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The tug **DRADO** is operating at the Westerscheldt river.

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!! Correction !!

In yesterday's newsletter (228) 2 pictures were used which were made in Greece at the Rion-Antirion bridge project, by mistake I have put the name **Alex de Leur** as maker of them, the pictures were made by **Henk van Heemst**.

Sorry for this mistake

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS

Lines claim against Rotterdam pilots

SEVERAL liner operators, including Yang Ming, Hanjin, Maersk Sealand and Hapag-Lloyd, have lodged a claim of several hundred thousand euros with the pilots' corporation of Rotterdam for alleged delays because the corporation's helicopter was defective. Vessels were forced to go to Ostend to pick up pilots after Rotterdam pilots were unable to fly in by helicopter after bad weather forced pilot vessels to stay in port. The pilot corporation has confirmed the receipt of the claims but says it considers the claims excessive.

COLLISION OF SCHEVENINGEN



The Swedish chemical tanker **CT Sky** (photo : **Arie Verbaan – Scheveningen lifeboat Jan van Engelenburg**) collided with the Antigua flag dry cargo vessel **RMS Voerde** yesterday 55km off Scheveningen. The **CT Sky**, which was en route to Vlissingen in ballast, was holed in its side above the waterline while the **RMS Voerde**, (photo : **Ron Zegers – Hoek van**



Holland Lifeboat Kapiteins Hazewinkel) on its way to Rotterdam, suffered bow damage. No casualties or pollution was involved and both ships continued their journeys.

Ship owner faces hefty fine over stranded vessel

The owner of a ship aground near Agnes Water in central Queensland is facing a \$15,000 fine after failing to meet two deadlines.

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The State Government removed fuel and oil from the 42-metre Karma after owner, Tony Wolfe, failed to remove it and Maritime Safety Queensland is now preparing to step in to move the ship.

Mr Wolfe is facing prosecution for failing to come up with a salvage plan by yesterday's deadline.

However, Mr Wolfe believes he could have moved the ship earlier. "For the \$15,000, what they want to fine me, I had it organised last week, two days after the boat came up, through a tug company in Gladstone," he said. "We organised \$15,000 to go into their bank account and have it tugged there in five hours to tow it off and the State Government says, 'no, we're not putting a rope on the boat' and as far as I can see, I think the State Government wants the boat there so it can draw tourists."

Breaking under discussion in the UK

WITH the third Marad ghost ship, **Canopus**, due to arrive at Able UK's Teesside facility soon, environmental pressure group Friends of the Earth (FOE) campaigns director Mike Childs has told Fairplay that FOE is 'happy to be a champion of shipbreaking in the UK' as long as it's safe. His comment follows an FOE statement saying that if it proves too dangerous to send the ships back to the US, then the government needs to find an alternative dry dock facility to safely dismantle the ships. However, Childs admitted that FOE had no alternative in mind. There is no other UK shipbreaking yard available to handle the size of ships involved. "This is why the government needs to sort out some kind of strategy and encourage existing facilities with drydocks to take on the work," Childs said, adding that one solution lay in shipbuilding or repair yards taking the work. Childs commented that there needed to be a forum of industry, government agencies and environmental groups to discuss domestic scrapping. He said environment minister Elliot Morley had agreed to the proposal; a date is being discussed.

Sail Amsterdam 2005 mikt op 77 schepen

AMSTERDAM - Bij negentig kapiteins en eigenaren van zogenoemde tallships valt een dezer dagen een uitnodiging voor deelname aan Sail Amsterdam 2005 op de mat. Daarmee zijn de voorbereidingen voor het grootste maritieme evenement in Nederland begonnen. De organisatie hoopt dat over anderhalf jaar 77 grote zeilschepen via de sluisen van IJmuiden en het Noordzeekanaal naar Amsterdam varen en daar afmeren. Sail Amsterdam 2005 duurt van 17 tot 21 augustus.

Sail is een vijfjaarlijks maritiem evenement waarbij alles draait om de grootste en meest imposante zeilschepen ter wereld. Gistermiddag zetten de gemeente Amsterdam en vertegenwoordigers van de sponsors symbolisch hun handtekening onder een miljoenensponsorcontract. Dat was voor de organisatie eveneens het startsein om te beginnen met de voorbereidingen van het evenement. Thema van Sail 2005 is 'Enjoy a world of friendships'.

