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Afgelopen zondag was het wederom het jaarlijkse uitje van de **Rotterdamse Waterklerken Vereniging**, dit jaar was gekozen voor een dagtocht door het natuurgebied de Biesbosch met alle leden, familieleden, donateurs en overige introducés met de rondvaartboot **CATHARINAPLAAT** van **Rederij Biesbosch Tours** vanuit Lage Zwaluwe, om 09:00 stond iedereen te trappelen om aanboord te gaan, de dag begon mistig maar dit maakte zeer snel plaats voor een lekker zonnetje wat de dag tot een groot succes maakte.

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Onderweg werd een stop gemaakt bij het **Biesbosch Museum** wat bekeken kon worden, daarna werd de uitstekende Brunch geserveerd en ondertussen voeren we naar **Geertruidenberg** waar de benen gestrekt konden worden, hierna is weer koers gezet naar **Lage Zwaluwe** waar om 17:10 weer veilig werd afgemeerd en iedereen voldaan huiswaarts keerde.



Boven de directie van de **Rotterdamse Waterklerken Vereniging**, van links naar rechts : **Jose Manso** (Commissaris), **Peter Groenendijk** (PR), **Ruud Meuldijk** (Voorzitter), **Bert de Groot** (Secretaris) en **Rinus van Halteren** (Penningmeester).

Foto's : **Piet Sinke** ©

Mannen bedankt voor de uitnodiging en de zeer leuke dag !!

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT GOES AHEAD WITH TAX GRAB PLAN

THE Norwegian government has put its proposed National Budget for 2008 to the country's parliament, including proposals for a controversial new tax regime for shipping companies.

The Norwegian Shipowners' Association has issued a statement complaining: "In sum, the tax would put many shipowners in a dramatically difficult situation."

The NSA's director general Marianne Lie says: "It's positive that shipowners in the future will be subject to a similar tax regime as their European competitors." However, the Government's tax proposal leaves a lot of questions unanswered. The back tax of NOK 14 billion will put the maritime industry in an extremely difficult situation."

After making its complaint, however, the NSA talks in a generally approving way about the government's strategy which is says " is for the Norwegian maritime industry to be the most eco-friendly and technologically advanced of the world".

It adds: "Cutting shipowners' equity will thwart new fleet investments for years to come – investments that could make the fleet more eco-friendly. The following example illustrates the environmental improvements that Nkr14bn (US\$2.6bn) could provide: A gas-driven ship reduces NOx emissions by about 90 percent and CO2 by 20 percent. Nkr14bn is enough equity for 200 new gas-driven offshore ships. That would mean a NOx reduction of 3,200 tons, the same amount produced by 4 million automobiles."

The NSA says: "The shipping industry has a vision of zero emission into the air and water. The industry wants to maintain its investment ability."



Rescue of typhoon-trapped HK cargo ship underway

Rescuers in East China's Zhejiang Province are making efforts to rescue a Hong Kong-registered cargo ship, which has 27 International crew members aboard, trapped in typhoon "Krosa".

The cargo ship, **ALADDIN DREAM**, was 27.78 kilometers off Wenling, southeast Zhejiang on Saturday morning, because of motor malfunction. Rescue ships failed to approach the cargo ship because of billows triggered by the strong typhoon "Krosa", which is slamming its way onto the Chinese mainland. The trapped 27 crew members include sailors from Russia, India and the Philippines.

According to sources with the rescue headquarters, the cargo ship has cast two anchors and is currently in no danger of sinking or capsizing. The crew members are in stable emotional conditions.

China's Ministry of Communications and Zhejiang Maritime Search and Rescue Center are ready to put into use helicopters once the wind abates.



The **ANNABELLA** seen enroute Rotterdam
Photo : Jan Oosterboer ©

Arms Ship Destroyed

At least 24 people are believed to have been killed when Sri Lankan Navy on Sunday (07 Oct) destroyed a ship reportedly carrying arms for Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) off the countrys southern coast.

