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**WALLENIUS car carrier seen entering Kuwait port, with on the left the Kuwait Petroleum Company head quarters**  
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## EVENTS, INCIDENTS & OPERATIONS



Above seen New Zealand's latest coastal tanker " **NYATHI** " arriving in Dunedin for the first time 28/11/07 .The name is to be changed to " **TOREA** " and the port of registry from London to Wellington. The vessel has a gross tonnage of 25400, deadweight of 37069 and was built in 2004. Interesting to note the funnel markings of Unicorn Tankships ,a shipping arm of Grindrod Ltd is South Africa's largest national shipowner its history goes back to the 1860's.

**Photo : Ross Walker ©**

## P&I club warns on CBP crackdown on crew changes

The UK P&I Club issued a loss prevention bulletin earlier this month warning members that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is getting tough on crew changes involving international crew.

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The bulletin notes that CBP has long expected that departing crew will leave the U.S. on the next available flight, but now the CBP's current directive is that off-signing crew must depart the country the same day they are signed off the ship. This applies unless there are unusual circumstances which warrant leniency.

Crew that do not depart/arrive the same day they leave/join the ship will subject owners/crew managers to a fine of US\$3,300 per crewmember.

"In the interest of safety and crew welfare, some operators are understood to have a policy of giving officers a night's rest in a hotel after flying before joining their ships. Such policies and actions will now result in fines being imposed," says the bulletin. "In cases where the arrival date of a ship is not certain, Members will find this regulation particularly unfair as it is normal practice to get crew to their joining ports in good time in order not to miss the ship."

The bulletin says it has been noticed that the number of fines issued nationwide by the CBP has increased. It has also been noticed that the CBP is now issuing fines for infractions which would have previously warranted no more than a warning. **Source : MarineLog**



Dockwise **YACHT EXPRESS** seen at Maaspilot station enroute Rotterdam-Waalhaven

**Photo : Piet Sinke ©**



## 'Booze cruise' goes wrong

People on a pleasure boat that capsized on a Pretoria dam on Wednesday afternoon were "really scared" and jumped overboard and started swimming when they realised something was wrong, said a passenger.

The man said it had been a "booze cruise". He said it had taken only minutes before the boat sank. He said: "Around 15:00 one of the passengers had realised something was wrong and called all the people on the boat, who then went to one side."

The man said he did not think there were enough lifejackets on the boat. "I could see only eight or 10," he said.

"I was not really scared but there were a lot of jokes who were really scared. Some jumped overboard and started swimming." Two boats - one crewed by a member of the public - came and helped ferry passengers off the sinking boat to the shore. Tshwane emergency services (EMS) spokesperson Johan Pieterse said one passenger had a serious leg laceration and was taken to hospital. Socks with blood on them - apparently from the man whose leg was lacerated



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by glass - were lying on the shore on Wednesday night. Another man who was on board the boat said that earlier some people, on boarding the boat, had complained that it was looking "shoddy".

Rescue divers had apparently finished searching the water at the northern end of the dam, about 40m from the dam wall, just before 19:00. A rescue dog was also on scene.

"On arrival... (EMS) found 42 people ashore and they were transported back to base. The others had already gone with their various other transport," he said. Pieterse said the people on board the two-levelled ferry - called the Pisces - were attending a function.

Pieterse said the Pisces capsized and overturned at about 14:45. "It looks like the boat went on to rocks and the water came in due to the weight of the people on the boat. It capsized. "It was quite a long distance from where it originally started." He said personnel had not treated any children. "When we arrived all we could see were grown ups," said Pieterse.

Netcare 911 spokesperson Nick Dollman said two people had been transported to hospital. One of them had cut himself on glass from the boat. The other - a paraplegic - lost a wheelchair when the boat capsized, he said. It was not immediately known what had caused the boat to capsize. Pieterse said the boat had been on the dam "for many years". He was not sure all safety regulation measures had been in place.

"We also heard that there was only one lifejacket on the boat, which is a huge concern for us," Pieterse said. By Wednesday evening only the drums on the underside of the boat were visible above the waterline.

An official from the Department of Water Affairs told media on the scene that they would be investigating the incident.

