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The **TRANS CHEMICA** outward bound from Rotterdam — **photo : Piet Sinke ©**

EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



Last Saturday the 5th element of the Dordtse Kil tunnel was transported from Barendrecht to the construction site where the element was submerged during Sunday.

Photo : Piet Sinke ©

Fumes halt Namibia dredging project

DREDGING operations at Walvis Bay in Namibia have had to be abandoned after seafarers on a suction hopper dredger were overcome by gas fumes. The 18,590dwt **Filippo Brunelleschi**, owned by Belgian operator Jan de Nul, was on a maintenance contract when it encountered hydrogen sulphide gas in the spoil dredged from the Walvis Bay approach channel which the vessel is not able to handle, according to the Namport port engineer Tony Raau. An independent eyewitness told Fairplay at the weekend the first indication of the presence of gas in the dredger's hopper came when one member of the crew lost consciousness after breathing in fumes. Six crewmembers were later taken to hospital in Walvis bay suffering from gas inhalation. A spokesman for Jan de Nul told Fairplay on Friday that the **Filippo Brunelleschi** would concentrate on work at the ports of Durban and Coega. The dredger arrived on Saturday night and has commenced dredging outside the port to provide more than 2Mm³ of sand for a new cargo working area at the Point docks. The vessel is now Durban and according to Raau, Jan de Nul has been given a few months to come to an agreement with Namport on resolving the unfinished contract, which also includes the port of Luderitz.

CASUALTY REPORTING

Admiral Nakhimov tugboat sinks in Sea of Azov

The Russian tugboat **Admiral Nakhimov** sank in the Sea of Azov which joins with the Black Sea through the Kerch Strait. There are no victims, reported the Russian Emergencies Ministry.

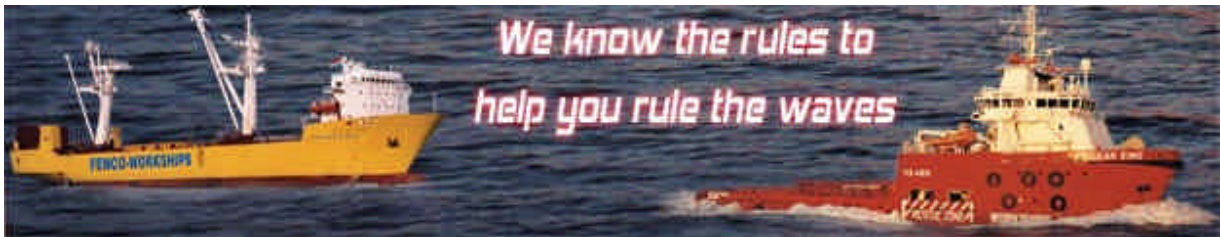
The incident took place at 7:23am Moscow time in the area of the port of Kavkaz some 1.5 miles from the shore at the depth of ten meters. The crew was evacuated by the tugboat Lvov which was passing by, said the Emergencies Ministry.

"At the present time experts are finding out the cause of the incident because the weather in the area of the Sea of Azov was favorable," pointed out the Emergencies Ministry.

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Ofer denies Zim sale rumours

IDAN Ofer, chairman of Israel Corp, has denied rumours that he is looking to sell the company, which is part shareholder in Zim Shipping Line. Speculation surfaced at yesterday's deadline set by the Israeli government for bids to purchase its 48.6% share in Zim. Idan is the son of Sammy Ofer and nephew of Yuli Ofer, the pair who built up Ofer Brothers Shipping before acquiring control of Zim. The financial press has touted an asking price of \$950M but this has been denied by an Israel Corp spokesman who also denied reports of a dispute between the Ofer family and the treasury over the sale of Israel Corp's interest in the country's main oil refinery. Any sale of the Israel Corp interest in Zim would be complex since a large portion of the Zim fleet is owned by other Ofer brother interests.

