

## BC admits trainee was at helm of doomed ferry

By David Osler

**A FERRY that sank with the loss of two lives in Canada last year was under the control of an unaccompanied trainee quartermaster, with designated bridge officers not at their posts, operator BC Ferries has conceded.**

The admission contradicts earlier accounts from the company, which had previously maintained that there was at least one officer present at all times.

A report from the company — published in March — cited autopilot malfunction of Queen of the North, with the vessel sailing on the wrong course for 14 minutes before hitting Gil Island.

But BC Ferries has been forced to revise its version of events, after being contacted by two other seafarers following the publication of the document. Both said that the woman at the helm had tearfully told survivors clambering into a lifecraft that she had been left alone in charge of the ship.

This is at odds with the testimony trainee quartermaster Karen Bricker herself gave to the internal investigation. At that time, she insisted that a senior officer, Karl Lilgert, was on the bridge and ordered a dramatic course correction in a loud voice. She also stated that she could not find the autopilot switch to turn it off, a point that the inquiry found "difficult to reconcile".

Some 101 people were onboard Queen of the North when it sank on the night March 22, 2006, near Hartley Bay, British Columbia. The ship was serving its regular route of Prince Rupert to Port Hardy, which is popular with tourists.

Formally, the cause of the accident is still under investigation by Canada's Transportation Safety Board, which is expected to release its report by the end of the year.

Publication may now be postponed in the light of the new evidence.

BC Ferries chief executive David Hahn told the Canadian media that while Ms Bricker was preparing to take a watchkeeping examination, she should not have been on the bridge of a large passenger ferry without a qualified officer in charge.

"Even if [Ms Bricker] was a full-blown trained quartermaster, there's never, ever any situation where those people are left alone on the bridge," he said.

The full circumstances surrounding the casualty may never be known, Mr Hahn added. Ms Bricker, Mr Lilgert and second officer Kevin Hilton have all been sacked.

### Dock walkouts disrupt Ports of Auckland

**S**HIPPING lines have altered schedules to Ports of Auckland after dock workers walked out on Oct 2. About 260 staff began a planned two-day strike at 0700 local time, after appearing to have rejected Ports of Auckland's latest offer in long-running collective employment agreement negotiations.

Maersk Line said its containership Maersk Dunafare, originally scheduled to arrive yesterday, had docked a day early to avoid the industrial action. It was scheduled to leave early yesterday morning, just before the strike.

Ports of Auckland said ANL Yarrunga was to arrive yesterday but would not complete exchanges until cargo operations resume tomorrow. Other services will operate tomorrow, while CMA CGM Auckland has bypassed the port. Maersk operations manager Neville Kershaw had hoped to complete container exchanges on Maersk Dunafare before the strike but had a contingency plan.

"We will either wait out the strike in Auckland or sail to Port Chalmers, our next port of call, where we will complete the discharge and move those affected containers back to Auckland," he said.

New Zealand's 3 News reported that union members at Tauranga had been told not to unload goods if Auckland-bound ships were diverted there. Pacific Direct Line said the reception of containers for Southern Pearl would be affected. Breakbulk deliveries were unaffected because they were not being handled by Ports of Auckland staff.

The Maritime Union of New Zealand sent its fourth strike notice to Ports of Auckland late last week, notifying the port of a part-day stoppage on October 17. Workers went on strike on September 11 and plan another stoppage on October 9.

Ports of Auckland managing director Jens Madsen said last week that the rolling strikes were affecting customers and New Zealand's international trade.