Source : News 24



The **E.R.ARENDAL** (ex. AEOLUS) seen in Abu Qir  
Photo : Jacob Versteeg ©

# Cambodia beefs up maritime security to fight terrorism

Cambodia has strengthened its maritime security to fight against terrorism, transnational crimes and improve its sea environment protection, said Prime Minister Hun Sen here yesterday. 'I used to be very concerned that my country can become a safe shelter for terrorists in maritime areas because we lacked the materials and techniques to safeguard the territory. Now, we have cooperation with our friends and partners to combat all those terrorists and cross-border criminals and improve our sea environment protection,' he told the Cambodia Maritime Security Seminar held in Phnom Penh city with the attendance of some 100 participants from Australia and Cambodia.

Cambodia is no more a safe place for terrorists, he added. Meanwhile, he said, the increase of military ships and the augmentation of Cambodia's maritime security are not a threat for the neighbouring countries.

The maritime security is improved to fight against drug trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism acts, cross-border crimes, pirates, oil leaking and ship accidents and to protect sea transportation, he said. **Source : Xinhua**



The German Icebreaker **POLARSTERN** seen off Cape Town  
**Photo : Jonathan Mapp ©**

## Shortsea groeide 10 procent

De Nederlandse overslag van shortseacontainers heeft in 2006 dubbele groei cijfers gehaald. De overslag steeg met 10 procent naar 38,6 miljoen ton. Dat heeft Voorlichtingsbureau Shortsea Shipping woensdag bekend gemaakt. De meeste lading in containers wordt vervoerd van en naar het Verenigd Koninkrijk (13 miljoen ton, 34 procent van het totaal). Andere belangrijke bestemmingen waren Ierland, Rusland, Spanje, Portugal en Duitsland. **Source : Nieuwsblad Transport**



Dockwise Yacht transport's **YACHT EXPRESS** seen arriving in Rotterdam Waalhaven after the completion of her maiden voyage from Nantong (China) with onboard some inland water lighters, after discharging the **YACHT EXPRESS** will proceed to Genoa to load her first yachts for a cross Atlantic transportation to Port Everglades.

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## CASUALTY REPORTING



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## Panama ship, Chinese fishing boats sink after typhoons

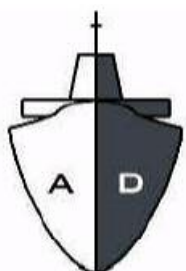
A Panama-registered cargo ship and two Chinese fishing boats sank in rough seas off Taiwan and the Philippines as two typhoons hit the area, leaving 42 people missing, officials said.

Taiwan's coast guard rescued one man after it received the cargo ship's call for help on Tuesday before it sank off the northeastern tip of Taiwan as Typhoon Mitag struck, an official said. **Source : Reuters**

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The Pakistan Navy inducted into its fleet the first “multi-role tactical platform 33” at a ceremony at the PN Dockyard on Monday. The attack craft **PNS Zarrar** has been acquired from Turkey and is planned to be fitted with guns and missiles needed for its role in coastal defence and offensive operations.

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Mohammad Afzal Tahir, who was chief guest at the commissioning ceremony, said: “It is a moment of rejoice and pride for the nation in general and Pakistan Navy in particular.”

He said this potent platform equipped with an advanced weapon system would strengthen the PN’s defence capabilities. He observed that the security situation in the region remained unpredictable and “we cannot afford to lower our guard.” **Source : PPI**



The Indonesian frigate **366 HASANUDDIN** seen at the Westerscheldt River passing Flushing  
**Photo : Jan Daniels ©**

## Ship of friendship

The arrival of the Chinese People's Liberation Army's Luhai-class missile destroyer **Shenzhen** at Harumi wharf near downtown Tokyo yesterday is a positive addition to the military exchange between China and Japan.

This is the first Chinese warship to have visited Japan since the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949.

The warship's voyage from Zhanjiang in South China to Harumi is not far but extraordinary. It heralds a new stage of the defense exchange between the two countries.

During Defense Minister Cao Gangchuan's visit to Japan in August, the two countries reached consensus on expanding military exchanges. The noticeable achievements included the decision to negotiate a military hotline to ease tensions and react to potential crisis, exchange visits by high-ranking defense officials, port calls by warships, and observation of military exercises.

Rear Admiral Xiao Xinnian, deputy commander of the South China Sea Fleet, is commanding the Chinese warship and is expected to meet with officials from Japan's Defense Ministry, Foreign Ministry and Maritime Self-Defense Force.

