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The CSCL CHIWAN seen in Rio Grande

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EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



Seen at Onne Port in Nigeria the **UAL Malabo** (ex Flintermar)

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Doeksen houdt veerdienst Terschelling



De **Koegelwieck** – Foto : **Piet Sinke** ©

De veerdienst van en naar Terschelling blijft in handen van rederij Doeksen. De gemeenteraad heeft daarmee ingestemd. Verschillende eilandbewoners hebben zich de afgelopen tijd verzet tegen het monopolie van Doeksen. Ze wilden zelf een veerdienst opzetten, die goedkoper en beter zou moeten varen. Rederij Doeksen heeft de gemeenteraad nu beloofd dat er elke dag snelboten gaan varen en dat de service zal worden verbeterd. Doeksen krijgt nu zeker vijftien jaar het alleenrecht op de veerdienst op Terschelling.

Mock disaster off Newfoundland goes awry as lifeboat spews exhaust fumes



Photo : **Kiro** ©

An elaborate search and rescue exercise off the west coast of Newfoundland was transformed into a heart-thumping reality Thursday when passengers aboard a covered lifeboat started choking on acrid fumes, apparently from a sputtering engine.

Two people, apparently suffering from serious injuries, were plucked from the motorized boat by a Cormorant rescue helicopter around noon. The 23 others aboard were taken to shore, where all but two received care from paramedics.

By late Thursday, only three were still receiving treatment for injuries considered quite serious.

Dr. Brent Thistle, head of the emergency ward at Western Memorial Hospital in Corner Brook, said doctors treating the three were concerned about smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning. He said the three were expected to receive treatment in a hyperbaric chamber once they were transferred to a larger hospital in St. John's.

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At the hospital in Corner Brook, colleagues and loved ones of the injured had exasperated looks on their faces and exchanged nervous glances as they paced outside the waiting area. Each declined comment, saying they were too distraught. At first, the coast guard said some of the passengers were overcome by smoke caused by some sort of smouldering fire, but later reports suggested the fumes were caused by engine exhaust.

"We are certainly concentrating in that area," said Roger Flood, president of Marine Atlantic, the Crown-owned company that operates the passenger ferry and lifeboat involved in the two-day drill. "If there's a problem right now, we would be suspicious that it would be fumes from the exhaust system."

Flood, who was observing the exercise from another vessel when things started to go wrong, said 11 people aboard the lifeboat initially complained about inhaling fumes.

"We check all of our life-saving equipment on a regular basis on the vessels," he said. "We've not had an incident with any of our life-rafts of that nature ever."

The exercise, dubbed Ocean Guardian III, involved about 400 people dealing with a mock disaster staged aboard the Marine Atlantic passenger ferry MV **Leif Ericson** in the Bay of Islands, about 90 kilometres from Corner Brook.

The main scenario involved an explosion and fire aboard the ferry, requiring rapid evacuation of numerous casualties.

Witnesses said one of the lifeboats used to evacuate 160 people aboard the ferry started to spew smoke as it left the side of the larger vessel. Sgt. Wayne Newell of the Corner Brook RCMP said the Mounties used one of their patrol vessels to ferry 11 people to shore. "It sort of underscores the need to do exercises," he said. "We can script certain things, but there's always surprises for sure." Thursday was the second day of the drill, aimed at testing the Major Maritime Disaster Plan drafted by the Halifax Search and Rescue Region.

Neil Peet, supervisor of marine search and rescue programs with the Canadian Coast Guard, described the exercise as one of the largest in the coast guard's history. Flood said the lifeboat would be taken to North Sydney, N.S., where it will be inspected. The MV **Leif Ericson** is 160-metre ocean-going ferry that can carry 500 passengers and 250 cars. It has two motorized lifeboats and two motorized rescue boats.



The **JIN CANG** – Photo : Glenn Towler ©



Fisherman rescued by Wexford lifeboat

WEXFORD RNLI rescued a fisherman stranded in Wexford Harbour last weekend. The alarm was raised at 5a.m. on Saturday morning by the lone fisherman on his mobile phone after his engine cord had broken off and he was then unable to start the engine.

