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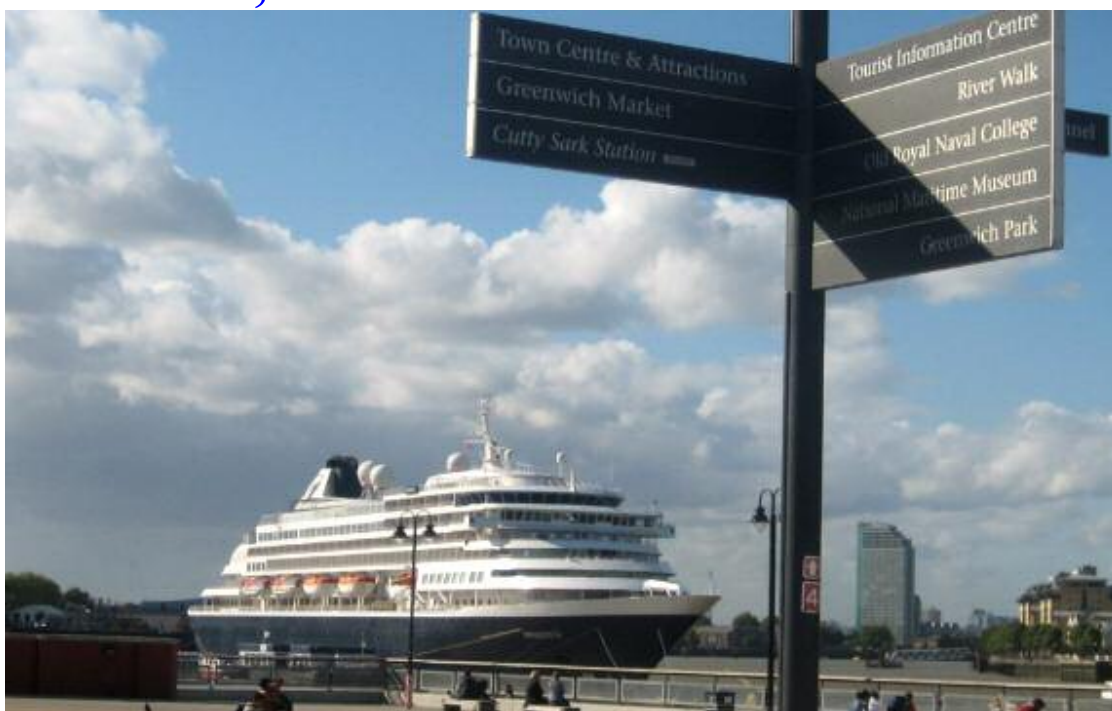
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The **PRINSENDAM** visited Greenwich on the River Thames

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## Durban harbour fire is a wake up call

As mopping up and damping operations at Durban Harbour's Island View petrochemical complex continued yesterday, a forensic investigation is underway to determine the cause of Tuesday night's devastating fire.



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A total of eight tanks caught alight in the section operated by Island View Storage. Yesterday Bidvest, of which Island View Storage is a subsidiary, took the unusual step of placing a full page advert in the Mercury newspaper in Durban, apologising to all residents of the nearby Bluff who were affected by the fire, expressing a concern for the missing person and thanking the emergency services for controlling the fire and limiting potential losses.

In Cape Town Maria Ramos, chief executive officer of Transnet said at a breakfast briefing that special safety checks would be carried out at all ports following the Durban fire.

She said that port and city emergency fire services, disaster management teams and port authorities should meet regularly to ensure that contingency plans were up to date and in place.

In Durban it was revealed that the fire had been confined to a single area of the large sprawling complex, encompassing a total of more than 1,000 storage tanks containing a wide variety of chemicals, oils, diesel, paraffin and edible products. Tests were being carried out to measure the toxicity level in the air surrounding the complex and in particular over the Bluff although preliminary results showed the levels had not reached high enough concentrations to be regarded as harmful.

Water pollution within the harbour was reported as being minimal.

There is as yet no indication as to whether exports from Island View will be affected in either the short or medium term. By 9am yesterday morning berths 7, 8 and 9 became operational and by 3.15pm the remaining berths 1 – 5 were also operational. This was after ships at Island View were hurriedly moved to the outer anchorage on Tuesday night as a precaution.

## Crime aboard cruise ships comes to light

During a five-month period beginning in April, the cruise industry reported a total of 207 suspected crimes, including 41 sexual assaults, under new standardized reporting procedures adopted this spring, the FBI told a congressional hearing Wednesday.



Nineteen were alleged rapes, spurring the FBI to open 13 investigative cases, FBI Deputy Assistant Director Salvador Hernandez told the panel. The cruise lines carried about 4.4 million passengers over the five-month period.