"The attack took place in the Indian Ocean, at the high seas off Dondra Head, of the southern coastal tip of Sri Lanka this morning," a top official of Sri Lankan Navy told reporters in the capital Colombo today, news agency Press Trust of India reported.

There were 24 to 25 people aboard the ship and it is believed all of them have been killed," Defense Spokesman Udaya Nanayakkara told reporters in Colombo, the news agency added. **Source : Shiptalk**

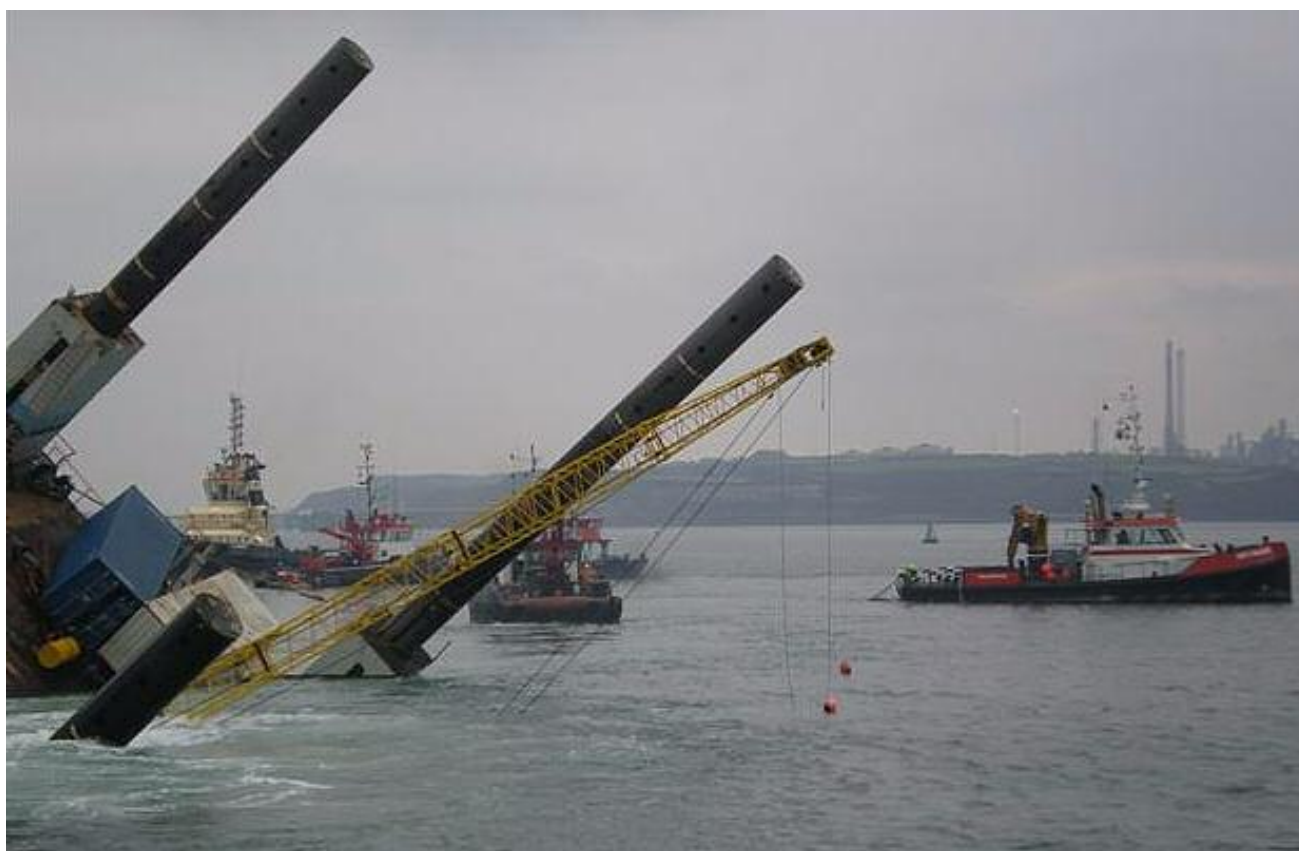


The **KST LEO** seen off Sentosa Island (Singapore)
Photo : Ian Edwards ©

CASUALTY REPORTING



FATAL ACCIDENT AT UK LNG SITE



A WORKER died when a maintenance barge collapsed at a LNG terminal site in Pembrokeshire, UK, on Saturday. Seven others were rescued, according to a BBC report.

