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Shipbuilding threatened by strikes at Aker Yards

By Craig Eason

FINLAND's Aker Yards says it could be forced to cease shipbuilding at the end of the week if industrial action continues.

More than 500 workers — mainly supervisors — across the shipbuilder's three yards in Turku, Vaasa and Helsinki, have stopped work as part of a national dispute, mostly over pay. The three yards employ about 4,000 staff.

Aker Yards spokesperson Sinikka Railo said: "Welding work has already stopped inside some ship structures due to a lack of health and safety officials. It will be gradual, but we will eventually have to stop altogether."

The strike is affecting 2,500 workers from six other engineering businesses in Finland, including engine maker Wärtsilä.

Juha Kytölä, president of Wärtsilä's Finnish operations, says the company has

enough back-up to maintain full production for about two weeks if the strike continues.

He said: "There are 200 people on strike within our company from just one union. We have four or five other unions here, but they have all made agreements earlier in the year so we don't believe they will join the strike."

Discussions between the Union of Salaried Employees and the Federation of Finnish Technology Industries, of which Aker and Wärtsilä are members, broke down at the weekend.

The federation claims that union demands could increase labour costs by nearly 4.5%.

Neighbourly dispute Itajai dockers strike

by Rob Ward

BRAZIL'S newest container terminal, Portonave, received its first container vessel last weekend after a four-month delay, but it led to stevedores taking strike action at the neighbouring port of Itajai, just a few yards across the Itajai-Acu river, for 14 hours.

The MSC Uruguay arrived at Portonave, located at the port of Navegantes, and unloaded several hundred empty reefer containers ready for stuffing, but the stevedores' union at Itajai immediately ordered its members to stop working because Portonave is using its own dock labour and does not have an agreement to use casual labour from the local labour pool. The stevedores only returned to work after the MSC Uruguay had left Portonave.

However, further strike action could break out tomorrow when another vessel is due to call at Portonave.

BP refinery payout expected

by Rajesh Joshi, New York

OIL major BP is this week expected to formally agree to pay at least \$353m in combined fines and settlements to close criminal and civil cases pending against it in the US in connection with the fatal Texas City refinery explosion in 2005, and for allegedly unfair practices designed to corner the propane market in 2004.

The development, which emerged in newspaper leaks yesterday, was being described in certain quarters as another step in new BP chief executive Tony Hayward's assiduous attempts to get "bad news out of the way" as he tackles the group's operational, regulatory and public relations problems.

According to reports, the US Department of Justice could announce as early as today that BP has agreed to pay \$50m after pleading guilty to criminal environmental charges, including allegations that it was criminally indifferent to worker safety, after the 2005 refinery explosion that killed 15 workers and injured 180 others.

BP is also expected to pay \$303m to settle civil charges and simultaneously head off criminal prosecution that its energy-trading unit manipulated prices in the propane market three years ago.

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Summary of Major Cases in this week's issue of Lloyd's Casualty Week

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>BIRTHE BRES</i>	general cargo	DIS	LR	2,680	3,750	2007	Lost power, causing engine breakdown, while on voyage from Karlstad Oct 1. Struck rock as a result. Proceeded to Fredericia for shipyard repairs. Sailed Oct 9 after reloading cargo.
<i>DIAMOND I</i>	general cargo	GRC	—	1,135	1,643	1974	In collision with bulk carrier <i>Dubai Guardian</i> at Thessaloniki Oct 17. Sank in lat 40 37.1N, long 22 54.7E. Most crew rescued, master missing.
<i>DUBAI GUARDIAN</i>	bulker	PAN	NK	25,939	47,271	1997	In collision with mv <i>Diamond I</i> at Thessaloniki Oct 17. Towed to Thessaloniki.
<i>ENERGY</i>	tug	PAN	BV	832	1,400	1974	Drifting 180 nautical miles from New Mangalore Oct 7. Crew rations exhausted. Escorted by Coast Guard into New Mangalore Oct 13.
<i>GERADU EMPIRE</i>	general cargo	MDV	—	498	1,050	1985	Adrift and abandoned due to a crack in the engine-room in lat 07 35.7N, long 76 58.4E, Oct 17. Assumed sank.
<i>JAN MITCHELL</i>	general cargo	ATG	BV	2,599	3,500	1999	Had serious fire in cargo hold at Esbjerg Oct 15. Fire broke out again after initially being extinguished.
<i>KAIJO MARU NO.25</i>	general cargo	JPN	—	699	2,010	1992	Grounded in lat 33 51.2N, long 132 32.1E, Oct 11. Bottom bow holed, water ingress to forepeak. Refloated by own means same day and docked Kobe for repairs.
<i>KAIMIKAI-O-KANALOA</i>	research	USA	AB	294	325	1979	Had crack in fuel tank, causing leakage of fuel, in Hawaii, in about lat 21 19N, long 157 53W, Oct 11. Clean-up under way.
<i>McNALLY OLYMPIC</i>	barge	CAN	—	627	—	—	Ran aground in heavy weather in Hebron Fjord area, NF, after towline broke from tug <i>Jerry Newberry</i> Oct 8. Leakage of fuel. Vessel is a total loss.
<i>MSC ADRIANA</i>	container	PAN	GL	25,219	18,779	1998	Had engine problems/failure about 40 miles from Ancona Oct 14. Towed to Ancona Oct 15.
<i>NAUTICA</i>	general cargo	VCT	LR	1,587	2,200	1992	In collision with fishing <i>Flourish</i> (22 gt) 28 nautical miles SE of Flamborough Head, in lat 53 51N, long 00 35.4 E, Oct 11.
<i>NIOBE CORINTHIAN</i>	research	PAN	—	993	—	1967	Had technical problems after leaving St. George's, Bermuda, Oct 11. Headed for a shipyard when had a fire in the engine-room which then spread to a lounge on board. Fire extinguished by crew. Towed into dockyard by Government tug.
<i>SEBA'AN</i>	ferry	MEX	—	375	46	1995	Had fire in machinery-room near Ciudad de Carmen Oct 11. Taken in tow but sank Oct 12.
<i>SIEMPRE SANTA ROSA</i>	trawler	ARG	—	123	130	1986	In tow of fv <i>Don Antonio</i> in lat 42 00S, long 60 20W, Oct 16, bound Mar del Plata.

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ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 15 — Repair work on general cargo *Accord* is still ongoing at Oano Wharf in Cebu, sources at Matsya Shipping Lines said. The vessel's propellers and rudder were recently replaced and afloat repairs involving the upper deck are now being carried out. A new auxiliary engine is also being installed. Officials said that repairs were likely to be completed by the end of October. — Correspondent. (See issue of Sep 19.)

AGAT (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Oct 13 — General cargo *Agat* arrived at Szczecin on Oct 4.)

ALADIN I (Panama)

London, Oct 13 — Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 0755, UTC: General cargo *Aladin I* was taken in tow by salvage tug *Abeille Languedoc* at 2000, UTC, Oct 10, and arrived in Brest at around 1200, UTC, Oct 11. (See issue of Oct 12.)

London, Oct 14 — Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 0915, UTC: Understand general cargo *Aladin I* is still in port at Brest.

Brest, Oct 17 — General cargo *Aladin I* was towed to Brest due to generator troubles by tug *Abeille Bourbon* (before reported as salvage tug *Abeille Languedoc*) Oct 11. The vessel has been inspected by the Port State Control inspectors who found deficiencies leading to its detention. Furthermore the vessel was seized by the towing company. Nonetheless it is understood that all troubles are expected to be solved prior to the end of the week. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALGOSTEEL (Canada)

London, Oct 15 — The stern of bulk carrier *Algosteel* (18423 gt, built 1966) struck the dock and sustained minor damage while berthing at Sifto salt dock, Goderich Harbour, Ontario, in lat 43 45N, long 81 43W, at 2338, EDST, Oct 12. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Algosteel* was located stationary in lat 44 38 18.24N, long 63 40 02.34W, 5.1 nautical miles from Halifax, NS, at 1914, UTC, Oct 15.)

ALMIRA G. (Georgia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 18 — General cargo *Almira G.* (2044 gt, built 1979) reported a distress in position lat 34.47N, long 125.31E, (50 miles west of Mokpo, Republic of Korea) at 0725 today. Vessel's engine room is flooded, due to a crack in the hold. The entire crew has been transferred to two Coast Guard vessels. Rescue operations are being co-ordinated by Mokpo BO and MSKTS Vladivostok. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated today, states: A vessel (general cargo *Almira G.*) is "going down" close

to the coast of the Republic of Korea, in the Yellow Sea. The crew, eleven Russian and the three Filipinos, have reportedly already been rescued by the Korean Coast Guard. The vessel was sailing from China to Vladivostok with a cargo of 489 tons — 38 cars and "dredges."

London, Oct 18 — Following received from Vladivostok RCC, timed 0855, UTC: General cargo *Almira G.* is still afloat. A tug left Mokpo at 1450 hrs and is due to arrive on scene at 2200 today.

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Almira G.*: According to the Rescue Centre at Mokpo, two tugs will proceed to the location, with the intention of towing the vessel into Mokpo.

ALTAIR (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 11 — Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 1722, UTC: Tug *Altair*, towing barge *Leo*, is still proceeding towards Port Angeles at three knots. ETA in a couple of days.

London, Oct 13 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS tug *Altair* was reported in lat 46 13 35N, long 123 58 22W, at 2052, UTC, Oct 13, speed 12.8 knots, course 136.2 degrees.

London, Oct 15 — Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 1955, UTC: Tug *Altair*, under a tug escort, handed over tow of barge *Leo* to another tug and proceeded to Portland, Ore, where arrived Oct 14.

Portland, Ore, Oct 16 — Repairs to tug *Altair* were effected Oct 14 by the crew. Vessel departed the Columbia River the same day. — Lloyd's Agents.

ANTREAS (Panama)

Mombasa, Oct 12 — Bulk carrier with container capacity *Antreas* sailed Mombasa Oct 1. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Antreas* was last reported by Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 04 13 35S, long 39 50 19E, at 0829, UTC, Oct 1, speed 5.8 knots, course 193 deg.)

ASSO VENTI (Italy)

London, Oct 18 — Following navigation warning in force: Tow between port of Mucuripe and Las Palmas, Canary Islands: Anchor handling tug/supply *Asso Sedici* towing anchor handling fire fighting tug *Asso Venti*, with 300 metre length tow, average speed six knots, is expected to depart 1100, UTC, Oct 19 (not as before reported). Wide berth requested.

AUTOEXPRESS 2 (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

See *Superseacat Three*.

BALTIYSKIY 109 (Russia)

Aarhus, Oct 16 — General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* is still at Fredericia, its cargo transhipped into general cargo *Baltiyskiy 105*. It is not yet known where/when the vessel will sail for repair. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 16 — General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* was salvaged by *Svitzer Menja* and is still lying alongside in Fredericia. The cargo of sawn timber has been transferred to its sistership,

general cargo *Baltiyskiy 105*, which will sail to Delfzijl shortly. *Baltiyskiy 109* has a crack 16 metres long in its bottom plate. No decision has been taken yet about which shipyard will effect repairs.

BIRTHE BRES (DIS)

London, Oct 16 — General cargo *Birthe Bres* (2680 gt, built 2007) lost power while on a voyage from Karlstad, Lake Vanern, to Almeria and Agadir on Oct 1. A rubber connection on the main engine's lubrication oil supply broke, spraying lubricating oil over the engine-room. However, the vessel's engine is fitted with a device shutting the engine down within split seconds after a fall in lubricating oil pressure. As the vessel had no power it hit a piece of rock. After consultations with classification society Lloyd's Register, the vessel sailed to Fredericia and arrived at Fredericia Shipyard for replacement of four tonnes of steel on the bottom of the bow section. Some 300 tonnes of the cargo was taken off and stored in a warehouse in Fredericia. *Birthe Bres* left the dry dock in the early morning of Oct 9, reloaded the cargo and resumed the voyage for Almeria and Agadir.

BLACK PRINCE (Bahamas)

London, Oct 16 — According to Fred Olsen Cruise Lines passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* is still in a dry dock in Hamburg undergoing repairs. The vessel is still scheduled to start its next cruise from Belfast on Oct 19.

London, Oct 17 — According to Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* was in lat 55 08 04N, long 04 56 43E, at 0743 today, speed 17 knots, course 304 deg.

BLUE WATER PRINCESS 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 15 — UCPB General Insurance, the hull insurance underwriter for ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1*, report that the wreck was sold to Manila-based Royal Jessam Petromin Resources Inc. on Oct 12. UCPB General said that the vessel was sold for Pesos four million (about US\$ 87,000). Transfer documents are now being prepared but a transfer of authority over the vessel has already been conveyed to the new owners to enable possession of the vessel. Sources at UCPB General said that the new owners have already secured the wreck which has been the subject of looting over the past few weeks. — Correspondent.

BOURBON DOLPHIN (Norway)

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: All through the anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* hearings in Aalesund the vessel's stability has been questioned and a special hearing opens next week to find the answers to some important questions regarding stability. Both the builder of the vessel, Ulstein Verft, and the Norwegian Maritime Directorate have been summoned to the hearing. The last *Bourbon Dolphin* hearing towards the end of September left a number of key questions unanswered.

BOW STAR (Singapore)

London, Oct 16 — Following received from Odjell today: Chemical tanker *Bow Star* is currently at ASL Shipyard, Batam, awaiting drydocking. The vessel is expected to drydock in the next day or so.

BREMER FOREST (Gibraltar)

London, Oct 16 — General cargo *Bremer Forest* arrived at Hallstavik on Oct 15 from Fowey.

BROTHERS 12 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 13 — Product tanker *Brothers 12* (2871 gt, built 1984), Tatyanka for Kerch with a cargo of 2,980 tons of vacuum gasoil, lost a propeller while approaching sluice No 6 of the Volga-Don navigable channel at 2115, local time, Oct 12. The vessel is stopped in the lower mooring wall of sluice No 6. Traffic in the channel was halted from No 1 to No 9 sluices at 2200, local time. Traffic was resumed at 0030, local time, Oct 13. — Correspondent.

BSLE PRESTIGE (Panama)

London, Oct 15 — According to Tuticorn Port Trust bulk carrier with container capacity *BSLE Prestige* was at berth IV, under repair, at 0600 today.

Kochi, Oct 16 — Bulk carrier with container capacity *BSLE Prestige* sailed from Tuticorin on Oct 15, bound for Marina di Carrara, following restowage of its cargo of machinery. — Lloyd's Agents.

BULOU NI CEVA (Fiji)

Suva, Oct 14 — Passenger (cruise) *Bulou Ni Ceva* remains in port at Rotuma. — Lloyd's Agents.

BUTUAN BAY 1 (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 18 — Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1* entered Keppel Cebu's dry dock on Oct 14. The vessel is now undergoing a bottom hull survey after which blasting and painting of its external hull will be carried out. Survey and painting is expected to be finished in seven days. — Correspondent.

C.DREAM (Hong Kong)

Antwerp, Oct 18 — Crude oil tanker *C.Dream* (159397 gt, built 2000) was in contact with lightering crude oil tanker *Xin Tong Yang* (50552 gt, built 1996) at Beilun inner anchorage, Ningbo, at 0930, Oct 15. After the contact *C.Dream* sustained damage in the No.1 water ballast tank area. There were no crew injuries and no water ingress. *Xin Tong Yang* moved away quickly from *C.Dream* and then made fast on *C.Dream* again at 1012 same day. — DPS Teamhead Surveyors. (Note — *C.Dream* sailed Djeno Terminal Sep 12 for Ningbo. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *C.Dream* was in lat 29 56 07N, long 122 00 22E, at 0215, UTC, Oct 17, course 132 degrees, speed 11.5 knots and *Xin Tong Yang* was in lat 29 56 08N, long 122 00 42E, at 1637, UTC, Oct 16, course 133 degrees, speed 6.6 knots.)

CAP VAN DIEMEN (Marshall Islands)

Sydney, Oct 12 — Sydney's Port Botany was this morning disrupted by its second gas-related incident in less than a month, this time involving berthed fully cellular containership *Cap van Diemen* (23722 gt, built 1999). Patrick's Port Botany terminal was still in the process of returning landside and port side operations to normal late this morning after being delayed by the response to the incident. Emergency crews were called to the terminal in the early hours of the morning after a suspicious odour was detected coming from a container on board the vessel, berthed at Brotherson Dock. Sydney Ports Corporation said fire crews had responded to the incident. It is the second gas-related incident in less than a month to close parts of the port. A 500-metre exclusion zone closed two of the access roads to the port on Sep 13 when toxic gases were detected coming from Customs' container inspection facility. The gas was later said to have emanated from a container that was about to be inspected. Operations were returning to normal after the latest incident this morning, but it was still unclear what substance had been detected. A statement from Patrick's Sydney terminal operations manager, Martin Taylor, said vessel, truck and rail services had been affected. The terminal had closed between 0330 and 0600 hrs while emergency crews responded to a hazardous situation, Mr Taylor said. Please be assured of our best endeavours to maximise resources and work through our priorities to minimise the impact of the delays, he said. The incident has not affected other operations at the port. — "Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News."

CAPITAL QUEEN (Cyprus)

London, Oct 11 — General cargo *Capital Queen*, collision with bulk carrier *Spar Canis*: According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Spar Canis* was located stationary in 02 49 18N, long 101 14 12E, at 1158, UTC, today. (See issue of Oct 12.)

London, Oct 12 — Following received from Port Klang MRCC, timed 0120, UTC: General cargo *Capital Queen* is now anchored in lat 02 47N, long 101 14E. Bulk carrier *Spar Canis* is anchored at Sijangkang port.

London, Oct 15 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Capital Queen* was located stationary at Port Klang, in lat 03 02 52.2N, long 101 21 22.2E, at 1428, UTC, today.

Port Klang, Oct 17 — Understand that bulk carrier *Spar Canis*, having sustained some damages to its forepart, sailed from Port Klang for India. After the collision general cargo *Capital Queen* berthed at wharf No 24, North Port, Port Klang, to discharge cargo. On completion it shifted to Deep Water Point Anchorage. The vessel is unable to sail by itself due to damaged steering gear sustained as a result of the collision. *Capital Queen* is now at Deep Water Point Anchorage and waiting for a tug to tow it to Singapore for repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

CAPTAIN ALI (Syria)

Port Said, Oct 13 — General cargo *Captain Ali* (2421 gt, built 1966) had a sudden electrical blackout when leaving Port Said at 1430, local time, Oct 11, resulting in the vessel coming into contact with the new passenger berth at Port Said causing damages to the berth. The damage to the vessel, if any, is not known at present. — Lloyd's Agents.

Port Said, Oct 16 — General cargo *Captain Ali* sustained minor damage but the passenger berth sustained major damages. The port authorities have arrested the vessel claiming LEg 10 million in the form of a letter of guarantee. — Lloyd's Agents.

CHANG LE MEN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Kochi, Oct 16 — General cargo *Chang Le Men*, after completion of all formalities, sailed Oct 12 for China. — Lloyd's Agents.

CHINA SEA (Singapore)

London, Oct 12 — Following received from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore: Crude oil tanker *China Sea* (49279 gt, built 1988) was in contact with bunker tanker *SS Prosperity* (933 gt, built 1985) at Horizon Terminal berth No 2, in Banyan Basin, off Jurong Island, at approximately 0050, Oct 10. At the time of the incident, *SS Prosperity* was berthed at Horizon Terminal Berth No 2 (OBH2) while *China Sea* was manoeuvring to berth at Horizon Terminal Berth No 1 (OBH1), which is adjacent to OBH2. According to the master of *SS Prosperity*, the bunker tanker was loading marine fuel oil at the time of the incident. He estimated that about 20 tonnes of fuel oil was spilled after the incident. Upon receiving the incident report, MPA deployed three patrol craft and two anti-pollution craft to the site and assist in the clean-up operations. The terminal laid out oil booms and sprayed dispersant to contain and clean up the oil spill. The terminal also contracted Singapore Oil Spill Response Company (OSRC) to assist in the clean up operations. The oil spill was contained within the vicinity of the terminal. The port operations and vessel traffic remain unaffected. Preliminary investigations revealed that *SS Prosperity* sustained minor damage at No.4 starboard cargo tank below waterline, while no apparent damage was observed on *China Sea*. There were no reported injuries to any of the crewmembers on board either vessel. MPA takes a serious view of the incident, and is currently investigating the incident. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *China Sea* was reported moored in lat 01 14 38N, long 103 41 26E, Jurong port, at 0100, today.)

London, Oct 17 — Crude oil tanker *China Sea* sailed Singapore Oct 13 for Tanjung Balai.

