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**Above seen the former 1974 built Dutch pilot cutter FOMALHAUT, renamed PRINCESS LAYA during 1994, ELANYMORE during 1999 and now converted as the super yacht AKULA floated at Dock 2, Malta Shipyards on Wednesday 27th January, 2010.**

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## Tussenstop op Bonaire



**Hr.Ms. Pelikaan** is Zondagochtend om zeven uur aangekomen op Bonaire. Het noodhulpdetachement van Defensie maakte deze tussenstop om met elkaar te kunnen terugblikken op de inzet in Haïti, alvorens de militairen morgen weer terugkeren naar de thuisbasis op Aruba en Curaçao.

**Photo : Henk Ram ©**

De Commandant Zeemacht in het Caraïbisch Gebied, commandeur

Peter Lenselink, verwelkomde de uitgezonden militairen en sprak van een zeer geslaagde missie. "U heeft in Haïti geweldig werk verricht en getoond militaire professionals te zijn. U kunt trots zijn op u zelf en wij zijn trots op u."

Op Bonaire doorliepen de militairen een adaptatieprogramma waarvoor een adaptatieteam uit Nederland is ingevlogen die in kleine groepen gesprekken met hen voerde. En natuurlijk was er ook tijd voor ontspanning.

Na een intensieve en indrukwekkende hulpoperatie van elf dagen vertrok **Hr.Ms. Pelikaan** - met aan boord vijftien bemanningsleden, 45 mariniers van de 32ste infanteriecompagnie van het Korps Mariniers uit Aruba, de bootgroep Aruba, zes militairen van de Arubaanse Militie en twee medewerkers van de Koninklijke Marechaussee - afgelopen donderdag uit Port-Au-Prince. De **Pelikaan** is gisterenmorgen wederom terug gekeerd in Willemstad (Curaçao).



The **REECON WOLF** seen passing the Botlek Bridge in Rotterdam - Photo : Marijn van Hoorn ©

## Charcoal Smuggling Ship Burns Out In Mogadishu

MV **AL MAJAN** started burning Friday and went under Sunday inside Somalia's main port. A cargo ship smuggling illegal charcoal from Kisimayo to Oman has caught fire, burned out and went partly under.

Reports say that ship had taken illegally charcoal from Kisimayo the southern port of Somalia under the control Somali fundamental Islamists of and had entered Friday Somalia's largest port, the Mogadishu seaport, for a stopover.

"Yes, well. I can see it. Oh! Oh! It is blazing really. I am near the seaport of Mogadishu. It is carrying charcoal. No I do not know what country it is from. People were saying it was from Oman, but unfortunately set on fire. I don't know what caused the burning," one witnesses who was around the seaport told Shabelle radio. 'The ship docked while it was partly burning and we don't think that it can be salvaged from the burning, and here in the seaport we don't have standard equipment to fight the fire' said Engineer Abdi Jinow Alasow the manager of Mogadishu seaport speaking to Somaliweyn Website on Saturday. The captain of the ship has added that it was not in his route to reach Mogadishu seaport, but thought that they can help him extinguish the fire, and thinks that things will end up in vain.

It was just last year when such a cargo ship carrying charcoal, which is strictly banned from being exported from Somalia, went on fire at the seaport of Mogadishu. Back then the fire was lastly put out by the African Union troops AMISOM who are controlling the port of the capital. Since years environmental organizations like ECOTERRA Intl. have demanded from Sultan Qabous, the ruler of the Sultanate of Oman, who otherwise is know for his green policies, and other heads of the Gulf states that the illegal import of charcoal from Somalia also must be stopped from the side of those states which allow the import.

There is no comment from officials of the transitional government and AMSIOM who are managing the port. The Somali seaports have only limited equipment to stop any such fires on a vessel. **Source : Ecoterra**

## Danish passenger of cruise liner hospitalised



A Danish passenger of a cruise liner, which called at the Cochin Port Sunday morning, has been admitted to a private hospital here following breathing problem. Joern Heide (75) of Denmark, diagnosed to be suffering from pulmonary edema as well as some cardiac problem, has been put on ventilator support, hospital sources told PTI.

His condition was "a little serious", they said, adding Heide's wife Jorgen Sen was with him. The liner, "**Queen Mary 2**", coming from Dubai reached Kochi around 6.45 AM with around 2,500 tourists and around 1,250 crew, port sources said. Later Sunday evening, the ship left for Thailand, the sources added.

## **28 ice-drifting fishermen rescued in the Gulf of Finland**

Employees of the Northwest Regional Center (NWRC) of Emergency Ministry on Sunday, January 31, rescued 28 fishermen in two districts of the Leningrad region. The emergency teams used hovercrafts to rescue the people were blown offshore on the ice in the Gulf, Novosti RIA reports.

Emergency Ministry officers have warned those engaged in ice fishing that it is currently too dangerous.

Source : Port News

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## **Taiwan Navy maintains unidentified object not a Chinese submarine**

The Navy said Monday the unidentified object spotted under water near its top base last week was not a Chinese submarine or a sea mammal. A newspaper reported Sunday that an anti-submarine helicopter found a submarine within Taiwanese territorial waters near the naval base of Tsoying during military maneuvers on January 27. As soon as the Navy called on the submarine to identify itself, it fled out of the area without responding, leading to suspicions it came from China, the reports said.

The Navy denied the report, saying sonar showed up an unidentified object which could not have been a submarine.

