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Transfennica's **GENCA** seen departing from Antwerp

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## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



The URS latest is the **UNION KODIAK** seen above operating in the Port of Antwerp

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## New oil leaks from sunken ship threaten beaches on Spanish island of Ibiza

Fresh oil leaks from a recently sunken ship threatened Saturday to coat beaches and coves on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza, even as crews cleared tonnes already spilled in the area, officials said.

Divers detected the latest oil leaks from the merchant ship **Don Pedro** after failed attempts to seal cracks in the wreck, said Josep Lliteres, environment director general for Spain's Balearic Islands.

The ship had been sailing from Ibiza to the eastern port city of Valencia when it hit rocks and sank Wednesday with about 150 tonnes of fuel oil and 50 tonnes of gasoline on board.

Divers had tried to seal a crack which by Thursday had created an oil slick five kilometres long and a kilometre wide, Development Minister Magdalena Alvarez said.

The government has decided to try and remove the oil remaining inside the sunken vessel, rescue service spokeswoman Pilar Tejo said. Cleanup crews, meanwhile, tried to prevent an environmental problem on the island, one of Spain's Mediterranean beauty spots, as summer holidays begin. Some 30 tonnes of oil were cleared by Saturday.

Three Ibiza beaches - Talamanca, Ses Figueretes and Platja de Bossa - were closed while crews cleaned up the spill.

## Cadets Rescued From Ship on Lake Ontario

Fire broke out in the engine room of a Canadian training vessel on Lake Ontario, stranding 26 cadets and six crew members, and U.S. and Canadian boats were sent to assist, authorities said.

The two-masted Fair Jeanne was about six miles southeast of Ontario's Amherst Island, about 35 miles northwest of Watertown, when the fire erupted Friday afternoon, said Maritime Coordinator Stephen Cooper of the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Trenton, Ontario.

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One cadet was flown to Kingston General Hospital for treatment of a head injury and another had a broken leg, he said. Cooper didn't immediately know how much damage the ship suffered.

The Fair Jeanne, launched in 1980, was manned by boatswain trades course cadets from the HMCS Ontario, the sea cadet summer training center for the Royal Military College, Fort Frontenac, according to the Web site of the ship's owner, the Bytown Brigantine Inc.







The **HAMBURGO** seen arriving in Antwerp

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## Search underway for survivors of two sunk Indonesian boats

An extensive search amid bad weather is underway for survivors of two sunk Indonesian boats, with victims being plucked from the ocean days after the vessels went down.

Police said two more survivors were found even as the death toll rose to 14, four days after the **Wahai Star** ran into engine trouble in rough seas with about 60 passengers on board. Forty-four people have now been rescued.

"Two people were found alive and are now being treated in Namlea hospital in Buru Island and we also lifted out nine more bodies," maritime policeman G. Tutupari told reporters in Ambon.

Separately in Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi, Okezone news website reported navy ships had begun a search today for a fishing boat with 39 people on board that reportedly sank late Wednesday.

Six survivors were found floating about 100 miles west of Makassar. One of them was reported to be in critical condition.

## 12 Chinese crew still missing after vessel sinks near Guam

Twelve Chinese crew members are still missing two days after a Panama-registered cargo ship with 22 Chinese on board sank near Guam, the China Maritime Search and Rescue Center (CMSRC) said on Friday.

Ten crew members, including the captain Liu Jianzhong, were rescued on Wednesday, the day after the ship, **Tai Tong 7**, sank more than 600 km northwest of Guam due to storms brought by Typhoon Man-yi.

"Rescue efforts have continued two days after the incident but a dozen crew members are still missing," said a statement from the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles.

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The Chinese-flagged bulk log carrier, owned by Fuzhou Haijing Shipping, was on route from Papua New Guinea to China when the cargo began shifting as the vessel encountered 70 mph winds and 24-foot waves, according to survivors.

Passing vessels, such as "Horizon Falcon" and "Ikan Belis", were directed to the accident site, and a fixed-wing aircraft from the U.S.Coast Guard joined the rescue, said the CMSRC.

It said it had kept in touch with the Coast Guard after being notified by the latter about the incident.



The KNRM Den Helder lifeboat **JOKE DIJKSTRA** seen in action during the Dutch Navy days 2007  
Photo : Wim van Doorne ©

## Dream cruise to Vanuatu turns to 'holiday from hell'

Passengers on a **Pacific Star** cruise were so ill as the ship was battered by storms off Auckland that they have been given free doctors' visits and \$100 vouchers. About 1000 passengers left Auckland on Tuesday for an eight-night cruise and were hit by the atrocious conditions.