The country's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has launched an investigation at the South Hook terminal, which is being built at Milford Haven.

A joint Coastguard, police, fire, ambulance teams and Milford Haven Port Authority rescue operation was mobilised mid-afternoon and the search for the missing man continued until late on Saturday night. As of yesterday midday the missing man had still not been recovered.

A spokesperson for the port authority was quoted as saying: "Clearly the main focus remains the search to recover the missing person, though fears for pollution are growing and the port authority has also mobilised its counter pollution vessels to attend the scene." **Source : Maritime Global Net**

Zwaargewonden bij aanvaring draagvleugelboot

Bij een aanvaring tussen de draagvleugelboot **Rosanna** van Connexion en het patrouillevaartuig **RV 162 Wijckermee** van de Koninklijke Marechaussee zijn maandagmorgen zeven gewonden gevallen, waaronder drie zwaargewonden. Rond 08.15 kwamen de beide schepen met elkaar in aanvaring in de Australiëhaven in Amsterdam.

De draagvleugelboot was met 33 passagiers onderweg van Velsen naar Amsterdam. Drie van de gewonden aan boord van de **Rosanna** zijn er ernstig aan toe. Vier andere, waaronder de schipper van de marechausseeboot, zijn licht gewond. De hulpdiensten hebben alle opvarenden van boord gehaald. Degenen die niet naar het ziekenhuis hoefden, worden opgevangen in de kantine van een bedrijf in een van de havens langs het Noordzeekanaal. De draagvleugelboot, die aan de achterzijde ernstige schade heeft en water maakt, is door een boot van de havendienst naar de kant gesleept. De boot van de marechaussee heeft flinke schade aan de boeg. Beide schepen liggen afgemeerd aan de Siciliëweg.



File foto van de **ROSANNA** – Foto : Joop Marechal ©

Het Korps Landelijke Politiediensten (KLPD) stelt een onderzoek in naar de toedracht van de aanvaring. **Source : Vaart**



The **MIRA J** seen enroute Rotterdam
Photo : Henk Doornhein ©

SILEX ARRIVED WITH LORD HINTON IN SCHIEDAM



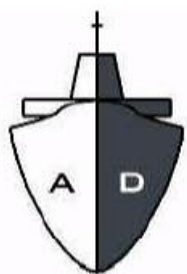
Friday afternoon Worldwide Marine brokers were approached by Iskes tugs to tow the **LORD HINTON** from Amsterdam to Schiedam, the **SILEX** was mobilised from Den Helder, after the towage arrangement was approved by Bureau Vogtschmidt the transport went enroute to Schiedam. – **Photo's : Bert Bot ©**



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Govt. ministers deny MSDF fueled ships for Iraq war

Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura and Defense Minister Shigeru Ishiba flatly denied Sunday that the Maritime Self-Defense Force's refuelling operation in the Indian Ocean to assist in the war against the Taliban and Al-Qaida in Afghanistan had ever been used to help U.S. ships fighting the Iraq war.

The opposition parties have criticized the government at the Diet for allowing the refuelling mission to deviate from its original purpose of assisting the antiterrorism campaign in Afghanistan.

Ichiro Ozawa, head of the opposition Democratic Party of Japan, has said that Japan should participate in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) that is playing a role in maintaining security in Afghanistan, but Komura and Ishiba said such a role is not allowed by the Constitution, spotlighting the differences on defense policy between the the government and ruling coalition parties on one side and the DPJ on the other.