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

<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>GT</b>	<b>DWT</b>	<b>Bit</b>	<b>Casualty</b>
<i>ALYONA</i>	ro-ro	MLT	RS	32,226	22,447	1981	Anchored in lat 53 34.38N, long 05 36.5 E, with steering & rudder problems, Sep 22. Taken in tow by Svitzer Marken & proceeding to Flushing, where arrived Sep 24. In port Sep 27 repairing, ETC Oct 8.
<i>BALTIYSKIY 109</i>	general cargo	RUS	RS	1,926	2,649	1979	Grounded off Middelfart in lat 55 33N, long 09 47E, Sep 24. Three ballast tanks torn open; holed. Still aground Sep 27. Diver's inspection under way. Deck cargo to be discharged prior refloating.
<i>DK IRIS</i>	general cargo	KOR	NK	4,947	7,191	1998	Adrift in lat 34 32 26N, long 129 47 58E, Sep 26 due engine trouble. Taken in tow Sep 27 for Busan.
<i>FREE JUPITER</i>	bulker	MHL	NK	27,176	47,777	2002	SMIT Singapore Pte Ltd together with it's partners Malayan Salvage & Towage have been contracted under LOF 2000 to refloat vessel which grounded off Surigao, Philippines, Sep 22. Part cargo to be transferred for refloating.
<i>GRANT</i>	fishing	RUS	RS	497	351	1976	Main engine turbine failure, in the Sea of Okhotsk, near the island of Paramushir, in the Kurile Islands Sep 24. Severely decreased manoeuvrability & crew are attempting to effect repairs. Salvage tug proceeding to tow.
<i>HAI YANG SHI</i>	chem tanker	CHN	—	8,479	12,000	2007	Stranded/aground near Lingao County, Hainan, lat 19 55N, long 109 27E, Sep 24. All crew rescued.
<i>ICELANDICA HAV</i>	general cargo	BHS	GL	1,513	2,250	1982	Reported engine trouble in lat 60 43.8N, long 04 23E, Sep 24. Tug took vessel in tow for Mongstad, where arrived Sep 25.
<i>MERIOM WAVE</i>	product tanker	MHL	AB	25,507	38,877	2004	Curacao Towing contracted to assist vessel which has engine problems over 100 nautical miles north of Aruba previous Sep 22. Tug <i>Ola</i> towing vessel to Aruba. Anchored lat 12 25N, long 70 02.6W, Sep 23 awaiting technicians who will carry out repairs.
<i>MIKHAIL DUDIN</i>	general cargp	MLT		2,319	3,030	1996	Had a major gearbox breakdown Sep 20. Laid up in Plymouth, where remains Sep 26.
<i>POS KNIGHT</i>	bulker	HKG	KR	19,796	31,895	2006	Grounded in lat 40 24.9N, long 26 44 75E, Sep 21. Some cargo lightered. Refloated Sep 25 Sep and anchored Gelibolu Point.
<i>SEAMEC II</i>	diving support	IND	LR	4,327	2,067	1982	Had explosion on board at Curacao Drydock Sep 20. Fatalities/injuries reported.
<i>SILVER ARROW</i>	general cargo	BLZ	KR	3,552	5,691	1980	Adrift in lat 33 50.8N, long 136 11. 15E, Sep 24 due engine trouble. Taken in tow by tug for Wakayama, where ETA Sep 26, for repairs.
<i>VERA-1</i>	general cargo	MLT	RS	2,457	3,288	1972	Had fire break out in engine-room and spread to accommodation area while undergoing repairs at Black Sea Shipyards, Nikolayev, Sep 21. Fire extinguished same day.
<i>VISHVA LAKSHMI</i>	barge	IND	—	695	—	1983	Developed technical "snag" and sank Sep 25 in river Zuari near Chicalim. Crew rescued.

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## ADELE C. (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1000, UTC: General cargo *Adele C.* (3992 gt, built 1994), Rotterdam for Gothenburg, had engine problems and was anchored off Texel in lat 53 05.4N, long 04 34.7E, at 1916, UTC, Sep 25. The vessel is currently shifting to a new anchorage in lat 52 57.7N, long 04 32.8E, and awaiting a technician from Germany.

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1546, UTC: General cargo *Adele C.* is still at anchor. (See issue of Sep 27.)

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1920, UTC: General cargo *Adele C.* has resumed voyage to Gothenburg.