People on board reported passengers being sick and damage to the boat by swells of up to 10m. One passenger said the dream trip to Vanuatu had started like the holiday from hell. P&O Cruises spokeswoman Sandy Olsen said some of the ship's external windows and doors, as well as its television satellite equipment, were damaged in the storm.

"It would have been an uncomfortable couple of days for the people on board," she said. "As you can imagine, some people were unwell due to seasickness." Conditions were so bad the ship has cancelled a planned stopover in Lifou, New Caledonia, and will head straight for Vila to make its scheduled Friday night stopover.

Ms Olsen said passengers would get \$100 spending money and P&O would waive doctors' charges for those who needed medical help during the storm.

Cruise chiefs were also offering free wine and soft drinks to passengers at a Captain's Dinner tonight, and giving free room services to those who preferred to stay in their rooms.

The ship is due back in Auckland in the middle of next week.



Angry fishers have blocked the port of La Rochelle (La Pallice)

**Photo : Bob van Baarle ©**

## **Bodies wash ashore from capsized ferry**

THE bodies of three people, including a child, washed ashore in the Philippines today and divers saw many corpses still trapped inside a capsized ferry, army officials said. At least 11 people are known to have died when the Blue Water Princess sank yesterday off San Francisco town in central Quezon province, about 150km south of Manila, as it was making for safety in bad weather, the officials said.

They had earlier said 15 people were killed. No one is sure how many passengers were on board but scores are believed to be missing. At least 129 people were rescued. Lieutenant-Colonel Rhoderick Parayno said divers sent by the army, police and coastguard had seen many bodies in the submerged vessel.

"They can't start recovery due to strong waves," Lt-Col Parayno said in mobile phone text messages. "We're sending more diving equipment to the area. "We don't have rubber boats for use of the divers."

Navy ships were en route to the area but having difficulty due to the choppy sea and strong winds. Separately, two fishermen were missing after their boat sank off the western island of Palawan yesterday when a weight fell and tilted the vessel. The remaining crew of 22 were rescued. Ferries of all descriptions ply the waters between the Philippines' 7000-plus islands and safety standards are often lax. Overcrowding is common and so are accidents.

In December 1987, a ferry sank after colliding with a tanker in the Sibuyan Sea in the central Philippines, killing about 4400 people.

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## Tug boat runs aground near MMBT

A tugboat ran aground near the Newport News Small Boat Harbor this morning, spilling an unknown amount of its diesel fuel. The Coast Guard has been on the scene throughout the day, trying to contain and clean up the spill.

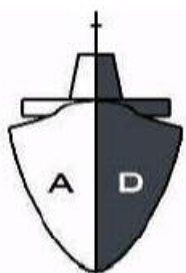
The tug was carrying 34,000 gallons of marine diesel at the time of the accident, but it's unknown at this time how much spilled, said Jerry Crooks, chief of investigations for the Coast Guard's Portsmouth station. A sheen spotted by a Coast Guard plane near the north island of the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel measured about a quarter-mile long by 200 yards wide, Crooks said.

It's not clear why the **Russell B. Murray**, a 104-foot vessel owned by Express Marine Inc., ran aground, Crooks said. Right now the Coast Guard is focusing on responding to the accident, and will investigate later, he said.

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## USNS Comfort Transits Canal



**Capt. Ed Nanartowich**, civilian shipmaster for Military Sealift Command hospital ship **USNS Comfort (T-AH 20)**, communicates with his crew while transiting the Panama Canal. Comfort is on a four-month humanitarian deployment



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to Latin America and the Caribbean to provide medical treatment to patients in a dozen countries. While deployed, Comfort is under the operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and tactical control of Destroyer Squadron 24.

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Damen's latest the **SMIT ELBE** seen during trials in Rotterdam Europoort

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## Scots shipyards to share in £3.9bn super-vessels contract

GORDON Brown is preparing to deliver a multi-billion-pound boost to his home nation, with confirmation that Scotland's shipbuilders will help to produce the biggest vessels ever ordered by the Royal Navy.

Scotland on Sunday can reveal that the Prime Minister is set to put an end to years of delay by announcing the decision on the construction of the two "super carriers" within the next few days.

In total, the contracts for both ships are worth £3.9bn.

Scottish shipyards will be awarded up to half of the lucrative construction work, senior government sources claimed last night - and Faslane is pencilled in as the home port for at least one of the vessels.

