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Sunrise over the Irish Sea with the P&O ferry **EUROPEAN CAUSEWAY**

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USA. & Netherlands. Holland America Line's ms Eurodam to be named in Rotterdam

Holland America Line will hold the official naming ceremony for its first Signature-class ship, ms **Eurodam**, July 1, 2008, in Rotterdam, the city where the 135-year-old Dutch company was founded.

Naming ceremonies will be held near the company's original headquarters, which now operates as the Hotel New York. Numerous events and activities are being planned to showcase the vessel to key stakeholders, including past guests,

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travel agents, former employees, local dignitaries, media and others. The ship arrives Jun. 29 to begin four days of celebrations and departs Jul. 2 for a three-day prelude cruise with its first guests.



Photo : Henry Veringa ©

"We are planning a very special celebration in our founding city," said Stein Kruse, president and chief executive officer, Holland America Line. "For us, it's a homecoming and we expect tens of thousands Holland America Line supporters to be on hand as we proudly welcome **Eurodam** into service."

In the days leading up to the naming, the **Eurodam** will sail from Venice, Italy, to Southampton, England, before arriving in Rotterdam. In both cities, events will be held to showcase the ship, first with Fincantieri Shipyard and Holland America Line celebrating the ship's completion in Venice. In Southampton, travel agents, past guests, media and local dignitaries will visit the ship during luncheons, overnights, and receptions to honor the new vessel.

A day after the naming ceremonies, the **Eurodam** will embark on a prelude cruise and maiden voyage. The three-day prelude cruise departs July 2 from Rotterdam sailing to Copenhagen, Denmark, and calling at Hamburg, Germany. Kruse is scheduled to sail aboard the prelude cruise. Guests booked on the prelude cruise will have an opportunity to attend the naming ceremonies as a pre-cruise excursion.

The 10-day round-trip maiden voyage departs from Copenhagen, Denmark, July 5 and calls at Oslo, Alesund, Vik, Flam and Stavanger, Norway; Newcastle Upon Tyne, England; and Edinburgh (via South Queensbury) -- the premium line's second highest rated port of call -- and Invergordon, Scotland. Newcastle -- a maiden call for Holland America Line -- offers 2,000 years of history and a picturesque backdrop with its location on the left bank of the River Tyne. The two cruises can be combined into a 13-day voyage.

New £135,000 lifeboat takes to the water

Criccieth became the second of the RNLI's 31 lifeboat stations in Wales to take delivery of a new design of lifeboat, known as the B Class, Atlantic 85 inshore lifeboat.

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The cost of this type of boat is £135,000 and its introduction at Criccieth is thanks to the legacy of the late Miss Joan Heaton of Chorley, Lancashire. It is to be named **Doris Joan** in memory of her and her mother, Doris. Miss Heaton died in December 2000. **Source : Daily Post**



The Weymouth (Trent) RNLI lifeboat **17-02 THE WILL** seen in her moorings
Photo : Piet Sinke ©



Container met bananen spoelt aan op strand Terschelling

Zeven containers met bananen zijn dinsdagmiddag op de Noordzee van het dek van een vrachtaardier geschoven en in het water beland. Een van de stalen bakken spoelde 's avonds rond half tien aan op het strand van Terschelling, ter hoogte van paal 25. Een van de andere containers is open gebroken en heeft zijn smakelijke lading verspeeld. Hierin drijft piepschuim dat als isolatiemateriaal in de container is gebruikt.

Hoe het containerschip **Duncan Island**, dat vaart onder de vlag van de Bahamas, de zeven volle en twee lege containers kon verliezen, is nog onduidelijk. Er stond een stevige wind, kracht 7 uit het noordwesten, maar veel slagzij veroorzaakte die ook weer niet.

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Het schip bevond zich op dat moment op 14 kilometer ten noorden van Terschelling. Het Kustwachtcentrum in Den Helder waarschuwt de scheepvaart over de vermoedelijke positie van de verloren containers.