Left : The [Midnight buffet](#) onboard the [Costa Classica](#)

**Photo : Piet Sinke ©**

The crime reports — which aren't readily available to the public except through formal Freedom of Information

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Act petitions — offered the first quantitative look at onboard cruise security since the industry agreed to voluntarily report alleged rapes and other serious crimes to the FBI and Coast Guard — even in instances where it isn't mandatory.

At the hearing of the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Coast Guard and FBI officials said the industry is reporting incidents in a timely manner and no legislation seems necessary. "It's working well," Rear Adm. Wayne Justice said.

But victims and their advocates asked for more. They want rape kits available for immediate use on every ship, victim advocates on board, improved video surveillance, peepholes in cabin doors and deactivation of passkeys when ship employees are off duty.

"It's time for legislation. It's time for Congress to step in," said William Sullivan, a lawyer representing a woman who reported being raped by a cabin steward who used his passkey to enter her room while she slept. Sullivan has alleged the ship's staff then sedated his client knowing it might fuzzy her account, and didn't give her proper medical treatment.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., the panel's chairman, said he wants the industry to report on its progress in three months before deciding whether another hearing or legislation is needed. It's unclear how many lawmakers would embrace more regulations for the industry.

Cummings and Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., who has a constituent who reported being raped on a cruise, said the public should have easy access to researching a cruise line's reported incidents, rather than having to file Freedom of Information Act requests.

Right : The swimming pool area onboard the **COSTA VICTORIA**.

**Photo : Piet Sinke ©**

Matsui also balked when the FBI's Hernandez said the bureau would be distributing DVDs to cruise ship staff to advise them how to retain evidence and secure crime scenes.



The FBI simply doesn't have the resources to train ship employees onsite, Hernandez acknowledged. "We need to have on-site training," said Matsui. Terry Dale, president of the Cruise Line International Association, said the industry trade group, among other things, is creating a survivor working group to meet quarterly and discuss recommendations.

Gary Bald, senior vice president and global chief security officer for Royal Caribbean Cruises, said his company plans to refit cabin doors with peepholes. It also has hired more security guards per ship, added two experienced female investigators to its security team to oversee sexual-assault investigations, and contracted to bring private investigators with specialized training on board to respond to incidents.

Royal Caribbean also plans to give passengers 24-hour telephone access to a sexual assault hot line. Bald said the industry also is looking at whether it's legally possible to create a "blacklist" database, so that one cruise line doesn't hire a problem employee from another company.

## **Nigerian Navy Arrests 236 Ships in Three Years**

The Nigerian Navy has arrested over 236 ships, tugboats, and barges engaged in crude oil theft, illegal bunkering and other vices on the high seas resulting in about 80 per cent reduction in crude oil theft within the last three years

## **BACKPAY FOR MEUGANG 1 CREW**

THE crew of the Panama-flagged cargo vessel **Meugang 1**, which had been abandoned at Santander, Spain, has received outstanding wages backdated to October last year, following intervention by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and two of its Spanish affiliates ELA-hainbat and the local branch of CCOO.

According to ITF the new owner last week paid the seafarers' claim in full – euros187,000 (US\$264,000) to cover wages up to 11 September.

Twenty-four of the seafarers were repatriated to their home countries – Cameroon and Ghana - last Friday. Meanwhile, the ship's captain remains in the seafarers' centre in Santander, where he is receiving medical assistance; he will be repatriated once he has finished receiving treatment.

"We are glad that we have been able to help the seafarers to achieve a satisfactory outcome. We hope that this will go some way to alleviate the harsh conditions they have had to suffer on board this vessel," said ITF inspector Mohamed Arrachedi.

ITF says that the new owner has replaced the crew with seven Russian seafarers; however, it is unlikely that the vessel will resume normal operations until repairs have been carried out.



## **Country Receives New Marine Research Ship**

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Marthinus van Schalkwyk has taken delivery of South Africa's new dedicated research vessel, the 43.2 metre **Ellen Khuzwayo**.

The minister received the specialised vessel, said to cost R100 million, at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, Thursday.

Named after the late **Dr Ellen Khuzwayo**, a teacher, social worker, author and prominent figure in the struggle against apartheid, the ship will be used primarily for inshore research.

According to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, the ship will be used for scientific research on marine animals such as rock lobster, linefish, large pelagic fishes, seabirds, marine mammals and sharks. It added that the vessel would also be engaged in diving operations and monitoring and researching oceanographic conditions in the country's surrounding marine environment.



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To support these operations, the department said, the vessel is equipped with two fully-fitted laboratories - one for fish sampling and another for oceanographic studies.