On Monday, 168th Fleet Commander Lee Tung-fang said the object did not dive rapidly to escape detection, but continued on its course at a speed of 2 nautical miles an hour. The data told the Navy that there were no submarines, whales or dolphins involved, Lee said.

The 168th fleet had originally been patrolling off Taiwan's east coast, but was called to the area off Kaohsiung's Tsoying base to participate in anti-submarine drills, he said.

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The area in the Taiwan Straits was difficult terrain for finding submarines, the senior officer told reporters. His unit had previous experience with locating underwater objects inside Taiwanese territorial waters which later turned up not to be submarines, according to Lee.

Over the past few years, Chinese spy ships have often appeared around Taiwanese waters. Taipei has requested to buy diesel-electric submarines from the United States, but they were not included in a US\$6.4 billion weapons package for Taiwan announced by the Obama Administration last Friday. **Source : Taiwan News**



OCEANCO's latest newbuilding (Yard number 705) is named **SUNRAYS** seen above during trials off Hoek van Holland  
**Photo : Fred Vloo ©**

### Sea Star crew strike over, protesters satisfied

Odessa based MGK-Transforward, the **Sea Star** motor vessel owner, has completely paid out the crew \$70.000 of three-month wage. The delay had triggered previously a hanger strike announced at the port of Nakhodka, where the Ukrainian fishermen were stuck unable to get back home, Interfax agency reported citing Nikolai Sukhanov, chairman of the Far East branch of Seafarers Union.

"As of now, all the 13 crew members have been replaced by a new team. Tomorrow the people are going back to Ukraine. The owner has provided the sailors air tickets ", said Nikolai Sukhanov.

He also noted that the coal laden vessel has been berthed at a second dock. After the ship is checked it will set sail.  
**Source : PortNews**

### World container fleet continues to pile on tonnage

ISRAELI carrier Zim Integrated Shipping Services is expected to deploy its 8,440-TEU newbuilding, the Zim Ningbo, which is the second of four sister ships ordered from Hyundai-Samho in 2006 on the transpacific loop PNK that it jointly operates with Grand Alliance carriers. The extra ship is being assigned to the PNK service to "slow down" this loop "and yet maintain the weekly sailing frequency," reports AXS-Alphaliner News, which notes the Zim Ningbo follows the **Zim Los Angeles** delivered in July last year.

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It said the Schulte Group will take delivery of the first of two 4,600-TEU box ships built at the DSME shipyard (Daewoo). The vessel, the **Bernhard Schulte**, is on a long-term charter to Hamburg Sud, who will operate the containership under the name of **Cap Ines**. She is expected to join the Asia-West Coast South America service Sling 1 that is jointly provided by Hamburg Sud and CCNI, with MSC and MOL as co-loaders.

"Hamburg Sud is to receive four ships in this series, two of which chartered (including the **Cap Ines**) and two owned. Four ships in this Daewoo series have been already delivered in 2009 to Norddeutsche Reederei, three of which chartered by "K" Line and one by MISC Bhd," said Alphaliner.

German shipowner Oltmann Schiffahrt has taken delivery of the **JPO Taurus**, the second of six 4,178-TEU vessels ordered in 2006 from CSBC (Taiwan) by Peter Doehle, Hammonia Reederei and JP Oltmann. The report said that **JPO Taurus** has been chartered by UASC, which has changed her name to **UASC Ajman** and assigned her to its Far East-Middle East (AGX) service.

In addition, German shipowner Schiffahrtskontor Warnow has taken delivery of the **Warnow Mate**, the sixth ship in a new series of 1,500-TEU box ships built in China by the Ouhua Shipyard in Zhejiang province. MCC Transport, the intra-Asia arm of the APM-Maersk Group, has chartered the vessel, for deployment on MCC's service that links Taiwan, South China and South East Asia (IA-7). She is said to replace the 1,732-TEU **William Strait**. Source : Schednet

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## Man geëvacueerd van megajacht



Zondag 30 januari 2010 werd de Hoekse KNRM bemanning om 10.55 uur gealarmeerd voor het afhalen van een patiënt. Het ging om een Ierse opvarende die bloed opgaf tijdens het proefvaren voor de kust. De man werkte aan boord van een megajacht, een **Oceanco Y 705 (SUNRAYS)** met een lengte van 85 meter afkomstig van de werf uit Alblasserdam.

Om 10.05 uur voer de KNRM reddingboot **Jeanine Parqui** de Berghaven uit naar het Beerkanaal waar het jacht inmiddels naartoe is gevaren. In dit rustige vaarwater was het nog even zoeken voor een geschikte overname plaats. Nadat deze was gevonden kwam de 29-jarige Ier samen met een begeleidster om 11.20 uur aan boord van de KNRM reddingboot **Jeanine Parqui**.

Onderweg naar de Berghaven zag de Ierse patiënt er "goed" uit en was goed aanspreekbaar. Om 11.30 uur gearriveerd in de Berghaven was het even wachten op een taxi. Deze heeft de man voor verder medisch onderzoek naar Rotterdam gebracht.

## A Ship with Bulgarian Sailors Becomes Pirates' Fortress

The Somali pirates have escorted **Asian Glory** in open waters because of lack of food and water supplies

The Somali pirates have escorted the hijacked a month ago ship **Asian Glory** with eight Bulgarian soldiers onboard in open waters, Russian news agency Novosti reported yesterday.