Source : Leeuwarder Courant



The **HELLEN** seen approaching Rotterdam – Europoort

Photo : Tjep van Roon ©

New Construction, Shipyard and Conversion News

According to "Fairplay", as of 12th October 2007, there were 10,485 ships over 299GRT on the World Orderbook. Of the 10,485 ships recorded on order as of 12th October, 577 are tugs or "towing / pushing" vessels, 685 are Offshore Supply Vessels and 151 are designated as "Offshore – Other". As this data only covers those vessels over 299GRT, I would not be surprised to find another 25%, or 140 plus, tugs below 299GRT that are not recorded being built across the world from Argentina to Vietnam.

As of the second week in October, of the 577 tugs under construction, Netherlands still lead the order book with a total of 118 (up 7) tugs being built. They are followed by China (PRC) at 67 and Spain at 61 tugs under construction; Malaysia 58; Turkey 46; U.S. 43; Indonesia 39; Singapore 28; Brazil 18; Japan 15; Italy 14; India 13; Russia 11; Egypt 10; Germany 6; U.A.E. 5; Chile, the Philippines and Romania 4 each; Canada 3; Poland and Vietnam 2 each; and Argentina, Iran, South Korea, Norway, Peru and Ukraine 1 each. 169 of the tugs are scheduled for delivery in December 2007 vs. 84 at the time of the last report in July – which seems unrealistic. We would not be surprised to see this number slip with some end-year 2007 deliveries actually coming on line throughout Spring 2008.

CAT power by far still lead propulsion packages with engines in 192 tugs followed by Niigatas in 58, Yanmar 37, Wartsila 32, Cummins 31, Mitsubishi 20, ABC 17, EMD 13, MAN/MAN-B&W 17, MTU and MaK 11 each, Bergens 8, General Electric 7, Deutz 6, General Motors / Detroit Diesel 3, Daihatsu 2, and Penta 1. Engines were not listed for 111 tugs. The long wait for machinery is delaying many orders, with most suppliers not offering firm dates for delivery until a project becomes firm. One shipyard just quoted delivery of a new tug six months after receipt of engines and propulsion systems which in itself could take 28 months or more into the future. We here at Marcon are still awaiting a standby emergency generator ordered for the office six months ago.

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As per our last quarterly market report, most of the tugs over 299GRT being built worldwide are still in the 3 – 4,000HP category with 154 tugs, or 32.35% of those tugs where the horsepower is listed. If I had to take a guess, I would say that over half of the 3 – 4,000HP tugs being built are ASD propulsion. Only 21 tugs are shown under 1,000BHP, but this is most likely because most of the tugs being built in this horsepower range will be under 299GRT. 21.01% under construction are in the 2,000 – 2,999BHP range.

Citing continued strength in markets outside of the U.S., Caterpillar announced third-quarter sales and revenues of \$11.442 billion, an all-time quarterly high. CAT also reported profit of \$927 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Profit and profit per share are the highest ever for a third quarter. Sales and revenues increased \$925 million compared to the third quarter of last year, \$385 million from higher sales volume, \$267 million from improved price realization, \$174 million from the effects of currency and \$99 million from higher Financial Products revenues. Thirdquarter profit increased \$158 million from third quarter 2006. The increase in profit was due to improved price realization and higher sales volume, partially offset by higher manufacturing costs, including material costs. Despite weakness in U.S. markets, sales and revenues increased 9% due to "remarkable growth" outside of the U.S. with particular strength in key industries like mining, oil and gas, electric power and marine engines. The full-year outlook for 2007 is for sales and revenues of about \$44 billion. The previous outlook for 2007 sales and revenues was about \$44 billion. Caterpillar's preliminary outlook for 2008 reflects a sales and revenues increase of 5 to 10% from the mid-point of the 2007 outlook range. **Source : MARCON International Inc**

San Francisco Bay spill largest since '96

A cargo ship collision with the Bay Bridge on Wednesday leaked 58,000 gallons of oil into San Francisco Bay, the largest oil spill inside the bay in at least a decade.