CHRISOULA (Greece)

London, Oct 12 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0850, UTC:

Fishing (general) *Chrisoula* (30 gt) and passenger ro/ro *Samothraki* (9735 gt, built 1976), Mytilene and Lemnos for Thessaloniki with 143 passengers and 60 crew on board, were in collision in lat 40 10.9N, long 22 59.2E, around 0700, local time, today. The *Chrisoula* sustained bow damage, while the *Samothraki* sustained only minor scratching damage.

Piraeus, Oct 12 — Fishing (general) *Chrisoula* and passenger ro/ro *Samothraki* were in collision 14 nautical off Nea Moudhania, Chalkidiki, about 0430 today. The collision caused a 60-by-30-cm crack in the forepart of the *Samothraki*, 4.10 metres above the waterline, and a 1.30-by-2.60-metre crack in the forepart of the fishing vessel. The *Samothraki* arrived safely at Thessaloniki about 0900 hrs and the *Chrisoula* arrived under its own power at the port of Nea Michaniona, Thessaloniki, after partial repairs. The skipper and three crewmen from the fishing vessel sustained injuries while all 143 passengers and 60 crew members of the *Samothraki* were reportedly unhurt. No pollution was reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

Piraeus, Oct 12 — Fishing (general) *Chrisoula* and passenger ro/ro *Samothraki* were in collision in the Thermaikos Gulf during the early hours of today, causing damage to both vessels. As a result of the collision, three out of the six crew members of the fishing vessel were injured. Following notification of the incident, Coast Guard patrol vessels were dispatched and they accompanied the fishing vessel to the port of Nea Michanionas. The *Chrisoula* was able to proceed under its own power after some minor repairs to the rudder. The injured were transported to the local hospital for first aid and the skipper was transferred to a Thessaloniki hospital for further attention. The *Samothraki* arrived at Thessaloniki at 0905 hrs. The port authority has prohibited the departure of both vessels pending repair of the damages and issuance of new seaworthiness certificates. — Correspondent.

CLIPPER TRADER (Hong Kong)

London, Oct 16 — Bulk carrier *Clipper Trader* (19971 gt, built 2006), downbound on St. Lawrence River, experienced a blackout and subsequently made contact with the bottom at channel side near buoy K-108, in lat 47 01 24N, long 70 46.38W, at 0250, EDST, Oct 16. No water ingress or pollution reported.

COASTAL RENAISSANCE (Germany)

Fredericia, Oct 13 — Passenger ro/ro *Coastal Renaissance* arrived Fredericia Oct 11 from Flensburg. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

CONQUEROR (Malta)

Incheon, Oct 10 — Bulk carrier *Conqueror* arrived Incheon Oct 1 and sailed Oct 7 for Cristobal. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

CORAL MERMAID (Liberia)

London, Oct 13 — Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0805, UTC: Reefer *Coral Mermaid* (9829 gt, built 1992), bound Szczecin, grounded in The Sound, in lat 56 04.1N, long 12 34.1E, at 0340, UTC, today. The vessel refloated by own means about five minutes later and proceeded to a safe anchorage, where it has been detained for diver and class inspections. Understand vessel was going to a repair yard at Szczecin. (Note — *Coral Mermaid* sailed Puerto Limon Sep 27, arrived and sailed Rotterdam Oct 10, arrived and sailed Hamburg Oct 11, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 56 06.54N, long 12 28.26E at 0802, UTC, today.)

London, Oct 14 — Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0955, UTC: Diver inspection revealed reefer *Coral Mermaid* sustained no damage. The vessel was released from its anchorage position and proceeded on voyage. Case closed 2000, UTC, Oct 13.

London, Oct 15 — Reefer *Coral Mermaid* arrived Szczecin Oct 14, for repairs.

DANA-1 (Belize)

Bremen, Oct 16 — General cargo *Dana-1* sailed 0935 today for Riga. — Lloyd's Agents.

DCI DREDGE AQUARIUS (India)

Kochi, Oct 15 — Cutter suction dredger *DCI Dredge Aquarius* sustained damage to its spud and other related accessories while operating at the Sethusamudram project in May. The dredger was able to proceed under its own power to Kochi port for drydocking at Cochin Shipyard. Repairs to the dredger, which is undergoing drydocking at Cochin shipyard, are likely to be completed by the end of the month. — Lloyd's Agents.

DIAMOND I (Greece)

Piraeus, Oct 17 — General cargo *Diamond I* (1135 gt, built 1974) and bulk carrier *Dubai Guardian* (25939 gt, built 1997) were in collision at Thessaloniki port at around midday today. As a result *Diamond I* quickly sank. The crew members of the vessel abandoned ship in time and were rescued, except for the master, who remains missing. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 17 — General cargo *Diamond I*, carrying coal, sank in Thessaloniki port after colliding with bulk carrier *Dubai Guardian*, and the master was killed, authorities said. Seven other crew members from *Diamond I* were rescued, the port authority said. *Diamond I* collided with the other vessel as it was leaving Thessaloniki, authorities said. *Dubai Guardian*, sailing from Singapore, was carrying metal ore. The vessel was successfully towed to port. Giorgos Tsamaslis, the regional government's environmental officer, said divers were examining the hull of *Diamond I* at a depth of about 52 feet, and that floating barriers were being set up around the site in case of a fuel leak.

Piraeus, Oct 17 — General cargo *Diamond I* sank in lat 40 37.1N, long

22 54.7E, less than one nautical mile south of Thessaloniki port. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 17 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1345, UTC: General cargo *Diamond I* and bulk carrier *Dubai Guardian* were in collision at 1150, local time. Following the collision *Diamond I* sank in lat 40 37.1N, long 22 54.7E, in a depth of 60 metres. *Dubai Guardian* is now safely alongside a berth at Thessaloniki.

Piraeus, Oct 17 — Bulk carrier *Dubai Guardian*, being piloted into the port of Thessaloniki, was in collision with general cargo *Diamond I* at 1150 today, resulting in the sinking of *Diamond I*. Two Coast Guard craft immediately proceeded to the area and at the same time efforts for anti-pollution were put into action with placement of anti-pollution booms. On *Diamond I* were eight crew members, seven of whom were rescued, while the Cypriot master was missing. The 22 crew members of *Dubai Guardian* remained in good health and their vessel arrived safely at Thessaloniki Port with a cargo of 46,000 tons of nickel ore. The search for the missing crew member is proceeding with divers of the Coast Guard and fire services rescue team (EMAK) but without success. At the time of the incident *Diamond I* was carrying 1,470 tons of natural lignite. Authorities advised there was no danger of pollution from the lignite cargo and the port remains open. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Diamond I*, carrying coal, sank in the port of Thessaloniki after colliding with bulk carrier *Dubai Guardian* and the master was killed, authorities said. Seven other crew members from *Diamond I* were rescued. "The master died heroically. He stayed with the vessel," Regional Gov. Panayiotis Psomiadis told state-run ET-3 television. *Dubai Guardian* from Singapore, was carrying metal ore, and was successfully towed to port. It was reported that divers were examining the hull of *Diamond I*, at a depth of about 52 feet, and that floating barriers were being set up around the site in case of a fuel leak.

Piraeus, Oct 18 — The search for the missing master of general cargo *Diamond I* continued at first light today at Thessaloniki port with personnel of the Coast Guard and divers of the fire services rescue team. The Coast Guard is maintaining anti-pollution booms around the position of the sunken vessel. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 18 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0929, UTC: General cargo *Diamond I* is still lying in the same position, and the vessel's master has not yet been found. Bulk carrier *Dubai Guardian* is berthed at Thessaloniki.

DJEBEL EL ONK II (Algeria)

London, Oct 17 — General cargo *Djebel el Onk II* (2863 gt, built 1985), Piraeus for Galatz, had engine trouble during Dardanelles passage in front of Kumkale at 0200, local time, today. Vessel has dropped anchor at Karanlik Bay at 0320, local time.

London, Oct 18 — General cargo *Djebel el Onk II* sailed for its destination port at 1510, local time, yesterday.

DORIS (NIS)

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated Oct 11, states: A public inquiry after the fatal accident involving the Utkilen combined chemical and oil tanker *Doris* and fishing (general) *Skarbak* opens in Kristiansund tomorrow. The one 54-year old person missing from the fishing vessel has still not been found and the search has been stopped. Meanwhile all personnel on watch on board *Doris* have been breathalised and cleared by police. Managing director of Utkilen says that it should be possible to reconstruct the time before the accident. *Doris* is on its way to Holland (Moerdijk), but part of the crew, including the master, have been relieved.

Trondheim, Oct 12 — The owner/skipper of fishing (general) *Skarbak*, Mr. Finn Bertram Evensen, is still missing. He was the only person onboard when the accident occurred. The maritime enquiry is being held today at Molde. According local press Mr. Evensen had contacted combined chemical and oil tanker *Doris* on the VHF radio prior to the collision at 1915 hrs and was registered by Floro Radio. A printed version of the contact between the two vessels was presented during today's maritime enquiry. — Lloyd's Agents.

Maassluis, Oct 13 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Doris* arrived at Moerdijk on Oct 13 from Elnesvagen. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Oct 17 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Doris* sailed Moerdijk Oct 13 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was in lat 59 11 20.05N, long 04 45 59.72E, at 1037, UTC, Oct 17, proceeding on a course of 152 deg at 13.7 knots.

DUBAI GUARDIAN (Panama)

See *Diamond I*.

EASTERN STAR (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Visakhapatnam, Oct 13 — General cargo *Eastern Star* had problems with its cargo gear at Kakinada, and the vessel was delayed. Due to the rules of the old (anchorage) port and the New Port (alongside jetties), where vessels at the old port, where certain cargoes are allowed, would not be allowed to move to the new port, where another set of cargoes are only allowed. There was some political problems as the old port users has a strong trade union with enormous political clout. — Lloyd's Agents.

EDWARD L. RYERSON (U.S.A.)

Troy, Michigan, Oct 14 — It appeared from the Sault Ste Marie Locks webcams on Friday (Oct 12) that bulk carrier *Edward L. Ryerson* (12170 gt, built 1960) bumped bulk carrier *Edwin H. Gott* (35592 gt, built 1978) while both vessels were downbound entering the locks. The *Edwin H. Gott* was about halfway into the Poe while the *Edward L. Ryerson* was just outside the Mac.

The rear of the *Edward L. Ryerson* came away from the piers and the bow followed. The bow of the *Edward L. Ryerson* appeared to come in contact with the starboard aft corner of the *Edwin H. Gott*. Both vessels locked through after the *Edward L. Ryerson* got back along the wall. The *Edwin H. Gott* tied up on the wall below the Poe for a time with the Ojibway alongside. It appeared as though the *Edward L. Ryerson* sustained some damage to the port bow as it exited the Mac. — Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

EDWIN H. GOTT (U.S.A.)

See *Edward L. Ryerson*.

ELEVEN (Belize)

Suva, Oct 14 — Fishing (general) *Eleven*: No further development has taken place. — Lloyd's Agents.

EMPRESS OF THE NORTH (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: Seattle-based Majestic America Line said yesterday that a problem with the propulsion system of passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* (5975 gt, built 2003) caused it to cancel two sailings from Portland, Ore, this month, affecting about 390 passengers. Passengers on *Empress of the North* had been planning weeklong voyages along the Columbia River. They have been offered full refunds, plus 50% off a future booking with any of the line's seven ships, said Majestic America spokesman David Bean. Bean said the vessel is expected to set sail on its next scheduled voyage Oct 27. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Empress of the North* was in lat 46 25N, long 124 30W, at 1044, UTC, today, speed 6.7 knots, course 330 deg, bound Portland, Ore.)

ENERGY (Panama)

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: Mangalore Coast Guards yesterday rescued a tug (anchor handling tug/supply *Energy*, 832 gt, built 1974), Sharjah for Singapore, with nine starving crew members, which had been drifting 180 nautical miles from New Mangalore Port. The crew members inside were famished and dehydrated as their ration supply had ended and they were in pitiable condition. A technical snag is understood to have caused the tug, to lose control and drift into Lakshadweep waters on Oct 7. It was sailing from Sharjah to Singapore with nine Filipino nationals on board, when it developed problems in its engine, sources informed. The tug was a major hazard not only to the environment around Lakshadweep islands but was also an impediment in the busy navigation channel used by all vessels sailing to South East Asia. It was the timely signal from Mumbai MRCC, who had picked up the distress signals and contacted Mangalore Coast Guards. They immediately pressed their patrol vessel *Annie Besant* into service to rescue the drifting tug. On reaching the tug and after replenishing the ration supply, all nine crew members were

rescued and escorted to Mangalore Port yesterday. The crew members were given medical aid and are reported to be now recovering. Moreover, the damaged tug was being repaired.

London, Oct 15 — Following received from the Singapore owners of anchor handling tug/supply *Energy: Energy*, Sharjah for Singapore, will be renamed *Glenn Freedom* on arrival at Singapore.

ENERGY CHAMPION (Isle of Man)

Halifax, Oct 12 — Product tanker *Energy Champion*: Dive survey conducted Oct 4, no damage found, and vessel departed same day for high seas. — Lloyd's Agents.

FALCON CAPE (Liberia)

London, Oct 16 — Bulk carrier *Falcon Cape* is currently still at Wiltonhaven, Rotterdam.

FARAH-3 (Jordan)

Colombo, Oct 17 — Local agents inform us that general cargo *Farah-3* remains at Mullaitivu. — Lloyd's Agents.

FEDERAL PATROLLER (Cyprus)

Troy, Mich, Oct 12 — General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* has now arrived at Section 46 Sud-Est, Montreal. — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

Troy, Michigan, Oct 14 — General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* was downbound from Montreal to Three Rivers yesterday morning under its own power. The vessel is heavily damaged as it raked its bottom over the rocks when it left the channel in Lake St. Louis on Oct 6, while loaded with a cargo of grain from CHS 2, Duluth. *Federal Patroller* is expected to be unloaded at the next port as this cargo was to be delivered to Norway. The vessel was patched in Montreal harbour after being towed there by Group Ocean tugs. — Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

London, Oct 14 — General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* arrived at Three Rivers on Oct 13.

Troy, Michigan, Oct 15 — General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* is presently at Three Rivers, Quebec, being off loaded of its cargo of a cereal product that was destined for Kristiansand, Norway. This will enable the vessel to be dry docked and further repairs made. It is not known where the vessel will dry docked. — Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

Montreal, Oct 17 — General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* is still discharging at Three Rivers. A survey is expected to be carried out on Oct 19. — Lloyd's Agents.

FINGAL (Netherlands Antilles)

London, Oct 16 — General cargo *Fingal* arrived Glasgow on Oct 11 from Waterford.

FREE JUPITER (Marshall Islands)

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: Bulk carrier *Free Jupiter's* inspection by its classification society has been completed and it is expected that the vessel will be allowed to complete its current short time

charter and then proceed for drydocking. Arrangements for drydocking have been made and it is expected to last until approximately the end of November, although the repair period could be longer. The vessel's three-year time charter is anticipated to begin following completion of the drydocking.

GENMAR PROGRESS (Liberia)

See "Puerto Rico" under "Pollution."

GERADU EMPIRE (Maldives)

London, Oct 18 — Following navigation warning issued at 1310, UTC, Oct 17: General cargo *Geradu Empire* (498 gt, built 1985), unmanned and adrift in lat 07 35.7N, long 76 58.4E. Dangerous to navigation. Mariners to exercise caution.

London, Oct 18 — Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0755, UTC: General cargo *Geradu Empire* was abandoned due to a crack in its engine-room. A Coast Guard cutter went to the last known position of the vessel and found debris in the area, so the vessel is assumed to have sunk.

GINREI (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 16 — Product tanker *Ginrei* (996 gt, built 1996), Tamashima for Ube, grounded in lat 33 58N, long 132 41.9E, at 2042, Oct 12. The vessel was refloated by a salvage tug at 0914, Oct 13, and anchored off of Matsuyama at 1100 same day. No water ingress, oil spill or personal injury was reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)

Riga, Oct 18 — Bulk carrier *Golden Sky* should be released from arrest sometime next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

HANJIN GOTHENBURG (Germany)

London, Oct 16 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* was moored in lat 01 18 03N, long 103 39E, Jurong port, at 0943, UTC, today, destination given as Keppel Shipyard.

Singapore, Oct 16 — Fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* is currently at Keppel Tuas South Quay, Singapore. — Lloyd's Agents.

ISAFOLD (Denmark)

Bergen, Oct 16 — Fishing (general) *Isafold* sailed as expected last week. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

JAN MITCHELL (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Oct 16 — There was a fire on board general cargo *Jan Mitchell* (2599 gt, built 1999) while she was alongside at Esbjerg last night. After some welding work on a wind turbine a serious fire broke out in the cargo hold. The local fire brigade worked for more than six hours to extinguish the fire, which broke out again in the early morning hours. According to several press reports at least one wind turbine is seriously damaged. (Note — *Jan Mitchell* arrived Esbjerg Oct 12.)

JANINA

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Poznan, Oct 17 — As per info from Gdynia, general cargo *Janina* sailed at 0850, local time, Oct 14, for Rotterdam. — Lloyd's Agents.

JERRY NEWBERRY (Canada)

See *Jerry Newberry*.

KAIGATA MARU NO.78 (Japan)

Noumea, Oct 12 — Fishing (general) *Kaigata Maru No.78* was inspected at Noumea and returned to service. — Lloyd's Agents.

KAIJO MARU NO.25 (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 16 — General cargo *Kaijo Maru No.25* (699 gt, built 1992) Kimitsu for Kanmon, ran aground in lat 33 51.2N, long 132 32.1E, at 0050, Oct 11. Though it sustained holing damage to its bottom bow and water ingress to her forepeak tank, no oil spill or personal injury was reported. The vessel refloated by its own means at 0730 same day and proceeded to a dock at Kobe to effect repairs, at 1430 hrs. — Lloyd's Agents.

KAIMIKAI-O-KANALOA (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 12 — A Coast Guard Honolulu press release, dated Oct 11, states: The Coast Guard is currently monitoring the removal of nearly 4,400 gallons of diesel fuel that is unaccounted for from University of Hawaii research *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa* (294 gt, built 1979) that is moored at Sand Island Treatment Plant, pier 43. The master of the *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa* contacted the Coast Guard at approximately 1145 today. The master reported that, due to a crack in the fuel tank, fuel was leaking into the water. The vessel's crew immediately shut down all operations and set up absorbent boom, which is environmental clean-up equipment that is used to contain a spill. The master of *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa* contracted the Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO) to clean up the spill. *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa* is currently moored at Sand Island Treatment Plant, where PENCO is currently on scene removing the fuel. All crewmembers are safe with no report of injuries. The Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the accident and amount of fuel that has leaked into the water. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa* was moored in lat 21 18 59N, long 157 53 10W, at 0855, UTC, today.)

London, Oct 13 — A Coast Guard Honolulu press release, dated Oct 12, states: The Coast Guard continues to monitor the removal of diesel fuel that spilled yesterday at Pier 45. Currently, clean-up crews from Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO) have removed approximately 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel that spilled from underwater sewage drains while research *Kaimikai-O-Kanaloa*, a 198-foot research vessel from the University of Hawaii, was offloading sewage into the drain yesterday morning. The master of the research

vessel contacted the Coast Guard at approximately 1145 yesterday and reported the spill. The vessel's crew immediately shut down all operations and set up an absorbent boom, which is environmental clean-up equipment used to contain a spill.

KARELIA II (Russia)

London, Oct 18 — Trawler *Karelia II* arrived Kristiansund Oct 13 and sailed Oct 16.

KAREN L. (U.S.A.)

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: The Coast Guard and good Samaritans rescued two people after their 57-foot fishing (general) *Karen L.* (97 gt, built 1974) ran aground and rolled on its side in Barnegat Inlet near Barnegat Lighthouse, New Jersey, today. The Coast Guard received a call at 0751 hrs from the vessel's skipper, reporting it had run aground and was listing. Both crew members donned cold-water immersion suits and abandoned ship. They were immediately rescued by good Samaritans who pulled them out of the water onto their boat. A Coast Guard boat crew from Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light arrived and transferred the two survivors on board their 25-ft rescue boat. The owner of the *Karen L.* is working with Seatow on a salvage plan.

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated today, states: Fishing (general) *Karen L.* remains listing on her side in Barnegat Inlet, more than 24 hours after two of her crew members were rescued by the Coast Guard and a good Samaritan. Coast Guard officer Jesse Duane said the Barnegat Light station has received no update on when the vessel will be moved, and it remains floating on its side in between five and 20 feet of water depending on the tide. Duane said there has been no signs that any of the 2,500 gallons of fuel on board the vessel is leaking.

