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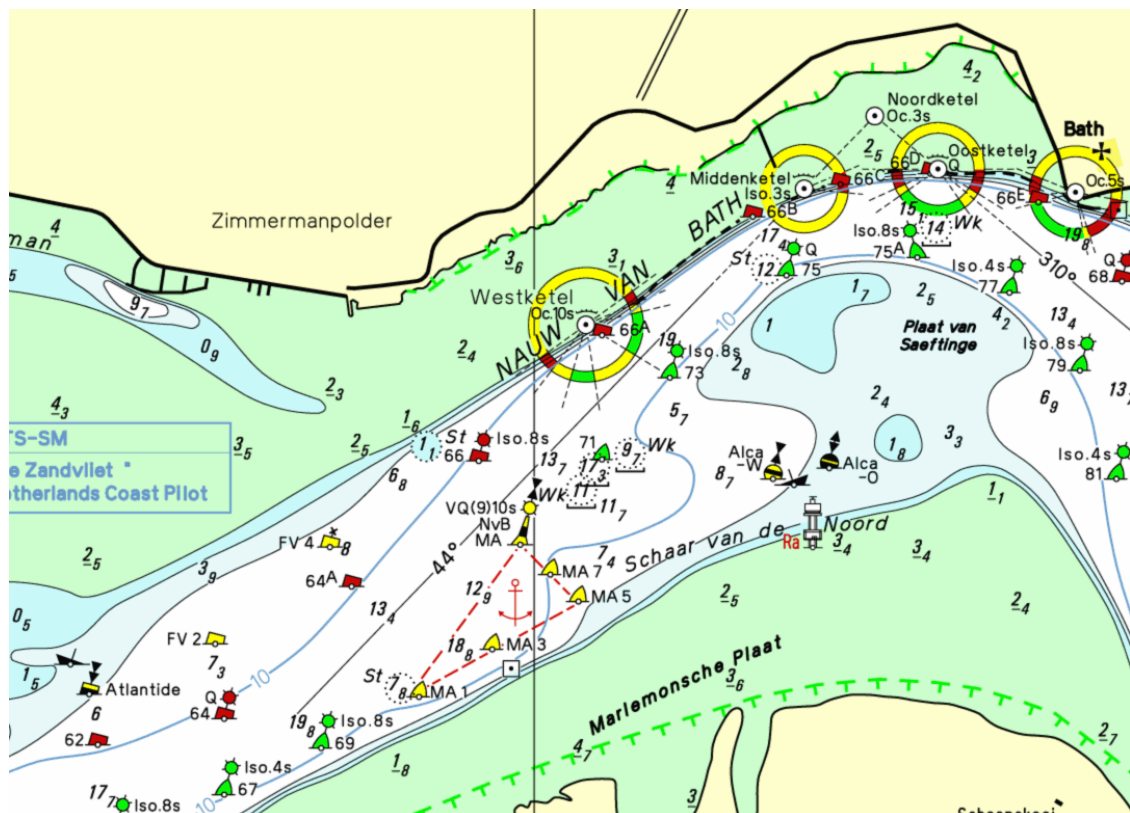
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COLLISION ON WESTERSCHELDT RIVER

Sunday morning early, on 02.12 hrs LT the container vessels **MAERSK BAHRAIN** and the **PELICAN I** collided in the "Nauw van Bath", which is a narrow passage at the Westerscheldt river on the Antwerp side.



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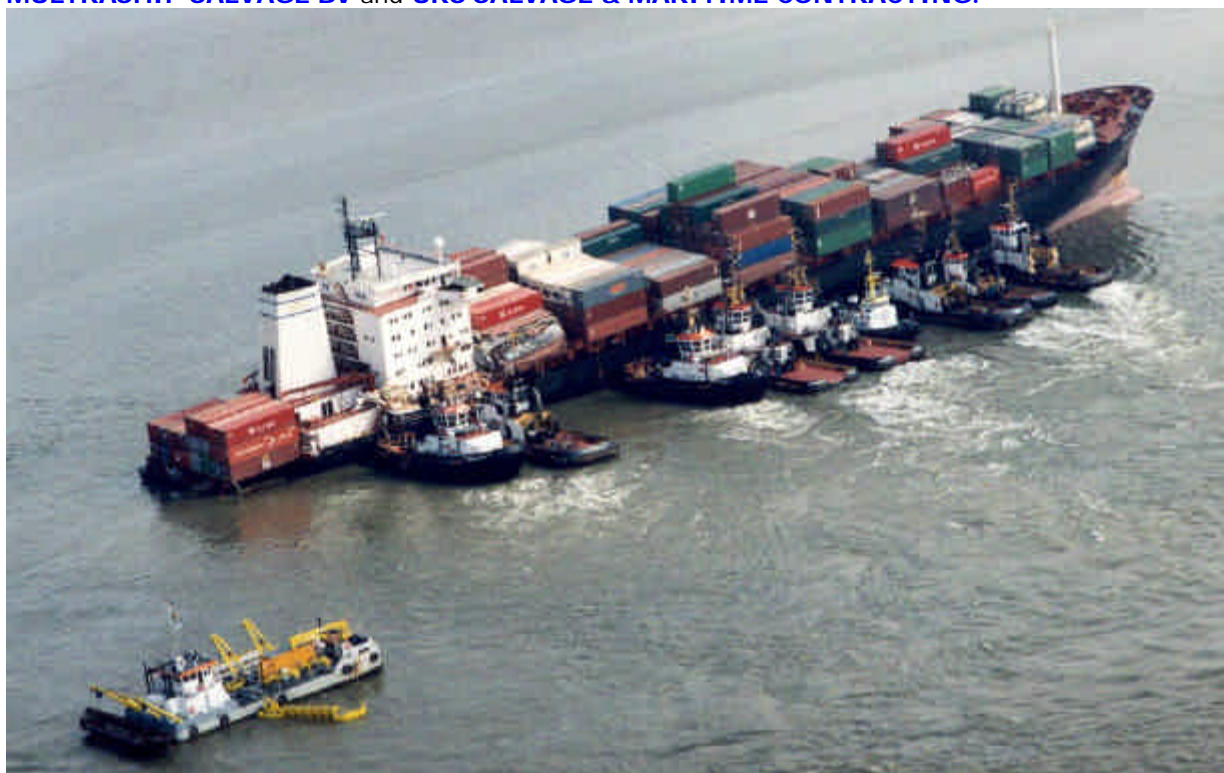