Throughout the day, U.S. Coast Guard crews worked to surround the spill with floating boom, removing at least 8,000 gallons with skimmer ships and absorbent pads, said spokesman U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Anderson.

"The Coast Guard is committed to protecting the environment. We are deploying all available resources to clean it up," he said.

The effect on wildlife was unknown by late Wednesday night. At first, Coast Guard officials said the spill had only resulted in 140 gallons of bunker fuel entering the water. But by 10 p.m., the agency upgraded the amount to 58,000 gallons.

The spill occurred when a container ship, the **Cosco Busan**, bound from Oakland to South Korea, hit a barrier on a tower of the bridge. As the oil spread, it began hitting major landmarks in the water around San Francisco.

"By 1 p.m. oil hit the rocks at Alcatraz," said Chris Powell, a spokeswoman for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. "By 2 p.m., the sheen was on the beach at Crissy Field. By 3 p.m., it was on the rocks at Fort Point."

Powell said the National Park Service closed six beaches Wednesday afternoon: Crissy Field, China Beach, and Baker Beach in San Francisco, along with Rodeo Beach, Kirby Cove and Black Sands Beach in Marin County.

Opvarende loodsboot over boord geslagen

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Donderdagavond laat is op de Westerschelde een man over boord geslagen van de loodsboot **Menkar**. Het slachtoffer kon binnen korte tijd uit het water worden gehaald.

Het ongeluk vond even na half elf plaats nabij de Steenbanken. De loodsboot was op dat moment op weg naar Westkapelle. Direct werd de reddingsboot **Zeemanshoop** uit Breskens gealarmeerd om het bemanningslid van boord te halen. De bemanning van de reddingsboot kon het slachtoffer rond middernacht afleveren bij de Poseidonsteiger in de Vlissingse Buitenhaven. Daar stond op dat moment al een ambulance gereed voor vervoer naar het ziekenhuis in Vlissingen. Over de huidige toestand van het slachtoffer is niets bekend.

De loodsboot zelf is op eigen kracht richting de haven gevaren. Door het slechte weer werden donderdagavond alle loodsdiensten gestaakt. Hoe het ongeluk precies heeft kunnen gebeuren is nog niet bekend.

Source : hvzeeland.nl



The tug **EL ORIENTAL** seen operating in the port of Puerto Cabello (Venezuela)

Photo : Crew Jo Calluna ©

Nog maar één overlevende Titanic

Barbara West Dainton, naar wordt aangenomen één van de twee laatste overlevenden van de ramp met de **Titanic** in 1912, is op 16 oktober in Engeland overleden. Zij werd 96 jaar. Dit heeft een ver familielid, Peter Visick, gisteren meegedeeld.

De in 1911 in Bournemouth geboren West was te jong om zich de ramp te kunnen herinneren. Volgens de **Titanic** Historical Society in Indian Orchards in Massachusetts kon zij met haar moeder en zus de ten dode opgeschreven oceaanstomer verlaten en moest haar vader op het zinkende schip achterblijven; er waren veel te weinig reddingboten voor alle 2.200 passagiers en bemanningsleden.

Barbara West vermeed in het openbaar met de **Titanic** in verband te worden gebracht. Zij wilde ook dat zij begraven zou worden voordat haar dood bekend werd gemaakt. De enige overlevende van de ramp is nu Elizabeth Gladys Dean uit Southampton, die toentertijd een peuter van 2 was. **Source : novum/dm**

Noordwester storm

De noordwester storm die woedt op de Noordzee heeft afgelopen nacht niet tot grote problemen geleidt voor het Kustwachtcentrum in Den Helder. Rond middernacht meldde de loodsboot '**Menkar**' dat er een man overboord was gevallen. Binnen 10 minuten hadden ze de persoon zelf weer aan boord kunnen halen en is hij door de reddingboot van station Breskens van de Koninklijke Nederlandse Redding Maatschappij opgehaald en voor onderzoek naar Vlissingen gebracht.

