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The **TOR DANIA** outward bound at Flushing pilot station – **photo : Jamie Reurink ©**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

CMA CGM revives tradition with passengers for US on boxships

AN OLD transatlantic tradition was revived at the weekend when CMA CGM inaugurated its Amerigo Express. The new container service between the Mediterranean and the US east coast will also cater for passengers. Four of the ships to be deployed can take up to 12 passengers. The French line has always carried passengers between Europe and the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. However, passengers have not been taken on its services between Europe and the US since the former CGM retired the Atlantic Champagne and Atlantic Cognac in 1985.

CMA CGM only entered the Atlantic container trades in 2000 through a slot charter arrangement with Maersk Sealand. However, the line will now operate its own ships in partnership with China Shipping.

The pair will have five 1,600 teu ships between them, four supplied by CMA CGM and one by China Shipping. The **CMA CGM Hudson**, **CMA CGM Potomac**, **CMA CGM Arno** and **CMA CGM Tage** will all take passengers. The **CMA CGM Hudson** sailed from Malta at the weekend and will call at Livorno, Genoa, Fos, Valencia, Lisbon, New York, Norfolk, Savannah and Port Everglades.

Passengers are promised French cuisine and complimentary table wine with lunch and dinner. They will have use of a passenger lounge and outdoor swimming pool. CMA CGM said recently it had negotiated a slot exchange agreement on the Atlantic with P&O Nedlloyd and Hapag-Lloyd. The French line will take about 300 teu slots each week on the P&O Nedlloyd and Hapag-Lloyd ships that link Miami and Houston with the Mediterranean.

In return, the German and Anglo-Dutch lines will have the same size allocation on CMA CGM's Amerigo Express service. The former CGM, then known as the French Line, continued with the tradition of transatlantic passenger services after the withdrawal of the passenger liner France in 1974.

Ameland wil vuurtoren kopen

De gemeente Ameland wil proberen de vuurtoren op het eiland voor publiek open te houden, meldt Omrop Fryslân.

Volgens burgemeester Verhoeven zou de gemeente de vuurtoren kunnen kopen, omdat alle kustwachtaken naar de Brandaris worden overgeheveld. De 58 meter hoge toren zou dan zo kunnen worden aangepast, dat er veilig mensen kunnen worden toegelaten. Tot de sluiting beklommen jaarlijks 70.000 mensen de toren op de westkant van Ameland, die vanaf Terschelling duidelijk zichtbaar is vanaf het Ameland Gat op de Boschplaat. De toeristische trekpleister op Ameland werd in 2001 voor publiek gesloten. Bij brand konden te gevaarlijke situaties ontstaan. Een onderzoek van het bureau Save wees echter uit dat met eenvoudige maatregelen (brandblusmateriaal, ontruimingsplan) de uitkijkpost weer veilig te maken was. Maar bij die studie werd niet gekeken naar de positie van het personeel op de toren. Vandaar dat Rijkswaterstaat als werkgever een aanvullend onderzoek liet uitvoeren. Uit dat rapport bleek dat de aanwezigheid van toeristen op de toren problemen konden opleveren voor de medewerkers. Die verdwijnen dus, zo heeft de minister van LNV meegedeeld naar aanleiding van vragen van de CDA-kamerleden Joop Atsma en Sybrand van Haersma Buma.

CASUALTY REPORTING

Man still missing in ship blaze



Gareth Hughes of the Foreshore Ships Agency Durban said they had accounted for 23 of the 24 crew members who went missing in a fire on board the [Sea Elegance](#), a Singapore-owned vessel, off the Durban coast on Saturday. They were "still looking for" the missing man, he said.

It was believed that the crewman may have been caught in the blaze.

"The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The fire had not caused any pollution or oil spills.

"We are doing the best we can to get the fire out as soon as possible," said Hughes.

The fire had been contained by Sunday, the National Port Authority (NPA) said.

Spokeswoman Yvonne de Kock said on Sunday that the vessel cooled significantly overnight. Although the fire was still smouldering, there was no danger to the environment and the vessel was not in danger of sinking, she said.

"The fire is now minor but it is expected to continue smouldering for some time." De Kock said the NPA tugs were, however, still on standby.

Paul Bevis, spokesman for the National Sea

Rescue Institute, told Sapa on Sunday that salvors Smit Marine SA were in the process of taking over the matter.