Wexford RNLI launched their Lifeboat **Philip Robert Booth'** to the harbour area. The volunteer lifeboat crew, helmed by Simon Gulliver, undertook a vast search of the harbour in the dark and the fisherman was eventually spotted by the crew and towed back to the Cot Safe in Maudlintown.

Wexford RNLI is also now reminding members of the public that they can avail of Sea Check, a free service provided by the RNLI that looks at the safety aspects of your boat.

visit www.rnli.org.uk for further information.

LISA-A JACKED DOWN AGAIN



The **LISA-A** operated by **SMIT** which encountered a punch through about 1 week ago was successfully jacked down again and is at present under tow enroute to Barrow

Estonia Sinking Remembered

Yesterday it was thirteen years ago, on September 28, 1994, the ferry **ESTONIA** sank during a storm in the Baltic Sea. The sinking claimed 852 lives and the exact cause remains controversial. The ferry was engaged in an overnight crossing from Tallinn to Stockholm, carrying 989 passengers and crew. The official report states that the bow visor broke under the strain of the heavy weather, allowing large quantities of water to enter the car deck. The free-surface effect of the water on the open deck caused the ferry to list and rapidly sink. A variety of safety improvements were adopted subsequent to this incident.

CORRECTION

About the sale of the **SMIT LABUAN** as mentioned in yesterdays newsletter, the vessel is sold to **Southern Coast oil services.**



The **RIJNDELTA** seen in the Rotterdam Area

Photo : Pierre-Alfred Caille ©

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UK TAX CHANGES SET TO HIT SHIPPING

UK-based business adviser and accountant Moore Stephens has warned that forthcoming changes to capital allowance regulations in the UK could have a significant impact on the shipping sector.

The changes will affect, firstly, UK-resident shipowners not registered for Tonnage Tax. Moore Stephens tax partner Sue Bill says, "With effect from April 2008, capital allowances on ships and other plant and machinery will be reduced from 25 per cent to 20 per cent. At the same time, capital allowances on long-life assets will be increased from six to ten per cent. Although long-life assets specifically exclude expenditure incurred in respect of seagoing ships before January 1, 2011, those owners who intend to incur expenditure on ships after that date should be aware of this change in the regulations, and should factor it into their forward business planning."

Meanwhile, owners of property in the maritime sector - for example cargo warehouses and other buildings used for storage in the through-transport sector - will be among those who could be affected by a surprise decision to phase out UK Industrial Buildings Allowances (IBAs) by 2011.

Ms Bill says, "It is expected that 4% annual writing-down allowances will be progressively reduced as follows: in 2008/09, a business will be entitled to 3% of the writing-down allowance; in 2009/10, the entitlement will be 2%; and in 2010/11, it will reduce to one per cent. Thereafter, IBAs will be abolished altogether.

"In the meantime, balancing adjustments on disposal have been withdrawn. This will have implications for the tax position on the disposal of any such buildings, as well as for deferred tax liabilities and assets on the books."



The **EUCON LEADER** seen enroute Rotterdam
Photo : Pierre-Alfred Caille ©

Philippines loses domestic officers

The Philippines' domestic shipping sector is now starting to suffer a shortage of qualified officers. The sector is usually a source of seafarers for oceangoing ships, but now has too few officers to man the country's coastwise fleet. Many of the non-liner operators have even proposed to reduce the regular manning requirements for both deck and engine just to run a specific voyage. Operators led by United Trampers Association of the Philippines (UTAP) complained that the exodus of local seafarers to ships in international trade has created a vacuum in the coastwise trade. The Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) usually requires three marine engineers and four deck officers, but UTAP says its members cannot fulfil that requirements. It has already asked Marina to reduce deck and engine department by one officer each, UTAP said in a statement. Local lines started to feel the pinch earlier this year after many of their officers went overseas. Domestic operators could not match their salaries or prevent the exodus, which they say jeopardises their operations.