According to a Russian news agency, the pirates might have decided to use the English vessel as a sailing fortress, from which they could raid other ships. Alternatively, the hijackers might have escorted their "prize" off shore, because they had been informed that it had been targeted by another gang. Although the negotiations with the pirate clans are quite rough, the ship operator hopes that they'll reach a favourable outcome.

English-flagged **St. James's Park** ship with five Bulgarian sailors onboard was hijacked just three days after Christmas, last year. **Source : standartnews.com**



Above seen Holland America Line's flagship ms **Rotterdam** anchored at Bora Bora on January 24 , 2010 during her 33 day Hawaii - South Pacific Cruise.

**Photo : Binu ©**

## Seaman disobeyed order over rescue

A NAVY seaman has told how he disregarded an order to take a rescue vessel away from an asylum seeker's boat that was ablaze after an explosion. Leading Seaman Paul Hetherington said people were still on the burning boat when he received the order over the radio from HMAS Childers, which was nearby. "They needed rescuing - we were there," Leading Seaman Hetherington told the Northern Territory Coroner, Greg Cavanagh, yesterday.

Leading Seaman Hetherington said navy personnel on his vessel pulled 10 to 12 asylum seekers from the water after going to within a metre of the burning boat, which is known as SIEV36. Mr Cavanagh is holding an inquest into the deaths of five Afghan men after the explosion on the boat that was carrying 49 passengers and crew near Ashmore Reef last April. Leading Seaman Hetherington said that after survivors were transferred to **HMAS Albany**, which was also near the scene, three asylum seekers who had been belligerent and labelled a "high threat" were put under armed guard. When the inquest resumed yesterday, Mr Cavanagh criticised an opinion article in the published on Saturday which said the inquest had the hallmarks of a witch-hunt. Mr Cavanagh said he was obliged by law to hold the inquest into deaths of people who were in detention. **Source : Gary Luxton**



## CASUALTY REPORTING



### Russian fishing vessel sank in Japan sea

Russian fishing vessel **Hosei Maru** sank in Japan sea 12 miles west off Krilyon Point, Sakhalin Island, in rough sea, sea 3-4 meters, wind 18 meters/sec. 8 crew went to liferaft and was saved by another Russian fishing vessel **Ko Maru**, all safe and disembarked in Morzh Bay, Aniva Gulf, Sakhalin.

**Ko Maru** IMO 8630459 Flag Russia Fishing build 1984 DWT 79 Atlantika Co. Ltd Sakhalin  
No data on **Hosei Maru**, most probably in Russian spelling name given with mistake.

### 33 feared drowned in Indonesia boat sinking

Thirty-three people including 25 Chinese nationals are feared to have drowned after their speed boat sank in heavy seas off eastern Indonesia last week, police said Monday. Maluku province police spokesman John Huwae said the 12-metre (40-foot) long vessel was travelling from Aru to Tual islands when it sank on Thursday due to bad weather. "One Chinese passenger was found alive and an Indonesian crew member was found dead," he told AFP, adding that the search for any survivors continued. The boat's skipper had ignored warnings from the meteorological office about bad weather, he said. Indonesia's 234 million people are spread across 17,000 islands and are heavily dependent on a network of ships and boats, which have a poor safety record. Up to 335 people were killed when a heavily overloaded ferry sank off Sulawesi island in January last year. In December 2006 a ferry went down in a storm off the coast of Java, killing more than 500 people.

### DPP calls on government to strive to obtain submarine and F16

Democratic Progressive Party Spokesman Tsai Chi-chang Monday called on the government to continue the effort to include F16C/D and submarine into the newly weapon sales promised by the US government, according to news report. "Ma Administration should be cautious about every step to win Taiwan the best strategic position and the best possible benefit," the local Central News Agency quoted DPP Legislative Chai Trong-rong as saying.

F-16C/D fighter jet and submarine have been long sought by Taiwan military. But they are currently not listed within the weapon sale, totaling to US\$6.4 billion, declared by the US Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) last Saturday. The proposed arms sale include 114 Patriot missiles, 60 Black Hawk helicopters, communication equipment, 2 Osprey mine-hunting ships and 12 Harpoon missiles, according to DSCA. Meanwhile, as Navy denied a Chinese submarine founded near its Zuoying base yesterday, the DPP urged the government to reinforce coastal defense.

Source : eTaiwan News



## NAVY NEWS



Two US Navy ships arrived in South African waters at the end of last week – the Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate **USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47)** and the high speed craft **HSV-2 SWIFT**, above seen the wave-piercing vessel **HSV-2 SWIFT**, with its civilian master, Captain **Joe Sohlberg** who is no stranger to South Africa, having spent time at a Johannesburg school on a student exchange programme.

Photo : Terry Hutson ©

## Despite weld problems, Navy official is 'confident' in Northrop Grumman

The Navy's top acquisition official said this week he is confident in Northrop Grumman Corp.'s ability to deliver quality ships to the Navy despite widespread problems reported last week on surface ships built at Northrop's Gulf Coast shipyards.

Sean Stackley, the Navy's assistant secretary for research, development and acquisition, called the issues "rare" and said Northrop and the Navy are reviewing waterfront processes and procedures to ensure similar problems don't arise in the future. His comments came a week after the Navy confirmed that all vessels built at Northrop's shipyards in Avondale, La., and Pascagoula, Miss., over the last several years are under investigation for a host of problems, including improper welds and defective engines and lube-oil systems.

The sweeping weld investigation was triggered last summer, after Navy engineers found that more than 15 percent of welds on a handful of ships didn't meet Navy specifications, raising questions about how long those welds would hold.

