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MAASMOND MARITIME-EENDRACHT NETWORKING DAY A GREAT SUCCESS



Iskes **BRENT** showing her fire fighting capabilities



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Yesterday (Thursday) the **MAASMOND MARITIME** – **EENDRACHT** networking day was held in the port of Rotterdam, after boarding the beautiful three mast schooner **EENDRACHT** at the Wilhelmina kade in Rotterdam with over 80 persons we received the safety briefing from Captain **Poul Sanderse** and after letting go the lines we left the quay side and headed for sea, the weather forecast was no so good, and just after letting go the lines whilst **Fop Leder** of Dockwise was “on the helm” the first rain drops started falling as can be seen on the left, in the back **Albert de Heer** of Fairmount Marine is seen

keeping a sharp eye on the navigation skills of **Fop**, the first guests of the day reported soon after the departure, the **SMIT RUSLAND** just completed an assistance and came to have a look



at the **EENDRACHT**, followed by the **THAMESBANK**, due to the wind the **RPA 10** was not able to use the fi-fi in view of people and house located along the river banks , so they escorted the **EENDRACHT** for some time whilst passing Schiedam until Vlaardingen, after drinking all a good cup of coffee and a piece of apple pie we passed the cities of Vlaardingen and Maassluis, the rain stopped in the meantime.

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and the crew showed the capabilities of this state-of-the-art pilot tender



had taken over the helm from **Fop Leder** and we headed for the breakwaters of the river Maas, whilst encountering a 4-5 bft from the Southwest the **EENDRACHT** started slightly moving, at least everybody was aware that we were onboard a ship ,



And whilst approaching Hoek van Holland, the new pilot tender **ORION** left the Berghaven and made rendez vous with the **EENDRACHT**



In the meantime **Willem Jan van den Bichelaar** of Bichelaar Consult (below)



After the **RPA 16** showed their fire fighting capabilities in front of the **EENDRACHT** the next encounter was the meet en greet of the Smit tugs **SMIT PANTHER** and **SMIT EBRO** which both left the Scheurhaven in Rotterdam Europoort and were heading for an arriving vessel just outside the breakwaters

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Closely watched by **Richard Leistra** of Seabed assist the **SMIT PANTHER** made some close calls to the **EENDRACHT** what was appreciated by all the guest onboard, this close call showed clearly the size of this monster of an harbour tug, which

can develop 95 ton BP, to assist any vessel in Rotterdam Europoort
As can be seen at the photos even an wide angle lens was not enough to this tug properly on the photo during the close call.



After leaving the breakwaters the seas got a little bit more choppy which resulted in beautiful photos of the tugs in action like as above the **SMIT PANTHER** (left and above) and below the **SMIT EBRO**



After turning to starboard it was time to start working before the lunch was served , the sails have to be raised , so volunteers were asked to prepare themselves for this task.



After a part of the sails was set we headed NE for Scheveningen, when the next encounter showed up on the horizon, the cutter **ZEEAREND** of the Dutch coast Guard / customs headed to us. Photo : **Right top : Rolf Kievits (c)**

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After sailing upto the new Zandmotor project it was decided to turn around and sail back to the “paddestoelen” and into the Europoort to look at several other vessels before heading back to Rotterdam, time the lower the sails again



Before entering the Europoort , in the Europoort the **EENDRACHT** turned into the Beercanal and into the Europaharbour , where the KNRM Hoek van Holland lifeboat was meet, the lifeboat crew showed also their capabilities

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Photo : Hans Hoffmann (c)



The next boat in row was **KOTUG** latest fleet addition the 7200 hp **RT LEADER** which arrived on the location in the



Europa harbour, and the crew started her demo for the guests on board the **EENDRACHT**, the crew of the impressive 85 ton BP tug showed off their capabilities.