Omstreeks 01.45 uur meldde het schip '**Aurelia**' aan het Kustwachtcentrum dat, als gevolg van het slechte weer, een opvarende was gevallen en verwondingen had opgelopen. Nadat het schip had gesproken met een arts van de Radio Medische Dienst is de patient door het schip zelf afgezet in IJmuiden. Hij bleek een gebroken pols en een snee in het hoofd te hebben. Ongeveer 1 uur later werd opnieuw een persoon over boord gemeld door het schip '**Hamburg Max**', dat ten anker lag ter hoogte van IJmuiden. Ook dit schip lukte het de betrokken persoon binnen enkele minuten zelf weer aan boord te halen. Verdere assistentie was niet benodigd.

Een serieuzer incident deed zich voor om 04.40 uur toen het schip '**NYK Antares**' meldde 20 lege containers te hebben verloren in de vaarroute boven Ameland. In de loop van de morgen bleek na inspectie dat er 45 containers overboord waren gegaan. Volgens opgave zou geen enkele container lading bevatten, maar kunnen ze wel een gevaar voor de scheepvaart opleveren. Door middel van een navigatiebericht wordt de scheepvaart gewaarschuwd hiervoor alert te zijn. Er wordt overwogen een vliegtuig te laten vliegen om de situatie in ogenschouw te nemen.

Omstreeks 09.00 uur werden twee drijvende containers gemeld nabij de Texelstroom, waarvan nog niet bekend is waar die vandaan komen. **Source : Nederlandse Kustwacht**

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The **WINNER** lost her way for channel of the port of Santos , left, the channel, right, aground!!!

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Cruise ship grounds to prevent sinking

Sixty-six passengers were ferried to shore this morning by the USCG after the small cruise ship on which they were passengers was intentionally grounded to prevent it from sinking. The captain of the US-flagged **Spirit of Nantucket** (IMO 8883563) reported to the USCG that the vessel began taking on water while transiting the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway near the Pungo region of Virginia Beach and he beached it shortly after 0600. Coast Guard sources have told Fairplay that none of the 66 passengers were injured and that no pollution has been reported from the incident. In addition to USCG assets, police boats from the cities of Portsmouth and Virginia Beach as well as the Virginia State Police have responded to the scene. A USCG Jayhawk helicopter with dewatering pumps is also en route to the site from Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The 51-cabin, 99-passenger vessel is owned and operated by Alaska Sightseeing/Cruise West and has cruised the Southeast US between Jacksonville, Florida and Virginia since 2007. The vessel is due to be renamed the Spirit of Glacier Bay for the 2008 season, signalling a probable change in itinerary.

Source : Lloyds-Fairplay daily news

Salvors rescue stricken cargo ship in North Sea

LEADING salvage and towage company **Multraship Salvage B.V.** and Belgian salvage specialist **URS Salvage & Maritime Contracting** have rescued the general cargo vessel **Eva Danielsen** after the Bahamas-flagged vessel got into difficulties off the North Hinder traffic separation zone in the North Sea early on the morning of November 9.

The vessel's problems were caused by a total power black-out, which the crew was not able to rectify. The vessel's owners contracted Multraship and URS under an LOF 2000 agreement to bring the vessel to safety. The weather on site was extremely poor, with Force 9 to 10 winds blowing from the north-west, and wave heights reaching seven metres.

The salvage tugs **Multratug 7** and **Brugge** sailed from Flushing and Zeebrugge, respectively, for the stricken vessel, while the salvage craft **Brandaris** was also dispatched, from Nieuwpoort. At about 16.16 hrs, **Multratug 7** managed to establish a tow connection to the casualty, and thereafter started towing it to Flushing.