Staying at Harumi for four days, the warship is open to the public. A military band on board will give an open air performance in downtown Tokyo.



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The trip will enable naval officers and soldiers to talk face-to-face with their Japanese counterparts. This is important for the two countries, especially the armies, to build trust and confidence.

In a sense, **Shenzhen's** visit to Japan is another significant step in the bilateral relations.

Two important countries that carry weight in Asia, China and Japan should move their relations to a healthier and more stable level. The Chinese warship's Japan visit, which was an out-of-bounds area for a long time, is of great significance to the mutually beneficial strategic relationship.

The bilateral relations still need care from Chinese and Japanese leaders as they are not free from discords.

During his Japan trip, Cao proposed that the defense exchanges between the two neighbors be put on a strategic level as they help build mutual trust and long-term friendship. Shenzhen's visit to Japan is supposed to start the confidence-building process and raise expectations. It is an encouraging sign. **Source : China Daily**

## IHC Merwede confirms Boskalis deal

IHC Merwede shipyard in The Netherlands has confirmed that Dutch dredging concern Royal Boskalis Westminster has placed orders for the construction of two innovative 12,000m<sup>3</sup> trailing suction hopper dredgers with the company.

The dredgers will be completed at the end of 2009 and second quarter of 2011.

With these orders included the present value of the work in progress at IHC Merwede is approximately 1.4 billion Euros. The dredgers have an overall length of 137m and will be equipped with one single suction tube each.

The new ships stand out because of the use of innovative technologies. They will have two separate hoppers, allowing for the optimal use of their capacity in all circumstances, including shallow waters.

In addition, the pumping capacity on the vessels is high, allowing them to pump large volumes over longer distances. This means that they can be used in a wide range of projects throughout the world, for both large-scale land reclamation and the construction of ports and waterways. **Source : Dredging online**

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At the Schelde Shipyard in Flushing the Indonesian Frigate **367 SULTAN ISKANDAR MUDA** was towed out of the building dock for out-fitting along the quay

Photo : Willem Kruit ©

## Guangzhou Shipyard links up with DNV for heavy lift job

Guangzhou Shipyard International (GSI) has selected DNV to class a pair of innovative large semi-submersible heavy lift newbuildings. The 50,000 dwt vessels are purpose-designed and built for the leading Chinese shipowner COSCO's newbuilding programme.

Based on a close and constructive corporation between DNV and the Chinese class society, the vessels are dual class – DNV and CCS.

"Several years ago, we worked with DNV on two smaller 18,000 dwt vessels for Cosco Shipping Ltd (COSL). These new vessels are much larger and more complex. The owner worked with DNV on the earlier vessels, which have done very well in the market since delivery, so the owner specifically requested to work with DNV again on this project," said Su Wei, the general manager of GSI's Marine Research Institute.

Ms Su explained that the ships have a redundant propulsion system (DNV RPS notation) and have also been built in accordance with very specific stability calculations, particularly relating to submersion for loading.

Mr Ying Hui, the head of the DNV Hull Section in Shanghai said: "The submersion system works to a depth of 26m, which is extremely deep, so the submersion concept using compressed air is like a submarine."

Mr Ying added that he was pleased to be working with GSI on a second set of vessels following the delivery of the open-deck sister vessels Tai An Kou and Kang Sheng Kou to DNV class in 2002 and 2003.

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The two 50,000 dwt vessels will be delivered in the second half of 2010. These purpose-built heavy lift vessels have a large open cargo deck measuring 177m x 43m and are capable of transporting the largest semi-submersible and jack-up rigs currently in the market.

The vessels are highly versatile and can handle a wide range of cargoes such as offshore structures, drilling rigs, topsides, jackets, FPU's, FPSO's, barges and other floating and non-floating structures. In addition to these two vessels, DNV is responsible for classing another sixty ships, all MR tankers, in the GSI order book. **Source : Offshore Shipping online**



Pilot tender **APOLLO** seen after delivery of some pilots onboard the SWATH **PERSEUS** at Maas Pilot station  
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The " **Seven Seas Mariner** " arriving Port Chalmers , New Zealand on the 28/11/07 for a one only visit for this summer season. The tug in the for ground is Port Otago's tug " **Otago** " standing by.