In response, inspectors are re-examining every critical pipe weld aboard every Gulf Coast ship built during the last several years, including at least eight San Antonio-class amphibious ships, several Arleigh Burke-class destroyers and the amphibious assault ship **Makin Island**. Stackley, who rarely issues press statements, said senior leadership at Northrop and the Navy are engaged in "this critically important area and are working with appropriate urgency and focus."

Still he sought to downplay the severity of the problem, at least as it relates to current operations: "At no time did the weaknesses that were discovered endanger the safety of the crews, and the Navy has determined that existing welds

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are satisfactory for current ship operation. "We have worked hard to ensure all ships meet or exceed fleet standards, and are reliable and combat-ready assets," he said.

Weld inspections on the ships continue, and an associated investigation into what went wrong is ongoing. In a statement, the Navy blamed the problems on a high turnover rate of Northrop's Gulf Coast workers after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Veteran workers were replaced with less experienced production and inspection workers, who required more oversight than the Navy's on-site inspectors could supply, the Navy said. Over the last four years, the Navy hired more than 230 new employees to oversee shipbuilding operations in Gulf Coast yards and assigned a Navy captain as a deputy supervisor of operations.

As a result of increased oversight and scrutiny on pipe welds, the weld defect rate has dropped to less than 2 percent, down from more than 15 percent, the Navy said. The Navy and Northrop also have reduced the number of pipe-joint designs used in production and changed construction processes to allow for workers to complete pipe welding in craft shops as opposed to in tight spaces inside ships.

Neither the sea service nor the company has said how many ships are under investigation, how much the probe will cost or who will pay for repairs. **Source : dailypress**

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## SA pushing to design next sub fleet

The South Australian Government says the state is well-placed to win the design contract for the new submarine fleet.

There will be 12 submarines assembled in Adelaide, but Premier Mike Rann says SA also has the expertise to design them. The Federal Government is considering whether to buy an existing design, modify the Collins-class submarine design or come up with a new fleet from scratch.

Mr Rann says an answer is expected by the middle of the year. "We've won the right to build the \$30 billion submarine project in Adelaide, now we're going for some of the high-tech jobs involved in design," he said.

"I'm very confident we'll get there because we've got the facilities in place. "There's a very vigorous push going on right now involving myself and [deputy] Kevin Foley and a team behind us to convince the Federal Government "Right you're building the submarines in Adelaide, that's terrific and what we want is to get the design centre as well"

**Source : ABC Online**

## Investing in the future

**Ulstein Group has invested nearly NOK 200 million in new projects of late.**

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"It is during downturns that it's important to invest in the future," says Ulstein deputy CEO Tore Ulstein.

The investments include competence building, an endowed professorship and various research and innovation projects, along with a new crane and a wider deepwater berth at Ulstein Verft.

"We are part of a Norwegian maritime cluster and consider it important to focus on R&D and develop expertise in this region. Consequently, we have chosen to finance a professorship at Ålesund University College for five years," says Ulstein. "We collaborate with Molde University College, drawing on the expertise of its logistics professor in our development work. We have also hired in a doctoral research fellow to work on skills development and follow up R&D and innovation projects. Work methods that reduce costs at all levels, while enabling us to work more efficiently and handle larger volumes, help boost our competitive edge and make us more attractive to the customer."

"The customer is our focus, and it is important to provide profitable solutions for creating added value in the industry. All in all, we allocate approximately NOK 100 million annually to innovation and new development – this includes new types of vessels or solutions that help the customer increase his value, all the while reducing emissions and doing less harm to the environment," Ulstein says.

More than NOK 80 million has been invested in yard upgrades. "By using the downturn wisely, we'll be well prepared for the next upswing," concludes Ulstein. The biggest single investment at Ulstein Verft (UVE) is a new crawler crane from Terex that can lift 600 tonnes. The crane boom is a full 96 metres long. "We can now provide more aftermarket services like lifting, replacing and assembling equipment such as cranes, towers and A-frames", says Håkon Langeland, head of service and aftermarket at UVE. "By moving the crane onto a barge, we can assist in a host of heavy-lifting operations at shipyards and other enterprises where crane capacity is essential. We can also carry out heavy lifting offshore," he says. A 122-metre-long deepwater berth at the yard is also under construction. "The berth will be completed by autumn and is an important investment, as it will provide more space and better mobilisation of vessels and equipment," says Langeland, and adds that a new 1,100-square-metre piping shop will be built for manufacturing and assembling pipes into units, as well as two office wings for subcontractors, shipowners and the yard.

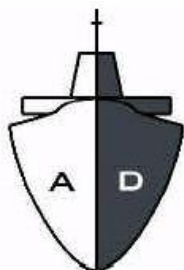
## Taiwan navy retires WWII-vintage ship

Taiwan, which is set to receive billions of dollars of advanced US weaponry, on Monday retired a landing craft that first saw action with the US navy in World War II, the island's military said. A group of former and active soldiers who had served on board the **LST-201 Chung Hai** said farewell to the ship at a ceremony in Kaohsiung harbour in the south of the island, the navy said in a statement. The 100-metre-long (330-foot-long) ship, built in 1944, was designed to carry tanks although in Taiwan it was used mainly to carry smaller landing craft.

After surviving the war in the Pacific, it was transferred to the Taiwan navy. It was hit by a Chinese torpedo during a battle in 1953, killing eight sailors on board. The US government said late last week that it had agreed to sell 6.4 billion dollars of arms to Taiwan, a move that immediately triggered the ire of the island's traditional foe China.