She (the vessel) is further equipped with advanced acoustic equipment for fish surveys; state-of-the-art oceanographic equipment and winches for deploying and retrieving the equipment and instruments.

**Photo : FAROCEAN ©**

These features, together with her excellent maneuverability and advanced stability, make the Ellen Khuzwayo truly a world-class ocean

research platform, the department emphasised.

The **Ellen** was also specifically designed to operate in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) regional waters, including the warmer tropics and she can freely range the 200 nautical mile zone and can have extended stays at sea for over two weeks.

The department explained that the new vessel would be the flagship of the research vessels that it operated. The other two research vessels are the **Africana** and **Algoa**.

The **Ellen Khuzwayo** is replacing the **Sardinops** after 50 years of "loyal" duty, said Minister van Schalkwyk. The department also said the replacement formed part of its strategy to upgrade the research fleet to provide it with "the best possible scientific advice relating to our ocean environment and our marine resources."

Minister van Schalkwyk expressed government's pleasure at honouring the Ellen Khuzwayo by naming the vessel after her. "We are pleased to honour **Dr Ellen Khuzwayo** in our ongoing commitment to commemorate the significant role of women in our country's history through the naming of our ships," he said.

The minister said with its combined fleet of four compliance and three fisheries research ships, South Africa had the most significant marine presence within the SADC region, and in Africa.

"The **Ellen Khuzwayo** represents our continued commitment to making a strong contribution to marine research and compliance in the region.

"With the global community increasingly realising the challenges of climate change, we will now be more prepared to monitor these changes in the oceans closer to our own shores, and to predict and reduce the impacts on our society," he said.

## RINA Invests in Crew Training

RINA has invested in crew training in a bid to help owners overcome the major challenge of manning their growing fleets. Today marks the opening of the Manila-based Italian Training Academy Phils Inc, a training school which will provide top-level training and assessment for up to 480 crew members per year.

Roberto Cazzulo, Deputy Director of the Marine Division and responsible for International Affairs for RINA says, "The biggest challenge facing shipowners today is a shortage of high-quality crew. Italian owners have been investing heavily in new ships and their fleets are growing, but they need a reliable source of high-quality manpower to crew the ships. This Italian Training Academy will complement the STCW requirements and the activities of the Italian Maritime Academies in Italy, mainly dedicated to training cadet deck and machinery officers, and training schools in the Philippines by providing top-level assessment and training to officers and ratings, ensuring they have the essential skills to work on modern international tonnage."

RINA has invested in the Academy along with Italian shipowners' association CONFITARMA, and Manila-based Elburg Ship Management. Initially the academy will focus on training engineer officers, using its own simulators and also the Subic-based Wartsila facility. It will then extend the programme to cover all deck, engine and electrical disciplines.

"RINA has a lot of knowledge, and has a lot of experience in training and assessing at all levels," explains Cazzulo. "Last year we introduced our Rules for Training and Competency Management, specifically aimed at helping maritime companies upgrade and benchmark their training. So we bring to the academy both a cash investment and the investment of our knowledge and experience. We will assess all the instructors and monitor and audit the courses, and then assess the qualified trainees following a course at the academy and a period of on-board training."

## Biggest container ship in Zeebrugge

On Saturday morning, the vessel "**Elly Maersk**" docked in the Flemish sea port of Zeebrugge. The largest container ship in the world measures 397 by 56 metres, that's the equivalent of four football pitches after another.



The **ELLY MAERSK** left loaded again the port of Zeebrugge - Photo : Frank Neyts ©

The vessel is brand new. It carried empty containers when it arrived at Zeebrugge at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Steering the ship into the port was not easy. It entered the port backward.

Flemish Prime Minister Kris Peeters (Christian democrat) held a short speech. "The visit of the **Elly Maersk** shows the importance of the Flemish ports, and of Zeebrugge in particular," the successor of Yves Leterme said.

"The Flemish ports play an active role in the project "Flanders in action, Action in Flanders" which I will present in the Flemish parliament on Monday. "Zeebrugge should not rest on its laurels" Joachim Coens, who is at the head of the Zeebrugge port authorities, said that the arrival of the **Elly Maersk** proves that the port of Zeebrugge has potential.

He explained that extra infrastructural works were carried out to adapt the port entrance in order to be able to receive the **Elly Maersk**.

However, Tony Heylebosch of Maersk Line said that Zeebrugge should not rest on its laurels now on continue the infrastructural works. The ship will now transport empty containers to China. After that, it will start its first commercial sailing.

## **Five rescued off Cape coast**

Five crewmen of a sinking fishing boat were rescued on Wednesday morning off the southern Cape coast, the National Sea Rescue Institute said. Fishing deck boat, the **Sea Breeze**, sent a distress call which was heard by the Bounty, another vessel in the area. The Bounty was able to rescue all five crew who were brought to Mossel Bay harbour, said NSRI spokesperson Craig Lambinon.