CASUALTY REPORTING

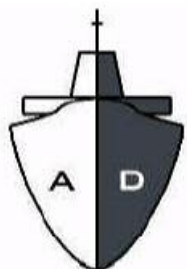


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Zeemacht Sri Lanka brengt drie Tamilboten tot zinken

Een tiental separatistische Tamiltijgers is omgekomen in Sri Lanka tijdens gevechten op zee waarbij de Sri Lankaanse zeemacht drie boten van de rebellen heeft doen zinken. Dat laat het ministerie van Defensie weten.

Sinds vorig weekend loopt de dodentol onder de Tamiltijgers en de regeringstroepen op. Het laatste treffen tussen de twee gebeurde gisteravond voor de kust in het noordoosten van het land. Een patrouille van de Sri Lankaanse marine wou een twintigtal scheepjes van de "Zeetijgers" onderscheppen. De Tamiltijgers zijn een van de enige guerillabewegingen ter wereld die over een soort zeemacht beschikken.

Tijdens de gevechten liet een tiental opstandelingen het leven en kwam een regeringsmatroos om. Volgens een website van de Tamiltijgers hebben zij echter drie boten van de Sri Lankaanse zeemacht tot zinken gebracht en verloren ze slechts drie manschappen in een vijf uur lang gevecht.

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The **ARIELLE** seen arriving in IJmuiden
Photo : Jan Plug ©

Bergen Yards completes conversion of Malene Østervold

Bergen Yards in Norway has completed the conversion of Malene Østervold into a seismic vessel on behalf of Wavefield Inseis, and the vessel has started operations in the North Sea.

The vessel, which had already been converted several times, has a history as a trawler, seismic vessel and coastguard vessel.

The vessel was dry-docked at Halsnøy in May 2007. During the conversion, 300 tons of new steel were fabricated and fitted, mainly for hull sponsons and seismic hangar.

Most of the auxiliary ship and pipe systems have been renewed and upgraded. New machinery and main switchboard rooms have been arranged below main deck accommodating new generators, HP air compressors, main switchboard and transformers.

The vessel is specifically designed for long offset 2-D or small 3-D acquisition.



HAL's **RIJNDAM** seen in dry-dock in Victoria (Canada)

Photo : Jan-Paul Lamers ©

Rechter: Schip moet af in Waterhuizen

Groningen Shipyards in Waterhuizen zal het casco van Alpha Shipping dat al enige weken onaangeroerd op de helling ligt, verder moeten afbouwen. Dat heeft de rechter beslist.

Alpha uit Letland is een klant van Maas Shipyards, de werf van Diette Doesburg-Maas. Dat bedrijf verkocht per 1 juni de werflocatie aan Groningen Shipyards dat zou worden gerund door de levensgezel van Diette Doesburgs dochter, de Duitser Günther Schmidt. Groningen Shipyards zou als onderaannemer van Maas nog twee opdrachten, waaronder die van Alpha afbouwen.

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Schmidt en Doesburg kregen echter ruzie en Schmidt kreeg van de rechter zelfs gedaan dat zijn schoonmoeder zich niet meer op de werf mag vertonen. Volgens Groningen Shipyards werden door Maas allerlei afspraken niet nagekomen, omgekeerd beweerde Maas hetzelfde. Groningen Shipyards besloot daarom alle onderdelen van het Alpha-schip uit de hal te verwijderen en sommeerde Maas en Alpha op 30 augustus het casco van de helling te halen.

Daar heeft de rechter nu een stokje voor gestoken, want die oordeelde dat Groningen Shipyard in die sommatie van 30 augustus vooral financiële eisen stelde over de voortgang en dat de werf daarom gehouden is het schip af te bouwen.

Tegelijk heeft de rechter bepaald dat Maas inzage moet geven in bestellingen, betalingen en planning. Bovendien acht de rechter aannemelijk dat Maas een boete moet betalen aan Alpha voor het te laat leveren van het schip. Maas moet daarom alvast een voorschot van 75.000 euro betalen.