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The **ESVAGT CHRISTINA** seen fitting out at the ASL shipyard in Singapore - Photo : Piet Sinke ©

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## General Dynamics Awarded \$24 Million to Plan Maintenance Work on USS New Hampshire

General Dynamics Electric Boat has been awarded a \$23.7 million contract modification by the U.S. Navy to prepare for the post-shakedown availability (PSA) on the nuclear submarine **New Hampshire (SSN-778)**. Electric Boat is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics .

The PSA, which will comprise maintenance, repairs, alterations and testing, will be performed in Groton and is expected to begin in February. Up to 800 employees will be engaged in the work, which is scheduled for completion in September 2010.

**New Hampshire**, the fifth ship of the Virginia Class, was delivered to the Navy in August 2008. Electric Boat and its construction teammate, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, have received contracts to produce a total of 18 Virginia-class submarines. Thirty ships are planned altogether. Source: PR Newswire.



HAL's **NIEUW AMSTERDAM** seen fitting out at the Fincantieri Shipyard in a wintery Marghera / Venice  
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## YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED.

**Lawrence Dalli is doing a research about a Dutch built yacht presently in Malta named as MARILOU. All he got is the information below. Can anybody help Lawrence out ?**

Built 1910 by Werf Gusto, Schiedam, Netherlands as **HELVETIA**, described as an auxiliary screw ketch, 101.8ft overall (77.1ft waterline) x 17.7ft x 7.5ft. In 1911 she was owned by Frans Smulders, Rotterdam, port of registry was Schiedam, and she was powered by a 2-cyl Goedkoop petrol engine.

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By 1937 she had been renamed **MARUNA** and was owned by Jean H Tresfon of Epsom, Surrey, UK, but port of registry was Rotterdam. At that time the vessel had a 2-cyl Climax oil engine. By 1951 she had become **ENGLISH ROSE**, owned by Commander Claude L R Woollard, RN, MN, FRGG, of Even Keel, Lilliput, Parkstone, Dorset, UK.

By 1959/60 she had become **MARILOU**, owned by Vadnar Ltd, London EC2, UK, , with port of registry Poole, and was powered by a 5-cyl Gardner oil engine built in 1946. Her Official Number was 166197, call sign GJVC, and she measured 122 Thames tons, 80.36grt. She had disappeared from registers by 1963.

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Captain Mike and crew onboard the **Smit Lombok** welcoming the Navy's **M 1142 UMZIMKULU** to Mossel Bay  
Photo : Ronny Meyer (c)

## DP World opens Vietnam container terminal - plans further dredging

DP World has opened a new container terminal in Vietnam, the Saigon Premier Container Terminal in Ho Chi Minh City.

The first phase of the project includes two berths and storage capacity for up to 15,000 TEU, the company said in a statement. Further dredging to a depth of 12m is planned at the new facility, after which the terminal will be able to handle vessels up to 8,000 TEU. **Source : Dredging News Online**

## 'Uitdiepen Westerschelde begint eerder'

Het uitbaggen van de Westerschelde begint op 12 februari, ruim een halve maand eerder dan gepland. De uitdieping wordt uitgevoerd door een Vlaams consortium. Dat meldde de Belgische krant De Standaard maandag op basis van 'goed ingelichte haven- en baggerkringen'.

Nederland en Vlaanderen ondertekenden in 2004 een akkoord over de uitdieping van de Westerschelde. Die moet het mogelijk maken dat grotere schepen de haven van Antwerpen kunnen bereiken.

Ter compensatie voor de natuur zou de Hedwigepolder in Zeeuws-Vlaanderen worden ontpolderd. Dat leidde tot woedende reacties van bewoners en belangenverenigingen. Maandagavond spreken ambtenaar van het ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit (LNV) met de gemeenteraad van Hulst over de plannen met de polder. Voorafgaand aan het overleg houden demonstranten een lawaaioptocht tegen de ontpoldering.





Outfitting **MY Neraida** at NCP refit yard in Sebenik Croatia the vessel is renovated and all old details are back Almost ready for its new life it will become a private yacht and museum

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## Work in full swing to modernise port

Modernisation is the buzzword at the Visakhapatnam Port with the management doubling efforts to transform it into the most preferred port of South Asia. As per the roadmap, capacity augmentation is being done to handle 78 million tonnes by 2011-12 and 82 million tonnes by 2012-13. Run by Visakhapatnam Port Trust, the port has locational advantage and excellent facilities. It has so far handled little over 53 million tonnes exceeding last year's cargo by nearly 1.5 million tonnes. With good progress in export of iron ore and thermal coal and container cargo compared to the corresponding period last year, the management is confident of achieving a throughput of 65 million tonnes, falling short by two million tonnes to reach Ministry of Shipping's target of 67 million tonnes. This is due to competition posed by Gangavaram and other ports in the neighbourhood.

VPT has a steady progress in handling cargo over the years by achieving throughput of 55.8 in 2005-06, 56.38 in 2006-07, 64.59 in 2007-08 and 63.9 million tonnes in 2008-09.

Approvals have been received for taking up six projects under Public Private Partnership mode involving an investment of Rs.1,250 crores. They include development of west quay-6 berth for bulk cargo, east quay 10 for liquid cargo in Inner Harbour, mechanisation of coal handling and upgrading general cargo berth to enable navigation of 200,000

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DWT vessels and mechanised fertilizer at EQ-7. It is envisaged to develop WQ-7 and 8 with mechanisation to handle alumina, caustic soda and other bulk cargo in the Inner Harbour.

