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The CORNELIS MAERSK seen departing from Rotterdam-Europoort
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The **MEXICAN BAY** seen enroute Rotterdam – Photo : Piet Sinke ©



Argentinean tall ship Libertad docks for five-day Norfolk visit

The three-masted Argentinean tall ship **Libertad** arrived in Norfolk for a five-day visit. It's been 11 years since the vessel, one of the largest tall ships still in service, last visited Hampton Roads. But it's no stranger to the port. "**Libertad** has been here three times," said Karen Scherberger, executive director of Norfolk Festevents, which is playing host to the vessel and its crew.

The ship, in the midst of its 38th training cruise and under command of Capt. Pablo Vignolles, docked at 9:15 a.m. at Otter Beth, next to Waterside.



The **LIBERTAD** – Photo : Piet Sinke ©

While here, the cadets and crew will tour the Norfolk Naval Base, including aircraft carriers, and will go to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Scherberger said. The ship is scheduled to depart Wednesday. This will be a slightly different **Libertad** from the one that docked here in 1996.

The **Libertad** made no port calls in 2004, 2005 or 2006. Instead, it was in port undergoing a major overhaul, or, as the Argentine Navy put it, "her mid-life repair."

Unchanged is the ship's distinctive golden figurehead, a sculpture by a Spanish artist, depicting Liberty, for which the ship is named. Also unaltered is its mission. Each year, the **Libertad** takes aboard a crew of midshipmen who are completing four years of training at the Argentine Naval Academy. Typically, as with similar national sail training ships, there also are cadets aboard from other navies and maritime services.

Libertad set off from Buenos Aires in April on a voyage that is taking it to two dozen ports. It crossed the Atlantic in June and visited numerous European ports before arriving in Boston last week. The **Libertad** has sailed more than 760,000 miles. It has spent 6,524 days - the equivalent of 17 years - at sea, visiting 492 ports in more than 76 countries. In 1966, the **Libertad** won the Great Medal Prize when it set - and still holds - a world record for a trans-Atlantic crossing under sail, making the trip from cape race, Newfoundland to Ireland - 1,741 nautical miles - in six days and four hours.

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It also is a six-time recipient of the Boston Tea Pot Trophy, presented annually to the sail training vessel which, in a calendar year, covers the greatest distance in any 124-hour period. The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, in Nova Scotia, maintains several tall ship "top 10" lists.

Libertad has spots on two; sixth place for largest tall ships, at 356-feet in length, and second-place for most-heavily armed, with four 47 mm cannons, older than the ship itself. **Source : PilotOnline**



Chilean tall ship **Esmeralda (BE 43)** makes her way pierside to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. **Esmeralda** acts as both a training ship for the Chilean navy and as a floating embassy for Chile, visiting more than 300 ports worldwide since its commissioning on May 12, 1953. **Source : US navy**

EU agrees tracking deal

The European Union (EU) has agreed to introduce a unified ship-tracking and identification system. The satellite-based scheme must be up and running by 1 January, 2008, according to new standards issued by the IMO.

It will be headquartered in Portugal, which will receive data transmitted from incoming ships and communicate it to security agencies throughout the EU. "It's not a bad thing, to know where ships go and what's on board," as long as "nobody except the proper authorities get access to the information," said Alfonse Guinier, the director general for the European Community Shipowners Association which represents the shipping industries of EU countries, citing both security and commercial reasons.

However, Guinier said he is confident that the system will meet this criteria. It will come with some costs to the industry, Guinier said, but stressed these costs aren't prohibitive. The IMO wants all its member governments to sign up to the scheme next year – **Source : Tradedwinds**

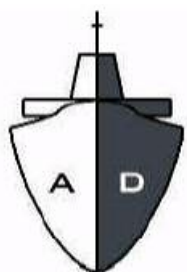
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Submarine tender **USS Emory S. Land (AS 39)** is assisted by tugs as she departs her homeport in Italy for the final time. **Emory S. Land** left after eight years of providing mobile fleet support to submarines and surface ships in the 6th Fleet area of responsibility

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Western Shipyard lays keel for first turn-key ferry

SSG-TALLINN. On October 3, Western Shipyard in Klaipeda laid the keel of its first turnkey ferry, i.e. the ferry will be ready to be put into operation when it leaves the Lithuanian shipyard. The ice-classed, double-ended ferry is being built in accordance with the terms of a deal between the shipyard's parent company BLRT Grupp and the Åland government. It is intended for traffic between Åland and Föglö and delivery is scheduled for the end of next year. The value of the order is EUR 12.5 million. Western Shipyard has built 14 ferries as a sub-contractor for other shipyards, mainly Fiskerstrand Verft in Norway. **Source : Scandinavian Shipping Gazette**