De organisatie heeft inmiddels negentig zogenoemde 'tallships' - grote zeilschepen - een uitnodiging gestuurd om deel te nemen aan het evenement. Hoewel nog geen enkel zeilschip heeft toegezegd te zullen komen, rekent Sail Amsterdam op ongeveer 77 grote zeilschepen. Dat is evenveel als bij Sail 2000.

Man over boord van Indische Bulkcarrier Grootscheepse zoekactie door schepen en reddingboten

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Dinsdag ochtend rond 01.30 uur is van een Indisch schip een man over boord gevallen. De positie van het schip was op dat moment 51°.55. Noord en 03°28 Oost, net ten zuiden van de Maasgeul, ongeveer 26 mijl west van Hoek van Holland. Om ongeveer 13.40 werden de reddingboten van Hoek van Holland, Stellendam en Burghsluis gealarmeerd. Voor de Hoekse reddingboot **Kapiteins Hazewinkel** betekende dat een uur varen voor zij in het zoekgebied waren.

Behalve reddingboten was de loodstender **Gemini** van het loodswezen al onderweg. Even later volgden ook de **P3** van de politie en de **RPA 15** van het havenbedrijf. Toen de reddingboot **Kapiteins Hazewinkel** ter plaatse kwam was de loodstender al bezig met zoeken. Kort na het arriveren van de Hoekse reddingboot kwamen ook de **Prinses Beatrix** uit Stellendam en de **Koopmansdank** uit Burghsluis ter plaatse. Bovendien deden er grote schepen die in de buurt lagen mee met de zoekactie.

De algehele coördinatie van de zoekactie was in handen van TCH (Verkeers Centrale Hoek van Holland). Deze kon op afstand de schepen aansturen om bepaalde zoekpatronen te varen. Ook een helikopter van de marine nam deel aan de zoekactie. Er is door alle eenheden gezocht tot 7.00 uur in de ochtend. Uit berekeningen van het kustwachtcentrum bleek dat er geen overlevingskansen meer was. Hierop is de zoekactie door het kustwachtcentrum beëindigd.

De Hoekse reddingboot **Kapiteins Hazewinkel** meerde om 8.00 uur weer af in de Berghaven. Door de marine is het zoekgebied bij daglicht door helikopter nogmaals afgezocht. Deze heeft van 9.00 tot 11.00 uur dinsdagochtend nogmaals het betreffende gebied afgezocht, echter ook nu zonder resultaat.

Met vragen kunt U contact opnemen met **Ron Zegers**, PR-Coördinator, en bemanning reddingboot "Kapiteins Hazewinkel"

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De Koninklijke Nederlandse Redding Maatschappij wordt uitsluitend door vrijwillige bijdragen in stand gehouden

CASUALTY REPORTING

NAKHODA RAGAM (UNITED KINGDOM)

Following received from Coastguard Clyde MRCC, timed 0331, UTC: Offshore patrol vessel **Nakhoda Ragam** was refloated with assistance of tugs **Beaver Bay, Shannon, Phantom** and **Biter**. The vessel was then towed to Greenock Ocean Terminal where it was secured at 0115, UTC. The vessel is expected to depart at 0900, UTC, for Yarrow's Shipyard, Scotstoun.

SHIPYARD NEWS

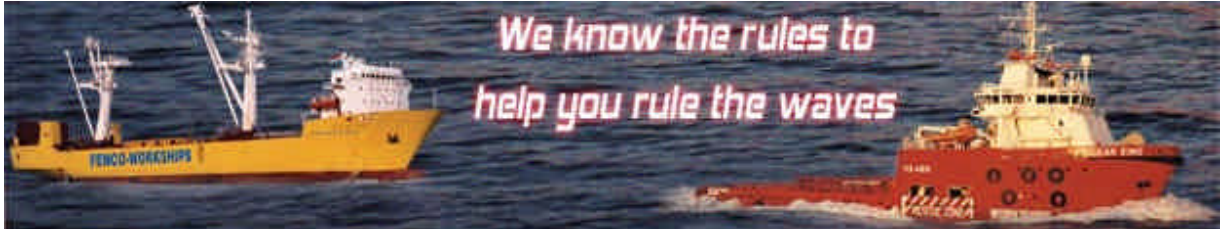
Innovation aid for EU yards

EUROPEAN Shipbuilders have welcomed the introduction of new aid allowances for innovative shipbuilding projects, announced today by the European Commission. Up to 20% of the total cost of a new innovation will now be available under the EU scheme, doubling the amount previously allowed. According to Reinhard Lüken, secretary general of the EU shipbuilders association CESA, the new scheme will provide a more workable system to improve competitiveness and generate new innovations within the shipbuilding sector. "Innovation aid is not new, it was simply never used before by member states because nobody knew how to implement it," Lüken told Fairplay. Under the new scheme member states will be permitted to give support to innovative projects that would have previously not been possible without state aid. "It is now crucial that all member states put the tools into effect," urged Lüken.