The contract will ensure work for 6,600 BAE Systems workers and 1,100 more at Babcock's Rosyth yard - with the prospect of more than 1,000 extra jobs in the industry. One MP last night claimed the announcement would guarantee thousands of Scottish shipbuilders jobs for the rest of their working lives. Brown has been under mounting pressure to end the uncertainty over the landmark deal, amid warnings that further delays would put hundreds of skilled jobs in Scotland and around the country in jeopardy.

BAE Systems and Hampshire-based shipbuilders VT are poised to merge their interests if they win the contract, in a move that would funnel key construction and assembly work to Rosyth and BAE's Clyde base.

Brown's predecessor Tony Blair had hoped to set the seal on the enormous contract as part of his "legacy" to the nation but he was confounded by tortuous negotiations with the French over a cost-cutting collaboration on the design and construction of the 65,000-tonne vessels.

But defence insiders last night revealed that Brown was determined to sign off the contract and trigger the start of building work before MPs break for their summer holiday at the end of this month. He is believed to have highlighted the deal bringing economic benefits to workers in his own "back yard" as a key "statement of intent" during his first 100 days in Downing Street.

"The Prime Minister is as frustrated as everyone else about the delay in getting this deal signed off," a defence source confirmed last night. "But he has also made it clear, since he was Chancellor, that the financial platform has to be watertight before anything else can be confirmed.

"The judgment now is that it is all ready to go. The Scottish element was not a deciding factor, but the benefits that this arrangement will bring to Scotland are a tremendous bonus." Confirmation of the impending deal comes days after industry sources warned that BAE and Babcock International feared that ship-designer jobs at their yards would be lost because there was not enough work for them. The Ministry of Defence had paid for the consortium to do design work on the carrier project, but the phase was almost at an end.

VT chief executive Paul Lester also warned that delaying approval for the project beyond this month would put back the delivery of the two carriers beyond the expected dates of 2012 and 2015.

The contract for the carriers is linked to plans by BAE and VT to merge their shipbuilding interests. But, while defence minister Lord Drayson has insisted the companies must formally agree their joint venture before the carrier order is placed, the firms insist they need a cast-iron guarantee the contract will be placed before going through with the merger.

In a move designed to keep the firms in line, Drayson said he was prepared to "play poker" with the consortium for as long as it took to get the best deal for taxpayers - but he insisted the carriers would be built.

A senior government insider last night said the BAE yards at Govan and Scotstoun would build between two and four of the huge modules for the ships, which would then be assembled at Rosyth. An ongoing review of Britain's biggest naval bases has underlined problems at Portsmouth and Devonport, in Plymouth, which effectively rule them out of hosting the completed carriers without extensive reconstruction work.

The conclusion is that Faslane, or HM Naval Base Clyde, is the most likely home port for the vessels, as well as Britain's fleet of new-generation nuclear submarines.

Glasgow MP Ian Davidson, who played a key role in saving the Clyde shipbuilding industry when it was under threat less than a decade ago, said the contract would help guarantee thousands of people jobs for the rest of their working lives.

"The capacity of the shipbuilding industry throughout the rest of the UK is not enough to build ships like this, so they will always need Scotland," he said. "Clyde is going to build at least two blocks for the ships, and even that will have a knock-on effect elsewhere, with sub-contracting work going to engineering firms in the area. The yards are ready to go and have already done some of the preparatory work required."

## **Shipbuilding in Vietnam Soars**

The shipbuilding industry in Vietnam has - much like the rest of the shipbuilding world - experienced a boom in the past several years with total contracts reaching 10.6 million DWT and a total value of \$7.6 billion. Last year, contracts with overseas customers reached \$4.5 billion.

## **7 Vessels during 6 Months**

Guangzhou Wenchong Shipyard (China) completed 7 ships in the first half of 2007, with a further 7 currently under construction. According to TradeWinds, it also received new orders for 17 ships of 494,000 tonnes.

Five of these were 1,700-teu boxships, with six 1,400-teu units and six 2,800-teu vessels also contracted.

John Fredriksen-connected SFI ordered three 1,700-teu ships in June. All vessels are expected to be delivered in 2010.

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The latest addition to the Citro (Citizens Rescue Organization) in Curacao, is the rhib "**Griend**". The **GRIEND** is the third vessel of CITRO, the boat can be transported over the road by trailer and can be launched anywhere of the island, the 2 volunteers onboard are Jovino Falbru and Wilferd Labrordus.

