Hart. FNV Bondgenoten heeft bij Ovet Terneuzen, Verbrugge Terminals in Vlissingen en Terneuzen en bij de NV Haven van Vlissingen, volgens bestuurder Wil Waumans, niet opgeroepen tot een 24 uursstaking omdat de directie van die overslagbedrijven het verzet tegen de Europese havenrichtlijn steunen. Vooral directeur Martin Verbrugge steunt de vakbondsacties onvoorwaardelijk. Ook hij vreest dat liberalisering (die reders voortaan de mogelijkheid biedt hun schepen te laten laden en lossen door eigen bemanningsleden) ten koste gaat van de werkgelegenheid en de veiligheid in de havens.

Drie bemanningsleden in ziekenhuis na azijngneur in Antwerpse haven

In de Antwerpse haven zijn zaterdagmorgen drie matrozen van een Zweeds schip in het ziekenhuis opgenomen nadat ze bevangen werden door een indringende azijngneur, zo meldt de federale politie. De geur werd even voor 4.00 uur zaterdagochtend waargenomen aan het vierde havendok (kaai 267). De azijngneur was vrijgekomen tijdens het overpompen tussen twee tanks.

De drie Zweedse matrozen werden in het Stuivenbergziekenhuis opgenomen met klachten over irritatie aan de ogen en ademhalingsmoeilijkheden. Na verzorging mochten zij het ziekenhuis verlaten. Behalve bij de matrozen zorgde het azijnzuur voor geen problemen op dit nachtelijk uur aan de dokken.

NAVY NEWS

Navy adopts flexible concept

The new 91m New Generation Patrol Vessels (NGPV) to be used by the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) can be equipped with the latest weapons, including missiles.

RMN chief Admiral Datuk Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor said the new vessels adopted the "fitted for but not with" concept which makes them flexible for future operations and mission needs.

"The new concept simplifies the process of building and maintenance where the equipment can be changed very fast, enabling the vessel to continue with its mission with minimum disruption.

"It also means that the vessel is built to accept systems and weapons which will be chosen or decided on by the RMN in future," he said.

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NAMING CEREMONY: Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz being escorted by Admiral Mohd Anwar (left) and PSC-Naval Dockyard executive chairman Tan Sri Amin Shah Omar Shah during the naming ceremony of the patrol vessel in Lumut Thursday

Admiral Mohd Anwar said the NGPVs would replace the older and decommissioned vessels, which were over 30 years old.

He said this after the naming by Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, the daughter of the Sultan of Kedah, of the first of six vessels being built at PSC-Naval Dockyard Sdn Bhd here yesterday.

The vessel was named **Kapal Kedah** and would be renamed **KD Kedah** when it is commissioned next year.

On Sept 5, 1998 the Government signed a RM5.3bil contract with PSC-Naval Dockyard, a subsidiary of the Business Focus Group, for the design, construction and delivery of the six vessels.

The six vessels, the first batch of a fleet comprising 27 NGPV vessels, are scheduled to be built over eight years.

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The Workshops managed **AKADEMIK GOLITSYN** departed from Rotterdam
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Van Uden's **JULIANAHAVEN** seen here in the Zandvliet locks (Antwerp) inward bound
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The Chinese AHT **DE XIANG** which was for repairs at Vlaardingen Oost shipyard seen here returning from her sea trials Friday evening, passing Hoek van Holland inward bound.

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Saturday afternoon/evening 4 tugs and 1 pusher tug transported the 4th element of the **Oude Maas HSL tunnel** from the building site to the installation site

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RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van zaterdag t/m dinsdag:

LICHT WISSELVALLIG!

Af en toe zon en kans op een bui. Zondag meer bewolking en in de middag kans op regen. Middagtemperatuur ongeveer 16 graden.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	17	16	16	17
Minimumtemperatuur:	9	8	8	9
Zonnekans in %:	30	20	30	30
Neerslagkans in %:	30	60	30	40
Windrichting kracht:	NW-3-4	O-2-4	ZW-3-4	Z-4-5

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The **MSC BOTHNIA** is original named **EBBERT WAGENBORG** and chartered out to **MSC**, seen here departing from Antwerp

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Top : The **SMIT HUMBER** in action during the refloating of the **BUNGA RAYA DUA**
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