The **Sea Breeze** is reported to be semi-submerged. Maritime safety warnings were being broadcast alerting vessels in the area to the unmanned, semi-submerged vessel. The cause of the boat taking on water had not been determined, Lambinon said.

## **Cruise ship rescues two Cuban migrants**

The Royal Caribbean's **Liberty of the Seas** rescued two Cuban migrants while the ship was sailing from Haiti to Miami on Saturday morning.



The **LIBERTY OF THE SEAS** – Photo : Graham Prosser ©

The two men rescued were lost at sea on a small raft and began to shout for help once they saw the nearby lit cruise ship. A tourist aboard, who was able to hear their pleas for help in Spanish, notified the crew at about 2:30 a.m., said Michael Sheering of Royal Caribbean.

The captain immediately issued a man over board alert and stopped the ship. "We could see white flares thrown into the water and the rescue boat disappearing into the darkness," said Joseph Corrigan, a tourist from Georgia. "It returned with two people. Every one cheered."

Before reaching Miami, Royal Caribbean transferred the migrants to a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter. A Coast Guard official said the migrants are in the process of being repatriated.



Neither the Coast Guard or the cruise line spokesman had information about exactly where the ship was when the rescue happened. "That man did the right thing," said Corrigan referring to the tourist from Mexico, who heard the migrant's pleas. "He helped save lives today."

## Fifteen migrants found inside cargo ship container in Barcelona

The migrants are believed to be Palestinians from Gaza. The 15, suffering from exhaustion and hunger, were taken to hospitals in the city. Police said all 15 would be returned to Turkey. Spanish police found 15 migrants inside a cargo ship container in the northeastern port of Barcelona on Saturday, police said.

The migrants, eight men, two women and five children, were discovered after a port worker heard shouts for help coming from inside the container, police spokesman Rafael Jimenez said. The migrants are believed to be Palestinians from Gaza. It was not immediately known how long the 15 had been in the container but police believe they were on the ship when it set sail from Turkey several days ago.

The 15, suffering from exhaustion and hunger, were taken to hospitals in the city. All but one were released hours later. Police said all 15 would be returned to Turkey. Prior to arriving in Barcelona, the vessel, which was flying Marshall Islands flag of convenience, had stopped in Marseilles. Spanish National Television said the boat was bound for Britain.

## Norovirus outbreak on ship in Canada

Canadian officials prevent passengers of a cruise ship from disembarking while they investigate the possible outbreak of the Norwalk virus.



The **AURORA** – Photo : Piet Sinke ©

More than a dozen passengers aboard a cruise ship which temporarily docked at Halifax, were "strongly suspected" to be infected with norovirus, a highly contagious infection, typically transmitted from person to person.

The company that owns **Aurora**, P&O Cruises, claimed "unwell passengers are asked to comply with the doctor's instructions and isolate themselves in their stateroom until non-contagious. They are also asked not to proceed ashore." For the moment, most of **Aurora's** 1,800 passengers were able to leave the ship. It is believed that the ship's crew members were effectively carrying the virus. **Aurora**, which sailed from Britain to tour North America, has had similar trouble with gastroenteritis before. In November 2003, hundreds of passengers showed symptoms of what was believed to be the Norwalk virus.

## Boot met illegalen zinkt in Egeïsche zee

Voor de kust van het Griekse eiland Samos in de Egeïsche zee is maandag een boot met illegalen gezonken. Twee opvarenden zijn verdronken. Zes konden worden gered. Eén opvarende van de uit Turkije afkomstige boot wordt nog vermist. Schepen van de Griekse marine en de kustwacht proberen de vermiste te vinden. De Griekse autoriteiten hebben dit bekendgemaakt.

## Recordtarieven in trampvaart

In de droge-bulkvaart blijven de tarieven stijgen naar astronomische hoogtes. Vorige week werd voor het eerst een bevrachtingstarief van meer dan 200.000 dollar per dag voor een capesize bulker afgesproken. Het geldt voor de reis die de 211.000 dwt grote Kildare vanuit Rotterdam via Brazilië naar China zal maken.

Om een capesizer voor een volledig jaar te huren moet nu gemiddeld 130.000 dollar per dag neergeteld worden. De eigenaar van het schip houdt aan zo'n tarief een winst van ongeveer 50 miljoen dollar op jaarbasis over. Dergelijke schepen werden een paar jaar geleden nog voor 35 miljoen dollar bij de werf besteld. Intussen zijn deze bulkers ongeveer drie keer zoveel waard.

