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CHRISTMAS *** COLLECTION OF MARITIME PRESS CLIPPINGS *** SPECIAL

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FOR ALL READERS ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE**



*Master and crew of the **SEAWAY** wishing all readers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year*



**Namens de NVKK Prettige Kerstdagen
& een voortvarend 2008**

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Pierre-Alfred Caille wishes all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2008



To all my long lost friends near and far where ever you may be in the world I wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and all the very best for 2008.

ps. This is yesterdays photo taken by my friend Laura at the **Mount Cook National Park** about 2 hours drive from my home town Timaru. Come and see it all for yourself it's so wonderful !!!
SIMON BROWN – New Zealand

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*The safety department of the **THIALF** wishing you a Merry Christmas*



***Capt Willem Harlaar**, master of the tug **ARION** wishes everybody Merry Christmas and a happy new year*

Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year



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HAL's Zuiderdam Deck Department wishes you Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2008



Beste wensen van de **Technische Afdeling** van het **Sleepbedrijf** van het **Gemeentelijk Havenbedrijf Antwerpen**



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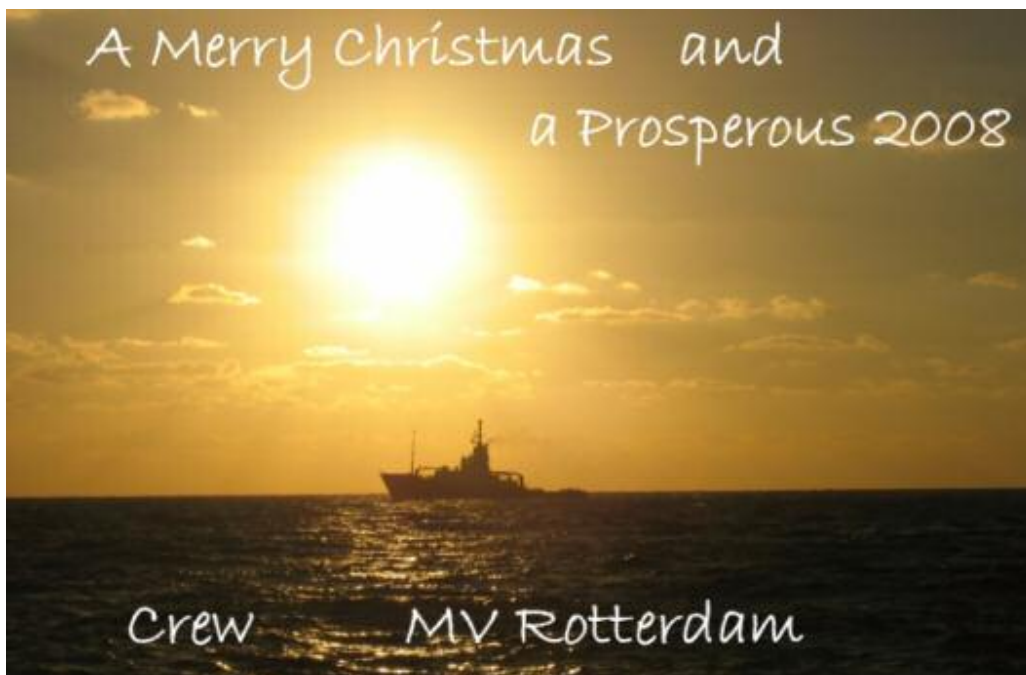


Ton Grootenboer wishes everybody a **Merry Christmas and a Happy 2008**



Maritime photographer **Jan van de Witte** wishes all readers **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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Capt. Peter Heerema and his crew onboard Svitzer's **ROTTERDAM** wishing everybody a **Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2008**

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Henk van der Heijden wishes everybody **Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2008**



Capt. Albert Kappers and the crew onboard the **REGGEBORG** wishing all readers a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New year**

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It was a blustery day in late November
When in northern Michigan they set sail
Their enormous cargo was very important
Anticipated more than the Christmas mail
Three hundred miles to the southward
In the bustling, frigid, city of Chicago
An eager, wide-eyed boy and his mother
Waited out on the wooden dock in the cold
They were anxiously awaiting the arrival
Of the wooden schooner, the *Rouse Simmons*
They eagerly awaited the unloading of its cargo
So their joyous Christmas could officially begin
The old schooner was very heavily weighted down
With over 5,000 freshly cut Michigan Christmas trees
And this very wide-eyed child in the old city of Chicago
Held his widowed mother's hand on the old dock with glee
But a fierce, frigid, winter gale storm soon began a blowing
And a deadly snowstorm whipped the waters of Lake Michigan
The wind and the waves eventually sank the old Christmas Tree Ship
And its eighteen brave crew members tragically went to their watery end
Christmas that wretched year in Chicago
Was a very sad and bitterly cold Holiday
Especially for that young boy on the dock
Who was now much too forlorn to play
But every year in November, out on turbulent Lake Michigan
The old Christmas Tree Ship, *Rouse Simmons*, can still be seen
It heroic dead sailors still plying its gigantic wave-riddled waters
Still desperately trying to deliver their cargo so precious and green

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From Lyttleton, New Zealand, **Alan Calvert** is wishing all readers of the newscippings a very **Merry Christmas and all the best for 2008.**

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HAL's **WESTERDAM** engineroom department wishing you a **Merry Christmas**.



Cruise director **Adam & the entertainment team** onboard the **PACIFIC STAR** wishing all readers Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year

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