Spliethof's **SUOMIGRACHT** seen leaving the dry-dock at **Damen Shiprepair** in Schiedam
Photo : Piet Sinke ©

BAE Systems Wins \$19m Contract

BAE Systems has won a \$19 million contract from the U.S. Navy's Southwest Regional Maintenance Center to refurbish and upgrade the **ARCO (ARDM-5)** floating drydock so it can service the Navy's new Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarines. The company will perform drydocking and pierside work on the ARCO at both Naval Base Point Loma and BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair. Work on the ARCO includes painting the drydock's underwater hull, sides and tanks, reinforcing structural bulkheads, replacing and renewing switchboards, and upgrading the automated docking and centering system. All work is scheduled for completion in June 2008. The ARCO measures 492 feet long, 98 feet wide, and has a lifting capacity of 7,800 long tons. "This new submarine class requires enhanced maintenance capabilities," said Al Krekich, president, BAE Systems Ship Repair. "When the upgrades are complete, the ARCO will be

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able to drydock Virginia-class vessels, and advances in automation will ensure the dockings can take place with fewer people.” With improved stealthiness, surveillance and special warfare enhancements and an emphasis on littoral warfare operations, the **Virginia-class (SSN 774)** fast attack submarines can excel in a wide range of warfighting missions: including anti-submarine and surface ship warfare; special operations; strike; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; carrier and expeditionary strike group support; and mine warfare. **Source : MarineLink**



HAL's **RIJNDAM** completed her drydocking period at the Victoria Drydock and was returned into her element again
Photo : Jan-Paul Lamers ©

Aircraft carrier hulls a step nearer for Aker Yards

SSG-TØNSBERG. Aker Yards' St. Nazaire yard has come one step closer to winning an order to build the hulls for three large aircraft carriers to be built by Britain and France, according to Norwegian financial daily Finansavisen. The dry dock at St. Nazaire is believed to be big enough to build the hulls. The local Aker Yard management has already booked in the hulls on a preliminary basis. Britain and France are being urged to make a final decision, as further postponements will delay production of existing orders at the yard. **Source : Scandinavian Shipping Gazette**

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Stena Bulkmoves to buy three tankers

Stena Bulk of Sweden is continuing to boost its fleet of products tanker by purchasing three medium-range (MR) ships it has on time charter.



Stena Bulk is in the process of buying the 47,000-dwt **Stena Conquest** (built 2003), **Stena Conqueror** (built 2003) and **Stena Italica** (built 2004) reportedly for \$51.5m each from Fulltankers (formerly Fullship) of Italy.

Photo : Simon Brown ©

The Italian originally ordered the trio for \$30m each from the Uljanik yard in Croatia. For comparison, the 46,000-dwt **Nord Strait** (built 2004) fetched \$53m last month.

In November 2003, the three tankers were reported sold to a German KG (limited partnership) outfit for \$35m each but no such deal was concluded. Stena Bulk has had the tankers on charter since they were new, striking a five-

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year deal at what later turned out to be attractive terms two at \$13,750 per day and the third at \$14,750 per day. Stena Bulk is also expanding in products tankers with charters. In the past few months, it has fixed five new 51,000-dwt tankers from FR8 for either two or three years at \$22,000 to \$24,000 per day. Its MR fleet now totals 30 units.

Fulltankers is listed as also having four MR tankers built between 2003 and 2006. It also has two 51,000-dwt tankers on order at SLS Shipbuilding for delivery this year and in 2008. **Source : Tradewinds**



The steam driven tug **FURIE** is leaving the port of Maassluis with in de background the lightship **NOORD HINDER** and the tug **ELBE**

Photo : Piet Sinke ©

Loan for Construction of Container Terminal

Bahrain-based Ahli United Bank (AUB) and Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) announced the signing of a landmark \$480 million facility agreement with Damietta International Port Company (DIPC).

The 19-year loan, with a repayment schedule between 13 and 14 years, will be used to finance the development of a new container terminal at a strategically located area, set to be the largest of its kind in the Middle East, within the Port of Damietta on Egypt's Mediterranean coast.

AUB's senior deputy group CEO, Michael A. Collis said the facility was closed in a record time of eight weeks with the process of putting together the consortium of banks begun. He said both regional and international institutions would be considered as potential partners in the consortium. **Source : Seaways**

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The "zeehaven politie" patrol vessel **P-6** seen off Maassluis

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"Norden" sells two product tankers

SSG-RINGKØBING. D/S "Norden" has once again taken advantage of the good market for product tankers and sold a pair of Japanese built tanker at a profit of USD 50 million. The two tankers are the **Nord Sound** and **Nord Stream**, which were delivered in 2003 and 2004. Both tankers have been on time charter to D/S "Norden", which has exercised

an option to buy and sold them with time charters back to D/S "Norden". The buyer of both tankers is German König & Cie. In 2007, D/S "Norden" has made several deals by selling off tonnage in the good market. With the latest sales, D/S "Norden" expects a full-year profit of USD 565-595 million of which sales of vessels account for about USD 165 million.