Top : The Bahama flagged **MAERSK BAHRAIN** which has a BRT of 33.400 ton and a length of 239 mtr and beam of 30.5 mtr — **photo : Willem Kruit ©**



Immediately Multraship send the **MULTRAJET** to the location which evacuated 24 crewmembers which were set safely onshore at Walsoorden, the damage to the **MAERSK BAHRAIN** was not so severe and the ship could continue the trip and went to Vlissingen Oost where the vessel damage is at present under investigation. The **PELICAN 1** was not so lucky this vessel which encountered a steering failure which caused the collision, was hit in the engine room which flooded and same for cargo hold no 5. A lot of tugs went to

the location and pushed the **PELICAN 1** on to the shallow sand bank to avoid the vessel to sink in the fairway, and in the meantime a salvage contract was signed between the owner and the combination **MULTRASHIP SALVAGE BV** and **URS SALVAGE & MARITIME CONTRACTING**.



Top : The tugs pushing the **PELICAN 1** towards the shore — **photo : Multraship Terneuzen**

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At present the tugs **ST.ANNASTRAND**, **SCHELDE 10**, **BURGH**, **UNION SAPPHIRE**, **UNION DIAMOND**, **LIEVE GEVAERT**, **MULTRATUG 5**, **MULTRATUG 8** and **MULTRATUG 9** are involved in the salvage operation.

From Terneuzen **OVET**'s floating crane is mobilised which will start with offloading of the containers and in the meantime 15 barges arrived on the location on which the containers will be loaded and transported, the **MULTRATUG 6** is at present regulating the ships traffic in the busy channel through which all the shipping traffic to Antwerp flows, from Multtraship also the **COBI-M** is mobilized to assist.



Top : **COBI-M** moored in Terneuzen - Photo : **Piet Sinke** ©

Also two tankers are mobilized which are at present on stand by, this in view of taking dirty water onboard when the water will be pumped out of the engine room.



Top : The **PELICAN 1** grounded close to the shore — photo : **Peter Andriessen** ©

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Top and below : Tugs in action near the **Pelican I** – Photo 's : Willy van de Velde ©



Below : The **MULTRATUG 5** stand by at the stern of the **Pelican I** – photo : Willy van de Velde ©



PELICAN I



Top : The **PELICAN I** in better days (29-6-2003) passing Terneuzen outward bound

Photo : Marcel van Luik ©

The **Pelican I** was build during 1988 under the name **H.Cegielski** in Gdansk, Poland and sailed under the names : **Genova** (1991 > 1996), **Nuova Mediterranea** (1996 > 1999) , **LT Mediterranea** (1999), **Asia Opal** (1999 > 2002) **Zim Antwerp I** (2002) and since September 2002 under the name **PELICAN I**

The vessel is 202 mtr in length and the breadth is 31 meters, the maximum draft of the vessel is 9.6 mtr, and is powered by an 6 cylinder Sulzer diesel of 22.000 hp which give the vessel a speed of 19 knots.

The vessel is owned by Ofer Brothers in Haifa, Israel, The Ofer Brothers Group owns and operates Israel's largest privately-owned shipping enterprise, and has been active in shipping for almost fifty years.

The Group's fleet consists of more than 30 vessels, all ISO 9002-certified. The fleet includes container vessels, car carriers, reefers, bulk carriers, tankers and multi-purpose ships. Its vessels are chartered by Israel's largest transporters, including Zim Israel Navigation, Agrexco Agricultural Export, Israel Electric Corporation and Israel Oil Refineries.

The Group through Israel Corp owns **Zim Israel Navigation Ltd.**