The **Eva Danielsen** is loaded with about 1,950 tonnes of steel plates and steel bars.

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Navy patrol ships bound for Kerikeri

Navy patrol craft, **HMNZS Kiwi** and **HMNZS Kahu** are coming to Kerikeri. Arriving at Opuia on Friday, they will cruise up the Kerikeri Inlet as far as the Kerikeri Cruising Club where they will remain for the day, before returning to Opuia.

The patrol craft are to be de-commissioned in December and may not be seen again in these waters. War Veterans and ex-Navy are invited to visit the ships and the Kerikeri community will be able to view the vessels from vantage points around Opito Bay and areas around the Kerikeri Cruising Club. In addition, the Navy has offered to navigate the Kerikeri Inlet to bring both ships as far up as possible so that the public can see them. Officer in Charge Lieutenant John McQueen is a trained hydrographer and is confident the vessels will reach the Cruising Club breakwater area to anchor.

The Navy will send boats ashore to pick-up the veterans and ex-Navy people and take them out to the ships. Lieutenant McQueen has a sister living in Kerikeri - a stylish way of saying 'big brother is in town'. The Navy will also take part in the RSA Celebration Ball and Armistice Day at the weekend.

U-boat hunt is recalled

by Mark Johnson, Crosby Herald

This weekend sees the annual services remembering those who were killed serving their country. Reporter Mark Johnson talks to two men who lived to tell their stories. "AFTER a few days we would get the fatal signal. We would have to do it all again. We would have to escort another conveyor taking oil or sugar back to Britain. When the alarm went we had to be in position in 60 seconds. It would not always work out, of course."

Those were the eerie words of Crosby resident Jared Whetnall, who served his country as a Royal Navy Lieutenant in World War Two. Sitting in the lounge of his Ennismore Road house, he tells his vivid wartime stories which are tinged with human tragedy. On January 17, 1944, the sinking of German **U-boat 305** was down to the attack of the destroyer **HMS Wanderer** and the frigate **HMS Glenarm**, in which Jared served.

The two ships were part of the escort group B1, homebound after having searched for German blockade-runners and at 1.55pm Wanderer sighted the U-boat on the surface and was sent to attack together with Glenarm.

The U-boat dived, but **Wanderer** picked up contact at 1,200 yards and dropped a five-charge pattern at 2pm and as that failed nine minutes later the destroyer carried out an unsuccessful Hedgehog- bomb attack. In a third attack **Wanderer** dropped ten depth charges with no apparent result. Following a hedgehog attack by **Glenarm** at 3.46pm the two ships carried out four more unsuccessful attacks with Jared firing Star Shell at it.

At 8.45pm good contact was established and 11 minutes later **Wanderer** carried out another Hedgehog attack, which resulted in a single underwater explosion 15 seconds after launching, believed to have indicated a direct hit on the target. The Admiralty graded the attack as "B - believed sunk", and according to Jared, "It went to the bottom".

He explained: "I spent virtually all my time in the Battle of the Atlantic. The war against the U-boats was a joint effort between the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy and the Royal Air Force. We needed the three and we couldn't manage with only two of them. All three were necessary." So for Mr Whetnall, 84, Remembrance Sunday is a time for him to inform our next generation about the fickleness of war as tomorrow he will be visit St Luke's school, in Crosby.

He said: "If children are told what war meant then they would realise that they would have to do something to keep the peace. We need to tell them. "About 20 years after the war, I was on a NATO exercise and I met a German who was in a U-boat. That was the tragedy of the whole thing because he was a nice man and very friendly. Thank God we have the European Union after all the suffering that has taken place. It is progressive. It has prevented another war between European nations."

Kustwacht operaties door Hr.Ms. Van Nes bij de bovenwinden.