New terminal in Zabaikalsk

By the end of the current year the Far Eastern Transport group, JSC plans to have opened a new container terminal in Zabaikalsk – Zabaikalsk-Manchzhuriya terminal.

According to the press-service of the company, by the year of 2009 the terminal capacity will have totalled 50 000 TEU and 65 000 cum. m per year. **Source : Seanews**

Lillgaard buys the Hoburgen

SSG-ÅBO. Rederi Ab Lillgaard in Mariehamn, Åland, has bought the ro-ro vessel **Hoburgen** from the Swedish shipping company Rederi AB Gotland



Photo : Rob de Visser ©

The vessel will continue in its present traffic on a TC with TransProCon within Swedish Orient Line. The **Hoburgen** was built in Romania in 1985 and has a cargo capacity of 1,225 lane metres of trailers. **Source : Scandinavian Shipping Gazette**

Odfjell buys Bow Santos

SSG-TØNSBERG. Odfjell has declared an option to buy the 19,997 DWT product/chemical tanker **Bow Santos**. The vessel, built in 2004, has been on time charter to Odfjell Asia since 2004 with a purchase option. The **Bow Santos**, which has stainless steel tanks, will be delivered to Odfjell in mid-December, 2007. **Source : Scandinavian Shipping Gazette**

Aboitiz buys Japanese

Philippine owner Aboitiz Transport System Corp has snapped up a passenger/cargo vessel from Japan's Nankai Ferry.

The 2,100-gt Ferry **Kumano** (built 1999) will set it back \$2.4m. The ship is due to arrive in the Philippines on Friday and will leave Nankai with two similarly sized ferries.

Ferry **Kumano** will join Aboitiz's Cebu Ferries brand and build passenger capacity by 800 people and add 50 teu in cargo capacity. **Source : Tradewinds**

NIEUW Shipsimulator Elbe en Furie editie!



Alexander Sinke, zoon van de editor probeert de software uit onder toezicht van Alphonse's **Luuk Vroomhout**
Foto : Piet Sinke ©

De **Ship Simulator 2008 Elbe en Furie** - editie is een unieke add - on versie van de wereldwijd bekende scheepssimulator software.

Vanuit de haven van Maassluis, bakermat van de sleepvaart, kan naar de Rotterdamse havens en naar zee gevaren worden om zo alle eigenschappen van deze prachtige historische zeeslepers te ervaren. Naast het navigeren en manoeuvreren kunnen er twee missies gespeeld worden, waarbij het zelfs mogelijk is om met zowel de Elbe als de Furie te slepen!

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Essar Shipping bids for Bulgarian shipping company

The Ruias-controlled Essar Shipping and Logistics (ESLL) is among the three bidders for Bulgaria's Navigation Maritime Bulgare (Navibulgar), a shipping company wholly-owned by the government. The 106-year-old shipping major is valued at around \$700 million.

The companies that have submitted letters of interest (LoI) for a majority stake in Navibulgar are the Cyprus-registered ESLL, Chartworld Shipping Corporation of Greece and a consortium of Bulgarian firm KG Maritime Shipping and Martrade Shipping Transport of Germany. "As a group, we keep looking at growth opportunities. However, it is not our policy to comment on any specific proposal," said an Essar spokesperson.

Bulgaria wants to sell a 70% stake in Navibulgar initially, with an option for the chosen investor to buy the remaining stake in future. The privatisation agency in Bulgaria will announce the name of the qualified bidders by October 19.

The bids will be closed on November 8. A total of 23 companies, including Swiss firm Crude Oil and Derivatives Trading, Athenian Sea Carriers of Greece, Holland-based Muller Maritime Holding, TVA Shipping of Germany, French firm CMA CGM and Italian Sider Navi, were in the race for Navibulgar. Navibulgar operates a fleet of 72 vessels with a total capacity of over 1.3 million dead-weight tonnage (DWT).

Navibulgar reported a 44% fall in net profit last year to \$15.1 million. The revenues had remained almost unchanged at around \$250 million. Since most of its assets are old, the company is notorious on port state control detention lists, with its ships sinking or running aground frequently.

Sources said all bidders need to prove their prior experience in the field, of having rented or operated a fleet with a total capacity of 1.3 million tonnes for each of the past three years. They also need to provide credit letters from banks with a credit rating above A3 from Moody's Investors Service.