Photo : Ross Walker ©

## Novorossiisk oil port reopens-shipping

Russia's largest Black Sea port, Novorossiisk, has reopened after being closed for two days because of high winds and strong sea swells, a shipping agent said on Thursday. "It was reopened at 0600 local time (0300 GMT)," the agent said, adding that loading of oil tankers had resumed. The port was closed on Tuesday.

Operations at the port are often disrupted by bad weather, delaying oil shipments. Source : **Indiatimes**

## SNELLIUS WORDT CRUISESCHIP



Photo: Jan Steehouwer ©



Het voormalige hydrografische opnemingsvaartuig **SNELLIUS** wordt op een werf in Livorno omgebouwd tot cruiseliner. Het in 1949 gebouwde schip, eigendom van Henk de Bloeme uit Zeeland, was in beheer bij de stichting Vrienden van de Koninklijke Marine. Deze stichting had echter geen geschikte ligplaats meer en de beoogde restauratie werd, mede door de aanwezigheid van asbest, te kostbaar. Vrijdag werd het 71 meter lange schip de haven van Oudeschild binnengesleept, waar in het dok de inlaten worden dichtgelast. In de loop van de week wordt het schip zeeklaar gemaakt voor de (gesleepte) overtocht naar Italië. De nog geheel geklonken **SNELLIUS**, in actieve dienst van 1952 tot 1977, zal door de nieuwe eigenaar, een Italiaanse miljonair, worden omgebouwd tot cruiseschip voor de jetset. **Bron: Texelse Courant**

## Port Botany contractors named

NineMSN reports that a joint venture between Baulderstone Hornibrook and Jan de Nul has been named as the contractor for the A\$1 billion expansion of Port Botany, in New South Wales, Australia, according to a recent announcement by New South Wales' Premier Morris Iemma.

The 60 hectare expansion of Port Botany, in Sydney's south, will begin next year, with the first berth scheduled to be ready by 2012, said the report.

Trade through Port Botany was worth more than A\$40 billion last year, and this figure was expected to double over the next two decades. The port currently handles a third of Australia's container traffic.

"Port Botany expansion is set to deliver 9,000 jobs to NSW and boost the state's economy by A\$16 billion during the next two decades," Mr Iemma told reporters. **Source : Dredging online**



The **IRAN NUWAYZEH** seen in Rotterdam-Caland Canal

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## BV GRABS LION'S SHARE OF BULKER NEWBUILDS

FRENCH classification society Bureau Veritas says that more than 45 per cent of all handymax ships ordered worldwide from January to July this year were to BV class. It adds that of the 271 newbuilding bulk carriers on BV's books in July, no fewer than 230 were building at Chinese yards. BV puts this down to close co-operation with Chinese design companies and shipyards.

At the end of October 2007, BV new orders in China this year had reached 898 ships totalling 11m gt, bringing the total Chinese BV orderbook to 1,064 ships (13m gt).

BV says it has established a successful relationship with leading Chinese shipyards and designers, with whom it has worked closely on orders for large numbers of bulk carriers building under the Common Structural Rules, the development of which BV claims a leading role. **Source : Maritime Global Net**

## Port of Tauranga wins grain store

Plans have been unveiled for a big grain store at the Port of Tauranga, New Zealand's key entry point for grain and protein imports.

Australian company, ABB Grain Limited has committed to a 35 year lease with the port company and will construct an 8,000 square metre bulk storage facility that will be able to store more than 30,000 tonnes of grain and protein product.

Port Chief Executive Mark Cairns has welcomed the firm's commitment to Tauranga. He says the facility will enable ABB Grain to distribute product into the Auckland market due to the port's road and rail links. **Source tvnz.co.nz**



Above seen in Singapore the sheerleg **Asian Hercules II** loading new top quality **Green Pin® Sling shackles**  
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## Rolls-Royce wins \$42 million Chinese order

Rolls-Royce is to provide steering gear and deck machinery worth \$42 million to Chinese shipbuilder Sinopacific.

Bjorn Johnsen, Rolls-Royce Vice President Sales and Marketing (Greater China) - Marine said: "This order takes us to a record in China this year, with contracts for more than 700 ship sets of steering gear and up to 300 ship sets of deck machinery. The Chinese market is now the biggest global market for Rolls-Royce for commercial merchant ships."