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## Doden door ongeval op Noordzee

Twee Schotten en een Pool zijn zondag om het leven gekomen door een ongeval op een schip op de Noordzee. De mannen waren bezig een ankerketting vast te zetten in een kast in de boeg van het schip **Viking Islay**, toen het ongeluk zich voordeed, zei directeur Graham Philip.

De slachtoffers werden door de Royal Air Force overgebracht naar een ziekenhuis in Hull in Engeland, maar hulp mocht niet meer baten. De **Viking Islay**, die werkzaamheden verrichtte in het olieveld Amethyst van BP, is naar de wal teruggekeerd waar de Britse onderzoeksraad voor scheepvaartongevallen een onderzoek is begonnen.

De eigenaar van het schip, Vroon Offshore Services uit Aberdeen, sprak van een „tragisch ongeval" maar kon geen verdere details verstrekken. Vroon heeft een vloot van 32 schepen.

## Probe launched after 3 deaths on rig ship

An investigation has been launched after an accident killed three men on an emergency response ship working in support of oil and gas workers in the North Sea. Operators of the vessel, Aberdeen-based Vroon Offshore Services, confirmed three crew members of the **Viking Islay** supporting a drilling rig on BP's Amethyst Field in the southern North Sea died after being airlifted to hospital.

Vroon named the seamen as coxswains Finlay MacFadyen, 46, from Aberdeen, Robert O'Brien, 59, from Leven in Fife and boatman Robert Ebertowski, 40 from Gdynia, Poland.

It said the Marine Accident Investigation Branch was investigating Sunday's incident. "The details ... are still to be established but it would appear that the men were undertaking an operation to secure an anchor chain in a storage area in the bow of the vessel," Vroon said in a statement. No disruption to oil and gas fields was reported, the firm said.

## De Beers diamond air ship crashes in Botswana

A high-tech Zeppelin that mining giant De Beers was using to explore for diamonds in Botswana crashed on Thursday, state media reported.



Photo's : Piet Sinke ©



There were no immediate reports of injuries as a result of the crash, which occurred in the central part of the southern African nation, state television said, citing a police official.

De Beers, which is 45 percent owned by Anglo American Plc and controls around half of the world's diamond supply, was using the leased Zeppelin to peer beneath the sands of Botswana's Kalahari desert for overlooked diamond deposits.

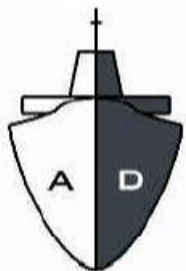
Botswana's most obvious deposits, where gems were thrust close to the surface, have already been uncovered and De Beers' joint venture with the government -- **Debswana** -- has been under heavy pressure to find new sources.

Botswana is the world's biggest diamond producer by value. De Beers has been prospecting there for about 50 years.

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The third Class 209 Type 1400 (Mod SA) submarine for South Africa named **S 103 QUEEN MODJADJI** seen fitting out in Germany

Photo : Rene Hofstee ©

## Submarine surprise in the bay off Beacon Isle resort



PLETTENBERG Bay residents were astounded last night when a submarine popped up in the bay near the Beacon Isle resort.

Left : **SAS MANTHATISI**

Photo :  
**South African Navy ©**

The sub's appearance coincided with the local National Sea Rescue Institute's usual Wednesday training programme, leaving many residents wondering if they were witnessing a maritime

drama as the mist closed in.

NSRI official Deon Truter said the sub, from Simonstown, was "just passing through". "The guys just wanted some fresh air. They had a braai on the beach earlier. When we were doing our training runs they invited us aboard and showed us around," he said.

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Residents on the beach, armed with binoculars, said they saw about 10 crewmen on the sub. Long time resident Collin Simleit said this was the second time a sub had emerged in the bay.

"Years ago a sub came up to make repairs to the hatch," he said.

It was not clear why the sub was patrolling the waters off Plettenberg Bay, but a source, who did not want to be named, said they were looking for long-line fishing vessels.

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## COSCO Shipyard Group books \$724.36 million in bulk orders

China's COSCO Shipyard Group has won orders worth \$724.36 million to build 16 bulk carriers for shipowners based in Germany, Taiwan and Greece.

Orders placed at COSCO Zhoushan Shipyard include four 92,500 dwt bulkers at \$49.4 million apiece and two 57,000 dwt bulkers at \$38.5 million. The remaining ships will be built at COSCO Dalian. It is getting \$39.1 million each for two 57,000 dwt ships and has a further two of this size booked at \$40.15 million each. In addition it will build six 80,000 dwt bulkers at \$48.45 million each.