London, Oct 13 — A press report, dated today, states: Fishing *Karen L.*, that ran aground Thursday (Oct 11) in the Barnegat Inlet will not be pulled from the water until next week, a spokesman for the US Coast Guard said yesterday. The *Karen L.* is owned by John Larson, his son Barnegat Light Mayor Kirk Larson said Thursday. The vessel has about 2,000 gallons of fuel on board, according to Petty Officer Nyx Cangemi, spokesman for the US Coast Guard. "There's no pollution and we're waiting on the arrival of additional equipment to help right the boat to salvage it. They're looking at bringing a crane in from another state," Cangemi said.

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated Oct 16, states: The 57-foot fishing vessel *Karen L.* was salvaged Monday (Oct 15) from the Barnegat Inlet, near Barnegat Lighthouse. The vessel ran aground on Friday with two people on board, who abandoned ship and were rescued.

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated today, states: Fishing (general) *Karen L.* was finally pulled in Monday evening (Oct 15) from the Barnegat Inlet, a spokesman for the US Coast

Guard said yesterday. Two fishermen were rescued by passing boaters with the help of the US Coast Guard after the boat rolled onto its side in Barnegat Inlet on Friday. Luis Roberson and Daniel Call jumped from the boat wearing coldwater immersion suits and were pulled out of the water onto another boat by its occupants, a US Coast Guard spokesman said. A Coast Guard boat crew from Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light arrived on scene and transferred the two men on board their rescue boat. John Larson of Barnegat Light owns the *Karen L.* Yesterday evening, John Larson said he planned on getting the *Karen L.* back to work as soon as possible, along with Roberson and Call. "We pulled it out about 2130 yesterday, got it into the slip and started to work on it. We worked on it all day today. We'll be able to use it again," John Larson said. "We're going to start the engines up tomorrow." Although the *Karen L.* was carrying was carrying 200 gallons of fuel on board, there was no leakage, according to US Coast Guard spokesman Petty Officer Nyx Cangemi. "All precautions were taken when they actually craned the boat up and out of the water and they did it very slowly to let the water drain out properly and monitor for leakage," Cangemi said. There was a smell of diesel air when the vessel was lifted out, but there was no visible sheening on the water and no leakage, Cangemi said.

KEMERLI (Turkey)

London, Oct 12 — General cargo *Kemerli* arrived Gemlik Oct 6 and sailed Oct 7 for Aliaga.

KLOAR KIMMING (Germany)

London, Oct 12 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS ferry *Kloar Kimming* was still in port at Cuxhaven at 1028, UTC, today.

Hamburg, Oct 12 — The spill of a few litres of oil from ferry *Kloar Kimming* was cleaned up by a local cleaning company at a cost of Euro 2,500. The vessel is still in port and the cause of the spill is under investigation. — Lloyd's Agents.

KOWA MARU (Japan)

Yokohama, Oct 16 — Chemical tanker *Kowa Maru* arrived at Imabari at 0900, Oct 10. Bulk carrier *Albany Sound* sailed from Ube to South-east Asia at 1600, Oct 10. — Lloyd's Agents.

KUANUA (Papua New Guinea)

Port Moresby, Oct 13 — Understand from the owners of Roll On Roll Off *Kuanua* that the vessel is sitting under maintenance on dock in Port Moresby. — Lloyd's Agents.

KVARTS (Russia)

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: Rescuers have found the body of the last of five crew members of self-propelled barge *Kvarts* that went missing off Sakhalin's coast in Russia's Far East, a local emergencies spokeswoman said today.

LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 12 — General cargo *Leninskiy Komsomol* remains aground in the same position. An attempt at the removal from the sandbar by the tugs *Poseidon* and *Proteus*, under the management of the Captain of the port of Kavkaz, were unsuccessful. More powerful tugs are now being considered. — Correspondent.

Novorossiysk, Oct 12 — According to Kavkaz PSC general cargo *Leninskiy Komsomol* is still aground. No damage to cargo or ingress of water has been noted in ballast/hold/bilges. According to owner's, United Volga River Shipping Co," they have decided to discharge cargo to another of their vessels and they are now trying to find a suitable vessel. They have also confirmed that cargo is not affected. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 13 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Leninskiy Komsomol* moved from its grounding position at 0614, UTC, today, and was reported in lat 45 18.18N, long 36 29.41E at 0909, UTC, today, speed 7.4 knots, course 248 deg.

Novorossiysk, Oct 16 — To set general cargo *Leninskiy Komsomol* afloat it was decided to lighten the vessel, discharging about 1,000 tonnes of cargo on to the nearest vessel of the same ownership, STK type general cargo *Bersut*. The unloading commenced on 2140, local time, Oct 12, and lasted for about four hours until the vessel was afloat. The cargo then had been loaded back from the *Bersut* into the *Leninskiy Komsomol*. The whole operation was completed by 0745, Oct 13, and at about 1100 hrs the vessel commenced voyage to Kerch roads. The plan of the owners was to take the vessel to port Kerch to perform the divers inspection for class surveyor as soon as possible. Yesterday, during daytime, divers carried out inspection of the underwater hull of *Leninskiy Komsomol*, with no damage noted. The vessel is now presently at Kerch roads awaiting classification society certificate. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 18 — General cargo *Leninskiy Komsomol* passed Kerchenskiy Strait southbound Oct 17.

LISA A. (Panama)

Belfast, Oct 18 — Crane barge *Lisa A.* is still undergoing repairs at Belfast with an estimated date of completion Oct 25. — Lloyd's Agents.

MAERSK DIADEMA (Germany)

Taipei, Oct 13 — Understand from the Kaohsiung Harbour Bureau, that fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* drydocked at the shipyard of CSBC, Kaohsiung, Taiwan at 1800, Oct 8, and should complete repairs on Nov 10. — Lloyd's Agents.

MAERSK WELKIN (Singapore)

Yokohama, Oct 16 — Vehicle carrier *Maersk Welkin* (52691 gt, built 2006),

Mikawa for Nagoya, ran aground in lat 34 44.1N, long 137 17.7E, at 1550, Oct 12. She was refloated by three tugs at 1816 same day and anchored off Nagoya Oct 13. No water ingress, oil spill or personal injury has been reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

Yokohama, Oct 16 — Vehicle carrier *Maersk Welkin* arrived Nagoya Oct 13 from Toyohashi and sailed Oct 15 for Singapore. — Lloyd's Agents.

MARGINELLA (Russia)

Cherbourg, Oct 17 — Fishing *Marginella* is still at Cherbourg under arrest by salvors Les Abeilles Internationales for a claim of euro 450,000 as salvage remuneration. Also the owner will have to settle his account with local agent for all port dues and fees since July. — Lloyd's Agents.

MARIA S.MERIAN (Germany)

London, Oct 16 — Research *Maria S.Merian* sailed from Kiel on Oct 11, bound for Aalborg.

MCNALLY OLYMPIC (Canada)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 13 — The fuel on board a construction barge that ran aground in a remote part of northern Labrador has possibly been flushed out to sea, according to the federal Fisheries and Oceans Department. Terry Harvey, environmental response officer with the Canadian Coast Guard, said Friday that barge *McNally Olympic* (627 gt, built 1956) appeared to be firmly embedded on the rocks of the Harp Peninsula, about 10 kilometres south-west of Hebron. It is possible the bottom of the vessel has been ripped out, Harvey said, as heavy seas have pounded the barge since it ran aground. However, Harvey said there is no way to know for sure what type of damage the barge has sustained, or if any fuel has leaked, until officials can examine the vessel up-close. The barge was being towed from the Arctic to a port in Quebec when its towline snapped in heavy weather on Monday (Oct 8). That happened near the northern tip of Labrador, causing the barge to drift south to the Hebron Fjord area. Once the vessel ran aground, the stormy weather might have been a blessing in disguise, Harvey said. "There's like a flushing action. There's huge volumes of water that flush in and flush out, and because of the agitation, that's quickly dispersed in the water columns," Harvey said of any possible leaking fuel. "Some of it actually vaporises and goes into the air, and usually when you see that kind of thing you don't see any sheen on the water." *McNally Olympic* was carrying about 90,000 litres of diesel and about 2,500 litres of waste oil. If the barge had gone aground in a sheltered area, the threat of damage from pollution would have been worse because any leaked fuel would not dissipate as easily, Harvey said. The Coast Guard and the barge's owner are trying to figure out what to do with the barge, but the high winds and waves are making it unsafe to go on board and to verify whether there

has been a fuel leak. "There is a high-energy environment well off-shore that is causing that swell, and as that swell approaches land where that barge is impaled on rock, the waves quickly build and there's a constant 15 to 20-foot swell pounding on that barge," Harvey said. Harvey couldn't say how much of an environmental impact any leaking fuel would have. But he said the owners are responsible for any pollution and they plan to survey the area with divers. However, because of the harsh weather and the advance of the ice season, that survey may not happen until spring. — Correspondent.

Troy, Michigan, Oct 18 — While in tow of tug *Jerry Newberry*, a line parted and the barge *McNally Olympic* drifted ashore 10 kilometres south-west of Hebron, Labrador, and is a total loss. Vessel was on a return trip from Deception Bay, in the far north of Quebec, to Sorel. It was carrying quantities of fuel and waste oil which is believed to have been dispersed by the 15 to 20 foot seas. At last report the deckhouse has broken free of the hull. — Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

MEDON (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 14 — General cargo *Medon* (2481 gt, built 1968), with a cargo of 2,600 tons of crushed stones, ran aground in the vicinity of buoys No. 11 and 12 in the Neva inlet, St. Petersburg, at 2011, Oct 13. The authorities are considering offloading part of the cargo prior to the tug *Eridan* attempting to tow the vessel from the sandbar. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Medon* was reported stationary in lat 59 58.4N, long 30 12.16.5E at 0831, UTC, today.)

London, Oct 14 — Following received from St.Petersburg MRCC, timed 0850, UTC: General cargo *Medon* is still aground. A tug is waiting for high tide this afternoon before attempting to refloat.

London, Oct 14 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Medon* was reported in lat 59 57.55N, long 30 13.7E, speed 6.5 knots, course 112 deg, at 1327, UTC, today.

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 15 — General cargo *Medon* was removed from the sandbar with the aid of tug *Borey* at "1705," yesterday. The vessel has no damage. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Medon* was moored in lat 59 57 29N, long 30 14 38E, (St. Petersburg) at 0734, UTC, today.)

St. Petersburg, Oct 17 — General cargo *Medon* is still in port of St. Petersburg waiting for further owner's instructions. — Lloyd's Agents.

MELWILL (Tuvalu)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

MILADY (Gibraltar)

Kiel, Oct 12 — General cargo *Milady* (2545 gt, built 2006) struck the walls of the lock in Papenburg when trying to berth Oct "10." The vessel contacted the walls twice to starboard when

entering the lock where general cargo *Fehn Castor* was berthed. Extent of damage not known. — Correspondent. (Note — *Milady* arrived Papenburg Oct 9, sailed Oct 11, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 53 53 38N, long 09 08 44E, (Brunsbüttel area) at 0924, UTC, today.)

London, Oct 16 — General cargo *Milady* arrived Klaipeda at 1025, Oct 14, and sailed Oct 15.

MSC ADRIANA (Panama)

London, Oct 15 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0932, UTC: Fully cellular containership *MSC Adriana* (25219 gt, built 1998) reported engine problems/failure 40 miles from Ancona about 1630 yesterday. Vessel was subsequently towed to Ancona. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *MSC Adriana* arrived Ancona 2338, UTC, Oct 14, and was reported stationary there at 1019, Oct 15.)

London Oct 16 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *MSC Adriana* was still moored at Ancona at 0951, UTC, today.

Ancona, Oct 17 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Adriana*, with propulsion problems, arrived Ancona roads 0050, Oct 15 towed by two tugs. Vessel berthed at pier 23 at 0600 same day and was then shifted to pier 22 at 2000 same day. Vessel is still berthed at pier 22. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC BULGARIA (Liberia)

London, Oct 15 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Bulgaria* (30824 gt, built 1988), bound Antwerp, had engine problems in the River Scheldt around 1400, Oct 13. The vessel was "stranded" for short time near red buoy 80. The vessel was assisted after approximately 30 minutes by tugs *Union Grizzly*, *Union 9* and *Union 7*. Vessel was then anchored for inspection. (Note — *MSC Bulgaria* subsequently arrived Antwerp 1740, Oct 13, sailed 2000 yesterday and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was in lat 51 52 39N, long 01 33 54E, at 0803, UTC, today, speed 12.7 knots, course 300 deg.)

MSC SINFONIA (Panama)

London, Oct 13 — Passenger (cruise) *MSC Sinfonia* sailed from Valencia on Oct 10 for Valletta, where it arrived and sailed on Oct 12.

Valencia, Oct 15 — Valencia Port Authority report that passenger (cruise) *MSC Sinfonia* and fully cellular containership *Teresa del Mar* had a minor collision on Oct 10. Apparently *MSC Sinfonia* hit *Teresa del Mar* during manoeuvre but damages were minor and *Teresa del Mar* was immediately repaired. Both vessels have already left Valencia. — Lloyd's Agents.

NAUTICA

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Oct 11 — A press release from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, timed 1656, UTC, today, states: A major search is under way off the east coast for the skipper of sunken

Flourish (22 gt) after three survivors are rescued. At 1414 hrs Falmouth Coastguard picked up a 406 EPIRB distress alert from *Flourish*. Humber Coastguard attempted to contact the fishing vessel without success. Other fishing vessels in the area responded to Humber Coastguard's broadcast to shipping and reported sighting the *Flourish* 30 minutes earlier, four miles north-east of the Rough gasfield, which is 28 miles south-east of Flamborough Head. At 1427 hrs Humber Coastguard received a call from general cargo *Nautica* (1587 gt, built 1992) reporting that they had picked up three of the crew who were safely on board but the skipper was missing after a collision between the two vessels. A major air and sea search is under way. *Flourish* was reported to be heading into Bridlington. Conditions at the scene are light winds and good visibility. Bridlington RNLI Lifeboat is on its way to the scene bring the three survivors back to shore.

London, Oct 11 — Following received from Coastguard Humber MRSC, timed 2121, UTC: Fishing *Flourish*, collision with general cargo *Nautica* in lat 53 51N, long 00 35.4E: Three fishing vessels assisting with search. Wreckage, EPIRB and lifeboat from *Flourish* located and recovered. Oil sighted on surface. Search for missing person terminated at 2030, UTC; nothing found. No plans for first light search.

NEFTERUDOVOZ-54M (Russia)

London, Oct 17 — Combined ore and oil carrier *Nefterudovoz-54M* passed Kerchenskiy Strait Oct 16, southbound, and is ETA Reni Oct 19.

NEW FLAME (Panama)

London, Oct 18 — Salvors waiting to cut the stranded bulk carrier *New Flame* in two have given the Gibraltar government until tomorrow evening to allow the operation to proceed. Tsavlis Salvage warned that an expected window of good weather early next week could be the last chance to remove two-thirds of the vessel safely. Otherwise work may be postponed until spring, while the vessel may break up by itself, endangering navigation. The contractor has reportedly threatened to walk away from the casualty if immediate permission is not granted. A source close to the operation claimed cutting had been delayed until after Oct 11 elections, which returned the same government. However, the authorities this week suddenly demanded a P&I club guarantee to remove the wreck, he said, adding that "ironically this is now preventing the operation."

NIOBE CORINTHIAN (Panama)

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct 11 — Research *Niobe Corinthian* (993 gt, built 1967), which has been berthed in St. George's since July, 2006, left St. George's about 0800 today. It was mentioned that technical problems were encountered soon after departure. Vessel then headed to Dockyard, which is about 12 miles away. When the

vessel got close to Dockyard, it encountered a fire which is thought to have started from the exhaust. Therefore, it is an engine-room problem. However, fire then spread to a lounge on board but fire was put out soon afterwards by crew. Engines were shut down and the vessel was towed into Dockyard by a Bermuda government tug. Bermuda Fire service were called and they attended the scene when the vessel arrived at the dock. — Lloyd's Agents.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct 12 — A press report, dated today, states: Research *Niobe Corinthian*, en route to Dockyard for refuelling, was damaged after one of its engines overheated and caused a fire in the upper lounge area yesterday. The crew managed to contain and extinguish the fire using onboard equipment, before fire personnel arrived. Understood she was due to sail yesterday on her maiden voyage but those plans were temporarily hampered. She is expected to be cleaned up over a short period of time, before resuming a normal schedule. Damage is reported to be minor, only smoke damage to the upper lounge. — Lloyd's Agents.

NORDFJELL (Norway)

Sandnes, Oct 12 — Roll On Roll Off *Nordfjell* (4578 gt, built 1978) arrived Aalesund with engine problems Oct 9. Vessel is still in Aalesund undergoing repairs to a gear. ETC is Oct 15. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 17 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, roll on roll off *Nordfjell* was in lat 58 20 54.72N, long 06 03 12.54E, at 1413, UTC, Oct 17, proceeding on a course of 135 deg at 13.5 knots.

NORMAND FERKING (Norway)

Sandnes, Oct 12 — Anchor handling tug/supply *Normand Ferking* arrived Rubbestadneset at 0920, local time, Oct 11, for repairs. ETC unknown. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Oct 15 — Anchor handling tug/supply *Normand Ferking*, which sustained grounding damage to its propeller according to divers investigation, remains berthed at Wartsila Rubbestadneset and will proceed to Halsnoy for docking and repairs tomorrow. — Correspondent.

NORWAY (Bahamas)

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated Oct 10, states: After over a year of protests by environmentalists, workers in west India have begun dismantling passenger (cruise) *NorwayP*, now named *Blue Lady*, ignoring potentially serious risks to their health. The breaking of the 46,000-tonne vessel was given the go-ahead by India's Supreme Court last month after a long-running legal battle led by environmentalists, who said the vessel contained 900 tonnes of toxic waste like asbestos. Every day, hundreds of ship breakers at the Alang shipyard in Gujarat state climb up and down ladders bringing down items inside the vessel, later, they will break down the entire vessel. Despite warnings on the risks involved, the

workers have welcomed the *Blue Lady*, saying their health is secondary to the need to earn enough money to feed themselves.

OCEAN JASPER (Kribati)

Brest, Oct 17 — General cargo *Ocean Jasper* is still under detention at Brest and the representatives of the owners are now investigating the possibility to have the cargo discharged in this port or transhipped into another vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

OCEAN VITA (Malta)

London, Oct 12 — Following coastal notice to mariners is in force: Existence of anchor in lat 32 06.51S, long 51 55.82W, (Rio Grande area) lost from bulk carrier *Ocean Vita* (10490 gt, built 1997). Caution advised. (Note — *Ocean Vita* arrived Rio Grande, Brazil, Sep 28, and sailed Oct 7 for Santos.)

OMEGA (Cambodia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 11 — A tug has removed Cambodian pontoon *Omega* (166 gt, built 1985) from a sandbar in the port of Nevelsk. On board the vessel are five crew, all citizens of Russia. As reported by the Far-Eastern regional centre the vessel ran aground while approaching Nevelsk early this morning. — Correspondent.

OMSKIY 140 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 13 — General cargo *Omskiy 140* (2470 gt, built 1989), cargo 2,093 tons of metal, St Petersburg for Tallinn, ran aground on a sandbar in shallow water in the Gulf of Finland at 1935, Oct 12. The vessel is waiting for a rise in the water level. — Correspondent.

London, Oct 13 — Following received from St. Petersburg MRCC, timed 1100, UTC: General cargo *Omskiy 140*, St. Petersburg for Muuga, grounded in lat 49 57.7N, long 30 14.4E at 1935, local time, Oct 12. The vessel refloated, without assistance, at 0834, local time, this morning, and is now in port at St. Petersburg. There was no damage or pollution. The master reported that another vessel had crossed *Omskiy 140's* course and that he put vessel full astern, lost speed and drifted aground.

St. Petersburg, Oct 17 — General cargo *Omskiy 140* sailed St. Petersburg Oct 14 for Muuga. — Lloyd's Agents.

ORBIT (Malta)

See "United States" under "Port State Control".

PADOVA (Panama)

Busan, Oct 17 — Reefer *Padova* is still under repairs at Busan and expected to complete and sail on/about Oct 19. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (See issue of Jul 16.)

PANAM SERENA (Bahamas)

Piraeus, Oct 12 — Chemical tanker *Panam Serena* remains under repair. ETC unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

PASHA BULKER (Panama)

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

PEARL (North Korea)

London, Oct 16 — According to Tuticorin Port Trust general cargo *Pearl* was still under arrest and Mercantile Marine Department detention at 0600 today.

POS KNIGHT (Hong Kong)

London, Oct 12 — Bulk carrier *Pos Knight*, Gelibolu for Yuzhnyy, passed Istanbul Oct 11.