Appearing Sunday on an NHK program, Komura said that, as far as he knew, U.S. ships refueled by the MSDF had never gone to Iraq.

"I have also received a similar answer from the U.S. government," he said. In response to inquiries from the Japanese government, the U.S. Defense Department denied having diverted the MSDF's fuel to ships not participating in antiterrorism efforts in Afghanistan.

Komura's remark indicated that the government has accepted the U.S. government's answer. Ishiba, who appeared on a TV Asahi program the same day, said that based on his ministry's ongoing analysis of the documents from the U.S. government, he was mostly convinced that the refueling mission had never deviated from its original purpose.

Regarding refueling supply ships of other countries, Ishiba said that the MSDF could continue refueling such ships if there were some kind of guarantee that the fuel would not be diverted to other purposes.

Ishiba also said on the program that in the event the Self-Defense Forces participate in ISAF operations, the weapons SDF members are allowed to use must be clarified. "We should not carelessly expose the lives of SDF members to danger. The government holds that participating in ISAF operations and using force are not allowed by the Constitution," he said. Ozawa has asserted that participation in U.N.-mandated ISAF operations would not run counter to the spirit of the Constitution. Speaking on a Fuji TV program the same day, Komura opined that Ozawa comments run counter to the constitutional interpretation the government has long maintained because Ozawa accepts the use of force if there is a U.N. resolution and does not allow logistic support without a U.N. resolution. **Source : Daily Yomiuri**



The French "**Mistral**" leaving Le Havre Port Sunday 07/10/07 - Photo : Yvan Gouinguenet ©

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Asry completes Albzoom revamp

The Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (Asry) has announced the successful completion of extensive refurbishment work on oil-rig owned by an Abu-Dhabi based firm. The rig - named **Albzoom** - was 'renewed' at an estimated cost of \$19 million by a qualified team of workmen and engineers specially assigned to the task, according to an Asry spokesman.

He said the work required very specific expertise and expensive equipment and that the owners of the rig had commented on the quality of the work and the dedication of the workforce during the stages of the repair.

"The full scope of work was to extensively overhaul the hull and carry out internal and external structural repairs and refurbishment. Major repairs and renewals have been undertaken on the three cylindrical legs of the structure, each 210 feet long," the spokesman said. The rig - originally manufactured in 1982 by Nippon Kokan K K - is owned by the National Drilling Company (NDC) in Abu Dhabi.

"It has been lying unused for some time and in order to meet the increasing demand in the Gulf, it was decided to re-activate it," the spokesman said. "The **Albzoom** is now being prepared for it being towed to Abu Dhabi in the third week of October and we have two more oil-rigs from Saudi Aramco to be revamped," he added. **Source : Gulf Daily News**

Yangzijiang books box ship orders

Singapore-listed Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (Holdings) Ltd., based in China's eastern Jiangsu province, reports that during the third quarter of 2007 it secured shipbuilding contracts for thirteen container vessels totaling 182,349 cgt and with an aggregate contract value of US\$409.7 million. The company now has contracts in hand for 129 ships totaling 2.2 million cgt and worth a total \$4,940 million.

Source : Marine Log

Vyborg Shipyard to Invest in Modernization of Its Facilities

Vyborg Shipyard to invest 800 mn rubles in modernization of its facilities, reports Kommersant quoting general director of the yard Valery Levchenko. According to the general director, the yard must be modernized to realize Gasprom's order. For instance, it is planned to build a new paint chamber. The modernization is scheduled to be realized within 3 year.