The 16 bulk carriers will be delivered between Mar 2010 and Jul 2011. Historically, COSCO Shipyard Group has specialized in ship repair. However, in the words of its Vice Chairman Mr. Ji Hai Sheng, it "has been progressing leaps and bounds since we made our strategic foray into the shipbuilding business at the beginning of this year."

## Labor Shortages Hit Shipbuilding Industry

WA-based shipbuilder Austal said that it would use its newly acquired Margate shipyard near Hobart to supply lucrative military contracts in preference to its WA shipyard in Henderson because of the shortage of skilled labour here and indications that the shortage would worsen. The 56m border patrol boat **HMAS Launceston**, which Austal built in Tasmania and officially commissioned this week, was the 12th under its soon-to-be-completed contract for the Australian Defence Force.

## Keel of first X BOW vessel to be built in Spain is laid

The keel laying ceremony for the first ULSTEIN X-BOW vessel to be built outside Ulstein Verft in Norway was laid on September 3rd at the Barreras shipyard near Vigo, Spain.

Eastern Echo has ordered four seismic vessels of the ULSTEIN SX124 design, all four of which will be built at Barreras. The first of the new seismic vessels is due to be delivered in October 2008.

## Rensen Shipbuilding Orders Bulklers at Zelenodolsky Shipyard

24 September 2007 the Dutch company Rensen Shipbuilding ordered the construction of 3 bulkers at Zelenodolsky shipyard on its own project.

According to Tatar-Inform, the construction of the vessels will be performed in accordance with the international convention of the shipbuilding rules. The sum of the contract is not revealed.

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## Cape Town to be upgraded to expand container capacity

SOUTH African state-owned logistics group Transnet plans to spend 4.2 billion rand (US\$596 million) to upgrade infrastructure at the port of Cape Town, the second largest container facility in the country, to meet fast-growing trade volumes that have stretched capacity, Reuters reports.

The project, which is part of the company's five-year 78 billion rand capital spending programme, should start in 2008. South Africa's busiest port of Durban is also being upgraded and a new container terminal and industrial zone named Coega is being built near the southern coast city of Port Elizabeth.



## Hawaii Superferry suspends Kauai service

**Hawaii Superferry** announced Friday that it is suspending service to and from Kauai until an unspecified future date.

Service to Kauai was scheduled to resume this week, with the Coast Guard setting strict new safety rules to manage in-water protests against the ferry. However a crowd of more than 1,100 greeted Hawaii Governor Lilian Lingle at a community meeting she held in Kauai last Thursday to discuss the resumption of the service. At that meeting, many ferry opponents made it clear that they were ready to breach the new security rules.

**Hawaii Superferry** said it had made the decision to suspend service "in consideration for the safety of the community, our passengers and our dedicated employees."

## Eitzen chemical contracts newbuildings

Eitzen Chemical ASA announced today that it has declared an option to build two additional vessels with Jinse Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. in Korea. The vessels are coated 13,000 dwt chemical carriers and will be delivered in 2008.

The price is USD 24.0 mill. per vessel. This brings the series from Jinse to four vessels. Terje Askvig, Chief Executive said: 'We find both the price and the delivery time very attractive for these newbuildings, which in today's market have an estimated value which is above the contract price. Strategic alternatives will be evaluated for these vessels.'

Following this acquisition, the Eitzen Chemical fleet consists of 74 vessels and 32 newbuildings to be delivered before the end of 2010.

## Offer for Irish ferry operator raised to 642m euros

One51 plc, an Irish investment company, and shipping line Doyle Group Ltd have raised their offer for ferry operator Irish Continental Group plc to 642 million euros (\$1.36 billion), topping a bid from management.

The pair bought rights to 59,138 Irish Continental shares for as much as 25.20 euros apiece, they said in a statement on Friday. Under Irish takeover rules, that increases their offer for the whole company to the same level, or 5 per cent more than the 24 euros bid last month by management group Aella. The new offer extends a five-month takeover battle for Dublin-based Irish Continental, which operates ferries to the UK and France. Aella made an initial approach in March and One51 and Doyle tabled a competing bid a month later. Irish Continental investors are due to vote on Aella's offer on Wednesday.

The ferry company's independent directors 'continue to recommend' Aella's offer and the shareholder meeting will still take place, they said in a statement. Separately, property developer Liam Carroll has raised his stake in Irish Continental to 23 per cent, Dolmen Stockbrokers said on Friday. Mr Carroll plans to block Aella's bid at the shareholder meeting, the Irish Times said on Thursday, without citing anyone. The valuation of the One51-Doyle offer is calculated on the basis of 23.7 million shares outstanding and 1.81 million shares that may be issued under an option plan.