Several of the ship's containers, valued at millions of rands were destroyed in the blaze. The ship's bridge, which caught alight, is said to have prevented the crew from notifying authorities earlier about the fire. — [Photo's : SMIT SALVAGE](#) ©



SHIPYARD NEWS

As a result of the restructuring process for the two German yards which is carried out with active support by Aker Kvaerner Yards AS in Oslo the Aker MTW Werft (AMTW) in Wismar (Germany) announced the acquisition of four further orders to build container vessels of the type [BALTIC CS 2500](#) which will be built at the combined yards AMTW in Wismar and Aker Warnow (AWW) in Rostock-Warnemünde (Germany) operating under the joint trade mark Aker Ostsee. With the four new orders

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the order intake in 2003 increased to nine vessels. The four new vessels were ordered by Norddeutsche Reederei H. Schuldt GmbH & Co. KG in Hamburg (Germany), which belongs to Norddeutsche Vermögen Group of Companies. The total contract value of the four new vessels is about 150 million USD. The vessels are due for delivery between the second and fourth quarter of 2005 respectively. The four new contracts are subject to the confirmation of payments according to the EU

Temporary Defense Mechanism (TDM) by mid November 2003.



The vessels of the type BALTIC CS 2500 which is a joint development of AMTW and AWW are 207.4 m long and 29.8 m wide, with a deadweight of 33,900 t. They have a total container stowage capacity of 2,478

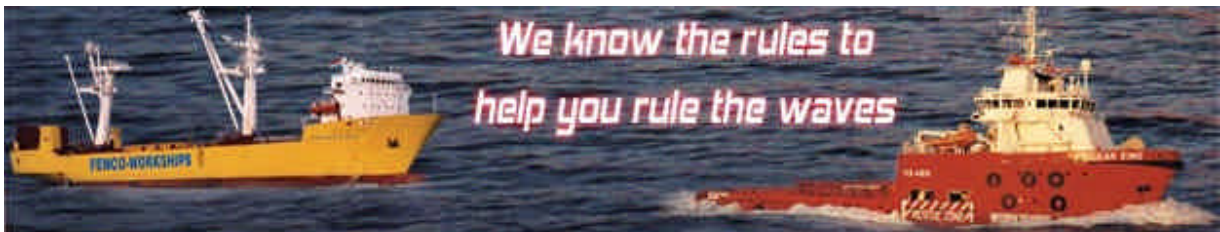
TEU with 400 reefer sockets for FEU. With a main engine (7L70MC-C) output of 21,770 kW the vessels have a service speed of 22 kn.

The order reserve of the combined shipyards Aker MTW and Aker Warnow with a total of 2,459 employees and 150 apprentices (AMTW: 1,350 + 75; AWW: 1,109 + 75; as per 1st October 2003) currently comprises 18 container vessels of the types MTW 2500 (7 x), WARNOW CV 2500 (2 x) and BALTIC CS 2500 (9 x) respectively with last delivery at the end of 2005.

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OOCL confirms four post-panamax

ORIENT Overseas Container Line is expanding its fleet with a quartet of post- panamax ships to be built by Imabari Shipbuilding of Japan.

Parent company Orient Overseas (International) confirmed on Friday that a long-term charter contract had been signed a month ago with Shoei Kisen, owner of Imabari, for four 5,888 nominal teu ships.

Meanwhile, APL has secured four newbuildings of around 5,000 teu in the charter market.

Brokers report that the Singapore line has fixed a pair of 5,029 nominal teu ships to be delivered from Hyundai Heavy Industries next year and in 2005 for up to seven years at \$25,250 a day.

Two more of 5,018 teu, under construction at Hanjin Heavy Industries for 2005 completion, have been taken by APL for three years at the same rate. While attention has been glued to the burgeoning order book for tonnage of 8,000 teu or more, there is still plenty of interest in ships of around 5,000 teu.

Maersk Sealand chartered up to 20 of that size during the summer. Recently the Danish line was reported to have agreed a five-year timecharter of a 5,040 teu newbuilding at \$23,650 a day.

But, whereas Maersk Sealand was after panamax tonnage, the OOCL ships are post-panamax.

This latest newbuilding contract, revealed exclusively in Lloyd's List early last week, will add to the line's rapidly expanding fleet. The Hong Kong carrier was the first in the world to take delivery of containerships with a declared capacity in excess of 8,000 teu and will have eight by 2005.

The ships to be chartered from Shoei Kisen will be deployed within the Grand Alliance on the transpacific or Europe-Asia trades, said corporate affairs manager Stanley Shen. The charter is for at least five years, but the rate being paid has not been revealed.

OOCL has recently taken delivery of a series of 2,754 teu units, plus the 4,200 teu OOCL Montreal, designed for the Europe-Canada trades. The line at present operates a fleet of 55 owned and chartered ships of 183,282 teu.

SONG OF FLOWER Sold

Radisson Seven Seas Cruises' **SONG OF FLOWER** ceases service as such on October 22 at Civitavecchia, Italy. She has been purchased from Radisson for US\$7.3 million by two firms as a joint venture and will be renamed **LE DIAMANT** when she re-enters service in 2004. Her new operators will be Compagnie des Iles du Diamant. **LE DIAMANT** will receive a new propulsion system and sail under the French flag in the Mediterranean in May, Northern Europe from June to September, the Mediterranean and Black Sea from September to November and South America from January to March 2005.