After leaving the Beercanal the FAIRPLAY TOWAGE tug **FAIRPLAY I**,

just completed the docking of a tanker, showed up close to the **EENDRACHT**, this 5000 bhp tug is able to develop 70 tons BP and capable to handle to size of vessels in the port of Rotterdam, in the meantime it became later in the afternoon and the



EENDRACHT set course back to her berth, Rotterdam Wilhelmina kade, onboard the Captains Diner **Ch.Cook Daan** with his team prepared the famous CAPTAINS DINNER for everybody onboard, but before we all went for the dinner the last surprise was one of the latest fleet additions for ISKES TUGS from Ijmuiden, the 7200 BHP 82 ton **BRENT**, which meet the transport close to Maassluis, and started the fire fighting pump as well, an impressive volume of water left both fi-fi monitors, pumping the water higher then the masts of the **EENDRACHT**, on the photo top right proudly watched by **Ben Iskes** himself, after this time all the guests assembled in the messroom for diner, on the end the whole day on the water makes people hungry, the buffet was

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opened by the host of the day, undersigned, and as can be seen at the photos everybody enjoyed the perfect dinner.



After the dinner we arrived back alongside Wilhelmina kade in Rotterdam where the **EENDRACHT** was safely moored and everybody left the schooner after a very succesfull day, this day could only be succesful due to the a lot of people involved.



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On behalf of all the people onboard the **EENDRACHT** I would like to thank for first the crew (read volunteers) onboard the **EENDRACHT** for this perfect day, everything well organized, specially **Rob Krootjes**, thanks !! can say you have a great vessel with a great crew onboard !, **Bibi** and **Nicole** many thanks for the administration, making the boarding passes and the changes of participants until the last moment !! super done ladies !



Further more I would like to thank especially :



The **Port of Rotterdam**, specially the crews onboard the **RPA 10** and the **RPA 16** for their participation, **Smit Harbour towage**, the crews of the **THAMESBANK**, **SMIT RUSLAND**, **SMIT PANTHER** and the **SMIT EBRO**, super guys, a big thank you to you all,

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Loodswezen Nederland (Pilot service) especially the "Tenderdienst" crew onboard the tender **ORION** for their demo alongside the **EENDRACHT**, super !!, the **Dutch Coast Guard** who dispatched the Damen built Stan Patrol 4207 **ZEEAREND** original based in Hoek van Holland, which showed their vessel "proudly" as

well, with some high-speed passes, the **KNRM (Dutch Lifeboat organization)** and specially the crew of the Hoek van Holland based all weather-lifeboat **JEANINE PARQUI** for their participation, and a special thank for Coxwain **Jan vd Sar**, for organizing the volunteer crew on the last moment and to meet us, super guys !! thanks, **KOTUG** for their participation with the tug **RT LEADER**, thanks to all of you! , **FAIRPLAY towage** for the demo with the **FAIRPLAY I** in the Europort, and last but not least **ISKES TOWAGE & SALVAGE** with one of their latest fleet additions the 83 ton BP **BRENT**, which crew showed the capabilities.

The day started with rain etc, but ended up super, everybody went home with "sun burn" symptoms



Herewith I would like to thank everybody for participation and making this day a very succesful day
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The **EENDRACHT** aims itself mainly at youngsters between 15 and 25 years of age. These youngsters receive a 50% discount on the normal board price, thanks to sponsors of this worthy cause. Once you pass the gangway, it all revolves around working together. From school trips, training and education, Tall Ships' Races and social projects, sailing with the **EENDRACHT** means learning from, and, with each other. That's what counts!



Just click on the banner below for more information



Or contact Rob , Nicole or Bibi for more information to join the EENDRACHT



The sensation of the **EENDRACHT** is for everyone to enjoy. In combination with other organizations this schooner offers a variety of opportunities. Sometimes it's giving hospital children a break from their everyday life. At other times youngsters with a visual disability can experience the power of this ship. These projects provide a boost for all those that need it.

Besides projects for the youth and good causes, the foundation '**Het Zeilend Zeeschip**' also offers a variety of trips for other travellers, such as individual day trips and journeys that last several days. The **Eendracht** can also be chartered by companies for example to enjoy the World Harbour Days in Rotterdam or Sail Amsterdam, a sailing trip or a reception on board. For private group trips several customized arrangements are available.

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The **SMIT PANTHER** seen in action off Hoek van Holland yesterday, an impressive tug !!