PRIDE OF TELEMAR (Norway)

Kiel, Oct 16 — Finish passenger ro/ro ferry *Fantaasia* is to replace the damaged passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemar* and will enter City Yard, in Gothenburg, on Oct 18 and start the Moss-Frederikshavn service for Kystlink on Oct 24. *Pride of Telemar* will have extensive repairs carried out, due to the grounding in Frederikshavn, as the main machine-room, the auxiliary engine room, the craftshops, pump rooms, bow thruster-room and cabins on deck two had been flooded, thereby also destroying the electric panels. — Correspondent.

Gothenburg, Oct 18 — Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemar* is still in dry dock at Cityvarvet, Gothenburg. Repairs will be finished and vessel is scheduled to leave at the end of this month. — Lloyd's Agents.

QUEEN OF OAK BAY (Canada)

Vancouver, Oct 15 — Roll On Roll Off *Queen of Oak Bay* is now back in service. — Lloyd's Agents.

RAJAWALI SAMUDRA INDONESIA 05 (Indonesia)

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: Victims of sunken fishing (general) *Rajawali Samudra Indonesia 05*, 62 gt, will be flown back to Manado by a Sriwijaya Air aircraft from Davao, the Philippines. "At present they are accommodated in Indonesian consulate general office in Davao waiting for the completion of their immigration documents," a spokesman of the consulate general office in Davao, Bambang Gunawan, said in a press release today. On Sep 28 the fishing vessel was on its way to Ambon from Bitung, North Sulawesi. The ordeal happened at about 1430 hrs about 40 miles away from Bitung port, as it was trapped in bad weather and strong waves. The vessel had trouble with its machinery after being battered by strong waves, thus causing it to capsize and was then dragged by strong sea current to the north. On Oct 5, one of the crewmen died. While holding on to the floating vessel for few days, the survivors only ate sugar, soybean sauce and frying oil. At approximately 1800, Oct 6, they were rescued by Philippine fishing vessel *Wulan 7*. At approximately 1600, Oct 7 they arrived in General Santos and were immediately transferred to coast guard for a shelter at the social affairs office. Their health had been checked by the local doctors and generally they were healthy except sustaining sun burn after floating on the sea for nine days.

SAMOTHRAKI (Greece)

See *Chrisoula*.

SAMUBERA PACIFIC NO.18 (Indonesia)

Taipei, Oct 12 — After liaising with Southern Coastal Patrol Office of Taiwan Coast Guard Administration, we noted that the name of the vessel should be fishing (general) *Samubera Pacific No.18* (500 gt) (not *Samubara Pacific* as previously reported) and is still aground on the coast of Checheng, south-east of Taiwan. The vessel's owner had employed four excavators for dredging a temporary channel (depth approximately four metres) in order to refloat the vessel at high tide smoothly. Subsequently a tug (2600HP) will be used to conduct the salvage/towing operation on/around Oct 12-13 — Lloyd's Agents.

Taipei, Oct 16 — After liaising with Pingtung Country Environmental Protection Bureau, we learned that fishing (general) *Samubera Pacific No.18* had been refloated/towed on Oct 12 and she is now berthing at the Cianjhen fishing port, within Kaohsiung port, for repairs. No oil pollution occurred. — Lloyd's Agents.

SARAH (Philippines)

Manila, Oct 16 — Landing craft *Sarah* is still drydocked at Anita Shipyard in Navotas, Manila, where she is undergoing repairs to her hull, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) reported. According to MARINA safety engineer Sammy Batalla, the vessel has sustained iextensive damage involving a massive dent in the port side hull; a one-by-two-metre crack in the corner bilge resulting in water seepage into the void tank, ruptured bulkhead plating and a misalignment in the vessel's longitudinal and transfer frame." — Correspondent.

SEAGULL EXPRESS (Malaysia)

Kuala Lumpur, Oct 14 — Passengers on a Malaysian ferry that burst into flames and sank had to leap into the sea to escape the blaze, in an accident that killed four people and injured four more, state news agency Bernama said today. At least 100 people were on board the ferry *Seagull Express*, an old and rickety vessel that was battling engine problems, as it headed for the popular Malaysian resort island of Tioman from Mersing in southern Johor state, yesterday, the agency said. The fire spread rapidly, filling the passenger cabin with thick smoke within minutes, said a passenger. The crew scrambled to save themselves while passengers battled a shortage of life-jackets. Marine police and fishing and tourist vessels responding to the vessel's distress call, managed to pull 94 passengers from the sea, Mersing police official Harun Arshad said. Initial inquiries revealed engine trouble as the cause of the fire, but police were questioning survivors to find out how and where it began, as well as the exact number on board, he added. All the people killed or hurt in the incident came from the Malaysian

capital and Johor, the agency said, but did not say if any foreigners were on board. — Reuters.

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: Ferry *Seagull Express*, which caught fire while heading for Pulau Tioman on Saturday (Oct 13), leading to the death of four passengers, did not have a valid ship licence and passenger certificate. A Marine Department spokesman said the licence for the *Seagull Express* had expired on Mar 16 last year, while its passenger certificate had an expiry date of Mar 18, 2005. However, *Seagull Express* and Accommodation Sdn Bhd, the operator of the ferry, has denied that the ferry did not have a valid ship licence.

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: Authorities have recovered seven bodies from the River Nile after a deadly accident on ferry *Seagull Express* in southern Egypt, police said today. At least seven other people were missing and authorities believe they drowned but strong currents and muddy waters were hampering the search today, said Mina Zekri, the chief of Minya province's water police. The ferry, which was carrying dozens of people, was docked on the western side of the River Nile in the village of Bani Hassan, located in the Minya province about 220 km south of Cairo. Police officials had slightly conflicting reports about what happened but it appeared that a ramp connecting the ferry to the dock collapsed as people were getting on and off the boat yesterday, sending dozens into the Nile. Seven bodies had been recovered from the Nile, including four that were found yesterday.

London, Oct 15 — A press report from La Salle, Quebec, dated today, states: The master of ferry *Seagull Express* today denied that he and his other two crew members had forsaken the safety of the vessel's passengers for their own, when it caught fire and sank off Pulau Tioman on Saturday (Oct 13). Wan Fahrerozi Wan Naman and his two colleagues, Abi Mustapha and Mohd Fazli Mohamad said that they actually had tried to extinguish the fire. Wan Fahrerozi said that he also managed to contact the master of ferry *Jentayu Express*, which was trailing his by about 15 minutes, to come to their aid before smashing windows of the ferry after the cabin became enveloped in smoke. "I and my crewmates were the last to leave before being saved by *Jentayu Express*. I also tried to launch a life craft but was unable to do so because the flames were spreading rapidly," he said. He said that he also suffered burns on both hands and that it was the most terrifying incident he had experienced since he became the ferry's master 15 years ago. The master of *Jentayu Express*, Faizal Akhbar, who was also present, said that when he received the distress call from *Seagull Express*, he immediately contacted the Marine Department's control centre at the Mersing Jetty to summon aid. "Upon nearing the stricken vessel, I launched my lifeboat which can accommodate about 30 passengers to

pluck survivors from the sea," he said. *Seagull Express*, which carried 106 passengers, including the master and two crew members, caught fire at 0030, Oct 13. The tragedy claimed four lives. Search operations are still continuing for three missing passengers.

London Oct 17 — Malaysia's Prime Minister has promised to take action against the owners of an unlicensed ferry that caught fire and sank at the weekend, leaving four dead and three missing. Ferry *Seagull Express* sank after catching fire on Oct 13, en route from Mersing to the resort island of Tioman, with 106 passengers and crew on board. According to witnesses, flames quickly engulfed the vessel and passengers were forced to jump overboard, unable to reach lifejackets stored at the aft of the vessel. It has since been discovered that the passenger licence for the vessel, owned by *Seagull Express* and Accommodation, had expired at the end of last year. "I am very unhappy over the incident," said Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. "Action will be taken, as we cannot allow this to happen again. The owners decided to operate the boat despite it being an offence. Now an accident has happened and people have died. There is also no insurance." He has asked for an explanation from Transport Minister Chan Kong on how the ferry was allowed to continue operating despite its licence having expired. In the meantime, the authorities have launched a crackdown against unlicensed vessels. "I hope that owners of unlicensed boats will cease operations immediately," Mr Badawi said. "I want the authorities to conduct a thorough inspection to ensure all boats are in good order." Not surprisingly, one of the first targets has been the owner of *Seagull Express*, which has had two other vessels seized for lacking the required licences, effectively halting the company's operations. Malaysia's southern region Marine Department director Hazman Hussein said the vessels, *Seagull Express 3* and *Jentayu*, did not have domestic shipping licences or manning certificates. However, unlike the *Seagull Express*, the vessels did have valid passenger licences. Mr Hazman said that the ferry operator had failed to submit a passenger manifest or to get port clearance for *Seagull Express* when it left Mersing on Oct 13.

SEBA'AN (Mexico)

London, Oct 12 — A PEMEX press release, dated Oct 11, states: Petroleos Mexicanos reports that ferry *Seba'an* (375 gt, built 1995), owned by a contractor, with 168 workers and eight crew members on board, had a fire in its machinery-room at 1914 today, when employees of companies and contractors Cotemar MMM were being transferred from Ciudad del Carmen to the Campeche area. As a precautionary measure it was decided to evacuate and as of 2200 hrs 173 people were reported rescued in good health. Petroleos Mexicanos reports that unfortunately

one passenger died of so far unknown cause and two others are unaccounted for.

London, Oct 15 — A PEMEX press release, dated Oct 12, states: Petroleos Mexicanos reported that 175 out of 176 workers from contracting firms that were being transferred to the work area in the Campeche Sound, on board ferry *Seba'an*, owned by *Seba'an Oceanography*, arrived unharmed at the port of Ciudad del Carmen at 2245 yesterday. Unfortunately one worker died, however, two workers who were not counted last night were located and taken together with the other passengers on the boats that supported the rescue. *Seba'an* sank at approximately 1250 today after the fire in lat 18 47.8N, long 91 57.86W, when the vessel was being towed by vessel *Fernanda* towards tidal inlets. Authorities will carry out an investigation in order to ascertain the causes that led to this incident.

SIEMPRE SANTA ROSA (Argentina)

London, Oct 17 — Following navigation warning issued Oct 16: Fishing *Don Antonio* towing trawler *Siempre Santa Rosa* (123 gt, built 1986) in lat 42 00S, long 60 20W, line length 500 metres, speed 7.8 knots, course 030 degrees, bound Mar del Plata port.

SILVIA ANA L. (Bahamas)

Kiel, Oct 15 — After the drydocking of roll on roll off *Silvia Ana L.* in Frederikshavn it was found that it had also sustained a gash beneath the waterline in the stern region of its starboard side in the accident thus lengthening the stay in the yard which had already been scheduled, before the accident, for maintenance work. The vessel is now expected to stay at the yard until mid-November. — Correspondent.

Aalborg, Oct 16 — According to the harbour authorities in Frederikshavn, the collision between Roll On Roll Off *Silvia Ana L.* and passenger ro/ro *Stena Danica* was only minor and damage to the vessels was minimal. Some welding was done after the collision, no further repairs are necessary. — Lloyd's Agents.

SINU-I-WASA III (Fiji)

Suva, Oct 15 — Passenger ro/ro *Sinu-I-Wasa III* remains in Levuka wharf and arrangements are being made by owners to have the vessel surveyed. — Lloyd's Agents.

SKARBAK (Norway)

See *Doris*.

SLAVYANIN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Limassol, Oct 18 — Roll On Roll Off *Slavyanin* was towed into Limassol port on Oct 11. Vessel discharged all its cargo between Oct 12 and 14 onto Roll On Roll Off *Oniks*, which is still at Limassol waiting for orders. *Slavyanin* was towed back to the breakwater Oct 15, waiting for repairs to start. — Lloyd's Agents.

SNOWMASS (Russia)

See "Vladivostok, Russia" under "Pollution".

SPAR CANIS (NIS)

See *Capital Queen*.

SS PROSPERITY (Singapore)

See *China Sea*.

STARLING (Singapore)

Kochi, Oct 15 — Combined chemical and oil tanker *Starling* arrived Tuticorin Sep 24 from Belawan, cargo palm oil, and was reported with broken engine gear Sep 25. All repair work was completed satisfactorily and the vessel sailed Tuticorin Oct 9 for Belawan. — Lloyd's Agents.

STENA DANICA (Sweden)

See *Silvia Ana L.*

STENA VOYAGER (U.K.)

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: A fire broke out today on passenger ro/ro *Stena Voyager* (19638 gt, built 1996), Stranraer for Belfast with 555 passengers and 46 crew on board. Stena Line's Irish Sea route director Alan Gordon said the fire, in a sealed turbine unit in the engine-room, was put out by an automatic system. Lifejackets were given to everyone on board in accordance with safety procedures and the ferry continued its journey. Nobody was injured. The incident was brought under control after about 10 minutes.

London, Oct 15 — A Maritime and Coastguard Agency press release, timed 1457 hrs, states: At 1040 today Clyde Coastguard were contacted by passenger ro/ro *Stena Voyager* after they had had a small fire in one of the engines. The vessel is on passage from Stranraer to Belfast and is continuing its voyage with 601 passengers and crew on board. When the vessel arrives at Belfast at 1500 hrs it will be met by two surveyors from the Belfast Marine office, one of whom is a specialist in high-speed craft and gas turbines. The ship's master has kept the Coastguard at Clyde and Belfast fully informed throughout. Tony Skeats from Belfast Marine Office said: "We will visit the *Stena Voyager* when it docks at Belfast to ascertain the safety and integrity of the vessel before we allow it to continue to operate. It will be subject to a mechanical investigation to determine the cause of the fire."

Belfast, Oct 15 — Lifejackets were issued to passengers and crew of passenger ro/ro *Stena Voyager* after a fire broke out on board the Stranraer to Belfast ferry. More than 600 people were on *Stena Voyager* when a small blaze broke out in one of the engine-rooms this morning. No one was injured and the vessel was able to continue its journey to Belfast. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct 15 — Following received from Coastguard Belfast MRCC, timed 1418, UTC: At 1026, UTC, Clyde MRCC received a call from passenger ro/ro *Stena Voyager* reporting a small fire in No.1 engine enclosure. The vessel was already operating without

one engine. The fire was extinguished by carbon dioxide and the vessel continued on passage to Belfast, operating on two engines on one hull. *Stena Voyager* restarted one engine after entering Belfast Lough and was able to enter harbour safely, arriving alongside at 1417, UTC. The vessel is to be boarded by surveyors in Belfast.

Belfast, Oct 18 — Passenger ro/ro *Stena Voyager* returned to service Oct 16. — Lloyd's Agents.

STHENO (Greece)

London, Oct 15 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0640, UTC: General cargo *Stheno* (3720 gt, built 1981) made contact with Vedouria Island, in approximately lat 38 11N, long 24 06.2E, between 2330 and 2359, local time, last night. Vessel has sustained damages to the starboard side and stern. Vessel is now proceeding to Piraeus, escorted by a patrol vessel. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Stheno* was reported in lat 37 39.59N, long 23 45.22E, speed 5.1 knots, course 325 deg, at 0651, UTC, today.)

London, Oct 16 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1300, UTC: General cargo *Stheno* is now alongside a shipyard at Perama for repairs, where it arrived at approximately 1500 yesterday.

SUN LIGHT (Bahamas)

London, Oct 14 — Reefer *Sun Light* passed Skaw northbound at 1802, Oct 13, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 54 19.20N, long 04 38.27E, speed 18.2 knots, course 211 deg, at 0908, UTC, today.

SUPERSEACAT THREE (Italy)

Tallinn, Oct 15 — While carrying out berthing manoeuvres at Tallinn Old City Harbour on Oct 12 Roll On Roll Off *Superseacat Three* (4697 gt, built 1999) contacted ferry *Autoexpress 2* (5419 gt, built 1997), moored alongside berth. Harbour tug *Hermes* was assisting *Superseacat Three* on its starboard side since mooring was hampered by north-north-east winds up to 21 metres per second. Despite these efforts the bow of *Superseacat Three* came in contact with *Autoexpress 2* on its starboard forward. The port stern of *Superseacat Three* in turn came in contact with the quayside. Resulting from the contact both vessels sustained damage affecting their watertight integrity. Temporary repairs were carried out to *Superseacat Three* by cropping the damaged area in port stern and fitting a new aluminium alloy insert. The vessel returned to regular service between Tallinn and Helsinki on Oct 13. Permanent repairs will be carried out after the end of the navigational season. Starboard side shell plating of *Autoexpress 2* was ripped open in seven places above the main deck forward and the starboard navigation light was torn off. Temporary repairs were effected by fitting doubler plates and the vessel sailed Tallinn for Rotterdam on Oct 14. The vessel, on bareboat charter to Consolidada De Ferrys CA, Caracas, is

bound for Venezuela. According to managers, permanent repairs will be undertaken in Curacao before vessel enters service in Venezuela. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Autoexpress 2* was in lat 55 49 54N, long 15 45 13E, at 1301, UTC, today, speed 14.9 knots, course 243 degrees.)

SYDFART (Sweden)

London, Oct 16 — Following received from Gothenburg MRCC, timed 1350, UTC: General cargo *Sydfart*, SFWE (176 gt, built 1879), Sodertalje for Gotland, cargo cement, reported a list of 30 degrees to port, after cargo had shifted, at 1102 yesterday. Rescue units were put on standby but the vessel returned to Sodertalje where it arrived safely. The cargo is now to be sent to Gotland by ferry.

TEAM ANEMONIA (Cyprus)

Maassluis, Oct 17 — Chemical tanker *Team Anemonia* is currently anchored off Rotterdam. Prospects are that it will stay anchored for about two weeks, before entering the port of Rotterdam. On arrival it will probably go into dry dock, however this is not yet confirmed. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Team Anemonia* was anchored in lat 51 55 49N, long 03 45 17E, at 1012, UTC, today.)

TERESA DEL MAR (Canary Islands)

See *MSC Sinfonia*.

THOR AMALIE (Panama)

Yokohama, Oct 18 — General cargo *Thor Amalie* is still at the public berth of Suehiro Pier, in the port of Wakkanai, for repairs to the oil pump shafts fitted on the main engine. The repairs are now scheduled to be completed early next week. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct 10.)

THOR HAWK (DIS)

London, Oct 16 — According to Tuticorin Port Trust fully cellular containership *Thor Hawk* was under repair at berth VIII at 0600 today.

THOR MERCHANT (Thailand)

Singapore, Oct 12 — General cargo *Thor Merchant* is currently at Sembawang Floating Dock Republic, Singapore. — Lloyd's Agents.

THOUSAND ISLANDER II (Canada)

London, Oct 12 — Passenger ro/ro *Thousand Islander II* (200 gt, built 1973) struck the dock at Gananoque Harbour, lat 41 19 29N, long 76 09 20W, at 1820, EDST, Sep 28, due starboard engine control linkage failure. Damage minor.

TIANJIN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Taipei, Oct 12 — According to the local agent of general cargo *Tianjin* it is waiting, under tow, outside Hualien port, with estimated time of berthing 0700 tomorrow. — Lloyd's Agents.

Taipei, Oct 14 — Understand from the Hualien Harbour Bureau that general

cargo *Tianjin*, towed by two Chinese salvage vessels (employed by the ship's owner) and assisted by three Taiwanese tugs, berthed at pier No. 25 in Hualien port, at 1240, Oct 13. *Tianjin* had sailed from Singapore and was bound for Hualien to discharge. While the vessel was sailing nearby north-east of Taiwan on Oct 6, she encountered typhoon iKrosai resulting in her losing power and drifting. Subsequently the Chinese salvage vessel *DongHai No.131*, employed by the vessel's owner, arrived on the scene on Oct 8 but, due to the rough sea, it was difficult to conduct the salvage operation. Thereafter, another salvage vessel *DongHai No.111*, also employed by the shipowner, arrived on the scene on Oct 11. During the towing operation one crew member was injured and immediately assisted to the hospital by the Taiwan Coast Guard. Finally the Taiwanese Government gave permission for that the two Chinese salvage vessels to enter Hualien on Oct 13. — Lloyd's Agents.

TIGANI (Malta)

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated today, states: The Coast Guard responded yesterday to an oil spill in the Delaware River near Paulsboro. The Coast Guard received a call at about 1045 hrs reporting that oil was leaking from crude oil tanker *Tigani* (52603 gt, built 1991) operated by Cardiff Marine Inc. The tanker was moored at the Citgo Asphalt facility in Paulsboro when No. 6 bunker oil started leaking into the river. It is estimated approximately 1,200 gallons of oil had entered the water. A unified command has been established to coordinate and manage the response effort. Environment protection boom has been deployed around the ship to contain the spill, and deflection boom has been deployed near Mantua and Woodbury creeks to protect these sensitive areas. The O'Brien's Group of West Windsor Township, contracted Clean Venture to begin cleanup operations. In addition to Clean Venture, responding to the spill are members from: Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay, N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, Delaware Bay and River Co-op, Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management The Coast Guard Captain of the Port has established a safety zone for the entire length of the Mifflin Range in the Delaware River, Mantua Creek, Mantua Creek Anchorage and Woodbury Creek. Vessel traffic is restricted to alternating, one-way traffic. The cause of the spill is currently under investigation.