## AIGIORGIS (Malta)

Kochi, Sep 20 -- The cause and extent of fire damage to bulk carrier *Aigiorgis* is being investigated/surveyed and the work is in progress. The navigation/communication equipment damaged in the fire are: two ARPA radars, hand held VHF-GMDSS, one INMARSAT-C and ship security alert system and alarm with other 23 pieces of equipment. The repair of electrical wiring is in progress and spares for the replacement are awaited. The wheelhouse deck head panelling was found burnt. The starboard bridge wing window and starboard rear bridge window were found broken. Equipment replacement is awaited. The vessel is in anchorage and moved under power. -- Lloyd's Agents.

## ALASKA RAINBOW (Greece)

See *Sea Express 1*.

## ALCYON (Portugal)

London, Sep 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: On Sep 8, Coastguard Falmouth MRCC informed Tristan da Cunha Radio, that trawler (All types) *Alcyon* (350 gt, built 1991) had fouled a drifting trawl net in lat 31 29S, long 04 03W. Trawler *Hemiferio Sul* which was in lat 30 46S, long 04 44E, was called to take it in tow, and the two headed for Tristan da Cunha, approximately 500 miles away. On Sep 16, the two vessels arrived at Tristan da Cunha, but due to bad weather conditions, had to wait until Sep 18, before being called in. A police vessel, with two divers proceeded to the vessel, and *Hemiferio Sul* was boarded three miles off the settlement, to check the vessel's papers and direct the vessel to a calmer anchorage. *Hemiferio Sul* was anchored at the Rookery Bay and *Alcyon* was made fast via ropes, so that the vessel could shut down its engines. The police vessel then returned to the settlement to collect the diving equipment, and proceeded back to *Alcyon* for inspection. The Rookery

anchorage was not perfect, but it was the only possible place on the day, and they knew, according to the weather fax that conditions would be bad again tomorrow. While at the anchorage, the master reported that yesterday a large amount of the net had come loose from the propeller, obviously being chaffed during towing. Although there seems to be nothing on the propeller the Chief Engineer reported that there was still a very bad vibration on the main engine, when he increased over a certain speed, and suspected that damage had been done to the shaft or propeller when the net went into the propeller, and despite the ship running over 1,300hp the ships main engine was stopped when *Alcyon* fouled the netting. If the master was not entirely happy to continue fishing the only solution was for *Alcyon* to go into dry dock at either Cape Town or Uruguay, nine to 14 days steaming respectively. The fishing logbooks were checked as well as the freezer holds and all was found to be in order. Both vessels were carrying approximately 60 tonnes of frozen product, a mixture of swordfish, tuna, sharks, etc. The police vessel then returned to the settlement around 1630 hrs and the vessels departed.

## ALMERE

Kiel, Sep 21 -- The wreck of the sunken yacht *Almere* off Horn was raised by a sheerleg at 0600 hrs, Sep 21. Salvors have started to patch the leak from a pontoon with steel plates and to dewater the vessel. The wreck is expected to be towed into the harbour, today. -- Correspondent.

## ALYONA (Malta)

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0745, UTC: Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* (32226 gt, built 1981), Hamburg for Antwerp, is currently anchored in lat 53 34.38N, long 05 36.5E, with steering and rudder problems. Understood vessel has already been in communication with its owners. (Note -- *Alyona* sailed from Hamburg at 1445 hrs, Sep 21.)

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1323, UTC: Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* is still anchored in lat 53 34.38N, long 05 36.5E. Understood arrangements have been made with Messrs. Rederij Noordgat to take the vessel in tow.

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1350, UTC: Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* is to be taken in tow by tug *Svitzer Marken*, which is due on scene at 2300, local time, today. Understood *Alyona* will be towed to Flushing.

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 2220, UTC: Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* was taken in tow by tug *Svitzer Marken* at 2210, UTC, for Flushing where eta around noon Sep 24.

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0920,

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UTC: Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* arrived at Flushing, in tow of tug *Svitzer Marken*, at 0712, UTC, today.