It should be pointed out that on August 15 the yard won the tender to build 2 drilling rig for Gasprom. The contract will have closed by October, 15. The sum of the contract totales 60 bn rubles. **Source : SeaNews**



The **IBERVILLE** seen in Houston waters – **Photo : Chris Rombouts ©**

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The installation of the Petrobras **FPSO Cidade de Vitoria** op het Golfinho2 Field

Photo : Hans Bosch ©

Euroseas Ltd. Takes Delivery of 14th Vessel

Euroseas Ltd. , an owner and operator of drybulk carriers and container ships and provider of seaborne transportation for drybulk and containerized cargoes, announced that it has taken delivery of the M/V Tiger Bridge, an intermediate container ship of 30,400 dwt and 2,228 twenty-foot equivalent units (teu) built in 1990 in Korea. The vessel was acquired for approximately \$24m and comes with a period charter attached until July 2009 at a rate of \$16,500 per day. Following the delivery of M/V Tiger Bridge and of the contracted to be acquired, M/V Ioanna P, approximately 79% of Euroseas total fleet days in the fourth quarter of 2007 and approximately 45% in 2008 will be fixed under period charters, already concluded spot charters, or, otherwise protected from market fluctuations.

Source : MarineLink



The **FAIPLAY III** seen assisting the **EVER DEVOTE** in Rotterdam-Europoort
Photo : Harry van den Berg ©

Swan Container Lines start dienst Rotterdam-St. Petersburg

Rederij Swan Container Lines uit Hamburg begint een dienst tussen Rotterdam en St. Petersburg. De eerste afvaart van de twee-wekelijkse dienst is in de eerste week van november. Swan mikt op zowel feederlading als op intra-Europees vervoer.

Swan Container Lines zet op Rotterdam een schip in van hetzelfde type als dat op de huidige dienst tussen St. Petersburg en Hamburg. Dat schip - de **Baltic Swan** - heeft een capaciteit van 868 teu, inclusief 234 aansluitingen voor reefercontainers.

Agent van Swan in Nederland is Neptumar in Rotterdam. In St. Petersburg wordt de rederij vertegenwoordigd door Neva Delta. **Source : Nieuwsblad Transport**

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Overseas Shipholding To Charter Two Tankers To Petrobras America

Overseas Shipholding Group, Inc. (OSG) revealed that it has entered into a definitive agreement to charter two 46,000 dwt Jones Act tankers to Petrobras America, Inc. a unit of Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. (PBR, PBRA). The company said that it would provide shuttle tanker services from a Floating Production Storage and Offloading facility, or FPSO. Wherever pipeline infrastructure is too costly, FPSOs and shuttle tankers are a cost-effective means of transporting offshore oil. Overseas Shipholding would convert to shuttle tankers two of the 12 product tankers that it has ordered from Aker Philadelphia Shipyard. The delivery of converted shuttle tankers to Petrobras is anticipated to occur in the first quarters of 2010 and 2011. **Source : MarineLink**



The tug **TURQUOISE BAY** seen arriving in Willemstad (Curacao)

Photo : Kees Bustraan ©

Successful Debut for Incat 112m Catamaran

The **Natchan Rera** is a breath of fresh air in Japanese sea travel, the new Incat-built high speed ferry's entry into service on 1st September bringing a completely new concept in ferry travel to those crossing Tsugaru Strait between the islands of Hokkaido and Honshu. The 61-nautical mile run across the Strait takes just 95 minutes, approximately half the time currently taken by conventional ships. While passengers are reaching their destination twice as quickly, Higashi Nihon Ferry is also changing the quality of time passengers spend on board from one of simple transportation to that of a high-class comfortable hospitality-focused experience. By the end of her second week in service the luxury ferry was already sailing at full capacity - a remarkable achievement given that the ship left the shipyard in Hobart as recently as 4th August. Launched into Hobart's River Derwent on 30th June the 112 metre Wave Piercing ferry commenced sea trials on 19th July before being handed over to her new owner, Higashi Nihon Ferry, on 1st August. Four weeks later, after crew training to meet the requirements of the IMO's High Speed Craft Code and also a series of promotional cruises on Tsugaru Strait, the **Natchan Rera** carried her first fare-paying passengers. The **Natchan Rera** is a busy craft, offering four high speed round trips a day with a crossing time of approximately 95 minutes. When joined by her sister ship in time for the next Japanese summer, the two Incat 112m ferries will have replaced the route's four conventional ferries enabling Higashi Nihon to win back traffic from the airlines, a goal which it seems is already within reach. Hull 064 Principal particulars: Length overall: 112.60m; Beam (moulded): 30.50m; Draught: 3.93m; Service speed: 40 knots; Deadweight: Up to 1450 tonnes; Total persons: 800 persons including crew; Vehicle Deck: 450 truck-lane metres plus 193 cars or 355 cars. **Source : MarineLink**



