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The SHINYO FLORENTINA seen at the anchorage of Brest, this 320 mtr long tanker is sold by SHINY ALLIANCE LTD Hong Kong to Greek group Neda.

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Referring to last weeks Shippingnews clippings with the special ARRC rescueboat , this rescue boat was now spotted
onboard the **CALEDONIAN VANGUARD** stored in a kind of cradle

Photo : Tommy Bryceland – Scotland ©

Spaanse slepers volop werk aan Nederlands schip

De Spaanse kustwacht heeft dit weekeinde tot twee keer toe het Nederlandse vrachtschip **Ostedijk** op sleeptouw moeten nemen. Zowel zaterdag als zondag deed zich een chemische reactie voor in de lading van 6000 ton kunstmest.

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Dat heeft de Spaanse krant El País zondag in de interneteditie gemeld op gezag van de kustwacht. Na de eerste chemische reactie kreeg de **Ostedijk** zaterdagavond laat toestemming om de reis voort te zetten in de richting van de eindbestemming Valencia. Het schip met aan boord twaalf opvarenden was uit Porsgrunn in Noorwegen vertrokken.

Zondagmorgen omstreeks 11.30 uur vroeg het schip, dat voor de kust van Cabo Vilano in het noordwesten van Spanje voer, opnieuw om hulp. Er was sprake van gasvorming door een chemisch proces in de lading.

De kustwacht nam vervolgens het Nederlandse schip op sleeptouw met bestemming Cabo Ortegal. Daar wordt beslist wat verder met het schip moet gebeuren. Experts van de Spaanse brandweer onderzoeken het probleem.

De Spaanse autoriteiten hebben erop gewezen dat de gasen niet giftig zijn. Er is geen gevaar voor de bevolking of de bemanning.



The **BG DUBLIN** seen during her maiden voyage arrival in Rotterdam

Photo : Fabian Duinhouwer – Dirkzwager ©

Crew Try to Fix Japanese Whaling Ship

The crew of a Japanese whaling ship stranded in Antarctic waters was trying to repair its engines Sunday and prevent an abrupt end to Japan's whaling season, an official said.

The **Nisshin Maru**, whose engines were damaged in a fire Thursday, is the only ship in Japan's whaling fleet able to process whale carcasses and the season may have to be abandoned if it remains inoperable. The fire, whose cause has not been announced, killed a 27-year-old crewman.

The whalers, who have refused an offer to be towed to safety by a Greenpeace ship at the scene, were trying to repair the engines, said Peter Williams, deputy director of the rescue agency Maritime New Zealand.

Williams said there was no immediate risk of an environmental disaster from the 1,000 tons of fuel aboard the crippled ship. He said the weather forecast was good for the next three days, and the crew has established that the ship has no structural damage.

"But our concern is that conditions can change very quickly," Williams said. New Zealand officials and environmentalists have expressed concern that the stricken ship could threaten the Antarctic's biggest penguin breeding grounds at Cape Adare, about 100 miles away.

Japan's Fisheries Agency said officials have not given up hope of reviving the vessel, though they were not sure if the expedition could go on.

The fleet planned to hunt up to 945 whales from mid-December to mid-March. It was not immediately known how many whales have been killed so far.

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Japan says its annual whale hunts are for research, but environmental groups say they are a pretext for keeping the country's tiny whaling industry alive. The International Whaling Commission imposed a global ban on commercial whaling in 1986



The **PACIFIC BUCCANEER** seen working in Mossel Bay – Photo : Ronny Meyer ©

Injured seaman lifted from Wappen tanker off Wild Coast

A Polish seafarer who was injured when heavy seas swept him off his feet on board the German products tanker **WAPPEN VON FRANKFURT** on Sunday night, was taken off the vessel in dangerous conditions by the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) on Monday.

The ship, which is currently on charter to carry oil and products along the Southern African coast, had sailed earlier from Maputo bound for Cape Town. While the ship was off the Wild Coast near Port St Johns, during which six metre waves and gale force winds were being experienced, an engineer named Jurkiewicz Grzegorz was swept off his feet by a strong wave that came on board, throwing him against the ship's stairs and fracturing his ribs.