Hr. Ms. Van Nes, het stationsschip van de Koninklijke Marine in de West, voert momenteel Kustwacht operaties uit nabij de Bovenwinden. Hierbij wordt het schip voor alle Kustwacht taken, zowel dienstverlenings- als handhavingstaken, ingezet. Om een goede invulling aan deze taakuitvoering te kunnen geven is een kustwacht boarding team van het steunpunt Sint Maarten geëmbarkeerd.



Vorige week heeft de **Van Nes** een zeilboot met motorproblemen geassisteerd en actief gezocht naar een vermiste duiker nabij Saba. Daarnaast worden, in het kader van de handhavingstaken, diverse vaartuigen onderzocht die van of naar de Sint Maarten, Saba of Statia varen. Bij de uitvoering van deze taken zijn op maandag 5 november 2 kleine bootjes aangehouden. Hierbij zijn 3 illegalen uit de Dominicaanse Republiek aangetroffen en overgedragen aan de Immigratiedienst.

Foto : Kon.Marine ©

In het weekend van 3 - 4 november heeft het schip een kort bezoek aan Sint Maarten gebracht. Tijdens dit bezoek werden de banden tussen Koninklijke Marine en de Holland Amerika Lijn aangehaald. De **Van Nes** en het gigantische cruiseschip de "**Noordam**" van de HAL lagen gebroederlijk naast elkaar afgemeerd. Opvarenden van beide schepen brachten over en weer een bezoek. Binnenkort zal **Van Nes** ook Saba en Statia bezoeken. **Foto : Simon Pollard ©**



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The museum-ship **ADVANCE** on Woodley's Slipway, North Sydney NSW for her regular 'haircut and shave'. The Attack Class fast patrol boat, **ADVANCE** was launched on August 16, 1967 by Walkers Ltd, Maryborough Qld (Yard #49) and commissioned the following year by the Royal Australian Navy. Decommissioned during February 1988, it was gifted to the Australian National Maritime Museum for active preservation.

Photo: Elaine M Todd ©

Another Damen Stan Tug 2208 for Trinidad & Tobago

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Damen will again deliver a Damen Stan Tug 2208 to Trinidad & Tobago in 2008. In June Allan R. Singh Contractors signed a contract for a Damen Stan Tug 2208 to be delivered in spring 2008.

Allan R. Singh Contractors is the first privately owned operator in Trinidad to decide for new building. Uptil now operators in Trinidad were only making use of second hand equipment.

This next Damen Stan Tug 2208 will be the third vessel of this design to be delivered to the Island after the earlier two deliveries to state-owned National Energy Corporation, the **NEC Pride** (May 2007) and **NEC Spirit** (July 2007).

MAERSK SEEKER LAUNCHED IN HEERHUGOWAARD



Cees Punt proudly announced that from an unknown shipyard in Heerhugowaard was launched the AHTS **MAERSK SEEKER** on the 14th of October 2007



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The **SERENADE OF THE SEAS** Visited Willemstad (Curacao)

Photo : Kees Bustraan ©

Deep Sea Supply sells and charters back again

John Fredriksen-controlled Deep Sea Supply is about to sell two AHTSs to Ship Finance International and bareboat charter the vessels back for 12 years at USD 41,500 per day the first two years and USD 27,500 per day for the last four years. The sale and leaseback transaction involves the two Anchor Handling Tug and Supply Vessels **Sea Leopard** and **Sea Bear** which were built at Kværner Kleven in Norway in 1998 and 1999. The sales price for the AHTS vessels will be USD 63 million each. Deep Sea Supply has currently a fleet of 15 offshore supply vessels in operation and a newbuilding program of another 16 vessels at shipyards in Norway, Singapore and India with expected deliveries in 2007–2009.

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The Barge **GT0283** during pipe-loading, Al Khafji Project, Saudi Arabia, transport by **CPC Singapore**
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Fort Lauderdale's Regent Cruise Line reported sold for \$1 billion

Fort Lauderdale-based Regent Seven Seas Cruises may have been the subject of a quiet takeover battle, according to at least one published report.