Vervat discusses Hanno future

ROTTERDAM container stevedore Hans Vervat is locked in talks with [Hutchison Port Holdings](#)-owned ECT regarding the future of his company [Hanno/Uniport](#). Vervat needs financial backing to enable him to bid for a place among the giants at Maasvlakte II, as his bids for both a site at the new container facility or at site at the western end of the [Europort](#) development have been rejected by Rotterdam Municipal Port Management. Vervat believes his company has no future if he fails to secure a deep water terminal. Hanno/Uniport currently operates in the Waalhaven area of the inner port, upstream from the Benelux tunnel, which would make it impossible to handle 8,000 TEU ships. Construction of Maasvlakte II will begin in 2006. Further pressure to relocate has come from the newly published Havenplan 2020, which proposes turning [Merwehaven](#), [Waalhaven](#) and [Eemhaven](#) into residential and industrial areas.

MOL adds to massive Capesize order

JAPANESE operator MOL is to order a further 10 Capesize bulk carriers bringing its total number on order to 30 ships. The company said it would also take at least 10 more ships on time charter between now and 2007. Demand for iron ore in China is buoyant, MOL said, and further "significant growth" is predicted. Brokers speculate that because of limited berth availability in Japan, MOL might be forced to order some of the as-yet-unannounced newbuildings in China, having recently committed a Capesize charter from Hong Kong owners for 2005 delivery from Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding. By ship size, MOL plans to make the greatest increase to its fleet of 200,000dwt ore carriers, with delivery of 15 units expected by mid-2007. Of the 30 post-Panamax ships planned, 20 are said to have already secured long term employment. MOL recently signed a consecutive voyage charter agreement for two ships with Baoshan Iron & Steel (Baosteel), China's largest steel producer, to carry ore from Australia to China over a 10-year period.

Tallink purchases a new cargo vessel for Paldiski-Kappelskär line

Estonia's largest shipping company Tallink has purchased a new cargo vessel, **Regal Star**.

Regal Star is built in 1999 and will be operating on the Paldiski-Kappelskär line between Estonia and Sweden. Tallink plans to transfer M/S **Kapella** that until now was on the same line to the Tallinn-Helsinki line.

According to Andres Hunt, finance director of Tallink, **Regal Star** has double of the capacity of **Kapella**. It accommodates about 115 trucks and over 100 passenger cars. The maximum speed of the vessel is 17.5 knots and its has a 1A ice classification. It has cabins for 100 passengers.

Kalev Järvelill, general manager of Tallink, said that the company decided to purchase the vessel because of the rising demand. "We are seeing demand increase on both lines, on Paldiski-Kappelskär and Tallinn-Helsinki," said Järvelill. Tallink signed the preliminary contract for purchase of **Regal Star** a little more than a week ago.

The company has not disclosed the purchase price.

NAVY NEWS



The German minehunter **M 1091 KULMBACH** outward bound at Maas Pilot station
photo : Piet Sinke ©

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D: 620 tons (fl) **S:** 18 kts **Dim:** 54.40 (51.00 pp) × 9.20 × 2.50 (3.20 props)
A: 2 single 40-mm 70-cal. OTOBreda-Bofors AA; 2 Stinger/Fliegerfaust point-defense SAM positions; up to 60 mines

Electronics:

Radar: 1 Raytheon SPS-64 nav.; 1 WM-20/2 track-while-scan f.c.
Sonar: STN Atlas Elektronik DSQS-11M hull-mounted retractable HF
EW: Thales DR-2000 intercept; 2 6-round Buck-Wegmann Hot Dog/Silver Dog decoy RL

M: 2 MTU 16V396 TB84-DB51L diesels; 2 Escher-Wyss CP props; 6,080 bhp

Electric: 1,050 kw (3 MWM TBD 601 65 diesels driving, 639 bhp each)

Range: . . . / . . . **Crew:** 4 officers, 20 petty officers, 13 ratings



The latest addition to the Maltese Navy, the **P 51**.

The vessel was ordered from Bollinger on 30-7-2001, for completion 15-11-2002.

The hull form is based on the Netherlands builder Damen's **STANPAT 2600** design, which was employed on a number of Hong Kong police patrol boats built since 1980.

Photo : Via Peter Westdijk ©

D: 91.1 tons (fl) **S:** 27 kts **Dim:** 26.52 (24.87 pp) × 5.92 × 1.74

A: 2 single 12.7-mm M2 mg

Electronics: Radar: 1 Hughes-Furuno SPS-73 nav.