London, Oct 11 — Cardiff Marine Inc, managers of crude oil tanker *Tigani*, are on scene and responding to the small spill of oil at Paulsboro, New Jersey. Instantly upon notice of the sheen the crew and managers notified the appropriate authorities and activated the company's response professionals, the O'Briens Group. Members of the O'Briens Group are on scene and have mobilised local area response contractors who have

established boom in accordance with the area contingency plan. Members of the vessel's response organization are working closely with the US Coast Guard and state and local officials through a Unified Command. The source of oil leaking was determined shortly after the incident and the leak has been stopped. The vessel and its manageris regret the small spill and are doing all they can in cooperation with authorities and their response professionals to clean up the spilled oil completely.

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated today, states: At a press conference yesterday afternoon officials indicated only small and sporadic amounts of oil have been found on the shoreline, within half a mile of the CITGO refinery where crude oil tanker *Tigani* spilt oil on Oct 10 and there have been no reports as yet of serious injury to wildlife. "There were two Canada geese right here who had some light stains," said Jim Manuel, an on-site inspector for the state Department of Environmental Protection, but no other reports of harm. "We went out late yesterday and couldn't find anything," Manuel said yesterday. Officials gave this account of the incident: Shortly after docking Wednesday morning at the CITGO refinery, which turns crude oil into asphalt, the crew of *Tigani* discovered oil leaking into the water around the ship. As required by federal law, a floating boom had already been placed around the ship by that time, according to Mike Hanson, a spokesman for Cardiff Marine Inc., the company that manages the ship. Wind conditions hampered the effectiveness of the boom, according to Coast Guard Lt. Bill McKinstry, allowing some oil to escape. McKinstry classified the incident as a "medium" spill. Evidence of oil on the shoreline was found as far as one-quarter of a mile south and one-half a mile north of the tanker on the Delaware River, the DEP's Manuel said. He described the oil there as small globules, not much bigger than a quarter, and thin, "stringy" lines. Ed Turner, of the O'Brien Group, the company called in to conduct a clean-up, described the oil contamination on the shore as scattered. He said it should be "relatively easy to pick up," using hand-held shovels. He said that the oil that leaked was No.6 bunker oil, used to power the ship, not the crude being delivered to CITGO for refining. The oil leaked from a scupper that leads from the deck of the ship, through the area of the bunker storage tank, into the river, Hanson said. How oil from the bunker leaked into the scupper has yet to be determined, he said. There is no evidence that the ship leaked before it docked at the CITGO facility, Manuel said, noting that a helicopter search along the route the tanker travelled up the Delaware failed to detect any signs of an oil spill.

London, Oct 15 — Crude oil tanker *Tigani* sailed Paulsboro 1902, Oct 12, and arrived Marcus Hook 2030 same day. Vessel subsequently sailed Marcus Hook 0140, Oct 13, for Venezuela.

TIGER SPIRIT (Cyprus)

London, Oct 18 — General cargo *Tiger Spirit* sailed Singapore Oct 12 for Haldia, where ETA Oct 16.

TIRAN (Bangladesh)

Chittagong, Oct 18 — General cargo *Tiran* is still in the same position. Owners yet to decide about salvage of the vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

TORM GERTRUD (DIS)

London, Oct 15 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS product tanker *Torm Gertrud* was still moored at Setubal (under repair) at 0823, UTC, today.

TRAFALGAR (U.K.)

Buenos Aires, Oct 16 — Bulk carrier *Trafalgar* is still grounded and her owners have signed a Lloyd's Open Form contract with SMIT Salvage. They are currently performing lightering operations in order to refloat the vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

TRANS-1 (Bangladesh)

Khulna, Oct 16 — Understand from Harbour Master, Mongla Port authority that aftpart of barge *Trans-1* has yet to be salvaged and is still lying in the same position. Forepart of the barge was salvaged on Aug 12. Presently the salvage operation is suspended; however, it will be resumed next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

TRINE CHARLOTTE (Norway)

Trondheim, Oct 12 — Kvernhusvik Shipyard reports general cargo *Trine Charlotte* sailed 1045 today for Forde, for loading. — Lloyd's Agents.

VANDA NAREE (Thailand)

Bari, Oct 16 — Bulk carrier *Vanda Naree* is still in Bari and will complete discharging operation on Oct 23. — Lloyd's Agents.

VIEN DONG 2 (Vietnam)

London, Oct 14 — Following received from Port Blair MRCC, timed 0018, UTC: General cargo *Vien Dong 2* is still aground, situation unchanged.

VOLGO-BALT 153 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 14 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 153* (2457 gt, built 1971), after unloading and sailing from the Vasilyevskiy oil terminal, strayed out of the navigation channel and ran aground on a sandbar at the 1288 km mark on the River Volga at 1730, Oct 13. — Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 15 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 153* was removed from the sandbar by tug *Shluzovoy-117* at 1300 yesterday. The vessel has not sustained any damage. — Correspondent.

VOLVOX SCALDIA (Netherlands)

See *Willem Tjitsche*.

WEST LARISSA (Cyprus)

Singapore, Oct 12 — Drill platform *West Larissa* is currently at Fels Quay 7, Singapore. ñ Lloyd's Agents.

WILLEM TJITSCHÉ (Netherlands)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 13 — Harlingen-based fishing (general) *Willem Tjitsche*

(36 gt, built 1980), HA-62, and trailing suction hopper dredge *Volvox Scaldia* (1996 gt, built 1987) were involved in a collision between Terschelling and Ameland at about 0300, Oct 3. The master of *Volvox Scaldia* requested assistance from the rescue vessel at Ameland. *Willem Tjitsche* was able to sail into Harlingen that morning. The damage to the *Volvox Scaldia* was limited. — Correspondent.

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

Beirut, Oct 16 — Bulk carrier *Karim*, ex *Wilson Muuga*, is still in dry dock waiting to be painted, which is expected to be completed at the end of October. — Lloyd's Agents.

WINDFIELD (Bahamas)

Cape Town, Oct 11 — General cargo *Windfield* sailed Cape Town Oct 10 for Durban. — Lloyd's Agents.

XIN TONG YANG (China)

See *C.Dream*.

ZHOU YU LENG 7 (China)

Yokohama, Oct 16 — Reefer *Zhou Yu Leng 7*: Repairs were carried out by crew. — Lloyd's Agents.



PIRACY ATTACKS, WORLD-WIDE

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: Maritime pirate attacks worldwide increased 14 percent in the first nine months of 2007 from a year earlier, with Somalia and Nigeria showing the biggest increases, an international watchdog said today. While Africa remains problematic, Southeast Asia's Malacca Strait, one of the world's busiest waterways, has been relatively quiet, the International Maritime Bureau said in its report. A total of 198 attacks on vessels were reported between January and September this year, up from 174 in the same period in 2006, the IMB said. It said a total of 15 vessels were hijacked, 63 crew kidnapped and three killed. In the July to September period alone, there were 72 incidents, up from 47 in the same period a year earlier, marking the second straight quarterly rise in attacks, the London-based IMB said through its piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "If this current trend continues, it would appear that the decline in piracy attacks since 2004 has bottomed out," it warned. Indonesia remained the world's worst piracy hotspot, with 37 attacks in the first nine months of 2007 - but that was an improvement from 40 in the same period a year earlier, the IMB said. Attacks rose rapidly in Somalia to 26 reported cases, up from only eight a year earlier, it said. Somalia's U.N.-backed government has been struggling to assert control over the country since it accepted the aid of Ethiopian soldiers to chase a powerful

Islamic alliance from power. Nigeria also suffered 26 attacks so far this year, up from nine previously. IMB director Pottengal Mukundan urged vessels to stay as far as possible from the coasts of Somalia and Nigeria, which remained dangerous with large numbers of violent kidnappings. "The level of violence in high risk areas remain unacceptable. Pirates in Somalia are operating with impunity, seizing vessels hundreds of miles off the coast and holding the vessel and crew to ransom, making no attempt to hide their activity," he said. Only four attacks were reported in the Malacca Strait this year, compared to eight in the same period in 2006, thanks to increased co-operation between states straddling the waterway, the IMB said.

Port State Control



BELGIUM

Zeebrugge, Oct 16 — General cargo *Melwill* remains under embargo/arrest at Antwerp. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

UNITED STATES

London, Oct 12 — Bulk carrier *Orbit* (20250 gt, built 1981) was detained at Jacksonville Sep 10 by the United States Coast Guard after oily residues were found in the piping and the overboard discharge valve. The chief engineer failed to demonstrate competence in operating the OWS which also failed to work during a test. (Note — *Orbit*, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was stationary at Jacksonville from 1238, Sep 8, until 1641, Sep 13.)

Seizures & Arrests



ALEKSANDR KSENOFONTOV (Russia)

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: Fish factory *Aleksandr Ksenofontov*, the vessel at the centre of a wages dispute between Ukrainian fishermen and a New Zealand-owned company, may be forfeited to the Crown. Valeriya Polozova, a Ukrainian-born waitress is fighting for wages she believed she was owed in New Zealand. Polozova has been away from her family in the Ukraine for 15 months after accepting a six-month contract to work on *Aleksandr Ksenofontov*, in June last year. The New Zealand company which chartered the vessel, Fish Market Holdings Ltd of Auckland, went into liquidation in August. The company was to appear in the Christchurch District Court yesterday, on nine charges of breaching the Fisheries Act.

The charges were dropped by the Ministry of Fisheries because of the company's insolvency. The ministry did, however, pursue charges against the vessel's skipper for making omissions in his returns. The skipper, now back in the Ukraine, pleaded guilty to the charges. The judge reserved his decision on the proceedings until Oct 29. A possible outcome is that *Aleksandr Ksenofontov* is forfeited to the Crown. The vessel has not been able to fish since it was seized by the ministry in August. It has also been arrested by a creditor. Peter Dawson, lawyer for D.V. Ryboprodukt, the company which owns the vessel, said the new Ukrainian crew was being repatriated with full wages. Thirty-six had left already and another 13 were flying out yesterday. Eighteen workers were staying on board as a skeleton crew, he said. Co-ordinator for the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) Kathy Whelan said she believed the New Zealand-owned Fish Market Holdings Ltd was just a paper company with "no substance at all." The Federation represented 49 of the former crew who lodged and won a claim against D.V. Ryboprodukt for lost wages this year. Whelan said a condition of the order was for the company to pay the \$200,000 owed into a court account until an appeal could be heard. The company, however, "took no notice" and the federation had since filed a compliance order with the court. Dawson confirmed that the money had not been paid.

ANASTASIYA (Russia)

See "Fishing Vessels Arrested Off Far-East Russia."

ARKA-33 (Russia)

See "Fishing Vessels Arrested Off Far-East Russia."

BOA VISTA (Panama)

Poznan, Oct 18 — Roll On Roll Off *Boa Vista* was in the roads of Gdynia port Jul 12 and on Jul 18 it entered Naval Shipyard Gdynia. The shipyard inform that the vessel should leave tomorrow or Saturday (Oct 20), destination unknown, reportedly taken over by new owner. — Lloyd's Agents.

FISHING VESSELS ARRESTED OFF FAR-EAST RUSSIA

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 16 — Kamchatka frontier-guards have detained four vessels during Operation "Crab 2007", according to PrimaMedia today, quoting the press service of the Russian Coast Guard. Firstly, boundary patrol vessel *Argal* stopped and checked fishing (general) *Anastasiya* (726 gt, built 1992), in the Bering Sea. The check found that the vessel, which is owned in Kamchatka, had more than the permitted quantities of cod on board. In the second incident, the boundary destroyer escort *Dzerzhinskiy* stopped and checked the Kamchatka fishing (general) *Arka-33* (572 gt, built 1975), in the Sea of Okhotsk. The vessel was found to have 3.3 tons of a species of crab that it is forbidden to

catch, on board. In the third incident, later the same day, the *Dzerzhinskiy* stopped and checked the Sakhalin fishing (general) *Sviola* (697 gt, built 1988) (home port Nevelsk). The vessel exceeded the permitted volume of Kamchatka crabs on board, 30 tons against a declared total of 15.6 tons. In the final incident, also in the Sea of Okhotsk, boundary destroyer escort *Neva* stopped and searched fishing (general) *Kapitan Laskov* (741 gt, built 1990), which is owned by a Kamchatka fishing company. This vessel was found to have violated a series of procedures, concerning vessel documentation. The vessels were placed under arrest and have been escorted to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka for trial. — Correspondent.

KAPITAN LASKOV (Russia)

See "Fishing Vessels Arrested Off Far-East Russia."

KAPRIZ (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 16 — A Primorskiy region Coast Guard vessel has detained fishing (general) *Kapriz* (316 gt, built 1981), according to the "Vostok-media" news agency. *Kapriz* (home port Kholmsk and owned by the Sakhalin company Dalmoreprodukt) exceed the permitted amounts of valuable dark-blue crab on board. As a consequence the vessel was detained and escorted to the port of Nakhodka. — Correspondent.

KAYUM (Russia)

Vladivostok, Oct 12 — Fishing (general) *Kayum* (488 gt, built 1995), which arrived Vladivostok Jan 7, 2006, was reported under repair/detention at Vladivostok Sep 30. — Lloyd's Agents.

LAYAR SENTOSA (Indonesia)

Karachi, Oct 17 — The Kerala High Court of India yesterday ordered the arrest and detention of general cargo *Layar Sentosa* (6093 gt, built 1979), whenever it enters Indian territorial waters. The court passed the order on a petition moved by the Kochi-based Western Marine Engineering towards realising the Indian Rupees 4.8 million from the owner of vessel on account of the repairs carried out to the vessel. According to local media, Mr Joy Thattil, counsel for the Kochi-based company informed the court that the Mercantile Marine Department, Kochi, had detained the vessel three months ago (? July 2006) when it berthed in Kochi port with cargo on the grounds that the vessel was not seaworthy. Subsequently, the owner of vessel Indonesian Company, P.T. Bina Usaha Maritime had entrusted Western Marine Engineering to carry out the repair and maintenance of the vessel. The company carried out the work to the tune of Rs 4.8 million and issued the completion certificate before settling the final accounts as the delay would cause huge financial loss to the vessel daily. But, the vessel returned to India to pay the amount, it said. — Correspondent. (Note — *Layar Sentosa* was detained at Kochi between Jul 26 and Aug 30, 2006.)

LIQUID CRYSTAL (Panama)

Kochi, Oct 12 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Liquid Crystal* (5015 gt, built 1989) arrived Tuticorin from Kandla on Oct 1 to load sulphuric acid. Vessel was arrested by Court Order as per suit filed by previous charterers on Oct 11. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kochi, Oct 15 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Liquid Crystal* released from arrest (at New Tuticorin) and sailed Oct 13 for Chile. — Lloyd's Agents.

MARGINELLA (Russia)

See under "Marine."

ODYSSEY EXPLORER (Bahamas)

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated today, states: A Spanish warship intercepted a US treasure-hunting vessel that it suspects took gold and silver worth an estimated US\$500 million from a sunken Spanish galleon, the US crew said. The Spanish Navy corvette blocked diving support *Odyssey Explorer* (1697 gt, built 1972) after it left Gibraltar and threatened to open fire when the master refused to let police board. Police later arrested the master Sterling Vorus, a company official said. The warship had escorted the boat, which belongs to US company Odyssey Marine Exploration, to the Spanish port of Algeciras so police could carry out a search. "They threatened that we must obey or they would use deadly force," Ali Nessar, a company representative on the boat, said. "We were forced at gunpoint to come to Algeciras." The incident is the latest in a dispute dating back to May when Madrid said Odyssey's discovery of the treasure trove might have come from Spanish waters or from a Spanish galleon in international waters. In both cases Spain remains the rightful owner of the booty, the government says. Florida-based Odyssey Marine Exploration has said it has legally discovered 17 tonnes of silver coins plus gold while working on a wreck code-named *Black Swan* at a secret location in the Atlantic Ocean. It says the discovery was made outside of any country's territorial waters. Spanish Civil Guard Police boarded the vessel once it docked in Algeciras, then escorted sailors off the vessel one by one before arresting the captain, Nessar said. Police allowed two engineers to stay on board but seized cameras and mobile phone chips from crew and journalists travelling on the ship, Nessar said. Police officials were not available to comment on the raid. *Odyssey Explorer* was making its first foray from Gibraltar's British naval base since May after a threat from Spain to seize the boat if it left the territory. Gregg Stemm, Odyssey's co-founder and co-chairman, said in a statement the firm was waiting for word from the judge who ordered the inspection. "We had again invited Spanish officials to inspect *Odyssey Explorer* in advance of our departure and they chose not to take us up on it," he said. "We are not sure what the inspection of the vessel is meant to accomplish".

London Oct 18 — The US master of diving support *Odyssey Explorer* was provisionally released from an Algeciras prison yesterday after spending a night in custody. Lawyers acting for William Sterling Vorus said he would have to report to the Spanish Guardia Civil every 15 days under the terms of his release. Efforts were said to be under way to get the sentence commuted altogether. Capt Vorus' arrest came after Spanish authorities forced his vessel to Algeciras. In May, the ship was involved in what is claimed to be the world's largest recovery of treasure from the sea, with Spain claiming a share of the millions of dollars worth of coins recovered. Lawyers for *Odyssey Explorer's* owners, Nasdaq-listed Odyssey Marine Exploration, a professional treasure hunting enterprise, claim the arrest of the ship violates the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as Spanish law. In May, Odyssey announced the recovery of more than 500,000 silver and gold coins in an unspecified location in what the company claimed were international waters, as part of code-named operation *Black Swan*. Odyssey said the find was above board under salvage law and Unclos. The coins were flown to the US from Gibraltar. Odyssey has initiated proceedings in a Tampa federal court to get itself declared legal owner pending the emergence of another bona fide party. The coins are held subject to court order at present, with Odyssey nominated as substitute custodian. This consignment could be valued at up to \$500m, Odyssey has suggested. The company has denied the coins are from HMS *Sussex* and *Merchant Royal*, whose recovery operations it conducted on behalf of British authorities. Odyssey said in May it was planning a return to the *Black Swan* location to recover possibly more coins, and this may correlate with an announcement of the identity of the shipwreck if we are able to prove it to our satisfaction. Spanish media have suggested the coins are from *Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes*, which sank with a cargo of a million coins off the coast of Portugal in 1804. The treasure has gained renown as the world's greatest sunken booty, and its possible loss to Odyssey has galvanised Spanish mainstream. Spain, which has filed a counter-claim of its own in Tampa amid suspicions about the intense secrecy surrounding *Black Swan*, issued a court order in June authorising authorities to inspect Odyssey Marine Exploration ships. Odyssey's Panama-flag research ship *Ocean Alert* was detained for six days in July, with Capt Vorus reported to be in charge. Media were present on board as these events unfolded. Sources affiliated with Odyssey say that *Ocean Alert* was sent out to learn more about the court order and that her detention happened in international waters without the master's approval and without the flag state being notified, said to be conditions under which the order was to be enforced. Meanwhile, *Odyssey Explorer* was in Gibraltar to

offload the *Black Swan* coins. To avoid upsetting Spanish authorities, it remained in Gibraltar for several months. On Tuesday, the owner decided to sail the ship to Falmouth, with media on board. John Kimball of Blank Rome, a member of Odyssey's legal team, said Spanish naval vessels immediately surrounded the ship and ordered it to sail to Algeciras under force of arms. All crew except two engineers were asked to disembark, apparently on promise of a shore-based place to stay while inspection of the ship proceeded. This is where Capt Vorus was charged with violating a court order, handcuffed and arrested without a warrant, Mr Kimball said. Capt Vorus was not on *Odyssey Explorer* during *Black Swan* and has no personal knowledge of what occurred, Mr Kimball said. The seizure took place without obtaining permission from the Bahamas, he added. A spokesman for the London-based Bahamas flag confirmed that it was aware of the issue, but added that he could not comment as it was being dealt with at diplomatic level.