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Rolls-Royce equipment for four heavy lifts



Growing demand for wind turbine power has helped blow a \$48.5 million marine equipment order to Rolls-Royce.

It has signed a contract with SE Shipping in Singapore covering the supply of integrated equipment systems for four 45,000 dwt heavy lift vessels of Polarconsult PK148 design that are to be built at two Chinese shipyards. The contract also includes options for systems for a further eight vessels which could triple the order value.

The final customer is Suzlon Energy in India, one of the world's largest suppliers of wind turbines. Suzlon will use the vessels primarily for transporting wind turbine components worldwide.

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"This contract is a very important one for us," says Birger Myklebust, President for the Merchant business in Rolls-Royce. "It is a good example of the way in which the relationship between shipowner, supplier and shipyard is changing. Partnership with large equipment system suppliers such as Rolls-Royce gives customers the opportunity to increase effectiveness, make better use of new technology and achieve a better division of risk."

In fall 2009 Rolls-Royce will start a delivery program of diesel engines, CP propulsion, tunnel thrusters, generator sets, steering gear and rudders, deck machinery, integrated bridge, switchboards and automation as an integrated system.

Although mainly intended for shipping wind turbine parts, the ships will be equipped with cranes to allow them to move other heavy cargo, particularly as return loads.



The **MAERSK DELFT** seen arriving in Dover
Photo : Lourens Visser ©

BP PULLS OUT OF PORTLAND

BP Marine is ceasing its operations at Portland, UK, as part of a "restructuring its portfolio of ports to take greater advantage of the strategic location of Rotterdam".



The **BRITISH ENTERPRISE** seen outward bound at Maaspilot station
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The company says the restructure will involve its Dover-Calais contract business being serviced via Rotterdam barges.

Parris Beverly, managing director of BP Marine Fuels, says: "There have been recent legal developments which now allow us to fulfil our contractual English Channel obligations with our ferry customers by supplying them from Rotterdam instead of Portland. This will enable us to improve upon our already high level of customer service, but it does mean, as a result, BP Marine will cease operating from Portland at the end of September.

"While we have been more than pleased with the quality of service we have been able to deliver from Portland, the volume of bunkers sold there has been lower than anticipated. However, in the time we have been operating there, we have developed a reputation as a quality supplier in terms of product reliability, service and customer care. We are confident we can build on this by maintaining a positive BP Marine presence on the English south coast through servicing our Dover-Calais customers from Rotterdam where we have a clear advantage over our competitors, particularly now that BP has taken complete ownership of the Nerefco refinery."

The company says the increased focus on the major hub of Rotterdam is in line with BP Marine's global strategy for ensuring consistent and reliable supply of low sulphur fuel oil (LSFO), demand for which is anticipated to surge following last month's introduction of the North Sea and English Channel Sulphur Emission Control Area (SECA).



The **SVITZER VICTORY** seen enroute Rotterdam – Photo : Jan Verhoog ©

Philippine Operator in Batumi Port

Port developer International Container Terminal Services Inc. on Friday said its unit has obtained a 48-year deal to develop and run parts of the Republic of Georgia's Batumi port, a key trade hub in the Black Sea.

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ICTSI said its wholly-owned subsidiary ICTSI Georgia Corp. will develop and operate Batumi port's container, railway ferry and dry bulk terminals under a \$31-million agreement with Batumi Port Holdings Ltd. BPHL owns the government's stake in Batumi Sea Port Ltd., which operates the port.

ICTSIGC has formed a new company, the Bantumi International Container Termnal LLC, to operate the concession covering three berths. ICTSI said the BICTL will pay an annual rent of 60 cents per square meter for the first 18 months. Thereafter, the rent will increase to \$5.50 per square meter. The concession also requires BICTL to install quay cranes for the container terminal.