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Sapphire to be sent down under

P&O Cruises Australia managing director Gavin Smith has confirmed that the 113,000gt newbuilding **Sapphire Princess** will be sent down under from Christmas next year to cater for "surging demand" for cruises in the Australasian region. The 109,000gt Star Princess, the largest cruise ship to call at Australia, followed its maiden visit to New Zealand with a call at Sydney Harbour's Circular Quay passenger terminal today. The ship is scheduled to make 23 visits to Australian ports, including three more visits to Sydney this season, on 20 December, 17 January and 14 February. P&O Cruises Australia, a subsidiary of Carnival Corp, says a record 22,000 passengers will cruise on the Princess during its time Down Under. The ship's departure for Melbourne this evening will be accompanied with a spectacular fireworks display near Sydney Opera House.

Simon Group lands Cobelfret deal

BELGIAN shipping group Cobelfret has signed a 20-year/£120M (\$200M) deal with the UK ports operator Simon Group to use Humber terminal at Killingholme. The deal involves the lease on up to 24ha of land at Simon's Humber Sea Ro-Ro Terminal (HST) at Killingholme on Humber side and the use of three sailing slots, with an option on a further night slot when that becomes available. Cobelfret will initially use HST for its new Gothenburg service, which starts in January 2004 and will use slots vacated by Seawheel, which is closing its Hamburg Ro-Ro service from the end of this year. To meet the needs of this deal, Simon will build a fourth berth and prepare the area at a cost of £25M. Simon is taking out a financing facility to construct the additional berth. The land will be ready from next autumn after which Cobelfret will operate a number of Continental Europe and Scandinavian services. The line agreed to pay Simon £5.8M a year for the lease plus 2% a year as well as additional charges for cargo that exceeds agreed annual volumes going through the terminal. Simon Group shares rose 6p to 43p on the news.

Rijkswaterstaat baggert veerbootroute Ameland uit

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AMELAND (ANP) - Rijkswaterstaat directie Noord-Nederland begint maandag met het uitbaggeren van de route van de veerboot naar Ameland. Daarbij wordt bij wijze van proef bij de veerdam in Holwerd meer in de breedte gebaggerd dan gewoonlijk. Op deze manier hoopt de dienst te bereiken dat de vaargeul minder snel dichtslibt. Dat liet Rijkswaterstaat vrijdag weten.

De veerverbinding tussen Holwerd en Ameland loopt door het dichtslibben al maandenlang bij laag water vertraging op. De gemeente Ameland en rederij Wagenborg beschuldigen de directie Noord-Nederland van slecht onderhoud van de vaargeul en stellen dat zij zich niet aan de afspraken houdt. De veerboten hebben voor meer dan 50.000 euro schade opgelopen, omdat de geul niet breed en diep genoeg is. Ook andere bedrijven hebben economische schade geleden.

De geul wordt volgens een woordvoester van Rijkswaterstaat nu vaker en op een andere manier uitgebaggerd. Het budget hiervoor is voor komend jaar verdubbeld tot 600.000 euro.

Burgemeester P. Verhoeven van Ameland is er niet gerust op dat de dienst zich in de toekomst wel aan afspraken houdt. Hij vraagt daarom een gesprek met minister Peijs aan. „Het is teleurstellend dat Rijkswaterstaat pas in actie komt, nu de media er aandacht aan besteden. De schade is al geleden.”

Asbestos removal ordered in India

GUJARAT Pollution Control Board's report on the junk ship Genova Bridge from the UK appears to have vindicated Greenpeace's claims. The pollution control team has now ordered Gujarat Maritime Board to initiate removal of asbestos and other hazardous waste from the ship. Greenpeace today criticised this directive to remove waste and store it at a landfill site some distance from the coast, claiming it was illegal. "GPCB should immediately contact V. Shipping International to come to Alang and execute the clean-up, as they are liable for the safe removal and re-import of asbestos and other hazardous waste on the Genova Bridge, according to Basel Convention and Indian Supreme Court directives," a Greenpeace activist said in a statement today. He claimed GPCB has clearly ignored the Supreme Court order on Hazardous Waste Management Rules (Amendment, 2003) that clearly directs that the "SPCBs (state pollution control boards) should ensure that the ship should be properly decontaminated by the ship owner before breaking". The same order also reiterates the ban on import of 29 items including Waste Asbestos (Dust and Fibres) following the Government of India ban on import of asbestos waste in 1998.