Maassluis, Sep 27 -- Roll on roll off with container *Alyona* is still in port at Flushing and is currently under repair at Scheldepoort Shipyard. Repairs are expected to be finished around Oct 8. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **AMBASSADOR II (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: The Sterling Casino Lines gambling ship at Port Canaveral, passenger ro/ro *Ambassador II*, resumed offshore excursions on Thursday (Sep 20) after the US Coast Guard found the vessel meets minimum requirements for having fully functioning generators. After being docked for nearly a week, Sterling called the Coast Guard at the Port this morning to inspect the repairs in order to receive approval to operate again. Inspectors found that two of the *Ambassador II*'s four primary generators and a back-up generator were working properly, enough to meet the minimum requirements, Petty Officer 1st Class Donnie Brzuska said. Among other repairs, Sterling has installed a third temporary primary generator in case the other two primaries fail, Brzuska said.

#### **ANTREAS (Panama)**

London, Sep 25 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS bulk carrier with container capacity *Antreas* was still at anchor at Mombasa.

#### **ARCO ARUN (U.K.)**

Zeebrugge, Sep 21 -- Trailing suction dredger *Arco Arun* (3476 gt, built 1987) ran aground in the entrance of Flushing outer harbour at 0355 hrs, this morning. The vessel did not need assistance and refloated five minutes later at 0400, local time. The vessel moored in Flushing outer harbour 15 minutes later. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, trailing suction dredger *Arco Arun*, which ran aground in the entrance of Flushing outer harbour at 0355, Sep 21, sailed Flushing 1315, UTC, Sep 21, for dredge area.

#### **ARIELLE (Bahamas)**

Berlin, Sep 25 -- Understand from the assistant harbour-master of Rostock that passenger (cruise) *Arielle* arrived at berth, at 1500, Sep 13. There was a small smouldering fire in sauna area, which was fought by crew members. The damages are not expected to be in any appreciable degree. *Arielle* sailed same day on schedule. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ASIA ACE (Panama)**

London, Sep 21 -- Passenger ro/ro *Asia Ace* arrived and sailed Moji on Sep 12.

#### **ATHINA (Barbados)**

London, Sep 26 -- Product tanker *Athina* arrived at Dortyol, Turkey, on Sep 21, and sailed on Sep 22, bound for Piraeus.

#### **AURORA (U.K.)**

London, Sep 23 -- A press report, dated Sep 22, states: Twenty passengers on passenger (cruise) *Aurora* (76152 gt, built 2000), that made a one-day stop in Halifax today, have been told to stay in their rooms, after coming down with what was believed to be norovirus. The *Aurora*, operated by P&O Cruises, and which carries 1,800 passengers, arrived at Halifax this morning and left this afternoon. Symptoms have included nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Health Canada said it was waiting for test results and could not confirm whether the passengers had norovirus, but P&O Cruises issued a statement that said the illness was "strongly suspected to be norovirus." "Unwell passengers are asked to comply with the doctor's instructions and isolate themselves in their stateroom until non-contagious," said the statement. "They are also asked not to proceed ashore." Passenger Joanne Salmon told a media source that staff on the vessel were handling the situation effectively. A Health Canada official was on the vessel today for a scheduled inspection. The federal department told the media source that the illness was contained and there was no concern about it spreading further.

#### **AYFER KA (Turkey)**

London, Sep 25 -- According to Karachi Port Trust combined chemical and oil tank *Ayfer KA* was off the port of Karachi at 0700, local time, today. It had arrived at 0650 hrs, Sep 24, for repairs. Berth not allocated.

Karachi, Sep 27 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Ayfer KA* berthed at mooring No 5 in the port of Karachi after arriving from Malaysia with engine trouble. Repairs are yet to commence. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BALTIYSKIY 109 (Russia)**

Aarhus, Sep 25 -- General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* (1926 gt, built 1979), Horsens for The Netherlands, with timber, grounded at approximately 1530 hrs, yesterday, off Middelfart. Reportedly, three ballast tanks have been torn open.

London, Sep 25 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 0801, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* is aground in lat 55 33N, long 09 47E. Reported that the vessel has been holed.

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1002, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* is still aground and a diver's inspection is currently under way.

London, Sep 27 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1126, UTC: General cargo *Baltiyskiy 109* is still aground. The vessel's deck cargo will need to be discharged prior to refloating, and discharge operations are due to commence later today.