Port Chairman Ajeya Kallam is confident of awarding concessions to most of these projects on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis by March 2010. As part of environmental protection, the port is building a compound wall of seven metres height alongside the east yard and installing material data safety sheet in east yard and ore handling complex.

The port has completed the phase-I of deepening the entrance channel and turning circle in the Inner Harbour to facilitate navigation of Panamax vessels with 11 metres draft. The phase-II to handle ships with 12.5 metre draft will be completed by October, 2010. This will be followed by third phase for having facility to navigate Panamax with 14 metres depth. Deepening work in Outer Harbour is scheduled to be completed next year. **Source : The Hindu**

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## NYK rises Trans-Atlantic rates from March 1

NYK Line will be implementing a general rate increase in its trans-Atlantic services from the U.S. and Canada to and from all locations in Western Europe as of March 1, the carrier told customers this week. NYK's move follows similar increases announced in the last month by Mediterranean Shipping Co., Hanjin and Hamburg Sud.

NYK said it will boost rates on March 1 by \$200 per 20-foot container and \$400 per 40-foot container. It said the increases will apply to cargo in all equipment size and types under NYK Line independent tariffs and service contracts. **Source: joc.com**



The ferry **SORRENTO** seen in Civitavecchia

Photo : [www.maritimememories.nl](http://www.maritimememories.nl)

The subsidised Motorway of the Seas Grimaldi/LD service from Montoir (Saint Nazaire) and Gijon has been approved by the European Commission and should start in the Spring - a "**SORRENTO**" type vessel will be used...

Source : [meretmarine.com](http://meretmarine.com)

## Dublin Port net profits drop 22pc in 2009

Dublin Port chief executive Enda Connellan revealed yesterday that net profit at the semi-state company fell by about €4m -- or 22pc -- last year, to nearly €14.5m. Turnover dropped by €8m to roughly €66.5m. Releasing trade figures for the second half of 2009 that beat forecasts, Mr Connellan added that the current level of activity at the port was "encouraging".

Dublin Port Company won't release detailed results for 2009 until later this year. The figures for last year show that total imports and exports at the port (26.5m tonnes) fell 10.5pc compared to 2008. However, last July the company had been predicting a 14pc fall for the year. The number of ferry passengers using the port also soared by 18pc to 1.5 million, representing the best performance for the company since it became a corporation in 1997.

The number of tourist cars passing through jumped by 24pc to 183,000. Mr Connellan said that part of the increase was due to additional services operating at the port and said the facility had become increasingly competitive for ferry operators to use. He conceded that the rise was ahead of expectations. Nearly 80 cruise liners also visited last year. Dublin Port's chief financial officer, Michael Sheary, said the volume of trade passing through the country's busiest port stabilised at about 2.2m tonnes per month from last April, despite the weak economy and negative consumer sentiment at that time. The amount of goods transiting through Dublin Port -- the majority of which is via roll-on, roll-off vessels -- remains at levels that were last seen in 2005 and 2006. At its peak in 2007, 31m tonnes of goods passed through Dublin. Throughput for the second half of 2009 was 13.5m tonnes, a decrease of less than 6pc on the corresponding figure for 2008 of 14.3m tonnes.

The final quarter of 2009, when 6.9m tonnes of goods went through Dublin Port, was on a par with the level recorded in 2008. Unitised, or container trade -- which includes consumer goods, such as food, clothing and white goods -- dropped 10pc to 20.7m tonnes. Such activity now accounts for 78pc of all Dublin Port's trade.

Source: [independent.ie](http://independent.ie)





## APM Terminals exits Kaohsiung Terminal

APM Terminals has entered into an agreement with Hanjin Pacific Corporation, in which Hanjin Pacific will take over APM Terminals facilities at Piers 76 and 77 in Kaohsiung, and combine them into Hanjin current operations at Pier 78.

The facility in Kaohsiung has served us well and we have been pleased with the support of the Kaohsiung Harbor Bureau throughout our association. Market conditions have changed and we have decided business wise it makes sense to transfer our Kaohsiung Pier 76-77 location to Hanjin. This will complement their existing facility well and also satisfy the port master plan to better integrate Kaohsiung terminal facilities, says Martin Gaard Christiansen, Chief Executive Officer for APM Terminals Asia Pacific region.

To ensure the smooth transition, with no disruptions to service, the two companies will cooperate for three months. On May 7th, 2010, Hanjin will take over the management and operations of the consolidated facilities.

"Hanjin Shipping and Hanjin Pacific are pleased to announce the expansion of our facilities at Kaohsiung. Over the next few months, the newly expanded Hanjin Pacific terminal will be gearing up to serve some of the most important shipping lines in the world, including Maersk Line, says GS Choi, CEO of Hanjin Pacific Corporation and Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Terminal Business Unit of Hanjin Shipping.

The new operations at Kaohsiung will be fully operational by the second quarter of 2010 and will double the handling capacity of existing HPC services. **Source : APM Terminals / maritimedanmark.dk**

## ISU appoints new vice president

The **International Salvage Union** has announced that Andreas Tsavlis has been elected as its vice president; the appointment is effective immediately.

ISU president Todd Busch said: "I am delighted to welcome Andreas as the ISU's new vice president. He brings energy and a wealth of knowledge and experience having worked in the salvage industry for some 40 years. I look forward to working with him as we tackle the many issues facing our industry."