The **WHITE ORCHID** seen at Singapore roads – Photo : Hans Schaefer ©

Anthony Veder to take on the technical management of the Clipper “Stad Amsterdam”.

On October 8th 2008, the board of Rederij Clipper “**Stad Amsterdam**” has signed a management agreement for the technical management of three mast full-rigger “**Stad Amsterdam**” with **Anthony Veder Rederijzaken B.V.**.. After a period of preparation Anthony Veder will take over the management of the vessel February 1st 2008.



Photo : Frits Janse ©

The preparation period will be used to adapt the management system of Anthony Veder to incorporate the management of a passenger ship and in this period the crew on board will be familiarized with the systems of the new manager.

Both commercial exploitation and crew management will remain with Rederij Clipper "**Stad Amsterdam**". By signing this contract the owner aims to ensure continuity for the future in regards to technical management, safety and security, changing legislation and Port State Control. **Source : Anthony Veder**

Rotterdam (5) op de televisie



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In het NOS journaal van 20.00 uur op donderdag 11 oktober zal een kort item over de **Rotterdam (5)** in Wilhelmshaven te zien zijn. Eerder die dag zal RTV Rijnmond om circa 17.40 uur in het programma "**Ik ziet de haven al**" wat uitgebreider bij dit onderwerp stilstaan. Kunt u RTV Rijnmond niet ontvangen maar beschikt u wel over internet, dan kunt u na afloop van de uitzending deze terugzien via de website: www.rtvrijnmond.nl

Ensco 107 Rig Arrives in NZ

The Kupe Gas Project enters an exciting phase with the arrival of the gigantic rig that will be used to drill the three production wells into the Kupe reservoir 3000 metres below the surface. The arrival of the **Ensco 107** offshore drilling rig from Singapore, marks a major milestone in the offshore operations, which are progressing to plan and on time.

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The rig's first job will be to install the wellhead platform jacket, one of the largest structural components for the Project's offshore platform, situated 30 kilometres offshore, from Hawera. The jacket is currently in Port Taranaki harbor waiting for the Ensco 107 to be set up on the Kupe location. Once the jacket is installed, the rig will then begin drilling the Project's three production wells and then finally install the topsides of the offshore platform. The **Ensco 107** has been transported to New Zealand from Singapore on Offshore Heavy Transport's heavy lift vessel – the Willift Falcon. The rig will go past Port Taranaki for customs and immigration clearance before unloading in Admiralty Bay. It will then be towed out to Kupe. During the drilling campaign, approximately 100 drilling team members and their support staff will live onboard the rig. Weighing approximately 16,000 tonnes, the **Ensco 107** stands 157 metres high and is 63 metres wide. The Kupe Gas Project is expected to be completed by mid-2009 and will provide New Zealand with approximately 254 petajoules of natural gas, 1.1 million tonnes of LPG and 14.7 million barrels of light oil (condensate). Participants in the Kupe Gas Project are: Origin Energy Resources (Kupe) Limited 50% (Operator) Genesis Energy 31% New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited 15% Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd 4%. **Source : MarineLink**

MOVEMENTS



The **EUROPE AQUARIUS** seen enroute Rotterdam
Photo : Lenie Kleingeld ©



The Pub Boat **LIDA** 992/1974 IMO 7392907 passing Woolwich London on Oct 8th 2007 after her epic voyage from New Zealand which started on July 23rd 2007. - **Photo : Kenneth Smith ©**

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Costamare's **COSCO GUANGZHOU** seen in Rotterdam – Europoort.

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