#### **BARBAROSSA (Gibraltar)**

Naples, Sep 24 -- At approximately 1145 hrs, Sep 21, a fire broke out on general cargo *Barbarossa* (2301 gt, built 2000), while it was discharging at

Berth No.46, in Naples. The vessel was discharging units of tower sections for wind turbines. None of the eight crew members were injured. At time of the fire only the cargo on deck had been discharged. The fire has been extinguished and surveyors are presently on board to determine the cause of the fire and the extent of damage to the vessel and the remaining cargo. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BAYBURT 5 (Turkey)**

Muscat, Sep 21 -- General cargo *Bayburt 5* sailed from Salalah anchorage on Sep 20. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BELUGA RECOGNITION (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Sep 25 -- General cargo *Beluga Recognition* arrived at Leghorn on Sep 13. She sailed on Sep 22, bound for La Spezia, where she both arrived and sailed later the same day, and proceeded towards Gibraltar.

#### **BLACK PRINCE (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 20 -- Propeller damage to Fred Olsen Cruise Lines' passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* has forced the company to cancel two sailings. Departures tomorrow and Sep 23 have been cancelled due to the damage sustained to the vessel. The ship was on an eastern Mediterranean itinerary from Liverpool which left on Sep 1 when damage was sustained to its propulsion unit. The cruise was curtailed in Algeiras and all passengers were either flown home or transported overland back to the UK following the incident. *Black Prince* has had to go into dry dock for repairs. Fred Olsen said all passengers would receive a full refund and £50 off a future cruise.

London, Sep 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* was in lat 42 34 52N, long 09 46 47W, at 0755, UTC, today, speed 12.4 knots, course 003 degrees, bound Hamburg.

London, Sep 27 -- Passenger (cruise) *Black Prince* arrived at Hamburg at 0555 hrs, Sep 25. (Note -- *Black Prince* is next scheduled to depart Greenock Oct 6 for cruise BP723 to the Canary Islands.)

#### **BLUE WATER PRINCESS (Philippine)**

Manila, Sep 25 -- UCPB General Insurance, the hull insurance underwriter for the sunken ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess I* today reported that it has withdrawn its sale offer to ACA Shipbreaker and Salvage, Inc. ACA Shipbreakers was awarded the sale of the *Blue Water Princess I* two weeks ago after bettering four other companies with a bid of four million pesos (approximately US\$87,000). UCPB officials said it withdrew its offer to after ACA Shipbreakers failed to place a downpayment for the vessel. Earlier, ACA Shipbreakers had asked UCPB General for more time to negotiate with the owners of the trucks and cargo still trapped inside the *Blue Water Princess I*. UCPB General officials, however, received reports that

ACA Shipbreakers was also selling the *Blue Water Princess 1*. The company was not a serious buyer. Apparently they were playing for more time so they could dispose of the vessel themselves, a UCPB General official handling the sale said. Since there was no formal agreement with ACA Shipbuilder, the insurance company simply withdrew its offer. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Sep 26 -- UCPB General Insurance, the hull insurance underwriter for the sunken ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1*, said that it would be holding another bidding for the wreck after the first auction failed. The first auction was unsuccessful because the winning bidder, ACA Shipbreaker and Salvage Inc, failed to come up with its winning bid of four million pesos (approximately US\$87,000). UCPB General said that it plans to begin accepting new bids by next week. -- Correspondent.

**BORELLY (U.K.)**

Maassluis, Sep 24 -- General cargo *Borelly* is still at Ridderkerk and there is still no progress in her situation. She is still detained with no prospects of departure. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**BOURBON DOLPHIN (Norway)**

London, Sep 25 -- Hearings into the capsize of anchor handling tug/supply *Bourbon Dolphin* will commence in Oslo today and are expected to last until Thursday, or possibly Friday, according to law firm Wikborg Rein, which is acting for the ship's hull underwriters. Representatives of Transocean, Chevron and consultants Trident Offshore are expected to be interviewed this week with the hearings being simultaneously translated between English and Norwegian.