John Jin, Sinopacific Director and Vice-President, said: "This extensive contract is a result of Sinopacific's wish to work with fewer and stronger companies able to offer quick and reliable service. Rolls-Royce is a world leader in design, development, supply and service."

The contract covers 34,000--118,000 dwt bulk carriers and 16,500 cubic meter capacity liquid petroleum gas vessels. The first equipment will be delivered in the first half of 2009.

Sinopacific shipbuilding group comprises five shipyards and two design companies. **Source : MarineLog**

## **A.P.Moller-Maersk Group: Financial Results for 9 Months 2007**

According to the press-service A.P. Moller-Maersk, in January-September of the current year the revenue of the company totalled \$36,270 mn against \$32, 000 mn in the last year same period.

The profit before tax totalled \$6,212 mn (against \$4,699 mn in 2006). In the named period the net profit of the company increased by 37% and amounted to \$2,600 mn (in January-September 2006 - \$1894).

It is expected that by the end 2007 the revenue of A.P. Moller-Maersk will total \$50 bn, the net profit - \$0.1 bn.

**Source : SeaNews**



The **FAIRPLAY 28** seen in Rotterdam-Europoort

**Photo : Jacco van Nieuwenhuyzen ©**

## Cargotec to Convert RoRos

Cargotec's MacGREGOR has received an order for conversion of car decks in six RoRo vessels. The conversion will take place during 2010 - 2012 and the value of the order exceeds \$14.8m. The vessels which will be delivered for Finnish shipowner Finnlines will be built in Jinling shipyard in China. After the vessels have been built, MacGREGOR will install on each vessel about 5,500m<sup>2</sup> of car decks designed and manufactured by MacGREGOR. The converted car decks and access ramps will be electrically operated. Electric drives offer many advantages to the shipowners and shipbuilders compared with hydraulic versions. The main advantages are that there is no risk of hydraulic oil leakages, there is no need to fit hydraulic pipework on board, electric drives are easy to monitor and maintain, and they offer energy savings. **Source : MarineLink**

## Louis, Carnival, MSC Cruises plan joint bid

Louis Ltd, the largest publicly traded cruise line and hotel operator in Cyprus and Greece, Carnival Corp and MSC Cruises plan a joint bid to lease a terminal and cruise-ship pier in the French port of Marseille.

Louis is "cooperating" with Carnival unit Costa Crociere and MSC Cruises, the company said in a statement to the Cypriot stock exchange today. Carnival is the world's biggest cruise operator. Marseille has become "one of the most significant cruise centers" in the region and will expand further, Nicosia-based Louis said. Louis, Costa Crociere and other companies are also bidding to develop the port and marina of Larnaca, Cyprus, the statement said.

**Source : Bloomberg**



The **CITY OF LONDON** seen departing from Rotterdam-Europoort

**Photo : Fred Vloo ©**

## Chesapeake Firm to Recycle Ships

Two government ships, currently moored at a shipyard near Baltimore, Md., will be recycled at the Bay Bridge Enterprises facility in Chesapeake, Va., under the terms of contracts announced today by the Maritime Administration. Both are World War II-era ships, formerly anchored in the James River Reserve Fleet in Newport News, Va. Bay Bridge will receive \$95,000 to dismantle the Hoist, and \$695,000 to dismantle the Sphinx. Both ships were originally awarded to North American Ship Recycling, Inc. Those contracts were terminated by the Maritime Administration after notification by North American Ship Recycling, Inc. that the company had terminated all operations at the Sparrows Point Shipyard.

The **Hoist**, a Navy rescue and salvage ship built in 1945, served with distinction for 49 years, and entered the James River Reserve Fleet in 1994. In 1964 and again in 1966, it participated in significant undersea searches: first for the lost attack submarine **USS Thresher** and later for the recovery of a hydrogen bomb lost off Palomares, Spain, after the crash of a B-52 bomber. The latter events were depicted in the 2000 motion picture Men of Honor. The **Sphinx**

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was originally built in 1944 as a tank landing ship, but was converted into a landing craft repair ship in 1945. The **Sphinx** had a long career in the Navy, earning 10 battle stars- two in the Korean conflict, and eight in Vietnam - before being placed in the James River Reserve Fleet in 1989.