Dow Chemical sues Stolt

DOW Chemical Company has sued Stolt-Nielsen and three other international carriers on charges of rigging bids and fixing prices in the first major shipper lawsuit to arise from the US and European investigations of the chemical transport market. The lawsuit, filed on 7 November, was reported in today's Wall Street Journal. The other defendants are Odfjell, Jo Tankers, and Tokyo Marine, a subsidiary of Japan's MOL. Dow, which spends about \$350M a year to ship chemicals by sea, "seeks to recover legal costs as well as triple damages for all purchases of services that were affected by the alleged conspiracy," the Journal reported. Dow is one of Stolt's most important customers. Stolt said Dow's claims were "without legal merit." The company is under investigation in the US for antitrust violations as well as illegal trading with Iran. Today Odfjell released a statement saying that its US subsidiary, Seachem, agreed with the US Department of Justice on 29 September to plead guilty to a single-count violation of antitrust law. "It is our firm opinion that Odfjell Seachem's customers have not suffered any losses because of the antitrust violations, and consequently there is no basis for the claims from Dow," it said.

Allseas wins Visund pipelaying role from Statoil

A CONTRACT worth about Nkr85m (\$12m) to lay the gas pipeline from Statoil's Visund development in the North Sea has been awarded to Allseas Marine Contractors.

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Placed by Statoil on behalf of the field licensees, the job covers 35 kilometres of 20-inch pipeline from the Visund platform to the Kvitebjørn gas pipeline.

Gas from Visund is due to be piped on through the Kvitebjørn transport system to the Kollsnes gas processing plant near Bergen.

The contract also has an option to deliver and integrate valve modules into the pipeline for tie-in of flexible risers from the Visund platform, and to perform the tie-in to the Kvitebjørn line.

Line pipe for the Visund facility is under production in Japan, with laying work scheduled for 2004 or 2005. The field is due to begin production on 1 October 2005

NAVY NEWS



The guided missile cruiser **USS Vella Gulf (CG 72)** maneuvers near **USS George Washington (CVN 73)** at sunset. Washington is conducting Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) in the Atlantic Ocean

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Another few shots of the **SMITWIJS SINGAPORE** arriving with the barge **Sainty no 1** in Cape Town
Photo's : Ian Shiffmann ©



The **Synnove Knutsen** at the Flushing pilot station – photo : Willem Kruit ©

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



The final Concorde, Flight 216, takes off from London's Heathrow Airport, en route to its birthplace Filton in western England, November 26, 2003. Concorde, which has made more farewell tours than Frank Sinatra, let out its final supersonic roar as it hurtled across the Bay of Biscay at twice the speed of sound before starting its new earthbound life at a heritage center being built in Filton

The last British Airways Concorde flies over Airbus UK's Filton airfield, near Bristol, western England for the very last time, Wednesday Nov. 26, 2003, during a special flight from Heathrow Airport to the site where the supersonic plane was made. Thousands of aviation fans and aerospace workers braved the showers to see the Concorde fly overhead at 2,000 ft and then land.



RIJNMOND WEATHER

OBSERVATION LOCATION : HOEK VAN HOLLAND – Wednesday 26-11 21:30 hrs

PRESENT WIND DIRECTION / FORCE	:	WS 5 - 10	KNOTS
MAX WIND DIRECTION / FORCE LAST 24 HRS	:	S-ly 23	KNOTS
PRESENT BAROMETER READING	:	993.5	hPa
MIN TEMP LAST 24 HRS	:	8.1	°C
MAX TEMP LAST 24 HRS	:	11.7	°C
OUTDOOR HUMIDITY	:	84	%
DEWPOINT	:	6.9	°C
WINDCHILL	:	4.8	°C

Vooruitzichten van donderdag t/m zondag:

HET BLIJFT WISSELVALLIG!

Morgen en vrijdag naast bewolking ook af en toe zon en vrijwel overal droog. Zaterdagochtend droog, in de namiddag regen. Zondag bewolkt en af en toe regen.

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Minimumtemperatuur:	4	2	3	7
Zonnekans in % :	30	30	20	10
Neerslagkans in % :	30	20	40	60
Windrichting kracht:	ZW-2-3	WZW-3-4	Z-4-6	Z-4-5

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The famous **KOP VAN ZUID** in Rotterdam in her glory days with Holland America Line vessels moored and departing

Photo : via Jan Braas

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