**BOW STAR (Singapore)**

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Odjell, Singapore, timed 0130, UTC: Chemical tanker *Bow Star* was refloated last Thursday, (Sep 20). Vessel is currently at the anchorage following inspection. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Bow Spirit* was at anchor in lat 01 06 20N, long 104 10 59E, at 0014, UTC, today.)

Jakarta, Sep 27 -- Chemical tanker *Bow Star* has been refloated and it is now at the port of Kabil, Batam, awaiting owners instructions. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Bow Star* was at anchor in lat 01 06 25N, long 104 10 50E, at 0230, UTC, today.)

**BUTUAN BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Sep 21 -- Repairs to the engine of Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1* were completed last week at the privately-owned Gothong Wharf in Cebu. Following the completion of repairs the vessel was taken out to sea on Sunday (Sep 16) where it went through a successful two-hour trial. Officials of Carlos Gothong Shipping Lines, owner and operators of *Butuan Bay 1*, said that the vessel will lie at anchor off Gothong Wharf until Oct 10,

when it is scheduled to enter the Keppel Cebu shipyard for a hull bottom survey. -- Correspondent.

**CALA PALMA (Italy)**

Kiel, Sep 24 -- Work on reefer *Cala Palma* at the Lloyds Yard in Bremerhaven is nearing completion. One of the last remaining tasks is the crane booms, which will be mounted next. -- Correspondent.

**CANADA SENATOR (Germany)**

Montreal, Sep 21 -- Fully cellular containership *Canada Senator* is still at Batiscan Anchorage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Montreal, Sep 26 -- The steering gear of fully cellular containership *Canada Senator* was thoroughly tested by the Transport Canada attending surveyor and found to be satisfactory on Sep 25. The stop on the vessel was lifted at 1400, local time, and it sailed from Batiscan anchorage at 1600 hrs, on the same day. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CARGO ENTERPRISE (Liberia)**

Buenos Aires, Sep 26 -- Bulk carrier with container capacity *Cargo Enterprise* resumed navigation on Sep 18, bound for Cape Town. No repairs had to be carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CEHILI (Belize)**

London, Sep 26 -- Passenger (cruise) *Cehili* proceeded to Singapore, where it underwent refurbishment in dry dock. The vessel has been renamed *Voyager* under Indonesian flag and is now back in service.

**CHANG TONG (Panama)**

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Beijing MRCC, timed 0215, UTC: Bulk carrier *Chang Tong* and fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* have been parted and *Chang Tong* is sinking. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Hanjin Gothenburg* was stationary in lat 37 39 42.12N, long 121 30 16.2E, at 0156, UTC, today.)

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Yantai Salvage, timed 0015, UTC, today: Following the collision between bulk carrier *Chang Tong* and fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* both vessel were towed to shallow water. There the two vessel were disengaged following which *Chang Tong* sank at approximately 1300, local time, Sep 20. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Hanjin Gothenburg* was stationary in lat 37 39 45N, long 121 30 16E, at 2335, UTC, Sep 23.)

London, Sep 27 -- Newbuilding, semi-submersible heavy lift vessel *Yacht Express* was conducting sea trials and viewed the arrival at Yantai anchorage of bulk carrier *Chang Tong* and fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* on Sep 18 and break-up of *Chang Tong* on Sep 20 during the passage of the remains of typhoon "Goring" with 40 to 45 knot winds. *Chang Tong* listed first to port before slipping of the bow of *Hanjin Gothenburg* and started breaking up. The fore ship folded around the aft ship

to port and broke off around the impact from the aft ship. The fore ship settled finally on the seabed in an upright position and the aft ship rested with the forepart on the seabed and the engine-room kept the aftpart up afloat (for the time being). *Hanjin Gothenburg* proceeded to the anchorage with one of the cranes still hanging on its bow and is at present still at the anchorage. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Hanjin Gothenburg* was stationary in lat 37 39 35N, long 121 30 22E, at 22 56, UTC, Sep 26.)

**CHARTSMAN (Liberia)**

London, Sep 22 -- Product tanker *Chartsman* sailed from Rotterdam at 1535 hrs, Sep 18, bound for Milford Haven, where it arrived at 0120 hrs, Sep 21.