The Maritime Administration keeps ships in three National Defense Reserve Fleet sites to support Armed Forces movements and to respond to national emergencies. Those sites are the James River Reserve Fleet in Newport News, Va., Beaumont Reserve Fleet in Beaumont, Texas, and Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet in Benicia, Calif. When the ships become obsolete, the Maritime Administration arranges for their disposition in an environmentally-sensitive manner.

## MOVEMENTS



The **EVANTHIA** seen in Santos (Brazil)  
Photo : Bruno Pricoli ©

## AIRCRAFT / AIRPORT NEWS

### 18,9 kilo cocaïne gesmokkeld in bagage onwetende EU-ambtenaar

Op de luchthaven Brussels Airport heeft de federale politie zondag een rugzak ontdekt met 18,9 kilogram cocaïne. De tas was eigendom van een Litouwse EU-ambtenaar maar die man bleek met de drugs niets te maken te hebben. Dat meldt de federale politie.

De ambtenaar was zondag 25 november teruggekomen vanuit de Colombiaanse hoofdstad Bogota, via Caracas (Venezuela) en Frankfurt. Toen hij aankwam in Brussels Airport, vond hij zijn bagage niet terug en verwittigde hij het bagageafhandelingsbedrijf. Bij nazicht bleek dat er van de betrokken vlucht nog één stuk overbleef, een rode rugzak met het naametiket van de ambtenaar.

In die tas zaten 18 pakken cocaïne met een afbeelding van het Vrijheidsbeeld op. Alles tezamen wogen de drugs 18,905 kilogram. Het onderzoek naar de smokkelaars is nog aan de gang. **Source : belga/dm**

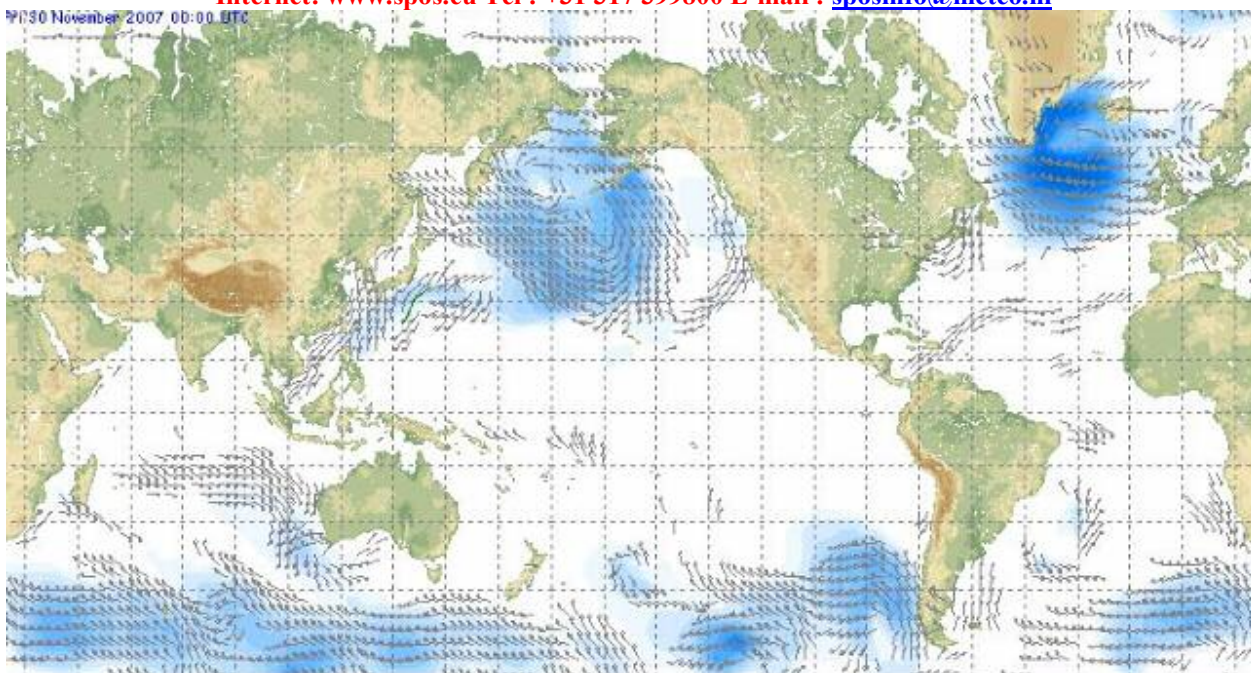


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