SUNGAI JULAN 1 (Malaysia)

Manila, Oct 18 — Tug *Sungai Julan 1* is expected to be released from the custody of the Philippine Bureau of Customs in the next few weeks following a decision by the Customs Commissioner to drop all charges of smuggling against the vessel. Pandiman Phils. Inc., which is representing the owners of the vessel in the Philippines, reported that the decision was arrived at last week. The remaining requirement for the release of the vessel is an endorsement from the Secretary of the Department of Finance, which is the mother agency of the Bureau of Customs. The Customs Commissioner, in effect overturned the decision by his District Commissioner and Legal Department staff both of whom had recommended that the vessel be forfeited in favour of the government for alleged oil smuggling. The Customs Commissioner, however, gave more weight to the appeal of *Sungai Julan 1's* owners who argued that the sale of part of the tug's fuel supply was a solitary act of a single crewman, done without the knowledge of the vessel's owners. The amount involved was also not in commercial quantity since it involved pilferage of the tug's own limited fuel supply. Given the limited quantities involved and the non-involvement of the owners, it was reasoned that forfeiting the vessel would be subjecting the owners to unfair and excessive punishment. *Sungai Julan 1* is still at Poro Point Port in La Union province in northern Luzon where it has been in detention since it was arrested on Jan 1. — Correspondent.

SVIOLA (Russia)

See "Fishing Vessels Arrested Off Far-East Russia."

SVYATOVY GEORGIY (Russia)

Vladivostok, Oct 11 — Trawler (All types) *Svyatoy Georgiy* (1898 gt, built

1985), which arrived Vladivostok Feb 16, 2007, was reported waiting orders/under detention at Vladivostok Sep 30. — Lloyd's Agents.

SWIFT (Cyprus)

Zeebrugge, Oct 16 — The departure of bulk carrier *Swift* was authorised at 1551, Oct 11, following her release from arrest and she sailed from Antwerp at 0957, Oct 12, bound for Newport. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TROIPIK-2 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 16 — RIYA Novosti has reported that, according to the administration of the north-eastern frontier Coast Guard of Russia, the Sakhalin-based fishing (general) *Tropik-2* (739 gt, built 1980) was stopped for routine checking in the Sea of Okhotsk by the boundary patrol vessel *Antias*. During the check, it was established that there were irregularities with the amounts of fish on board. The vessel was detained and escorted into the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy for trial proceedings. — Correspondent.

VERA (Panama)

Ancona, Oct 15 — Bulk carrier *Vera* arrested Oct 9 while berthing at Ravenna port. The vessel, owners by Priamus Maritime, and chartered by Calder Shipping, was sub-chartered to other sub-charterers, without authorisation. Vessel released Oct 12 and is now free. — Lloyd's Agents.



Pipeline Accidents

NIGERIA

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 13, states: Royal Dutch Shell Plc shut natural gas pumping at one of its Nigerian fields following a fire on a pipeline in the south of the country. Nigerian unit Shell Petroleum Development Co reported the fire on the Utorogu-Ughelli gas condensate pipeline in the Delta state yesterday, Alexandra Wright, a London-based company spokeswoman, said today. Shell had to declare force majeure on deliveries to the nation's gas pipeline network, she said. The cause of the fire is not immediately known," Wright said. "The helicopter over-flight confirmed the fire" around Otor-Edo in the Ughelli South Local government area. Nigeria's Vanguard newspaper reported today that the fire broke out because of an attempt to tap the line to siphon off the fuel. Wright said the helicopter inspection spotted abandoned hoses and drums, without elaborating on the cause of the fire. The company deferred production of about 300 million cubic feet of gas a day, which is pumped together with gas condensate, she said. Shell has shut down the gas plant feeding the pipeline. Shell workers are trying to reach the damaged stretch to repair the

pipeline. Wright declined to comment on how long production will be suspended.

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: A force majeure imposed by the Shell oil company at its Forcados oil export terminal in Nigeria has been lifted, according to Shell sources. The company spokesperson said there was now sufficient crude available from storage and current production to lift the embargo on exports and begin honouring Shell contracts.



Pollution

PUERTO RICO

London, Oct 16 — A Coast Guard San Juan, PR, press release, dated Oct 15, states: The Unified Command for the mystery oil spill in Guayanilla Bay Aug 30, demobilised the La Parguera, Puerto Rico, Incident Command Post Friday (Oct 12) after completing clean-up operations in the south-western coast of Puerto Rico. A final assessment team with representatives from US Coast Guard, US Fish and Wildlife, Puerto Rico's Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and a Qualified Individual from General Maritime Management inspected the areas affected by the oil spill Thursday and Wednesday. The team concluded that the end point criteria for the clean-up had been met and that all known recoverable oil had been cleaned from the beaches and mangroves. The team also determined that clean-up operations could be renewed if any additional recoverable oil is identified in the future. Currently, the affected mangroves in La Parguera are being monitored and are surrounded by absorbent boom that is scheduled to be removed from the sensitive area Friday. National Response Corporation clean-up crews recovered approximately 1,000 cubic yards of material from the water, beaches and mangroves and approximately 19,000 gallons of contaminated water consisting of five to 10% oil. So far, the clean-up and recovery efforts of the material are estimated to be more than \$6 million dollars. Coast Guard pollution investigators continue investigating the incident. The Coast Guard formally designated Oct 2 General Maritime Management (operators of crude oil tanker *GenMar Progress*) as the responsible party in this case. Since then, General Maritime Management dispatched a Qualified Individual to Puerto Rico to participate in the clean-up efforts. "The clean-up and recovery operations have concluded for the mystery oil spill," said Capt James E. Tunstall, commander of US Coast Guard Sector San Juan. "However, we will continue to thoroughly investigate this incident and monitor the affected area in case any new recoverable oil is identified that needs to be cleaned up."

VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA

Portsmouth, UK, Oct 16 — Vladivostok safety division reports that at 0300, local time, today a fuel spill occurred in the vicinity of moorage 46 during fueling services to reefer *Snowmass* (4677 gt, built 1982). While bunkering from a tanker fuel poured out from the deck of the reefer and into the water. A 120-metre boom defence and three tugs contained the spillage. The reason for the spill is not yet known, but preliminary enquiries point to carelessness. Checks are still being conducted on the residue of the petroleum in the water. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Snowmass* was in lat 42 59 09N, long 132 02 58E, at 0326, UTC, today, speed 13.9 knots, course 177 degrees.)



Weather & Navigation

AUSTRALIA

London, Oct 13 — A press report, dated today, states: The New South Wales Opposition has criticised the the Minister for Ports, Joe Tripodi, over his handling of the bulk carrier *Pasha Bulker* report. A report into how the *Pasha Bulker* ran aground in Newcastle was due two months ago. The Opposition ports spokesman Duncan Gay says the State Government is more interested in keeping up appearances than ensuring it does not happen again. The International Transport Workers' Federation says it's looking forward to the NSW Government's report. The Sydney Morning Herald reports "several blunders" were made in the lead-up to the accident and the vessel's captain had left junior crew members in charge while he had breakfast. The Federation's coordinator Dean Summers says all the circumstances need to be taken into account. "I understand the preliminary details, and they're probably leaked out of the report," he said. "We're looking forward to the full report so I can get it in context, but no there's no surprises there we know. "We know that it was a pretty, pretty terrible time for everyone and there were a number of ships involved."

BANGLADESH

Chittagong, Oct 17 — As per Meteorological Department, Chittagong cautionary signal No 3 has been hoisted since Oct 15, for which all fishing vessels and trawlers have been advised to move carefully until further notice. However, movement of vessels and loading and unloading of goods at Chittagong port are continuing. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct 10.)

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated Oct 16, states: Bangladesh authorities have ordered a temporary ban on inland ferry movements along the southern coastlines after a low

pressure in the Bay of Bengal set off thunderstorms across the nation. The order came as five fishing boats with 50 fishermen went missing near the resort island of Kuakata and another three trawlers with 30 on board were feared capsized near Patharghata sub-district last evening due to the inclement weather. Authorities ordered a temporary suspension on ferry movement in southern routes while the Met office asked all fishing report to the shore and larger ships to move with caution. "The passenger launch *Bhabanipur* was faced with engine troubles during the stormy weather but all its passengers were taken to shore safely by boats," acting police chief Mr Bhola Asaduzzaman said. Meanwhile, coinciding with the rough weather across southern Bangladesh, a tornado lashed 50 houses and injured at least 40 people in coastal Golachipa in the evening.

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated today, states: The recent storm and heavy rainfall due to a depression in the Bay of Bengal has caused losses of over 137 million taka (approximately US\$1.96 million) in the agriculture and fisheries sectors of Bangladesh's southern coastal Bagerhat district. The District Disaster Management and Relief office was quoted by the private news agency UNB today as saying that the storm that swept over the district in last three days until yesterday caused damage to most parts of all nine sub-districts in Bagerhat, 140 km southwest of the capital Dhaka. The storm damaged 1,590 properties, standing crops on 100 acres and uprooted 50,000 trees, causing losses of 77.0 million taka (approximately US\$1.1 million). Fish worth 60 million taka (approximately US\$857,000) was washed away, fish cultivators claimed.

TROPICAL CYCLONE "LINGLING"

London, Oct 12 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Centre of tropical cyclone "Lingling" located near lat 25.6N, long 172.6E, approximately 555 nautical miles west southwest of Midway Island, at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 320 deg at nine knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles. Maximum sustained winds 25 knots and gusts to 35 knots. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 13: Centre predicted to be near lat 27.5N, long 169.9E with maximum sustained winds of 40 knots and gusts to 50 knots.

London, Oct 13 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: The centre of tropical cyclone "Lingling" was located near lat 28.6N, long 170.8E, approximately 625 nautical miles west of Midway Island, at 0600, UTC, today. Movement over the past six hours: 330 deg at 11 knots. The position is accurate to within 60 nautical miles. Maximum sustained winds: 40 knots with gusts to 50 knots. Significant wave height at 0600, UTC, today, is 17 feet. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Oct 14: The centre is predicted to be near lat 31.4N, long 169.8E with maximum sustained winds of 40 knots and gusts to 50 knots.

London, Oct 14 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: The centre of tropical depression "Lingling", downgraded from tropical storm, was located near lat 31.9N, long 170.5E, at 0600, UTC, today. Maximum sustained winds: 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots.

TROPICAL STORM "KIKO"

London, Oct 17 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Kiko": National Hurricane Centre, Miami, reported at 0900, UTC: Tropical storm centre located near lat 14.2N, long 107.3W, at 0900, UTC. Position accurate to within 30 nautical miles. Present movement towards the east-north-east, or 070 deg, at two knots. Estimated minimum central pressure 1,000 mb. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 75 nautical miles south-east and 90 nautical miles south-west. Radius of 12-ft seas 240 nautical miles south-east and south-west. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Oct 18: Position lat 14.8N, long 106.8W. Maximum winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots.

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated Oct 17, states: Tropical Storm "Kiko" reformed before dawn today off Mexico's Pacific coast, the U.S. National Hurricane Centre said. The storm was stalled far out to sea and was expected to strengthen slightly and move north in the coming days, forecasters said. It had sustained winds of 40 mph and wasn't expected to threaten land or become a hurricane. The storm had been downgraded to a tropical depression late yesterday before regaining tropical storm status today.

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated today, states: Tropical storm "Kiko" is forecast to strike Mexico at about 1800, UTC, on Oct 19. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 17.5N, long 103.8W. "Kiko" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 46 mph. Wind gusts in the area may be considerably higher.



NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, Oct 16 — Aftershocks rattled New Zealand's South Island today up to 10 hours after a magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck the area, New Zealand seismologists said. Six aftershocks, the strongest measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, followed the original shake, which was centred 60 kilometres west of the isolated tourist settlement of Milford Sound, off the south-west coast of the South Island. The first quake was at a depth of 24 kilometres, but was felt widely throughout the bottom half of the South Island. Seismologists said there

were reports of some landslides in the remote area, but police said there had been no damage or injuries in populated areas. The region was expected to continue to feel aftershocks for several weeks after such a large earthquake. New Zealand scientists record about 14,000 earthquakes a year, of which about 20 top 5.0 on the Richter scale. — Reuters.



PAKISTAN

Karachi, Oct 14 — Natural gas supply from wells to the Sui purification plant of Pakistan State owned company, Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) was disrupted after militants blew up a pipeline in Balochistan Province of Pakistan on Friday (Oct 12). Police sources told media that a high explosive device had been planted under the pipeline linking seven gas wells with the main plant. A big portion of the 18-inch pipeline was blown up affecting gas supply to the plant. However, the plant was fully operational and gas supplies to Sindh and Punjab remained unaffected. It said that repair work on the damaged pipeline had been started and it would be completed soon. In another incident, militants planted a powerful bomb under a 24-inch diameter pipeline supplying gas to the Sui main purification plant near Pir Koh. The pipeline caught fire after the blast that was put out, after gas supplies to the affected pipeline from the Pir Koh gas field were suspended. Repair work was in progress. — Correspondent.

SRI LANKA

London, Oct 12 — At least four Tamil Tiger rebels were believed killed in a sea battle yesterday with the Sri Lankan Navy, which captured two LTTE boats and seized miniature remote-controlled aircraft and satellite phones from them. The Defence Ministry said the fighting in the coastal waters north of Thallaimannar started after the Navy's inshore patrol craft detected two rebel boats moving towards the mainland in a suspicious manner. The four LTTE men in the two vessels jumped into the sea and are presumed to be dead, it said adding, the small-size LTTE logistic boats were captured. Four radio communication sets, ten hand-held global positioning systems, four satellite phones, 45 radio antennas and 100 electronic circuit boards were also recovered. In a separate incident, troops on search and clearing operation in Batticaloa in the east recovered 53 mortar bombs, the Army said. The 81-mm bombs had been buried under the soil.

London, Oct 13 — A press report, dated today, states: Government troops sank a Tamil Tiger rebel boat and the insurgents downed an army vessel in a battle today off northern Sri Lanka, a

defence official said, adding that three rebels died and three soldiers were missing. The morning battle occurred off the Jaffna peninsula when about five rebel boats attacked two army patrol craft, said an officer at the defence ministry's media centre. Soldiers on shore sank one rebel boat with an artillery barrage, killing three rebels, while one army boat was also destroyed in the attack, the officer said. Three soldiers had gone missing, the officer said.

Labour Disputes



NEW ZEALAND

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated today, states: Wharf workers walked off the job in Auckland again today as part of their ongoing dispute row with the Ports of Auckland over pay and conditions. The workers want a 4.5 to 4.9 per cent pay rise and the company has offered only around 3.25 per cent. It was the third time the 250 workers had struck. They walked off for two days at the beginning of the month followed by a three-hour stoppage last week and a similar stoppage today. Another is planned for Labour Day next Monday (Oct 22).

Fires & Explosions



OIL FACILITY, PRUDHOE BAY, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

New York, Oct 11 — Oil major BP has reduced the amount of oil production it expects to lose because of an Oct 6 fire at its Prudhoe Bay oil field in Alaska by 10,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 20,000 bpd, the company said in a statement. BP initially estimated the fire at Gathering Centre 2 at the giant oil field would cut output by 30,000 bpd for two weeks. The company has not changed its estimate for the repair of the facility and continues to expect output to be restored two weeks from the fire. — Reuters.

OIL REFINERY, YEMEN

London, Oct 12 — A fire at Yemen's main oil refinery injured five engineers late on Wednesday (Oct 10), police said. The state news agency Saba quoted an official at the Aden oil refinery in southern Yemen as saying the fire started around 1800, UTC, in one of the refinery's two refining units. The unnamed official said the refinery "did not sustain a significant damage" and production from the damaged unit would likely resume in the next three days. The fire was extinguished in 30 minutes, police said.

Aviation



AIRCRAFT DELAYED BY PROPELLER PROBLEMS, ANTARCTICA

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: A Hercules plane, which last week, developed propeller problems has been stranded in Antarctica since. Technicians had to work in extreme temperatures (down to -55 degrees) and were not able to work longer than 10 minutes at a time. New Zealand only has seven transport aircraft, and this one being down causes problems. The plane was delivering supplies to the New Zealand science base at the time. Commodore Peter Stockwell said technicians and replacement parts were flown to the ice on a U.S. C-17 Globemaster transport airplane late last week to carry out repairs. The plane is expected to fly back to New Zealand this week.

AIRCRAFT MISSING ON A FLIGHT FROM VILLAVICENCIO LA VANGUARDIA AIRPORT, COLOMBIA TO URIBE AIRPORT, COLOMBIA

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated Oct 10, states: Despite a three-day intensive search, there has still been no sign of the Let 410UVP-E10A aircraft carrying 15 soldiers and three civilians which has been missing since Monday (Oct 8). "Lamentably, an accident occurred," the commander of Colombia's armed forces, General Freddy Padilla said today. "The aircraft sent an alarm in a humid, mountainous area, and we have had no success in the rescue," he said. Colombia's armed forces said on Monday that National Air Company flight number HK 4055, carrying Number 10 Mobile Brigade soldiers, has been missing since Monday in the central Colombian province Meta. Jorge Diaz, Commander of Colombia's Civil Defense Organisation, said that three Colombian Air Force aircraft, military units and land rescue units are doing all they can to reach the area where the accident is thought to have taken place. "There is an emergency signal and we are searching alongside Red Cross staff and mountain rescue-trained volunteers. They have material for five days' worth of searching," he said. Rescuers said that a resident had seen the plane fly over his home and then disappear. "A man has said he saw an aircraft and then could no longer hear it, shortly after it flew over his home," said Diaz's colleague Manuel Mantilla.

CHANCHANGI AIRLINES GROUNDED, NIGERIA

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority grounded Chanchangi Airlines, following the

reduction of the aircraft in the airline's fleet to one. This was as a result of the fire that damaged one of the engines of the airline's Boeing 727 operating on the Lagos-Abuja-Lagos route. It is against Nigerian aviation rules for an airline to operate with only one aircraft.

COLLISION, HEATHROW AIRPORT, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Oct 16 — A press report, dated today, states: Two airliners have been involved in a collision while taxiing at Heathrow airport in west London. One was a British Airways Boeing 747 departing for Singapore and the other was a Sri Lankan Airlines Airbus A340. Heathrow's operator, BAA, confirmed there had been an incident at around 2220 BST and that there were no reported injuries. BA said there had been a "minor collision" involving flight BA011 and an investigation has started. A BAA spokesman said: "Heathrow airport can confirm that two aircraft were involved in an incident earlier this evening on the ground. "There are no reported injuries." An eye-witness, on board the Sri Lankan airliner, claimed it hit the BA aircraft from behind while manoeuvring on the runway. "We turned our wing, almost hit what looked like the tail end of the British Airways flight, and we ended up chopping off a bit of wing. It cut through it like butter," said Danish journalist Annasofie Flamand. "It's pretty incredible to see something like that in a place like Heathrow airport. Thank God it was on the ground and not in the air." The BA spokesman added: "Engineers are inspecting the aircraft to ascertain the damage. "We do not have any more precise details of the collision while it is being investigated." He said passengers would either be given the option of a refund or spend the night in a hotel before leaving on the next available flight. The London Fire Brigade said it was alerted at 2213, although its crews had been stood down by 2228. A spokesman for the London Ambulance service said: "We were called to the airport at about 2220 BST, but we were stood down around 10 minutes later as there were no injuries."

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated today, states: Aviation experts are investigating a runway collision at Heathrow last night involving a British Airways jet and a Sri Lankan Airlines plane. It is understood that the Sri Lankan Airbus A340 struck the stationary BA Boeing 747 with the tip of its wing as both aircraft were waiting to take off. Although the damage is not thought to be extensive, passengers were taken off both planes and given hotel rooms for the evening. No one was hurt. Now members of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) are looking into the incident which happened around 2210 yesterday. The Boeing, Flight BA011, was bound for Singapore with 328 passengers on board. The Airbus was heading for Colombo in Sri Lanka and was carrying 286 passengers and crew.

A BA spokesman said today: "Our engineers are inspecting the plane and we are continuing to look into the incident." He confirmed that travellers would continue their journey this evening on a different aircraft. A spokeswoman for Sri Lankan Airlines said it was a minor incident involving a British Airways aircraft when taxiing to the runway at Heathrow. She went on: "It is reported that the wing tips of the two aircraft brushed against each other while taxiing." Danish journalist Annasofie Flamand, 32, who was on the Sri Lankan flight, said: "We turned our wing, almost hit what looked like the tail end of the British Airways flight, and we ended up chopping off a bit of wing." A spokeswoman for Sri Lankan Airlines said the incident involved Flight UL502 to Colombo. She said: "Sri Lankan Airlines reported a minor incident involving a British Airways aircraft when taxiing to the runway at the London Heathrow airport on Monday night. No injuries were reported to any of the 286 passengers and crew on board the flight from London via Male to Colombo. All passengers have been transferred to city hotels until alternate travel arrangements are made during the course of the day."