Spokesmen for Regent and its Minneapolis-based parent company declined comment on a posting at CFO.com that said Regent has been sold for \$1 billion to Apollo Management LP.

"I would be unable to comment on market speculation at this time," said Sam Macalus, corporate spokesman for Carlson Cos., a privately held Minnetonka, Minn., concern that owns a variety of travel brands, including the Radisson hotel chain and Carlson Wagonlit travel agencies.

CFO.com, which is part of the same company that publishes The Economist magazine, on Oct. 29 said that Apollo won an auction for Regent, beating out two other private equity firms.

"We generally, as a rule, do not comment on transactions we may or may not be involved in," said Steven Anreder, a spokesman for Apollo in New York.

Regent, which employs about 120 people at its headquarters in a Cypress Creek office park, operates four ships that carry between 330 and 700 passengers. It competes in the luxury end of the cruise market with lines such as Silversea Cruises, Seabourn Cruise Line and Crystal Cruises.

It has been controlled by Carlson Cos. since 1992. Apollo has been an active investor in the cruise industry. In August, it acquired a 50 percent interest in NCL Corp., the parent of Norwegian Cruise Line, for \$1 billion. It also owns a majority stake in Oceania Cruises, a three-ship firm based in Miami with a market profile similar to that of Regent.

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A month after Apollo made its investment in Oceania, the cruise line announced an agreement to build two new 1,260-passenger ships for delivery in 2010 and 2011.

Regent currently does not have any new ships on order.

One of the original private equity outfits, Apollo has invested \$16 billion since its inception in everything from the AMC cinema chain to Linens 'N' Things home accessories stores. **Source : South Florida Sun-Sentinel**



In Rotterdam-Waalhaven one of the coastal vessels was offloaded from the **Sainty No 5**

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The **DURA** arrived with coal at the river Clyde – **Photo : Tommy Bryceland -Scotland ©**



Arrival seen of the **Scarabeo 8** in Palermo.
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SBM Offshore krijgt miljard dollar aan orders

Toeleverancier aan de olie- en gasindustrie SBM Offshore heeft voor bijna een miljard dollar aan orders ontvangen. Dat heeft het bedrijf donderdag bekendgemaakt.

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Het bedrijf heeft een intentieverklaring getekend met de Canadese gasproducent EnCana voor de levering van een productiefaciliteit voor een gasproject voor de kust van Nova Scotia. Het zogeheten Deep Panuke-project van EnCana levert naar verwachting vanaf eind 2010 gas. SBM gaat ook logistieke diensten leveren aan EnCana. Daarvoor is een contract met een minimale looptijd van acht jaar getekend, met een optie de overeenkomst maximaal twaalf jaar te verlengen.

Verder is SBM met de Chinese Offshore Oil Engineering Company overeengekomen een hijskraan te ontwerpen en te beheren. De hijskraan, die gebruikt wordt om pijpen te leggen, moet in het eerste kwartaal van 2010 bij de Chinezen worden afgeleverd. Daarnaast heeft het bedrijf uit Schiedam "meerdere" orders gekregen voor het ontwerp en levering van onderdelen van boorplatformen en andere machines die bij olie- en gaswinning worden gebruikt. De totale waarde van de opdrachten is 950 miljoen dollar (647 miljoen euro).

MOVEMENTS



The **ZUIDERDAM** and **MAASDAM** seen together alongside in Roadtown Tortola, BVI
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The **ELEONORA MAERSK** seen departing from the ECT Delta terminal in Rotterdam-Europoort
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The DAMEN shipyards newbuilding **KARIN SCHEPERS**, which vessel was launched June 8th at the Damen Galati shipyard will be christened Sunday November 11th in the Port of Rotterdam, the vessel, one of the Damen Container Feeder 800 series, is arriving at Maaspilot station today (November 10th) at 17:00 hrs LT, as deckcargo the vessel is carrying 4 x Damen STU 1606's with the yard numbers 503101/02/03/04

LAWRENCE DALLI FROM MALTA REPORTS :

From today Saturday 10th @ 0700 - Tuesday 13th November the German Navy 212 Class Submarine **FGS U 18 S197** is visiting Valletta.