Arrangements were made to have the NSRI meet the **WAPPEN VON FRANKFURT** as the ship approached East London later on Monday. Shortly before noon on that day the East London-based rescue boat **ACSA RESCUER 7** successfully carried out a rendezvous with the tanker about five miles off East London and after some delicate manoeuvring alongside the injured seafarer was safely transferred to the rescue boat and taken to East London for treatment.

The NSRI described the journey back to the port as difficult due to the heavy seas and strong currents.

Grzegorz was subsequently taken to an East London hospital where his condition has been described as satisfactory.

Smit houdt rekening met acties sleepdiensten Rotterdam

Het maritieme bedrijf Smit houdt er rekening mee dat medewerkers van zijn sleepdiensten in Rotterdam komende week in actie komen. De bonden hebben gedreigd met werkonderbrekingen, nu de onderhandelingen over een nieuwe CAO zijn vastgelopen, liet het bedrijf zondag weten.

Smit neemt in de haven van Rotterdam het leeuwendeel van de sleepdiensten voor zijn rekening. Het bedrijf heeft er een marktaandeel van 70 procent. Een staking zou betekenen dat grote schepen zoals tankers de haven niet meer in of uitkunnen. De onderhandelingen over een nieuwe arbeidsovereenkomst lopen sinds begin dit jaar. De bonden zetten in op een eenjarige CAO en eisen onder meer een loonsverhoging van 8 procent.

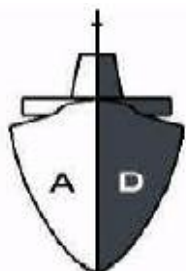
Smit heeft een tweejarige CAO voorgesteld met een loonsverhoging van twee keer 4 procent. Breekpunt in de onderhandelingen zijn verder de manier waarop een eenmalige uitkering moet worden verstrekt. Verder is er onenigheid over de werkroosters.

Eerder had FNV Bondgenoten al een ultimatum gesteld dat woensdag aan het eind van de middag afloopt. Bestuurder Cees Bos van FNV Bondgenoten zei zondag dat hij niet van plan is om voor die tijd nog contact op te nemen met Smit, waarmee hij zaterdag nog om de tafel zat. "De bal ligt nu bij Smit", aldus Bos. Bestuursvoorzitter Ben Vree van Smit weet nog niet of hij voor woensdag contact met de bond zal leggen. Hij verwijt de bonden dat ze "geen millimeter" zijn opgeschoven in de onderhandelingen. Hij vindt dat hij de bonden voldoende tegemoet is gekomen. "Op het Malieveld demonstreren de ambtenaren voor minder", aldus de bestuursvoorzitter zondag.

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The Brazilian aircraft carrier **A 12 SAO PAULO** seen in Rio de Janeiro, this carrier is built as the French carrier **FOCH** during 1960 and transferred to Brazil during 2001 to replace the 1944 built **MINAS GERAIS**, which was scrapped during 2004 at Allang in India.

Photo : Matthijs van Steensel ©

Nuclear Submarine Arrives in Gibraltar

HQBF announced the arrival of **HMS TURBULENT**. The submarine is visiting Gibraltar for a short stay as part of her scheduled operational tasking.



Top ; The **HMS S 110 TURBULENT** – Photo : George Arra ©

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HMS turbulent, a 1982 T class hunter killer nuclear powered submarine, was allegedly involved in an controversial cover-up, when back in January 2004, a book written by French authors, accused the submarine of sinking a French trawler and killing 5 men who where onboard.

The MOD refused these accusations claiming that the submarine was docked at the time of the incident. However the book offers alleged proof that contradicts this claim.

HMS Turbulent, was also the first Royal Navy vessel to return home from the war against Iraq, arriving in Plymouth. **HMS Turbulent** is earmarked for decommissioning in 2011.

Belgian Navy ship visits Luanda

The Belgian Navy mincraft logistics support ship **BNS GODETIA (A960)** arrived in Luanda Harbour last Wednesday of an official visit to the Angolan capital.