## Boeing Installs Sea-Based Radar's Mooring System

The Boeing Company announced that the Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX) mooring system has been installed at SBX's homeport in Alaska, completing a key piece of infrastructure for the missile defense sensor.

Manson Construction, a Boeing subcontractor, used tugs, barges and cranes to place the mooring system's eight anchors on the bottom of Kuluk Bay. Heavy machinery aboard a barge then dragged the 75-metric-ton anchors, embedding them into the sea bed. The construction team completed the installation three weeks ahead of schedule.

When SBX visits its homeport of Adak, Alaska, a small island in the Aleutian Islands, it will be chained to the anchors to



keep it stationary in Kuluk Bay. SBX is a new sensor developed by Boeing for the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's GMD system, the nation's only defense against long-range ballistic missiles. Boeing is GMD's prime contractor.

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SBX, which consists of a radar atop a modified semi-submersible oil drilling platform, arrived in Alaskan waters in February for the first time after completing a self-propelled, 2,200-nautical-mile journey from Hawaii. During its voyage, the platform displayed its durability by successfully navigating severe winter

storms in the northern Pacific Ocean, including waves more than 50 feet high and wind gusts of more than 100 miles an hour. The radar system is able to move throughout the Pacific Ocean, or any of the world's oceans, to support advanced missile defense testing and defensive operations.

During a GMD test in March, the mobile SBX, positioned in the north-central Pacific Ocean, demonstrated its capability by detecting, tracking and assessing a long-range ballistic missile target launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. As part of the GMD system, SBX provided that target information via satellite to GMD's Colorado-based fire control system, which used the data to simulate a target shutdown with a simulated ground-based interceptor.

## BOCIMAR'S US\$460M ORDERING SPREE

BOCIMAR International, the dry cargo shipowning subsidiary of Belgian-based CMB has ordered 10 handysize bulk carriers from Samjin Corporation, South Korea) for US\$36m per vessel. The 33,500 dwt vessels are scheduled for delivery between September 2009 and December 2010.

In addition, as part of a 50/50 joint venture with Drylog, Bocimar has ordered a 180,000 dwt capesize bulk carrier from Dalian, China, for US\$100m. Delivery is due in June 2009. Meanwhile Bocimar has sold its 2001-built

handymax vessel CMB Talent for a "net sale price" of US\$53m. Delivery of the 52,403 dwt vessel, which has been sold time charter attached, is scheduled to take place at the end of November 2007 when the company will realize a capital gain of about US\$36m.

## **CHEMOIL SELLS ITS VLCC**

SINGAPORE-listed international bunker supplier Chemoil has sold the VLCC it bought to provide short-term storage at Singapore for US\$26.5m. The 225,000 dwt **Anand Sea** has been bought by Glory Town Investments Limited.

Chemoil's Chief Financial Officer, Jerome Lorenzo said: "In view of the earlier than scheduled commencement of our land based storage terminal, the fuel oil market being back-dated until the end of this year and the anticipated decline in the second hand tonnage market, we have considered it to be commercially prudent to dispose the floating storage facility given the attractive purchase offer."

The company currently leases 46,099 metric tonnes of land based storage capacity at Vopak in Singapore for fuel oil and blended products. The VLCC was originally acquired as a short-term measure to provide additional capacity until its terminal was completed. However, during Chemoil's second quarter, the vessel experienced operational disruptions whilst stationed in Malaysian waters. Mr Lorenzo said: "The transaction has been a timely and profitable opportunity. We look forward to strengthening our performance in Singapore during the next quarter and increasing Chemoil's long-term market growth within the region."

## **IMCL neemt BCL over**

Inter Marine Container Lines (IMCL) wil een van Europa's grootste feedermaatschappijen worden. De eerste stap is gezet door de overname van Baltic Container Lines (BCL). De vloot wordt hierdoor verdubbeld naar acht schepen.

IMCL maakt deel uit van de Cypriotische groep Lemissoler Shipping en vervoerde in 2006 120.000 teu. BCL is iets groter: vorig jaar vervoerde deze Poolse rederij 145.000 teu van en naar Hamburg, Bremerhaven. IMCL-BCL is nu goed voor een vlootcapaciteit van 3.669 teu.

## **Extra capaciteit China Shipping**

De Chinese rederij China Shipping biedt extra afvaarten uit het Verre Oosten naar Noord-Europa omdat het piekseizoen op dit vaargebied nu volop bezig is. Schepen van 5.500 teu verzorgen gemiddeld om de twee weken een extra vertrek uit China met lading voor Felixstowe en Hamburg.