The **FUGRO DISCOVERY** seen outward bound from IJmuiden

Photo : Jan Plug ©

SCI to acquire state-of-the-art 10 new ships for \$600 mn

As a part of its tonnage acquisition and expansion plans, Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI) has placed orders for ten new ships aggregating \$600 million, a top company official said. "With a view to augment our fleet capacity, SCI has placed orders for ten new ships at a total capital expenditure of \$600 million to be incurred in stages till the delivery of vessels between FY 08 to FY 10," SCI's Chairman, S Hajara, told shareholders at the company's 57th annual general meeting here today.

"The company has placed further orders for six more newbuilding tankers in August 2007. With this the company has an extremely healthy orderbook position with eighteen ships on order-including VLCCs ordered in FY 06," Hajara said. Hajara pointed out that the company has more acquisitions in the pipeline, which are at advanced stages of materialisation.

The state-of-the-art newbuilding ships, which are being built to the most modern and latest specifications are not only expected to augment the company's fleet but also bring in great improvement in the fleet in terms of quality, Hajara added. SCI has also taken several initiatives to enhance the economic life and earning potential of some of the existing vessels. It has successfully accomplished conversion of its vessel 'Maharshi Karve' from single hull to double hull tanker. In addition to the upgradation of OSVs, a few more tankers are also being converted from single hull to double hull, he added.

Rem Offshore acquires contracts for two UT 755 LNs

Rem Offshore in Norway has entered into an agreement with Nordcapital to buy two ships under construction at Aker Aukra. The vessels are of the UT755 LN design with delivery in February and March 2008. The price for the contracts corresponds to a total value of approximately Nkr 400 million.



The **DELMAS CONGO** (former **ROERBORG**) seen at Point Noire (Congo)
Photo : Piet van Baalen ©

Onderzoek naar Tweede Maasvlakte duurt langer

Het onderzoek naar de milieu-effecten van de Tweede Maasvlakte duurt enkele maanden langer dan verwacht. De commissie die de milieu-effectrapportage (MER) bestudeert wil op een aantal punten - onder meer de luchtkwaliteit - nadere toelichting. Dat heeft havenwethouder Mark Harbers van Rotterdam aan de gemeenteraad laten weten.

Het ontwerpbesluit tot de aanleg van de Tweede Maasvlakte ligt door het nadere onderzoek niet dit najaar maar pas in januari ter inzage. Harbers verwacht niet dat hierdoor grote vertraging in de start van de aanleg optreedt. De aanleg moet ergens in 2008 beginnen.

MOVEMENTS

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The **"Edinburgh"** on the left transshipping Tristan lobster to the **"Kelso"** anchored off **Tristan da Cunha**. The **Kelso** arrived last night from Cape Town with passengers and cargo for the island.

Photo : Ian Lavarello ©



The **JUMBO JAVELIN** seen outward bound from Rotterdam

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AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

BA's sleek new liners up ante for SAA

BRITISH Airways (BA) ordered **12 Airbus A380s** and **24 Boeing 787 Dreamliner** jet airliners in what has been one of the most closely watched and hard-fought rivalries between the two aircraft manufacturers.

The \$8,2bn fleet renewal order is BA's largest since 1998. Europe's third-largest airline after Air France-KLM and Lufthansa said it had ordered 12 Airbus A380s with options for a further seven, and 24 Boeing 787s with options for a further 18.

The aircraft would be delivered between 2010 and 2014. BA said it had arranged \$1,5bn of debt financing from a group of banks to cover all the carrier's orders to the end of 2011.

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BA said the orders would enable it to increase its capacity about 4% a year, in line with the growth of the market.

Some of the new planes will be used on the London Heathrow-Johannesburg route, a move that will up the ante in the growing battle for passengers between BA, South African Airways (SAA) and Virgin Atlantic on that route.

BA said that the new aircraft would replace 34 older Boeing 767s and 747s.

Although SAA had said it would not order any new aircraft until it had returned to sustainable profitability, the national carrier said it would also ground its six 747s and replace them with the new fuel-efficient Airbus A340-300s it had leased to India's Jet Airways.