From Sunday 11th @ 0700 - Thursday 15th November the German Navy 206 Class Submarine **FGS U 33 S183** is visiting Valletta.

From Sunday 18th - Wednesday 21st November the Royal Navy Type 22 Class Batch 2 Frigate **HMS CHATHAM F87** is visiting Valletta.

From Monday 19th - Saturday 24th November three Frigates forming part of **SNMG 1 Squadron** to visit Valletta - US Navy Arleigh Burke Flight IIA Class Destroyer commissioned on 12th November 2005 **USS BAINBRIDGE DDG 96**; Canadian Navy Halifax Class frigate **HMCS TORONTO FFH 333** & Danish Navy Niels Juel Class Corvette **HDMS PETER TORDENSKIOLD F356**.

From Monday 19th - Friday 23rd November the German Navy Bremen Class Frigate **FGS RHEINLAND-PFALZ F209** is visiting Valletta.

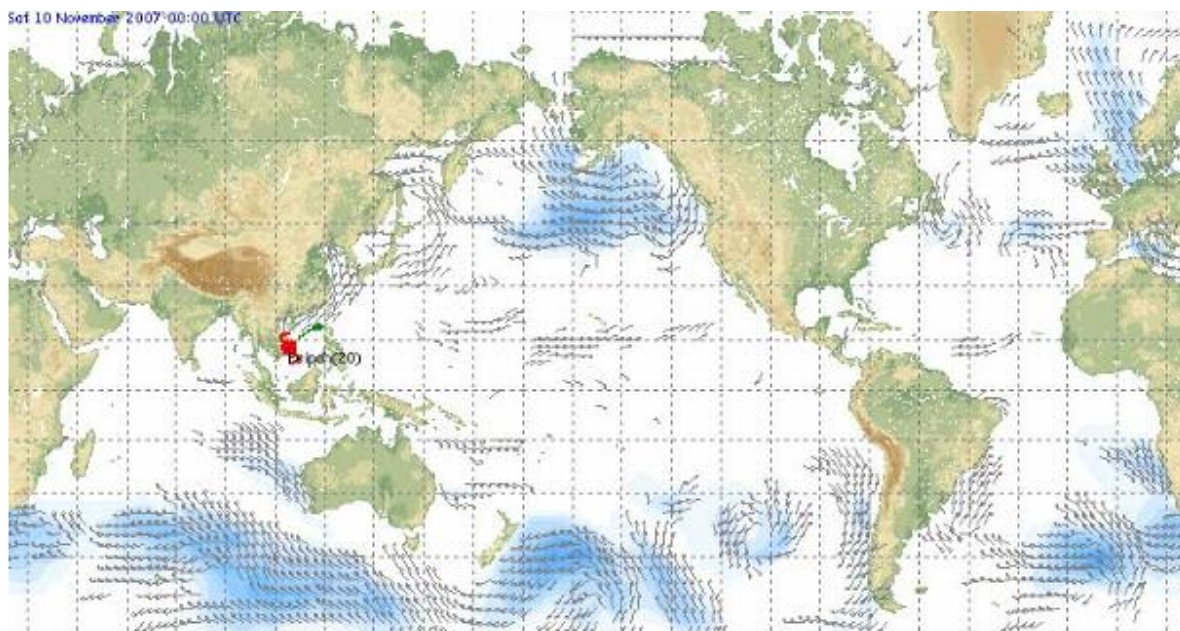
From Saturday 24th - Wednesday 28th November the US Navy Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer **USS CARNEY DDG 64** to visit Valletta.

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The **CFL PERFORMER** seen in Harlingen ready to depart for Canada

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