In February, the Bulgarian government had approved a sell-off strategy, under which the country invited shipping operators to bid for 7.6 million shares of Navibulgar. Sources said Bulgaria was rushing to complete the sale as it was under pressure to meet EU modernisation goals. **Source : Economic-India Times**

Clipper buys another cruise vessel

SSG-RINGKØBING. The Danish Clipper Group has added another cruise vessel to its owned fleet. The latest purchase is the Superstar Gemini, which was sold by Star Cruises. Superstar Gemini, built in 1992, will remain on bareboat charter to Star Cruises until at least until December 2008 in a deal arranged by International Shipping Partners in Miami. The sale is part of Star Cruises' renewal programme, which includes selling off its older units. Clipper Group already owns three cruise vessels purely as investment objects. They are the Clipper Adventurer, the Ocean Nova and the Quest. The Ocean Nova and the Quest are former Greenland passenger vessels. Star Cruises has a fleet of 11 cruise vessels of which four are on charter to Norwegian Cruise Lines, **Source : Scandinavian Shipping Gazette**

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The **HANJIN PORT KELANG** seen arriving in Rotterdam-Europoort

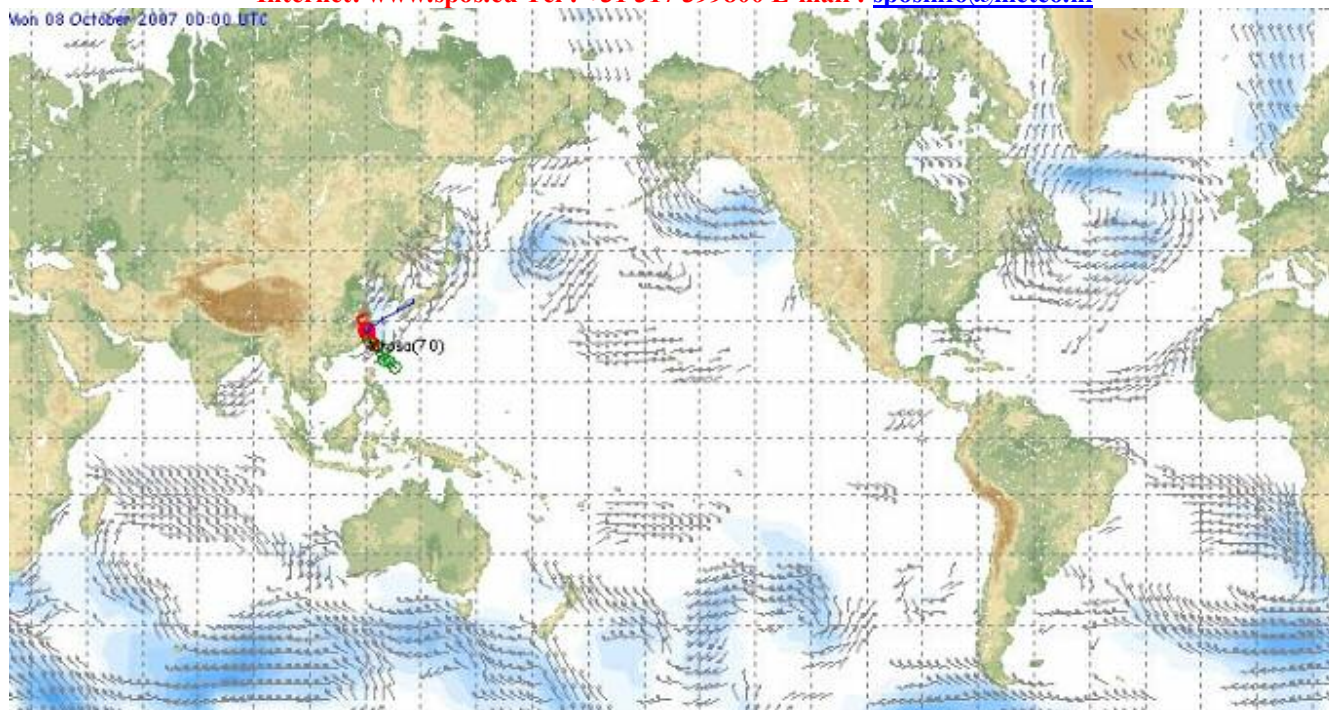
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Capt. Andre Spanjersberg (front) of the 1916 built steam driven tug **FURIE** seen in action onboard the tug during the opening of the **FURIEADE 2007** in Maassluis, with in the background **Henk Stokenburg**, Maassluis City Major **Koos Karssen** and **Jan Steehouwer** .
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Left : The **FURIE** seen in the port of Maassluis

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