SAA said it would revamp its London-Johannesburg flights to stem the losses it was incurring on that route. Last year the state-owned airline lost R500m on the lucrative



route. The orders from BA represent a vote of confidence in the A380, in which Airbus is seeking to recover from big problems in bringing the aircraft into series production, with delays of up to two years in delivery.

While several of the early buyers — including Singapore Airlines, Emirates and Qantas — have since increased their orders, the BA purchase marks the first of what Airbus hopes will be a wave of new orders from leading carriers that have not previously backed the world's biggest commercial jet.

For Boeing, the order provides further support for the 787 Dreamliner, already the most successful aircraft launched, which is to enter commercial service for the first time with Japan's All Nippon Airways next May .



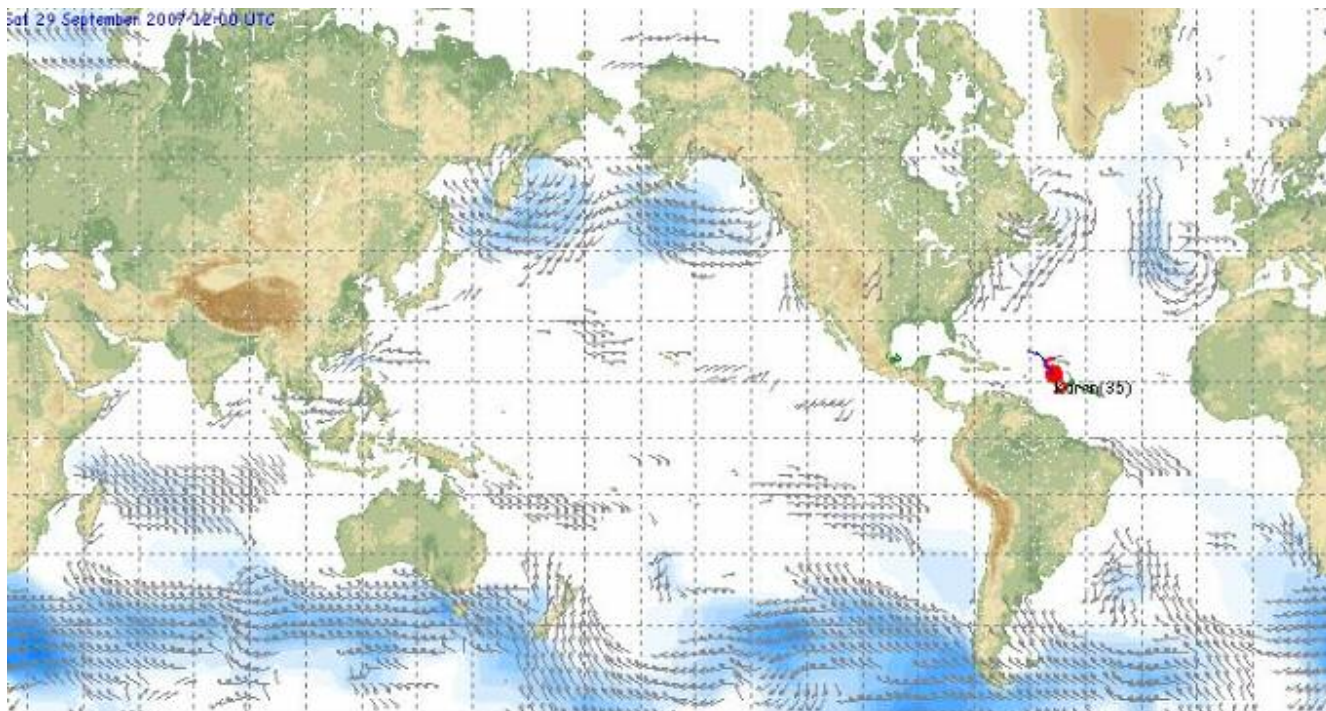
BA said that the orders formed part of its strategy to renew and to expand its existing fleet of 114 long-haul aircraft.

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The **JOANNA BORCHARD** seen enroute Antwerp

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