The 2,500-ton, 92m ship, the largest in Belgium's small navy, is on a two-month visit to six African countries that has already seen her visiting South Africa (Cape Town), Benin (West Africa) and the DRC.

After visiting Luanda the ship will proceed to Gabon and later to Morocco before returning home.

This is the third visit of the ship to Angola. She left Luanda on Friday.

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Ongoing works on ALLSEAS **AUDACIA** at the Keppel-Verolme shipyard in Rotterdam-Botlek



The **KARAR** (former SOLANO) seen on the synchro-lift in Dubai - **Photo : Reinier Meuleman ©**

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The **ELVIRA** seen enroute Rotterdam
Photo : Jan Steehouwer ©

Canada blocks US LNG route

Canada has officially told the United States it will not allow LNG carriers through a tricky passage into Passamaquoddy Bay between the province of New Brunswick and the state of Maine. While the government has not yet made the announcement, the Canadian Press news service has obtained a copy of a letter sent by Canada's ambassador in Washington, Michael Wilson, to the chairman of the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission yesterday. The letter says Head Harbour Passage is within Canadian waters and is considered an environmentally sensitive area. Canada has decided not to take the environmental risk LNG tankers would pose. Veteran affairs minister Greg Thompson says the government is "examining every regulation or action we could take to enforce that position." The Commission is preparing for hearings on two proposed LNG terminals on the US side of Passamaquoddy Bay. Downeast LNG is one of the proposed terminal builders and its president Dean Girdis told reporters his company won't be put off by Wilson's

letter. "I'm already so far into this it's too late to stop." He said the Canadian government was trying to short-circuit the US regulatory process.



PIL breaks into trans-Pacific

Pacific International Lines, which owns and operates more than 100 container ships, has broken into the trans-Pacific trade with its alliance partner Wan Hai Lines of Taiwan. Wan Hai was previously operating this route. Privately-held PIL is a family owned enterprise based in Singapore and founded by YC Chang, current executive chairman and father of managing director Teo Siong Seng. PIL will contribute one ship to the service linking the Far East to the US West Coast. Services will commence on 17 March with five 2,500-teu ships. The round voyage of 35 days starts from Xiamen in southern China and will include calls at Yantian, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, Long Beach and Oakland. Both companies are heavyweights in the Asian regional trades and together are looking to expand their global network. Last year PIL acquired Pacific Direct Line of New Zealand to boost its Australasian presence and also promoted a ship finance trust that is listed in the Singapore Exchange.



The **DIAMOND QUEEN** seen arriving in Sydney
Photo : Martin Grant ©

Aramco concludes support vessel deal

The Saudi Aramco oil group has concluded a \$600M five-year deal with three companies to provide support cover for its marine operations. The deal involves 20 vessels, a mix of tugs and support vessels and the contracts represent the largest outsourcing exercise by the group so far, according to news reports. The three companies involved are Bakri Navigation of Jeddah, Zamil Operations & Maintenance Co of Al-Khobar and the Hadi H Al-Hammam Establishment of Ras Tanura. Under the contracts, which have extensions options for another two years, all three will operate anchor-

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handling tugs and other support craft in the Arabian Gulf. Saudi Aramco's executive director is quoted as commenting on the deal that: "We only outsource such activities to the private sector when it is demonstrated that the same quality of service can be provided that we could provide internally, and these companies have demonstrated that." Between them the three companies operate around 100 offshore support vessels and tugs.

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The **PROIKONISSOS** seen in Rio Grande – Photo : Marcelo Vieira ©



The **MARINA** seen moored in the Caland Canal

Photo : Frits Janse ©

OLDIE – FROM THE SHOEBOX



The Philippine **DATU KALANTIAW (76)** seen on the rocks at Calayan Island, 300 miles North of Manila, the DE was built as the **USS BOOTH** during 1943 as part of the CANNON class and transferred to the Philippines in July 1978, the **DATU KALANTIAW** was forced aground by extremely high winds from Typhoon Clara on September 20th 1981 whilst at anchor , of the 97 crew members reported onboard more than 40 died during the incident.