Background of the host of the Maasmond Maritime – Eendracht networking day :

Salvage Piet' towed and the bombs fell

'I'm not looking for that kind of adventure any more'



Piet Sinke works in towing and salvage with Singapore as his operational base. In his spare time, he pens the 'most widely read maritime daily paper in the world'. 'Last year I didn't miss a single day.'

Piet Sinke (52) became infected with the love of the sea while growing up on the waterfront in Maassluis. After attending the inland shipping school, the sixteen-year old Piet entered into the service of **Smit International**, the famous Rotterdam towing and salvage company. 'I simply knocked on their door and they took me on.' On his very first voyage on the **Smit London**, Piet was away from home for six months. 'First I sailed before the mast,' he said. The sailors and deckhands used to sleep in the forecabin, because that was where the swell was the worst. 'In 1983 I graduated with my diploma from the Nautical College and was employed as second mate,' according to the old sea dog who went through all the positions in the salvage company between 1975 and 2008 before moving to Singapore.

'Salvage Piet' adores his work. 'The art of towing is getting the ideal balance between speed and fuel consumption. It's also a matter of using the speed of the tow itself.' Smit put the salvage fanatic to work everywhere. As a long-established bachelor with a passion for adventure, he was the ideal employee. His 'holiday house' at the Berghaven in Hoek van Holland is full of photos with highlights. One picture shows the Russian ambassador to the Netherlands presenting Piet with a medal on behalf of President Putin for his part in the salvage of the Kursk in the Barents Sea near Murmansk. He even made it into the Guinness Book of Records in 1983 with the Greek tanker **Glaros**. The crew of tugboat the **Noordzee** towed the

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written-off tanker from Piraeus to Kaohsiung (Taiwan) over a distance of almost 25,000 kilometres. At the time it was the longest uninterrupted sea voyage ever, more than four months non-stop at sea.

In 2001 Piet started sending maritime newspaper cuttings to three friends. Now he takes care of a daily collection of newspaper cuttings for 17,000 subscribers daily and an estimated public of 200,000 readers. 'I receive about two hundred mails every day.' It takes Piet two hours to make an edition, and he never misses a day. The photos are often his own. 'Every four weeks I hire a boat and take photos of ships off the coast of Singapore. Invariably there are hundreds of vessels waiting there for a berth or bunker oil.' Thanks to sponsors, the many fans and advertisers, the cuttings collection now pays its own way. Piet is going to fete them with a sailing trip in the near future. He is happy to do this, but it isn't really necessary as all the people involved help him. They are all maritime enthusiasts and Maasmond Maritime is pure publicity for shipping.

As a salvage and towing operator, Piet knows the tricks of the trade. He towed tankers during the Gulf War. With his shipmates from **Smit**, he pulled an oil pipeline from the coast of Iran to buoys 12 kilometres further away, while Iraq dropped bombs all around them. 'Great work despite all the trouble,' is still Piet's opinion. Nevertheless, he won't be looking for this kind of adventure any more. 'Our eleven-year old son watches the television too. It wouldn't be fair to him and his mother.' Three years ago Sinke bade farewell to **Smit** and entered into the service of **T&T Bisso**. Together with **Richard van der Werf** (also ex-Smit) they set up an office in Singapore for the American maritime services contractor. Piet is happy with the change. 'I am doing the same thing, just on a smaller scale.' He is referring to the twenty-strong staff; his work territory covers the area between the Middle East and China. 'You can get anything done if you ask nicely,' is his motto, this is also what we have seen today during the **MAASMOND MARITIME – EENDRACHT** networking day. Piet likes the after sales services, the personal contact, and draws much benefit from his uncontrollable hobby: his **Maasmond Maritime**.

What started as the informal distribution of a few maritime reports to a couple of friends expanded into a digital daily paper with 17,000 subscribers (and still growing) and an estimated public of 200,000 readers. **Piet Sinke** has been making his **Maasmond Maritime**, a daily portion of shipping news, since 2001. The newsletter even forms the most important source of information for many seafarers. Piet makes the **Maasmond Maritime** on his own, but does get a great deal of help and tips from readers. You can go through all the old newsletters on his website. You can also register for free there as a subscriber. www.maasmondmaritime.com