Photo : Els Kroon ©

## P&O Ferries vaart de Thames op

Omdat de dienst van Ferryways tussen Oostende en Tilbury gestaakt is, heeft P&O Ferries besloten om vanaf maandag 16 juli tussen Zeebrugge en Tilbury te varen. In de zomermaanden zal de vrachter **Calibur** (capaciteit 1.300 lijnmeter vracht) een vertrek per dag en per richting bieden. Het is de bedoeling dat er in het najaar een tweede schip bijkomt.



Photo : Jan Verhoog ©

Cobelfret Ferries heeft de vroegere dienst van Ferryways al vervangen door een verbinding tussen Oostende en een andere Thameshaven, Dartford. Zowel Cobelfret als P&O Ferries gebruiken schepen die voorheen door Ferryways ingezet werden.

Ferryways startte zijn Tilbury-dienst nadat Cobelfret zijn concurrent Dart Line had overgenomen. Nu Cobelfret de vroegere operaties van zowel Dart als Ferryways controleert, wil het Britse P&O het alternatief voor de Belgische marktleider zijn. P&O Ferries vaart vanuit Zeebrugge al op Hull en Teesport. Op de route naar Tilbury willen de Britten met twee schepen jaarlijks meer dan 100.000 vrachteenheden vervoeren.

## "Chelsy-5" is Delivered to Customer



Kherson shipyard and the firm Konkord delivered the third dry cargo vessel type **"Chelsy-3"** - **"Chelsy-5"** - to Black sea shipping management.

The vessel is of class Volgo-Don max.

Main characteristics:  
length - 136.52 m,  
breadth - 16.5 m,  
draught - 3.60 m,  
deadweight - 6000 tons,  
capacity - 852 kwt,  
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Dry cargo vessel is to transport general and solid cargo, timber and logs, grain and big and hazardous cargo of class 1, 1.4S, 2, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5, 5.1, 6.1, 8 and 9.

The vessel was laid on December, 20 2004, launched on November, 12 2005. It is planned to build 8 ships in a series.





SEMCO's **SALVIGILANT** – Photo : SEMCO - Singapore ©

## Alam takes Jaya unit

Malaysia's Alam Maritim Resources has bought an offshore supply vessel from Jaya Offshore of Singapore.

The move comes just a day after the Kuala Lumpur-based offshore vessel operator tied up two of its units with short-term charters.

Alam has taken the 3,500-BHP supply vessel **Jaya Puffin 3** (built 2005) from Jaya subsidiary Java Marine Lines for \$6.65m, the company said in an announcement to Bursa Malaysia on Friday.

The acquisition is in line with Alam's fleet expansion policy, the announcement said, and will be funded through a combination of internal funds and a Sukuk loan facility.

The China-built unit will be deployed in waters off Malaysia and Southeast Asia to support exploration and production projects.

On Thursday Alam announced that its 1,470-gt **Setia Tangkas** (built 2007) has been chartered to PCPP Operating Company for one year in a deal worth MYR 12.2m (\$3.54m).

The company has also chartered its 1,678-gt supply vessel **Setia Wangsa** (built 2007) for three months in a deal worth MYR 3.1m. Carigali Hess has chartered the ship to support its drilling program in Block A18 of the Malaysia-Thailand Joint Development Area.

Alam operates a fleet of about 15 vessels comprising anchor handlers, supply ships and survey vessels. It also has nine newbuildings on order scheduled to be delivered between now and 2008.

## SHIPS-SPOTTERS IN ACTION



Saturday the Belgian **SHIP-HUNTERS** group (this time with additional **Willem Kruit (W!W)**, **Jan van der Klooster** ([www.scheepvaarthoek.nl](http://www.scheepvaarthoek.nl)) and **Piet Sinke** the Editor of the [shippingnewsclippings](http://shippingnewsclippings)) made a day trip with the tug **HERMES** from Flushing via Terneuzen to the port of Antwerp and back again to Flushing, to spot ships the morning started bad, nearly no ships were spotted, but luckily around lunch time the soup had to wait, too much ships showed up at the same time, on the end of the day everybody went home satisfied, 20 new ships for the collection, and a lot of photos to be sorted out and filed.

**[www.ship-hunters.be](http://www.ship-hunters.be)**

**WIM** and **MONIKA** of the **HERMES**, many thanks for the super hospitality onboard and don't you worry we will be back !!

## DP to buy in China, India

DP World, the third-biggest global container terminal operator, is seeking to buy or expand port facilities in China and India as trade booms in the world's two fastest growing major economies.