Andreas Tsavlis is one of the principals of Tsavlis Salvage. He joined the firm in 1970 and has worked in many different departments in the company. Mr Tsavlis has been a member of the ISU Executive Committee since 2006. He is also a member of the executive board of the Greek Shipowners' Union in London (GSCC); a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (FICS); an associate member of the Institute of Arbitrators (AI Arb); a member of the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) and a member of European Tugowners' Association. He was also an underwriting member of Lloyd's for over 30 years.

Tsavliris said: "I am honoured to have been chosen by the executive committee and members of the ISU to serve as vice president. Salvage is in my blood and it is an industry I am passionate about. We provide a vital service to the shipping industry and I want to make sure that salvors and salvage are understood and valued in the marine world. I look forward to working with Todd, the executive committee and the membership."



The **JUTLANDIA SWAN**, IMO 9350757, after Kiel-Canal transit, seen at Brunsbüttel on January 30th, 2010.

**Photo : Michael Brakhage (c)**

## **KNRM Redders en een nieuwe Ridder in Ouddorp.**

Op vrijdag 29 januari werd in restaurant van Duinzicht in Ouddorp de jaarlijkse bijeenkomst gehouden van beide reddingstations op het eiland. I.v.m. ziekte van burgemeester Van de Velde-de Wilde was deze verzet van december 2009 naar deze dag. Op de jaarlijkse bijeenkomst krijgen de trouwe redders de medaille Openbare Orde en Veiligheid, zoals ook deze avond. Ook was deze keer de overdracht van het voorzitterschap aan de orde,

Aanwezig waren burgemeester van de Velde- de Wilde en haar echtgenoot, de schippers en bemanningsleden van station Ouddorp en Stellendam, de leden van de Plaatselijke Commissie, de directeur van de KNRM Roemer Boogaard, enkele mensen van het hoofdkantoor uit IJmuiden zoals Willem Roos, Riemert Molema en Koos van de Bent, en uiteraard de voorzitter Cees Sinke en echtgenote. Deze laatste opende de bijeenkomst en heette iedereen welkom. Hierna was de uitreiking van de medailles Openbare Orde en Veiligheid. Deze keer waren er 7 redders die in aanmerking kwamen. Zij werden een voor een naar het podium geroepen en kregen hun medailles opgespeld. Het waren: Tjerk Zandburg voor 10 jaar vrijwilliger bij de KNRM, Jan Zandburg, Peter Grinwis, Peter Meijer allemaal 15 jaar en Kees Koesse 20 jaar. Deze mensen zijn allemaal van station Stellendam. Hierna kwamen Jan en Willy Flohil van station Ouddorp, die allebei 35 jaar vrijwilliger zijn bij de KNRM. Zij kregen allemaal de medaille en oorkonde waarna hun echtgenotes/partners op het podium kwamen en bloemen kregen uitgereikt. Hierna kwam de overdracht van het voorzitterschap. Cees Sinke droeg symbolisch de voorzitters hamer over aan burgemeester van de Velde de Wilde. Zij word de nieuwe voorzitter van de Plaatselijke Commissie. Al jaren voelt zij zich nauw betrokken bij het werk van de KNRM en is ook regelmatig op de beide stations te zien. Na de overdracht bedankte ze Cees Sinke voor het vele werk wat hij voor de KNRM heeft gedaan in de afgelopen 15 jaar. Ook mevrouw Sinke werd bedankt en ontving een bos bloemen. De burgemeester deelde verder mee dat het College van B & W per heden had besloten jaarlijks 250,- over te maken aan de KNRM, dit als blijk van waardering van de KNRM als geheel, en beide stations Ouddorp en Stellendam in het bijzonder. Bij een afscheid hoort een cadeau en Cees wilde graag iets van een camera kopen. Hem werd een enveloppe met een geldbedrag overhandigd. Hierna ging een scheidingswand open waar achter familie, vrienden en verdere genodigden zaten.



Snel werd de ambtsketen van de burgemeester uit haar tas gehaald en omgedaan. Zij stond nu als burgemeester op het podium. Zij noemde de vele functies die Cees heeft buiten de KNRM, zoals lid van de Raad van Advies van het Scheepvaart en Transport College Rotterdam, voorzitter van de Bedrijfscommissie Zeevisvaart, voorzitter van de Raad van Toezicht van de Edudelta Onderwijsgroep, lid van de Raad van Toezicht van Carey, voorzitter van de Visserij Vereniging Zuid West en voorzitter van het Comité 125 jaar Apollo. Verder is Cees, net als Maart van der Klooster, sinds 2006 ereburger van Ladek Zdroj waarvoor hij veel heeft

gedaan. Op voordracht van Roemer Boogaard van de KNRM, de heer van Ree namens Edudelta Onderwijsgroep, de heer Hietbrink namens het Scheepvaart en Transport College en de heer Pijl namens de Visserij Vereniging Zuid West heeft het Hare Majesteit Koningin Beatrix behaagd Cees Sinke per 10 december 2009 te benoemen tot Ridder in de Orde van Oranje Nassau. Hierna was er een toespraak van Roemer Boogaard van de KNRM die Cees ook feliciteerde en bedankte, waarna hij een boek en de KNRM stropdas kreeg overhandigd. Er volgden nog een paar korte toespraken van enkele aanwezigen waarna Cees zijn familie en vrienden, die in grote getale gekomen waren, te zien en te spreken. Er was verder een gezellig samenzijn met een hapje en een drankje.