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The **Shackleton Mk 3** started its service with the South African Air Force in 1957 and remained operational as the backbone of its maritime reconnaissance until retired in 1984.

Following an invitation to take part in the 1994 summer air-show circuit in the UK, **Pelican 16**, a SAAF Museum **Shackleton MK3**, and its crew of 19 took off from Cape Town and headed north. But then in the dead of the blackest night, high over the Western Sahara the unthinkable happened; two engines on the starboard side failed within a period of just ten minutes. The aircraft and its crew went down. It was pitch black outside, no stars in the sky and not even a light on the ground. With two wind milling propellers on the starboard side, it was a given that the aircraft was about to crash. But where? It was impossible to see anything outside. It was only through the professionalism and skill of the crew that they all survived with hardly a scratch.

Photo : Glenn Kasner ©

A DVD recalling this dramatic event is available for purchase from the Museum website http://saairforce.co.za/shop/product_info.php?cPath=31&products_id=141



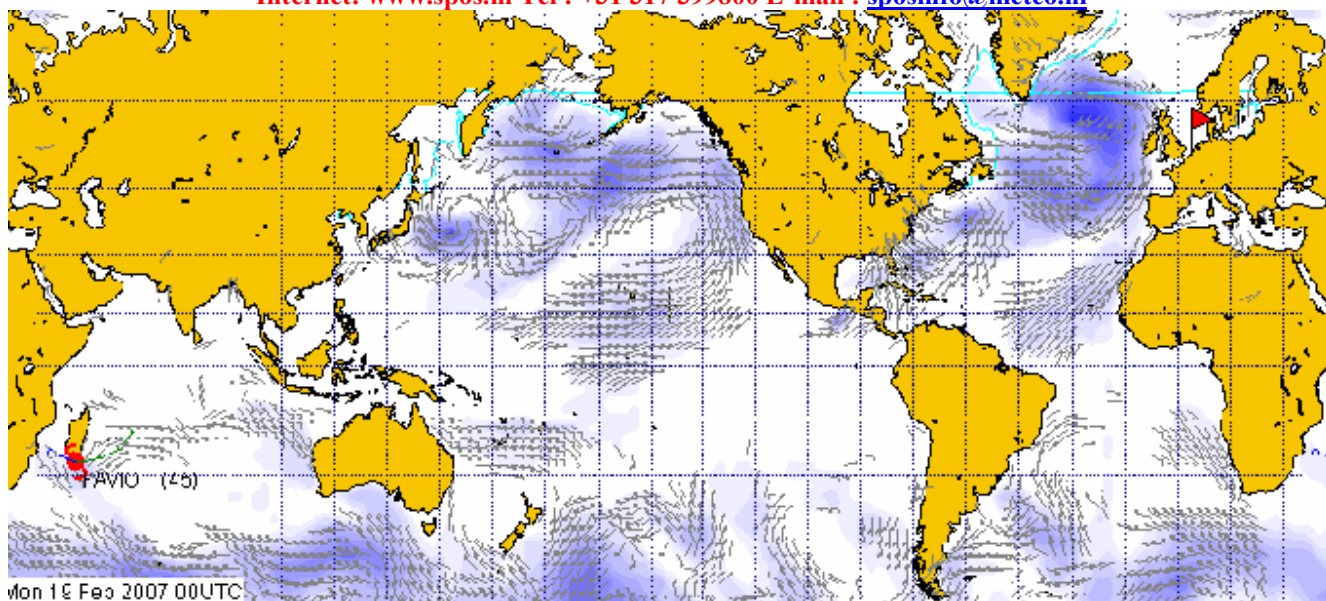
The last flying **Shackleton Mk3 Pelican 22** seen at Cape Town airport

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The **SERENA** seen at the Westerscheldt river - Photo : Pierre-Alfred Caille ©

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Glenn Kasner on the left with the pilot of the last flying **Shackleton MK 3** in the world, as mentioned above after returning back to Cape Town Airport, **Glenn** is always sending photo's for the news clippings made in and around Cape Town, herewith I would like to say on behalf of all the readers,

Thanks Glenn, it is appreciated !!

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