Maassluis, Sep 24 -- Product tanker *Chartsman* which departed from Rotterdam on Sep 18, underwent repairs at Damen Shipyard, Schiedam, between Sep 13 and 18. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**CICLOPE (Panama)**

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated Sep 26, states: Bulk carrier with container capacity *Ciclope* (18977 gt, built 1985) has been fined for a 10-gallon fuel spill during a visit to Vancouver. The state Department of Ecology announced a \$5,500 fine levied against the Barcelona-based ship owner, Ership Internacional, for a fuel spill on Mar 12. The company has agreed to pay the fine, in addition to another \$8,105 to cover the cost of the state's response to the spill. The Department of Ecology in Clark County released its quarterly report yesterday. About 10 gallons of fuel oil overflowed the deck and into the Columbia River while the vessel was moored at the port of Vancouver earlier this year, said Ecology spokeswoman Kim Schmanke. The fine was issued on Apr 18.

**CONCEL PRIDE (Nigeria)**

Cadiz, Sep 26 -- Product tanker *Concel Pride*: Situation unchanged; the vessel is at Algeciras and only a security guard is watching it. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CONQUEROR (Malta)**

London, Sep 25 -- Bulk carrier *Conqueror* passed through the Panama Canal, into the Pacific, on Aug 29, and is reported to be ETA at Inchon on Sep 28.

**COSTA FORTUNA (Italy)**

Savona, Sep 24 -- Passenger (cruise) *Costa Fortuna* (101350 gt, built 2003) arrived from Marsiglia port at 0630, local time, Sep 23, and ran aground in front of Albissola Marina beach during berthing manoeuvres. Normally the vessel does not need tug assistance for berthing operations, but in order to refloat, towage services were rendered by two tugs. Berthing operations were completed at 0800 hrs, at Pier No.10. No injuries were reported and there was only minor damage to the hull on the bottom. The authorities commenced an inquiry in order to establish if the cause was a mistake in manoeuvring or



due to the weather conditions. The vessel sailed at 1700 hrs, on same day, resuming its voyage to Naples. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **DAISHIN MARU (Japan)**

See *Dwiputra*.

#### **DCI DREDGE AQUARIUS (India)**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated Sep 11, states: Cutter suction dredger *DCI Dredge Aquarius* (2094 gt, built 1977), working on the Sethusamudram project, was badly damaged in May. Its spud, used to break sand deposits and soft rocks, shattered on impact with the hard rocks on Adamis Bridge and had to be sent to the Cochin Shipyard dry dock, where it still awaits repairs. We have not made any effort yet to acquire another spud so far, said R.V. Rao, Visakhapatnam-based deputy general manager of the state-owned Dredging Corp. of India Ltd (DCI).

#### **DENDEN (Eritrea)**

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: The crew of the capsized Eritrean general cargo *Denden*, who are under unofficial confinement, will start leaving one by one from Sep 30, according to the Deputy Commissioner's office. Twenty-one of the 23 crew who were rescued from the vessel, were housed in a private hotel in Mangalore. Officials said there are three Ghananians, one from Sudan, three from Pakistan and the remainder are from Eritrea. All of them will be sent home, after their release was secured by the Atlantic Shipping, the local agents of *Denden*.

#### **DK IRIS (South Korea)**

London, Sep 27 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Engine troubled general cargo *DK Iris* (4947 gt, built 1998) adrift in lat 34 32 26N, long 129 47 58E, at 2200, UTC, Sep 26. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *DK Iris*, Oita for Busan, was in lat 34 05 58N, long 130 40 57E, at 0719, UTC, Sep 26, course 302 degrees, speed 11.6 knots.)

London, Sep 27 -- Following received from Coast Guard Japan, timed 0510, UTC: General cargo *DK Iris* was taken in tow, for Busan, by tug *Seiwa Maru* at 1130, JST, today.