CRASH INTO RIVER DANUBE, SPITZ AREA, AUSTRIA

London, Oct 14 — A press report, dated today, states: Rescuers resumed their search today for four people missing after their small aircraft crashed into the Danube River west of Vienna. About 125 searchers combed the area yesterday but found no sign of the aircraft's pilot, a woman and two children aged 10 and 13. Authorities said the single-engine Piper P-28 struck the top of a river ferry and crashed into the river near Spitz, about 25 miles west of Vienna, at around 1700, local time, Saturday. Investigators said the cause of the crash remained unclear.

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: Rescuers continued their search today for four people missing after their Piper PA-28 aircraft crashed into the Danube River west of Vienna. Dozens of rescue personnel and volunteers found and recovered some of the wreckage but there was no sign of the aircraft's pilot or his passengers. Investigators said they were still looking into why the aircraft was flying low enough over the river to hit the ferry cable. (See issue of Oct 16.)

CRASH INTO SEA OF OKHOTSK, RUSSIA

London, Oct 17 — A press report, dated today, states: The transport department of the inter-district investigation committee has opened a criminal case over the Mi-2 helicopter crash in the Sea of Okhotsk near the western coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula on Oct 4, the transport prosecutor's office of the Kamchatka territory said today. The officials said that the catastrophe death toll would most likely rise to five. A man's body found in the accident area four

kilometres from the Ustyevoye settlement on Oct 15 has been brought to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky for an expert examination. The body has already been identified. There is every indication that it is the fifth person that was on board the crashed helicopter. The bodies of the pilot of the Mi-2 helicopter and three passengers were found earlier. Some fragments of the helicopter have also been found, however rescuers have so far failed to find the flight recorders. Materials collected by the military prosecutor's office in the probe over the fact of the Mi-2 helicopter crash in the Sea of Okhotsk near the Kamchatka western coast on Oct 4 had been taken to the investigation department of the Kamchatka territory on Oct 15. The accident took place on Oct 4 in the evening, local time. The Mi-2 helicopter took off without the flight registration with the corresponding authorities. Making a circle over the Ustyevoye village the helicopter flew towards the sea and fell in the water at a distance of 150 metres from the shore south of the village, the regional emergency department officials said. It is unknown so far what caused the catastrophe. Specialists of the ROSTO company that owns the helicopter and public rescuers that have experience in diving work on Oct 5 arrived at the accident area. However, the wind force reaching 11 metres per second and high sea waves did not allow them to submerge to examine the place where the helicopter fell and sank. The helicopter's fragments, rear part of the fuselage, a landing gear leg with two wheels and fuel tank, that were thrown ashore by waves were found on the coastal strip 1.5 kilometres south of the Ustyevoye village. No people that could have been staying in the crashed helicopter have been found. The Mi-2 helicopter was based at the Kol River near the Ustyevoye village of the Sobolevsky district of the Kamchatka territory. The helicopter provided services at the fishing sector of a private company, transportation of people and cargoes. The bodies of the helicopter pilot and two passengers were found on the day of the crash not far from the crash site. The pilot and one of the passengers have been identified. It is unknown so far how many people were on board the helicopter at the moment of the accident. The body of another killed was found later increasing the number of the victims to four. All of the killed have been identified, they are Kamchatka residents.

CRASH INTO SEA OFF NASSAU, BAHAMAS

London, Oct 16 — Lancair IV N-95HS, operated by Harris M. Sullivan, with one person on board, crashed on Oct 13. The search was suspended when an aircraft liferaft was located 46 miles from Nassau. The pilot is presumed to have drowned.

CRASH INTO SEA, AZERBAIJAN

London, Oct 13 — A press report, dated today, states: All six passengers

and crew were killed in Azerbaijan yesterday when their helicopter crashed soon after taking off from an offshore oil platform, the state airline said in a statement today. The helicopter, with four crew and two passengers on board, crashed into the Caspian Sea as it evacuated a sick worker from a platform operated by Azerbaijan's state oil company SOCAR. "At 2158, local time, on Friday evening, a Mi-8T helicopter was involved in an accident. Six people were killed. A search operation is underway," the Azal airline said in a statement.

CRASH, BAMFIELD AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Oct 14 — A press report, dated today, states: Three people are dead after a Cessna 172 float plane crashed on land north-east of Bamfield late yesterday afternoon. Three bodies have been recovered, Cpl. Denis Sauve said. RCMP and Transport Canada will continue investigating today. The Cessna left Lake Cowichan for Bamfield yesterday afternoon with three people on board. It was on its return trip from Bamfield when a signal from an emergency locator transmitter was picked up just after 1600 hrs, said David Burneau, the air co-ordination officer for the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre. The signal was picked up soon after the aircraft left Bamfield for its return trip. A Cormorant helicopter and Buffalo aircraft from 19 wing Air Force Base in Comox were launched to search for the aircraft. Details of precisely where it was found were sketchy, but Burneau said it was between Port Alberni and Bamfield, closer to Bamfield. Bamfield is a resort hamlet in a protected inlet on the south shore of Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

CRASH, BOGOTA AREA, COLOMBIA

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated today, states: A twin-engine aircraft has crashed near the Colombian capital Bogota, killing five people on board and two on the ground. The private aircraft came down shortly after taking off from El Dorado airport near the capital. It is not clear what caused the accident.

London, Oct 13 — A press report, dated today, states: At least seven people, including two on the ground, were killed when a small private aircraft crashed shortly after take-off from Bogota's El Dorado airport. The Cessna aircraft was travelling toward the city of Leticia, capital of the far-southern province of Amazonas, which borders Brazil, but crashed around 2000, local time, on Thursday night (Oct 11) in the densely populated working-class district of Fontibon on the west side of Bogota. The aircraft, which apparently had sustained engine failure, collided with four houses and burst into flames. Martin Gonzalez, a spokesman for Colombia's Civil Aviation department, said the aircraft was an "air ambulance plane with five occupants" that was travelling the "Bogota-Leticia route."

CRASH, DENHAM AREA, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A Cessna aircraft which crashed and seriously injured some officials of Swindon Town FC ran out of fuel, an Air Accidents Investigation Branch report concluded. The Cessna came down near Denham, Buckinghamshire, in August 2006. The club's former chief executive and an investor were on board. The AAIB report said the aircraft was not capable of safely completing the trip without refuelling for the return trip. It also noted the pilot had consumed alcohol but its effect was not known. The aircraft had taken off from Denham airfield earlier in the day and was returning from the first match of the season at Hartlepool United when the crash happened shortly after 1900, BST. The AAIB report said the pilot was properly licensed, the aircraft was fully serviceable and the weather was suitable for the flight. However, for the payload being carried, the aircraft was not capable of safely completing the round-trip flight without refuelling at Durham Tees Valley aerodrome. The pilot had consumed alcohol during the day although the amount detected was not considered to be a major contributory factor in the accident and the effect on his decision making and aircraft handling ability was not known. It concluded the accident was caused by fuel starvation of both engines with the right engine ceasing to produce power and the left one operating at reduced power or stopping. Control was lost when the aircraft stalled.

CRASH, GLENPOOL, OKLAHOMA, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 17 — Rockwell Commander 690A N55JS, operated by Jon P.Olsen, while on a flight from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Orlando, Florida, with four persons on board, crashed at 1802, UTC, Oct 15, two miles west of Antlers. Wreckage located. All four persons on board died.

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated Oct 17, states: A Tulsa lawyer has said that his wife, three children and the pilot were killed when an aircraft crashed in Glenpool just after taking off from Tulsa's Jones-Riverside Airport. Attorney Bill Lunn said that his wife, Doctor Rhonda Lunn, along with 16-year-old Kathryn Lunn and Michael and Adrienne Lunn — both 14 — were on board the small, single-engined aircraft. Bill Lunn said that the pilot was the Reverend Bill Wiseman Junior, an Episcopal priest and former legislator. Glenpool assistant City Manager Stan Ewing said that the plane crash site was in a subdivision but that there were no injuries on the ground. Officials have said that it appeared that the aircraft clipped power lines before crashing near U.S. 75. Ewing said that there were power lines down and the power went off just before a plume of smoke

was seen. FAA spokesman Roland Herwig said that the aircraft was a Cessna Beech Bonanza 36, registered to Transportation Locators of Tulsa.

CRASH, GREATER CUMBERLAND REGIONAL AIRPORT, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: Authorities in Mineral County, West Virginia, say four people, including a couple from LaVale, Maryland, were killed when their aircraft crashed after taking off from Greater Cumberland Regional Airport. Airport manager Terry Malone says the aircraft was headed to Atlantic City, New Jersey, around 0830 yesterday when it crashed into a barn four miles from the airport. However, he says the crash was not discovered until the afternoon. A National Transportation Safety Board investigator plans to meet with local officials this morning at the crash site.

London, Oct 15 — Aero Commander 560-F N6370U, operated by Gold Diggers Inc, with four persons on board, crashed on Oct 13, shortly after departure from Cumberland Airport, into a barn in a wooded area. The wreckage was located four miles from the airport. All four persons on board died.

CRASH, MINERAL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: Two local Mineral County couples, including a veteran pilot, died today when their aircraft headed from Cumberland to Atlantic City crashed into a barn along Scenic Lane just four miles from the Greater Cumberland Regional Airport, though the incident was not discovered for several hours. The deceased were named by airport manager Terry Malone as pilot Earl Wilson Jr. and his wife, Sharon, of Fort Ashby, W.Va., and Gary Athey and his wife, Carol, of LaVale. Malone said at 1930 today that family members had been notified of the deaths. This afternoon, Jim Peters of the Federal Aviation Administration in New York, said: "The plane hit woods and then a barn. The barn caught fire and so did the plane." Malone said the Cumberland-based plane took off at 0830 hrs, headed on a pleasure flight to Atlantic City, NJ. "It had been foggy, but had just cleared. The plane may have crashed shortly after that and gone undiscovered until the afternoon when smoke was seen coming from a barn on the Jerry Abe property," Malone said. "When the barn was checked, the plane was discovered." A search of the plane's tail number on the FAA Web site indicates the plane is an Aero Commander, model 560, owned by Gold Diggers Inc, a heavy construction business in Philippi, W.Va. The aircraft is of the fixed-wing, multi-engine style. It was built in 1964. Mineral County Emergency Services and Homeland Security first alerted fire companies to the crash at about 1600 hrs.

CRASH, PHNOM PENH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA, CAMBODIA

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated today, states: Two Uzbek flight crew members were injured when their cargo aircraft crashed in a flooded rice field outside Phnom Penh International Airport, Cambodian officials said today. Half of the 11-ton cargo of clothing was either damaged in water or snatched away by villagers living near the crash site last night, said Sok Sereyrak, a spokesman for Imtrec Aviation Co Ltd, which operates the Antonov AN-12 four-engine turbo-prop transport aircraft. He said the aircraft had five crew members from Uzbekistan on board, and two were hospitalised with head and leg injuries. He also said an investigation was being carried out to determine the cause of the accident. Him Sarun, Cabinet chief for the Secretariat of Civil Aviation, said the aircraft took off about 2100 hrs and was headed to Singapore when it crashed a few miles south of the airport. About an hour into the flight, the pilot reported the aircraft was having technical problems and turned back to Phnom Penh, Kim San, an official at the airport control tower, said today. "The pilot also attempted to land at the airport but the unfavourable condition of the plane forced him to land in the rice field instead," he said.

CRASH, RIMROCK LAKE AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated Oct 10, states: On a hillside south-east of White Pass, federal crash investigators combed the wreckage today of the sky-diving Cessna 208B (N430A) that crashed Sunday (Oct 7) night in the Cascades, killing all 10 people on board. But answers to why the aircraft went down have been hard to come by in the rugged terrain, and authorities say it may be months until they determine the cause of the crash. Response crews were collecting pieces of the aircraft at the crash site and preparing to fly them off the mountain later this week, said Debra Eckrote, National Transportation Safety Board regional director. The wreckage will be moved to a secure location near Seattle where investigators will begin their painstaking search for flaws.

London, Oct 14 — A press report, dated Oct 13, states: The final radar images of an aircraft carrying 10 people home from a weekend skydiving trip show the aircraft circled and lost altitude, but recovered for several moments before falling rapidly into Washington's rugged Cascades, killing all those on board. A pilot and nine skydivers died in the crash Sunday evening (Oct 7), and investigators at the crash site have been working to determine what caused the aircraft to nosedive into the trees east of the Cascade crest. The Cessna Caravan 208 made a tight 360-degree turn before losing 1,400 feet in 12 seconds, according to radar data released by the National Transportation Safety Board in a statement Friday. The aircraft

appeared to recover and stayed at 13,000 feet for three radar hits before descending at 6,800 feet per minute. The last radar ping was received at 8,900 feet, investigators said. The aircraft crashed into thick timber at 4,300 feet, about 45 miles west of Yakima near the Goat Rocks Wilderness Area. No flight plan was filed for the flight. Searchers found the plane, a single-engine turboprop built in 1994, Monday evening. The aircraft was registered to Kapowsin Air Sports of Shelton, Mason County. It was not required to be equipped with a flight-data recorder. Initial data indicate there were adverse weather conditions in the area at the time of the crash, investigators said. A cold front had just swept through the area near White Pass in Yakima County where the aircraft went down. The National Weather Service has said the temperature at White Pass was 33 degrees at 5,800 feet, it was overcast with light precipitation and probably clouded over between about 4,500 feet and 5,800 feet between 1900 and 2000, Sunday. The FAA had warned in recent years that pilots should avoid flying the Cessna Caravan 208 in many icy conditions after receiving reports that pilots had difficulty maintaining altitude and control of the aircraft during such conditions. However, investigators have declined to speculate on what caused the crash until they complete their investigation. They had hoped to begin recovering the wreckage on Friday, but overcast skies forced the helicopter operation to be suspended for the day, said Keith Holloway, an NTSB spokesman in Washington, DC. They planned to try again today. The wreckage is headed to a hangar in Seattle where investigators will continue their review. The skydivers were affiliated with Skydive Snohomish, a company that operates a training school and skydiving flights at Harvey Field in Snohomish County.

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: The wreckage of a Cessna 208 (Caravan) skydiving aircraft has been recovered from the mountainside near White Pass where it crashed almost a week ago, killing all 10 people on board. It took several trips for a helicopter to fly remnants of the aircraft off the mountain yesterday. Investigators will examine the wreckage at a hangar in Seattle. Authorities plan to release a preliminary report on the crash soon, but say it will take months to determine what caused the crash.

CRASH, SINJ AREA, CROATIA

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: A small plane crashed into a car while landing in windy weather in southern Croatia today. No-one was seriously injured, authorities said. Strong winds pushed the Supercab light aircraft from the airport onto a road as the pilot was landing. "I was really shocked," said Tereza Batur, 21, who was driving her Volkswagen Passat when the plane suddenly hit it from the side. The incident occurred near Sinj, 300

kilometers southwest of Zagreb. Neither Batur nor her companion in the car were injured. The pilot suffered light head injuries, said Marina Kraljevic Gudelj, a police spokeswoman in Split, the regional centre. The plane was destroyed, she said.

CRASH, ST. DONAT AREA, QUEBEC, CANADA

London, Oct 15 — Robinson R-44 C-FJBC, operated by Heliben Inc, while on a flight from St.Jovite, Quebec, to St.Felix de Valois, Quebec, with one person on board, was reported missing at 2002, UTC, Oct 11, and found the next day by Trenton Search and Rescue, approximately 10 nautical miles north-north-east of St.Donat. Weather in the area at the time of the occurrence was poor.

CRASH, VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: A small plane crashed yesterday on Vancouver Island in Canada's western British Columbia province, killing all three people on board, police said. The Cessna 172, carrying a pilot and two tourists, went down between Port Alberni and Bamfield, local media reported today. The bodies of two men and a woman were later recovered. The group had travelled from Lake Cowichan to the fishing village of Bamfield and were on the return trip, police officials said. A Buffalo aircraft and a Cormorant helicopter were dispatched to the crash site. The plane's emergency locator has been picked up by satellites. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

EMERGENCY LANDING, ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A Boeing 747 aircraft reportedly made an emergency landing at Albany International Airport due to a malfunction in one of its engines. The United Airways flight landed safely on the tarmac.

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A United Airlines Boeing aircraft on flight from Connecticut to Chicago has made an unscheduled landing in Albany because of a potential engine problem. Flight 791 left Bradley International Airport around 0930 hrs with 182 passengers and six crew members on board. United spokesman Jeff Kovick says it was diverted to Albany International Airport as a precaution because of an unspecified possible issue with one of the engines. No injuries were reported during the landing, which Kovick described as safe and routine. United was making alternate travel arrangements for the passengers. Kovick said the aircraft remains grounded while the nature of the possible engine problem is being examined.

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated today, states: Mechanics yesterday were inspecting an engine of a United Airlines Boeing 757 after an engine light came on during a flight

yesterday from Bradley International Airport to Chicago. United Flight 791 was scheduled to arrive at O'Hare International Airport at 1052 hrs but the pilots instead made an emergency landing about 1030 hrs in Albany because an engine light in the cockpit flashed on, United spokesman Jeff Kovick said. Mechanics were still inspecting the engine late yesterday, he said. Kovick said the airline planned to fly the passengers to Chicago in another aircraft yesterday evening.

EMERGENCY LANDING, ALICE SPRINGS, NORTHERN TERRITORIES, AUSTRALIA

London, Oct 18 — A press report, dated today, states: A pilot managed to land his cargo plane safely after it caught fire over Australia's Outback today, police said. The aircraft was badly burned, but the 28-year-old pilot was not injured. There were no passengers on the plane. The twin-engined aircraft burst into flames as it came in to land just after midnight last night at the airport in the central Australian town of Alice Springs, Northern Territory police said in a statement. Authorities were investigating the cause of the blaze, the statement said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, DENVER, COLORADO, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 15 — Bombardier CL-600-2C10 N368CA, operated by Comair Inc, Skywest Aviation Flight 4021, on departure from Denver Airport with 78 persons on board, struck a flock of birds at 1928, UTC, Oct 12. On engine was damaged and the aircraft returned and landed without incident at Denver. No injuries reported.

EMERGENCY LANDING, ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TURKEY

London, Oct 11 — A press report, dated today, states: An Egyptian aircraft carrying 133 people to Warsaw caught fire yesterday after making an emergency landing at Istanbul's international airport, local media reported. The fire was extinguished and there was no loss of life, the Dogan news agency said. It said the aircraft carried 126 passengers and seven crew. The aircraft was forced to land in Istanbul due to a technical problem but its landing gear failed to work properly, Dogan said. The aircraft landed on its main body, starting a fire, the agency said. It was not clear if anyone was injured. The name of the airline was not immediately known.

London, Oct 12 — An aircraft carrying 156 passengers from Egypt to Poland caught fire during a emergency landing at Istanbul last night, but the blaze was doused and there were no casualties, it was reported. The McDonnell Douglas MD-82 belonging to Egypt's AMC Airlines, also had seven crew on board, the Anatolian news agency said. Istanbul Deputy Governor Mehmet Ali Ulutas told Anatolian the aircraft had made a request to land at Istanbul because of mechanical

problems. Mr Ulutas said the aircraft's landing gear had developed a fault and caught fire as the aircraft it landed and it overshot the runway. The small blaze was quickly put out.

London, Oct 12 — McDonnell Douglas MD-83, registration SU-BOY, operated by AMC Aviation, with seven crew and 156 passengers on board, on flight from Hurghada Airport, Israel, to Warszawa-Okecie Airport, Poland, was forced to land in Istanbul due to a technical problem Oct 11. The aircraft overran runway 18/36 on landing. The main undercarriage was sheared off and the MD-83 came to rest just short of approach lights. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

EMERGENCY LANDING, NAGPUR, INDIA

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated today, states: A plane carrying the Australian and Indian cricket teams and their support staff was forced to make an emergency landing after hitting a flock of birds on take-off yesterday. The Jet Airways flight was leaving Nagpur yesterday for Mumbai when it struck the birds. After the impact, the pilot continued flying at a low altitude while he checked the engines. About 10 minutes later he turned the plane back and landed safely in Nagpur. Emergency vehicles lined the runway for the landing but were not needed and no-one was injured. Passengers remained on board ready to resume the flight after engineers checked the right engine which hit the birds.

GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT, MARSHALL ISLANDS

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated Oct 10, states: All domestic flights in the Marshall Islands ground to a halt yesterday as the national carrier's only aircraft sustained a mechanical problem, stranding about 30 passengers at the US Army missile testing range at Kwajalein. Air Marshall Islands' 34-seat, twin engine Dash-8 was making a scheduled flight to Bikini and other islands, but while stopped for refueling at Kwajalein, problems were identified that resulted in the off-loading of passengers and the plane returning to Majuro for repairs. The new problems mean that next Wednesday's (Oct 17) flight will also be cancelled. Air Marshall Islands' other aircraft, a German-built Dornier 19-seat twin-engine aircraft, has been grounded since Aug 18 and is not expected back in service until at least the middle of next week. Both aircraft were grounded with engine problems for three weeks in August and September.