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"India and China are two important markets for us," company chairman Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem said today in an interview in Singapore. "India, we are well covered both in the east and west coasts. China we need to cover more." DP World and other container terminal operators plan to invest more in the two countries, as economic growth and surging exports boost sea-cargo shipments.

The Dubai-based company plans to spend about \$3.5bn over the next five years on overseas projects worldwide. The company, owned by the government of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, would acquire or expand facilities as part of the expansion plan, Sulayem said.

DP World aims to double its annual handling capacity to 84m teu by 2016. The company operates 42 terminals in 22 countries, ranking behind PSA International and Hutchison Port Holdings. Last month, it raised \$3.25bn from the sale of bonds, partly to help fund expansion plans.

The company also sold six US terminals for an undisclosed sum to American International Group earlier in the year because of political opposition in the country. It acquired the facilities as part of its \$6.8bn deal for P&O.

In India, the company is investing \$500m in a container terminal in the southern city of Kochi. It's also spending \$190m on expanding the Kulpi port in West Bengal, which it acquired as part of the purchase of P&O.

In January, DP World won approval to build a terminal in Qingdao, mainland China's third-busiest port. The company already has a stake in a terminal in the port, southeast of Beijing. It also has stakes in terminals in Tianjin and Shanghai.

Container volume at ports in China has tripled since 2001, as US and European consumer buy more low-cost goods made in the country. China's surging



The **CMA CGM CORTES** seen departing from Antwerp  
Photo : Piet Sinke ©



## MOVEMENTS



**Astral Ace** arriving Lyttelton, New Zealand 15.07.07 to discharge second hand vehicles from Japan.

Photo : Alan Calvert ©



The URS tug **UNION 9** seen assisting the **CITY OF GLASGOW** into the locks to enter the docks of Antwerp

Photo : Piet Sinke ©

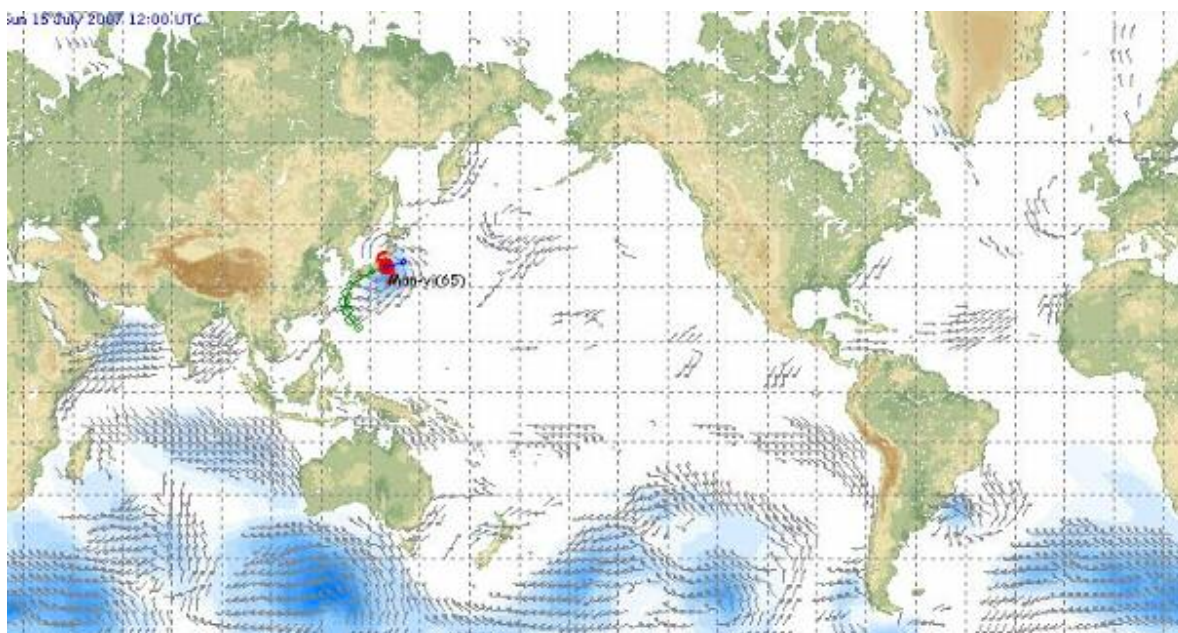
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The **HAM 318** seen passing the Bosphorus  
**Photo : via Capt Luut Bolt**

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