M: 2 MTU 8V396 TE94 diesels; 2 5-bladed props; 2,950 bhp (2,680 sust.)

Electric: 120 kw tot. (2 × 60-kw Stamford sets, 2 M.A.N. D 0824 LF01 diesel-driven)

Range: 882/10 **Fuel:** 2,500 gallons **Endurance:** 10 days (5 days' provisions)

Crew: 10 tot. (accomm. for 11 tot.)

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The **CARONIA** was the last cruise vessel for this season entering Amsterdam
Photo : Joop Marechal ©



The **STENA PARTNER** outward bound from the Europort – photo : Piet Sinke ©



The **YM YANTIAN** at the Flushing pilot station – photo : Willem Kruit ©

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The **ENGLISHMAN** departed from Rotterdam – photo : Piet Sinke ©



Cruise ship M/V **Mona Lisa** - C6RU6 - 28.891 grt - arrived in Santos November 30th
Photo : Marcelo Lopez ©

The tug **HERKLULES** is enroute Rotterdam with the shoalbuster '**Amstelstroom**'
The transport arrived Kiel Holtenau for daylight passage Kiel Canal Wednesday
eta HvH Friday morning weather pending

Info : Herbert Westerwal – Wescoasting IJmuiden

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The BP Tanker **British Merlin** arrived at the BP Finnart Oil Terminal on the River Clyde. As you can see from the pic it was a "first light" berthing on a very dull, wet and windy overcast day.

Photo : Tommy Bryceland, Scotland ©

AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS



Workers on the Boeing Co. 767 assembly line work on a 767 passenger jet destined for All Nippon Airways in Japan in this July 3, 2003 file photo in Everett, Wash. Boeing announced Monday, Dec. 1, 2003 that Phil Condit, CEO and chairman of the company, had resigned.

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The first commercial flight of the world's longest-range passenger aircraft, the **Airbus A340-500**, makes it's final approach into Sydney Airport, December 2, 2003. The plane flew from the United Arab Emirate's (UAE) city of Dubai to Sydney in an estimated 14 hours, but is capable of flying non-stop for up to 17 hours



The brandnew **Singapore Airlines Airbus A 340-541** (9V-SGB) seen here on taxiway at Toulouse, for his 1st flight November 15th.

Photo : French Frogs AirSlides ©

RIJNMOND WEATHER

OBSERVATION LOCATION : HOEK VAN HOLLAND – Tuesday 02-12 22:30 hrs

PRESENT WIND DIRECTION / FORCE	:	NE 5 - 10	KNOTS
MAX WIND DIRECTION / FORCE LAST 24 HRS	:	ENE 5.8	KNOTS
PRESENT BAROMETER READING	:	1015.1	hPa
MIN TEMP LAST 24 HRS	:	7.2	°C
MAX TEMP LAST 24 HRS	:	10.4	°C
OUTDOOR HUMIDITY	:	85	%
DEWPOINT	:	4.4	°C
WINDCHILL	:	6.8	°C

Vooruitzichten van woensdag t/m zaterdag:

RUSTIG EN DROOG!

Wolkenvelden, af en toe zon en een toenemende kans op mist. Middagtemperatuur dalend naar 6 graden, in de nacht kans op vorst aan de grond.

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Maximumtemperatuur:	8	7	7	6
Minimumtemperatuur:	5	5	3	3
Zonnekans in %:	30	30	30	30
Neerslagkans in %:	10	10	10	10
Windrichting kracht:	NO-2-4	NO-3-5	NO-2-4	NO-2-4

.... PHOTO OF THE DAY



The **BONGA** transport arrived November 27th, off Nigeria, seen here the leading tug **FAR SALTIRE** disconnecting her towing gear prior the installation op the **BONGA**, whilst the tugs **SMITWIJS ROTTERDAM** and **WOLRAAD WOLTEMADE** are holding the **BONGA** in position.

Photo : via capt. Peter Heerema – master **SMITWIJS ROTTERDAM**

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