The **DL SUNFLOWER** seen moored in Littleton - Photo : Alan Calvert (c)

## **FAIRSTAR HEAVY TRANSPORT awarded new contracts for FJORD and FJELL to support Australian infrastructure project**



**Fairstar Heavy Transport** (FAIR) has signed final contracts with Thiess Pty Ltd to provide the transportation of a Jack-Up Barge from Rotterdam to Melbourne, Australia in August 2010 and then return the Jack-Up Barge to Rotterdam in early 2011. Total contract value is USD 9.5 million.

Marloes de Vriendt, Tender Manager for Fairstar: "The tender process was rigorous and competitive. Thiess is one of Australia's leading mining construction, and services contractors. The Victorian Desalination Project is the State of Victoria's largest ever infrastructure project. The safe and on-time delivery of this Jack-Up Barge is a small, but critical component. Winning this tender was an important step in our strategy to work closely with companies like Thiess on high-value construction and energy projects."

Dave Hangoor, Operations Manager for Fairstar added: "The size and complexity of construction and energy infrastructure projects in Australia is accelerating. The requirement for marine heavy transport services is growing. The environmental responsibilities of operating in Australia are huge. The pro-active compliance with Australian Quarantine Standards is essential. This voyage of the **FJORD** in August will give Fairstar valuable experience, working closely with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) that will lead to our ability to contribute to other Australian infrastructure projects in the future.

Philip Adkins, CEO of Fairstar feels the contract is of special significance to Fairstar, stating: "The market for off-shore heavy transport continues to split into two distinctly different categories. Complex construction and energy infrastructure projects provide Fairstar with the best means of creating value for our shareholders and this is the sector of the market where we will concentrate our resources. As a result of this contract, **FJORD** is now 80% committed for 2010. In spite of a soft overall market today, Fairstar is well-positioned to focus on the projects that suit our competitive strengths. We are grateful to Thiess to have won this tender. Australia is a market of great promise and we believe Fairstar will be a frequent visitor to Australian waters for many years to come."

**Source: Fairstar Heavy Transport .**

## Maersk, MSC buys rivals' slots on AAS to extend Asia-Oz coverage

DENMARK's container shipping giant Maersk and its runner up rival Geneva-based MSC are both buying slots on the Asia-Australia AAS service run by Hapag-Lloyd, Hamburg Sud, HMM, APL and Evergreen.

The upgraded AAS will be described as "Yoyo" by Maersk and "New Panda" by MSC and will connect Taiwan and South China to Australia. The new slots will complete the Maersk and MSC 'Boomerang/ New Wallaby' service.

Recently established Iranian carrier HDS lines will be adding a direct call to Istanbul on its Far East-Med service (AMEL) and dropping the calls to Nhava Sheva and Karachi. The service will deploy eight 6,500-TEU ships with a port rotation of Shanghai, Ningbo, Shenzhen/Chiwan, Laem Chabang, Singapore, Jeddah, Damietta, Istanbul, Marsaxlokk, Singapore, Shanghai.

MOL will see the addition of Vigo in both directions to its North Europe-West Africa service (ARN) launched in May last year to retain the framework of the New World Alliance. Port rotation: Zeebrugge, Antwerp, Felixstowe, Vigo, Tangier, Lagos, Tema, Takoradi, Abidjan, Vigo, Zeebrugge.

The Maersk FM-1 service will drop Shenzhen/Yantian and instead call at Hong Kong effective immediately, with its Shanghai stop from Waigaoqiao to Yangshan as of early February. New rotation will be Xingang, Qingdao, Shanghai/Yangshan, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Dachan Bay, Tanjung Pelepas, Jebel Ali, Dammam, Bandar Abbas, Jebel Ali, Singapore, Xingang. **Source : Schednet**





The new German (SWATH) pilot cutter **WESER** seen fitting out at the builders

Photo : Bas van Hoorn (c)

## Maersk under fire over Liverpool cutbacks

Maersk Line is under fire for allegedly breaking a commitment to create new jobs in Liverpool. Instead, it has cut around 30 percent of the jobs at its Liverpool-based UK headquarters.

"Whilst we've had to take tough decisions recently, we believe that we've made the right decisions for the long term", says Annemette Jepsen, Maersk Line's UK & Ireland Managing Director.

According to the report, Maersk Line was promised £200,000 of grant money to relocate its London head office to Liverpool. However, in addition to closing its Southampton and London offices, Maersk is shedding 22 staff in Liverpool. In all, 61 sales and customer service will be lost across the country. The company is blaming the cuts on major financial losses.

A year ago Maersk said, that its relocation to Liverpool was likely to "create about 70 top-level jobs." But a staff member, who asked to remain anonymous, told the Daily News this week that the move led to the creation of just two jobs for local workers. **Source : Euroinvestor.dk / martimedanmark.dk**

## OLDIE – FROM THE SHOEBOX



Take a walk on the boatdeck of the steamship **NIEUW AMSTERDAM**. Lots of passengers were walking or jogging around on this deck, on starboard up and on portside down, doing several kilometres per day. In the deck the deep sheer is clear visible. This picture was taken in 1959 during an Atlantic crossing.

**Coll. Capt. Frank Haalmeijer (c)**

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**SH Grace** seen about to pass under the Tasman Bridge after unloading Concentrates at Nystar zinc processing plant at Risdon.

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