De **XIN CHI WAH** vertrekkend uit Rotterdam – Foto : Piet Sinke ©

Verwacht wordt dat deze veertiendaagse dienst volgend jaar de aanzet vormt voor een volwaardige nieuwe extra loop (AEX2), wanneer de nodige schepen daarvoor beschikbaar zijn. De Chinezen hebben echter ook een paar grote containerschepen van 8.450 teu doorverhuurd aan concurrent MSC.



Ook de Grand Alliance en de New World Alliance hebben in de eerste helft van volgend jaar in principe voldoende nieuwe schepen om een extra loop tussen Noord-Europa en het Verre Oosten te beginnen.

## **Major order for Van Oord confirmed**

Van Oord in The Netherlands has confirmed that the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has awarded a contract to a joint venture comprising Penta Ocean Construction Co Ltd, Koon Construction & Transport Co Pte Ltd, Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd and Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors, to develop 16 new container berths at Pasir Panjang.

The project will add 14 million TEUs to Pasir Panjang Terminal's container handling capacity. The expanded port facilities will enable the port to capture the growing container handling business, as part of Singapore's continued development as a major hub port and maritime centre. The contract is valued at some S\$1.92 billion (approximately 910 million Euros). Work will commence in the last quarter of 2007, and will take about six years to complete.

## **MOVEMENTS**



The **THOMSON CELEBRATION** (former **NOORDAM**), seen in **Cartagena**  
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Hamburg Sud's **"MONTE OLIVIA"** IMO no 9283198 outbound on the River Schelde, Antwerp passing Berth 869. The 2004 built **5552 TEU** container vessel is bound for the Brazilian Port of Sepetiba.

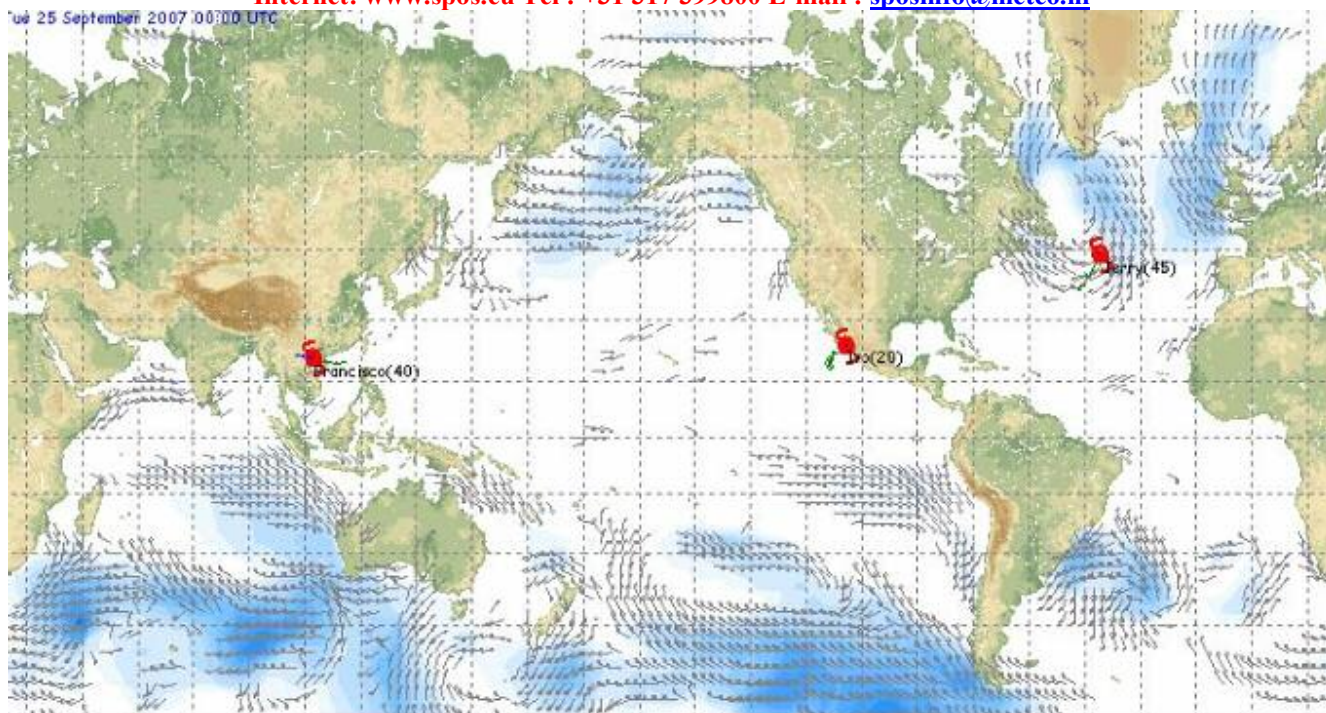
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The **VOS TRAPPER** arrived at the Maaskant shipyard in Stellendam for outfitting

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