INCIDENT AT GLASGOW AIRPORT, SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Oct 15 — A press report, dated Oct 14, states: A baggage handler grounded 177 holidaymakers by crashing his vehicle into their jet. The flight from Glasgow to Menorca was due to leave at 1825, Friday (Oct 12). But a worker who was loading luggage smashed into the hold door of the Futura International Airways aircraft.

The passengers had to spend Friday night in a nearby hotel and eventually jetted off to Mahon airport yesterday.

INCIDENT AT OULU AIRPORT, FINLAND

London, Oct 12 — A press report, dated today, states: A flock of birds, possibly hazel hen or partridges, flying into the jet turbines of a Finnair aircraft as it was accelerating down the runway at Oulu Airport this morning, caused the pilot to abort the take-off. Sparks and a loud bang came from the aircraft's starboard engine and the pilot taxied the aircraft back to the terminal building for inspection by mechanics. The 0700 hrs flight was carrying 75 passengers, who were not reportedly in any danger as a result of the incident, as the aircraft had not left the ground and the pilot had plenty of time in which to bring the aircraft to a halt. They continued their journey to Helsinki in another aircraft approximately one hour later. The aircraft then attempted at 1000 hrs to take off empty for Helsinki but the pilot was forced to concede defeat as considerable extraneous noises were still coming from the engine. It will be examined further in Oulu and repair work will begin as necessary.

INCIDENT AT SEATTLE AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, Oct 12 — A Delta Airlines cargo Boeing 757 aircraft, N652DL, while being pushed back from the gate to overnight parking area, hit another tug cart at Seattle at 0630 yesterday. Aircraft sustained unknown damage to the number one engine cowling. No injuries reported.



AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Oct 15 — Current berthing/delay situation at Newcastle, NSW: Three vessels are currently alongside, with 43 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at 12-14 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of 10-12 days in berthing is predicted. A 12-14 day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks' time. The current berthing/delay situation for vessels arriving at Abbot Point within the next two weeks is one to three days. The current berthing/delay situation for vessels arriving at Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay today is between seven and 25 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of seven to 25 days in berthing is predicted. A five- to 20-day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks' time. Current berthing/delay situation at Gladstone: Four vessels currently alongside with 14 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Gladstone today is predicted at seven to 10 days. For vessels arriving in one

week, a delay of five to ten days in berthing is predicted. A six- to ten-day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks' time. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Port Kembla today is predicted at one day. No delay in berthing is expected within the next two weeks. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Dampier within the next two weeks is predicted at one to five days. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Port Walcott within the next two weeks is predicted at between six to 10 days. Current berthing/delay situation at Port Hedland: Two vessels currently alongside, with eight vessels at anchor. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at between two and five days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of two to three days in berthing is predicted. A two- to three-day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving within the next two weeks. — Oceania Maritime Services Pty Ltd.

INDIA

Karachi, Oct 14 — The Chennai Container Terminal yard in Southern India is facing containers congestion problem due to a damaged manhole outside the Chennai harbour affecting container movement out of the terminal. According to the local media, the manhole in a narrow street in Royapuram in North Chennai has hit the flow of container vehicles from Gate 2A, the exit for container traffic from the harbour since Oct 5. This has resulted in the yard inventory mounting to 10,151 boxes by last Friday morning (Oct 12) against an operating capacity of 6,500 boxes. It said if the boxes are not cleared from the terminal, there would be more problems in the coming days as four container vessels are waiting in anchorage to berth, and four more are expected. Meanwhile, the CCT and trade members requested Chennai Customs officials to look at alternative arrangements to quickly move out the boxes. They requested one-time permission to move containers from the terminal to a container freight station (CFS) by grouping containers of a particular vessel instead of the normal practice of obtaining Customs permission for each container. This is to avoid delays in processing. The second suggestion was to allow en-bloc movement of boxes belonging to Accredited Clients Programme importers (ACP). The third suggestion was permission to file "in advance" request by CFS operators to move containers from the vessel to their CFS without waiting for arrival of the vessel. This will allow advance planning of movement of boxes before the vessel arrives. At present, only after the vessel arrives the CFS operators can submit request to Customs for moving boxes to an offshore CFS. — Correspondent.

Mumbai, Oct 17 — Twelve vessels have now been at the anchorage of Kakinada, awaiting customs clearance, for more than a week, following the decision of the Union Government to impose a ban on the export of non-basmati rice. Kakinada old port is badly hit because

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of the ban, as rice accounts for the bulk of the cargo. Of the 12 vessels, loading of rice has not commenced in four and the work has been stopped midway in the rest, following instructions from the customs authorities. Several steel barges used for carrying rice to the ships at the anchorage are idle and, at present, only rice bran extractions and maize are being loaded. It is expected that at least 15-20 vessels may call at the old port in the next few days. The decision of the Union Government to give effect to the ban from Oct 9, unmindful of the long-term contractual obligations of the exporters, has come

in for widespread criticism. A leading rice exporter Mr. Vinod Agarwal, said the decision of the Union Government was too drastic and sudden and it would affect the image of India as a rice exporter in the international market, besides causing immense damage to the trade. He appealed to the Union Government to review the decision and at least give sometime for the trade to cope with it. — Lloyd's Agents.

Karachi, Oct 17 — According to local media, about twelve vessels have been stranded at Kakinada for more than a week for want of customs clearance,

following the decision of the Indian Government to impose a ban on the export of non-basmati rice. Of the 12 vessels, loading of rice has not commenced on four of them and the work has been stopped midway through in the rest, following instructions from the customs' authorities. Several steel barges used for carrying rice to the vessels at the anchorage are idle and, at present, only rice bran extractions and maize are being loaded. It is expected that at least 15-20 vessels may come calling at the old port in the next few days. — Correspondent.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association received Oct 9 -10

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	22-Oct-2007	Coal: Seventeen vessels due by 17/11; 1-3 days delay expected.
Brisbane	22-Oct-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: One vessel at berth; 3 vessels due by 10/12.
Dalrymple Bay	22-Oct-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 41 vessels arrived; 19 vessels due by 4/11; 5-25 days delay expected.
Dampier	22-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: Two vessels loading at berth: 1 vessel arrived; 15 vessels due by 7/11; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 10 vessels due by 1/11; 1-5 days delay expected at Dampier.
Geraldton	22-Oct-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at berth; 3 vessels at anchor; 3 vessels due by 5/11; expected shutdowns 7-10/11 and 27/11-9/12.
Gladstone	22-Oct-2007	Coal: R.G. Tanna coal terminal: 1 vessel loading at berth; 61 vessels due by 20/12; Barney Point: 8 vessels due by 5/12; 5-10 days delay expected at R.G. Tanna and Barney Point.
Hay Point	22-Oct-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 7 vessels arrived; 9 vessels due by 30/10; 5-25 days delay expected.
Newcastle	22-Oct-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: Two vessels loading at berth; 26 vessels arrived; 47 vessels due by 18/11; 13-18 days delay expected;; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels loading at berth; 11 vessels arrived; 22 vessels due by 12/11; 13-17 days delay expected.
Port Hedland	22-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 1 vessel arrived; 20 vessels due by 12/11; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island "C" berth): berth closed for refurbishment; 1 vessel due 24/10; (Finucane Island "D" berth): 1 vessel loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 7 vessels due by 2/11; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 1 vessel due 2/11; 2-5 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	22-Oct-2007	Coal: Two vessels at anchor; 18 vessels due by 25/11; up to 1 day's delay expected.
Port Walcott	22-Oct-2007	Iron ore: One vessel loading at berth, 6 vessels arrived; 16 vessels due by 12/11; 6-10 days delay expected.
Whyalla	22-Oct-2007	Iron ore: Five vessels due by 25/12; 1 vessel due 2/11 to load by barge at anchorage.
Azerbaijan		
Apsheiron	19-Oct-2007	Oil products: One vessel completed discharging crude oil at berth.
Baku	19-Oct-2007	Oil products: Azertrans terminal: Nobel Avenue: Two empty vessels at berth; 1 vessel due 19/10 to discharge gasoil; Sangachal District: port open; no information.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	22-Oct-2007	Six vessels in port of which 3 loading (1 gasoil, 1 barite concentrate, 1 metal), 3 discharging (1 iron ore, 1 manganese ore); 3 vessels in roads, all to load (1 coke, 1 metal, 1 gasoil); 11 vessels due of which 3 to load (1 scrap, 1 metal, 1 copper anodes), 8 to discharge (1 gasoil, 1 DRI, 1 lead/zinc, 1 metal, 1 zinc concentrate, 1 copper zinc concentrate, 1 coal, 1 generator).
Varna	22-Oct-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Twenty-eight vessels in port operating of which 13 loading (1 sunflower seeds, 1 soda/shamote, 1 kaolin/shamote, 3 sulphuric acid, 2 bulk kaolin/shamote, 1 zinc concentrate, 1 soda, 2 equipment, 1 bulk clinker), 5 discharging (1 bulk wheat, 1 iron bars, 1 raw phosphate, 1 clay, 1 bulk coal), 10 discharging/loading (9 containers, 1 metal bars/bulk coal); no vessels waiting in roads.
Colombia		
Barranquilla	24-Oct-2007	Sociedad Portuaria Regional: max. permissible draft: 9.14 m fw. Shore cranes operational; 5 vessels berthed (3 general cargo, 1 bulker, 1 coal), no vessels anchored; 10 vessels due (2 containers, 2 general cargo, 3 bulkers, 1 tanker, 2 coal), with no delays expected.
Buenaventura	24-Oct-2007	Sociedad Portuaria Regional: One shore crane operational, 1 being assembled, 1 under repairs; Channel being dredged to a depth of 10.5m low water. Completion expected first half of November 2007; 10 vessels berthed (2 containers, 2 general cargo, 3 bulkers, 1 tanker, 1 coal, 1 PCC), 7 anchored (1 container, 3 general cargo, 3 bulkers); 25 vessels due (15 containers, 4 general cargo, 2 bulkers, 1 tanker, 3 PCC), with the following delays expected: 1 day for containers/PCC, 2 days for bulkers, 3 days for general cargo.

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Cartagena	24-Oct-2007	Sociedad Portuaria Regional: shore cranes operational; 2 container vessels berthed, no vessels anchored; 30 vessels due (25 containers, 2 PCC, 3 passenger vessels), with no delays expected; CONTECAR: shore crane operational; 2 vessels berthed (1 container, 1 general cargo), no vessels anchored; 5 vessels due (2 containers, 3 general cargo), with no delays expected; MEB: shore crane operational; 1 container vessel berthed, no vessels anchored; 8 vessels due (3 containers, 4 general cargo, 1 bulker), with no delays expected; Mamonal: shore cranes operational; 1 coal vessel berthed, no vessels anchored; 1 bulker due, with no delays expected
Santa Marta	24-Oct-2007	Sociedad Portuaria Regional; shore cranes operational; 3 vessels berthed (1 general cargo, 1 bulker, 1 banana vessel), no vessels anchored; 13 vessels due (4 containers, 4 general cargo, 2 coal, 2 PCC, 1 banana vessel), with no delays expected.
Egypt		
Adabiya	22-Oct-2007	Two vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo.
Alexandria	22-Oct-2007	Fifty-six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 31 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 2 passenger vessels, none tankers, 3 container vessels; 14 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	22-Oct-2007	Forty-seven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 21 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, none tankers, 6 container vessels; 2 vessel at inner anchorage, 14 at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	22-Oct-2007	Eighteen vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 4 general cargo, none bulk carriers, 5 tankers, 1 container vessel; 8 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	22-Oct-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 4 container vessels, 1 passenger vessel.
Suez	22-Oct-2007	Sixteen vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 5 general cargo, 4 passenger vessels; 3 tug boats; 4 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	22-Oct-2007	Thirty-three vessels transiting Northbound, 34 Southbound.
India		
Kolkata	22-Oct-2007	5 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore, 4 vessels discharging (Containers-2, Bitu, General Cargo); 1 vessel working at midstream discharging Logs; 4 vessels waiting at anchorage (1 to discharge, 3 to load and discharge); 3 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel waiting to sail, 2 vessels at shipyard quay; 4 vessels due (Containers, Logs, General Cargo).
Haldia	22-Oct-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-5, Furance Oil, Milscale), 4 vessels discharging (Lamn, Met Coke, Coking Coal-2), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 7 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (4 to discharge, 1 to load, 2 to load and discharge), 11 vessels waiting at anchorage (7 to load, 3 to discharge, 1 to load and discharge); 6 vessels due (Iron Ore-2, Containers-2, Rock Phosphates, Fertilizer) .
Paradip	22-Oct-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Chrome Ore Thermal Coal), 7 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-3, CPC, MOP, S. Acid, L. Coke); 15 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (4 to discharge, 11 to load); 21 vessels due.
Visakhapatnam	22-Oct-2007	19 vessels operating at berth of which 9 vessels loading (Iron Ore-5, General Cargo and Containers, Product-2, Met Ore), 10 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, Pet Coke, Urea-2, DAP, Steel Plates, Alumina, Bauxite, Met Coke); 28 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (18 to discharge, 10 to load); 40 vessels due (Iron Ore-13, Thermal Coal-3, Granite, Pig Iron , I. Sand, Alumina, Urea-2, DAP-2, L. Ammonia, C. Soda, Coking Coal-4, Pet Coke-2, Containers-2, DBM, Steel Cargo, Steam Coal, LPG Gas, Crude, Peas).
Chennai	22-Oct-2007	21 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (L. Oil, Project Cargo, Iron Ore), 11 vessels discharging (C.P. Oil, Project Cargo/ Bax-Bulk/Bax-Jbag/Steel, Steel Pipe/s. Coil/Project, S. Coal-4, Thermal Coal, Furance Oil, C. Oil, Log), 7 vessels loading and discharging (Project, Steel Plate/Granite Block, Steel/St. Coil, Containers/Log, Containers-3); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load), 10 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (4 to discharge, 6 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 4 vessels due (IOL-2, Supply, Containers).
Tuticorin	22-Oct-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Construction Materials, Sugar), 7 vessels discharging (Logs-3, R. Cashew, Copper Concentrate, Thermal Coal-2); 2 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (to bunkering); 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels under at crew change & bunkering.
Cochin	22-Oct-2007	6 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading POL, 2 vessels discharging (Crude, Soda Ash), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers, 2 vessels waiting to load (Lakshadweep, General Cargo); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load.

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New Mangalore	22-Oct-2007	6 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-2, POL Product, Molasses), 3 vessels discharging (Fertiliser, LPG, Timber); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 11 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 9 to load); 17 vessels due (Iron Ore Fines-7, Phosphate Acid, POL Crude-3, Iron Ore (P), Crude Palm Oil, Coal, POL Product-2, Containers).
Mormugao	22-Oct-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines, Alumina), 2 vessels discharging (High Speed Diesel, Met Coke); 5 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to load, 1 to discharge); 4 vessel under dry docked; 13 vessels due (Containers, Met Coke-2, Coal-3, MOP, Iron Ore-6).
Mumbai	22-Oct-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Vehicles, POL-2), 8 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/Machinery-7, POL), 1 vessel loading and discharging (RoRo Cranes/Vehicles); 2 vessel working at midstream discharging Peas; 6 vessels awaiting order at anchorage (1 to load, 2 to load and discharge), 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (to load, 2 to load and discharge); 19 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels (under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 33 vessels due (Containers-2, Oil-2, General Cargo-29).
J.N.P.T.	22-Oct-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Cement, 8 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 5 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	22-Oct-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Cement, Agriculture Product, Barley, Chemical, POL), 11 vessels discharging (Timber Logs-3, Fertilizer-2, Steel Coil, Iron Ore, Chemical-3, Ammonia); 2 vessels working at midstream discharging Chemical; 7 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 5 to load), 16 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (10 to discharge, 6 to load); 1 vessel under arrest.
Ennore	22-Oct-2007	1 vessel working at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load; 2 vessels due (MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MV Good Season (Coal).
Israel		
Ashdod	21-Oct-2007	No labour problems; One vessel loading general cargo at berth, 14 discharging at berth (7 general cargo, 7 bulk cargo), 4 loading/discharging containers at berth; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 3 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (2 bulk cargo, 1 containers); 19 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	21-Oct-2007	No labour problems; One vessel discharging general cargo at berth, 2 loading/discharging at berth (1 bulk cargo, 1 car carrier); 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo; 4 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	21-Oct-2007	No labour problems; Four vessels discharging at berth (3 general cargo, 1 bulk cargo), 4 loading/discharging containers at berth; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 4 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge bulk cargo; 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 15 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Kazakhstan		
Aktau	19-Oct-2007	Oil products: Two vessels loading crude oil at berth; 2 vessels in roads, both to load; 3 vessels due by 21/10, all to load.
Poland		
Gdansk	22-Oct-2007	Thirteen vessels in port operating of which 5 loading at berth (1 coal, 3 general cargo, 1 tanker), 8 discharging at berth (3 bulk cargo, 2 tankers, 1 grain, 2 general cargo); 9 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 25 vessels due.
Gdynia	22-Oct-2007	Ten vessels in port operating of which 7 loading at berth (1 bulk cargo, 3 general cargo, 3 grain), 3 discharging at berth (1 grain, 2 general cargo); 17 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 49 vessels due.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	22-Oct-2007	Seventeen vessels in port operating of which 12 loading (1 soda ash, 1 bulk NPK, 1 equipment, 1 pipes, 2 slabs, 1 copper, 3 wheat, 1 barley, 1 aluminium), 4 discharging (2 bulk cement, 2 bulk sugar), 1 discharging/loading containers; 11 vessels in roads of which 8 to load (5 wheat, 1 bulk NPK, 1 UANS, 1 steel billets); 70 vessels due of which 62 to load, 6 to discharge (2 vegetable oil, 2 bulk cement, 1 zinc concentrate, 1 bulk sugar), 2 to load/discharge containers; Oil terminal: 2 tankers loading at berth (1 crudeoil , 1 diesel oil); 2 tankers in roads, both to load crude oil; 10 tankers due, all to load crude oil.

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Slovenia

Koper	23-Oct-2007	Port working normally; Nine vessels at berth of which 4 loading (2 general cargo/sawn timber, 2 bulk cargo), 3 discharging (2 bulk cargo, 1 vehicles), 2 discharging/loading (1 containers, 1 vehicles); 26 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 9 to load (5 general cargo/sawn timber, 3 bulk cargo, 1 vehicles/containers), 9 to discharge (5 tankers, 1 general cargo, 3 bulk cargo), 8 to discharge/load (5 containers, 3 vehicles).
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Spain

Bilbao	22-Oct-2007	Twenty-three vessels in port operating (5 tankers, 18 others), of which 2 loading, 13 discharging, 8 loading/discharging.
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Ukraine

Ilechevsk	22-Oct-2007	Nine vessels in port operating of which 4 loading (3 steel products, 1 sulphur), 3 discharging (2 ore, 1 barley), 2 discharging/loading containers; 2 vessels in roads of which 1 to discharge barley, 1 to discharge/load containers; 14 vessels due of which 6 to load (3 steel products, 2 pig iron, 1 sunflower oil), 3 to discharge nickel ore, 5 to discharge/load containers.
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Mariupol	22-Oct-2007	Thirteen vessels in port operating, all loading (6 steel, 1 sulphur, 1 coal, 3 clay, 1 kaolin, 1 slag); 11 vessels in roads, all to load (6 steel, 1 clay, 1 sulphur, 2 coal, 1 coke); 36 vessels due of which 34 to load (21 steel, 4 coal, 6 fire-clay, 1 slag, 1 urea, 1 sunflower beans), 2 to discharge (1 clinker, 1 iron ore).
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Odessa	22-Oct-2007	Twenty-four vessels in port operating of which 12 loading (7 metal, 1 timber/metal, 1 scrap, 1 grain, 2 wheat), 10 discharging (4 passenger vessels, 2 baggage, 1 fish, 1 bananas, 1 general cargo, 1 sugar), 2 discharging/loading containers; 10 vessels in roads of which 4 to load (3 metal, 1 wheat), 3 to discharge (1 sugar, 1 grain, 1 passenger vessel), 3 to discharge/load containers; 58 vessels due of which 31 to load (26 metal, 1 pig iron, 1 ore, 1 grain, 1 wheat, 1 oil), 5 to discharge (1 scrap, 1 sugar, 2 oil, 1 citrus), 22 to load/discharge containers.
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