Zim AUX to call at Qingdao

AUX, the ZIM and Lloyd Triestino joint service, is to call at the port of Qingdao, instead of Pusan, from the last week of October.

The new route will be: Shanghai, Ningbo, Qingdao, Panama, Colon, Kingston, Port Everglades, Savannah, Portsmouth, Kingston, Colon, Panama City and Shanghai.

The change was made in order to strengthen and develop Zim's China-US trade and improve the service for customers, a spokesman for the company said.

NAVY NEWS



The guided missile frigate **USS Nicholas (FFG 47)** takes a barge alongside for miscellaneous services, as it is anchored in the harbor of Neum, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Nicholas is the first U.S. Navy ship ever to make a port visit to this city. Navy frigates carry a crew of 17 officers and 198 enlisted and provide anti-air warfare (AAW) and anti-submarine warfare (ASW) missions, supporting expeditionary forces, replenishment groups, and merchant convoys.

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The PSA tug **TG16 SKILLFUL** seen here operating at Sembawang (Singapore)

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The **SaiBOS FDS** left the Wilheminahaven-Schiedam for her new assignment in Angola (ExxonMobile Kizomba "A" - project to be followed by Kizomba "B")

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The **PROFESSOR MOLCHANOV** outward bound in Flushing — **photo : Jamie Reurink ©**

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The **MADRE** (former **OTTO HAHN**) seen here passing the Antwerp locks – **photo : Willem Kruit ©**



m/v **JINSEI MARU**, while discharges vehicles at Keratsini Greece.
Vessel's data: IMO 8913514, built in 1990, Vehicles carrier, Japanese flag, radio callsign JNNB, 55489 gross tonnage.

Photo : George Grekos ©



The 1996 Damen built tug **LAYYAH** operating in Sharjah port (United Arab Emirates)

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AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

UZBEKISTAN TOOK DELIVERY OF BOEING 767-300ER



Uzbekistan Airways took delivery of its third Boeing 767-300ER airplane. The new 767 will complement the airlines current fleet of two Boeing 767s and two 757s. Uzbekistan airways now has six Boeing airplanes in its fleet and the new 767 will serve its international routes from Tashkent to Europe, Turkey, Greece, India, Asia

and Pakistan. Uzbekistan Airways serves approximately two million passengers annually.

"We are looking forward to the addition of another Boeing 767 in our fleet," said Aziz Kadyrov, deputy general director, Uzbekistan Airways. "The outstanding performance of the 767 will improve our operating cost and give our passengers unmatched comfort."

The popular 767 offers the lowest operating cost per trip of any twin-aisle airplane. There are more than **822 Boeing 767** airplanes in service with 90 operators around the world. The 767 has accumulated more than nine million flights and has carried millions of passengers.

Copa Airlines' First Boeing 737 with Vertical Situation Display

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Copa Airlines officially entered the second phase of its fleet renewal yesterday as its newest Boeing 737-700 took off from Boeing Field bound for its "Hub of the Americas" home in Panama.



In addition to obvious technological advances, such as performance enhancing Blended Winglets, this latest addition to Copa's fleet features sophisticated flight deck instrumentation called

Vertical Situation Display (VSD). Developed by Boeing, VSD is an advanced navigational aid that creates a visual plot of the airplanes' current and projected flight path in relation to ground terrain. Copa is the first airline in the Americas to incorporate advanced VSD technology.

The 737-700's eight-foot (2.4 meters) high Blended Winglets gently curve out and up from the wings adding five feet (1.5 meters) to the airplane's total wingspan. These Blended Winglets reduce aerodynamic drag, allowing the 737 to fly farther and quieter while burning **up to 6 percent less fuel**. Copa Airlines was the first operator in the Americas to use the Blended Winglets on its 737-700s.

Copa's fleet now consists of 13 Boeing Next-Generation 737s with three more scheduled for delivery this year. It operates out of its hub at Tocumen International Airport, in Panama City, which is positioned as a time-saving hub on long routes between North and South America and the Caribbean

RIJNMOND WEATHER

Vooruitzichten van dinsdag t/m vrijdag:

SCHRALE OOSTENWIND!

Zonnig en droog maar morgen ook nog sluierbewolking. De stevige oostenwind zorgt er wel voor dat het schraal aanvoelt.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	13	12	12	12
Minimumtemperatuur:	6	6	5	5
Zonnekans in %:	60	80	80	80
Neerslagkans in %:	5	5	5	5
Windrichting kracht:	O-4-6	O-4-6	O-4-5	O-3-5

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



Seen at Thessaloniki in Greece October 9th the tug **EUROPE**, this tug is the former Italian tug **NETTUNO SECUNDO** from **PALERMO** – **photo : Cees Kloppenburg ©**

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ARTISGRACHT 13 te Zeebrugge,
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