#### **DONALD C. (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated Sep 26, states: As it nears the end of its investigation into a deadly collision off Sands Point in June, the Coast Guard says a barge that apparently struck a pleasure boat had enough room in the shipping channel to steer around the smaller craft. The 24-foot pleasure boat was anchored in the navigation channel south of the Execution Rocks Lighthouse while its occupants were fishing, said Lt. Jake Hobson of the Marine Casualty Investigations Office at Coast Guard Sector New York. Navigation charts show the channel there is at least a quarter-mile wide. The petroleum barge *The Patriot*, owned by Seaboat Inc., of Fall River, Mass., is 324 feet

long and 75 feet wide. Because there was sufficient clearance in the channel, Hobson said it is unlikely any action would be taken against the owner of the pleasure boat. However, the Coast Guard might penalise the owner of the barge and its tug (tug *Donald C.*) or their crews, if tests by the Nassau police laboratory prove that the barge struck the pleasure boat. Technicians are trying to identify fibreglass or paint traces that may be from the smaller boat on the hull of the barge. The six crewmen on the tug and barge told investigators they were unaware of hitting another vessel. "They said they saw the fishing boat but they believed it was entangled with or dealing with another pleasure vessel," Hobson said. The accident occurred on Jun 10 when boat owner Raphael Rivera, 55, was fishing with his girlfriend, Leibe Ociele Medina, 47, and brother, Efrain Rivera, 60. Raphael Rivera said he saw the *Donald C.* pushing *The Patriot*, which was en route from New York City to New Haven, Conn., when they were about 300 yards away. Rivera said he expected the barge to avoid his boat, but when it didn't change course, he waved an orange life jacket at it, then jumped in the water with Medina. After the impact, Rivera surfaced and saw Medina, who was wearing a life jacket, floating face down about 50 feet away. She died a week later. The lawyer representing Medina's family has served notice on Seaboat Inc. that he intends to file a lawsuit. Hobson said, "We believe they were anchored on the southern side of the channel." He said boats are not supposed to anchor in channels, but "where they were is not necessarily a narrow channel" and "as long as they are not impeding traffic," it was not a problem. "They're not professional mariners," he added. "We hold the licensed mariner to a higher standard; they are operating a commercial vessel." Hobson said six crew members were on board the tug and barge, but would not divulge how many were serving as look-outs. Drug and alcohol tests came back negative, he said. Frank Floriani, the Manhattan attorney representing Medina's family, said, "Our information is that the barge did not have a lookout."

#### **DONGEBORG (Netherlands)**

Troy, Mich., Sep 24 -- The Wagenborg general cargo *Dongeborg* (6205 gt, built 1999) hit the ship arrestor at Iroquois lock around 0500 hrs, today. The vessel was down bound with a cereal cargo, loaded at Thunder Bay for Dunkirk, and failed to stop while entering the lock. The ship arrestor boom collapsed into the lock. The accident resulted in shipping coming to a stop for 13 hours in this sector. The bulk carrier *Algocape* and the combined chemical and oil tanker *Sichem Defiance* were secured at the tie walls below the lock. Other vessels had to anchor while crews were at work replacing the ship arrestor. Just before 1800 hrs, this evening, *Dongeborg* was released from the lock, and the *Algocape* and *Sichem Defiance* were allowed to proceed upbound before the lock was closed for

additional work. Bulk carrier *Canadian Olympic* came up from the Wilson Hill anchorage to tie up below the lock and waited for the lock to re-open. This occurred at about 2100 hrs, when the bulk carrier *Algoisle* was allowed to proceed downbound. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News. (Note -- *Dongeborg* sailed from Thunder Bay on Sep 20.)

#### **DREAM (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: A prosecutor in Rhodes yesterday charged four officers from passenger (cruise) *Dream*, which began listing in the harbour on Tuesday (Sep 18), of deliberately trying to run the vessel aground. The vessel was carrying 930 Israeli tourists on a Mediterranean cruise, but began listing by 10 degrees when it docked at Rhodes. The prosecutor suggested that the vessel's master, first mate and two engineers, all Greek nationals, intentionally endangered the vessel's safety when they moved ballast from one tank to another. All four suspects, along with a representative of the company that owns the vessel, are being held at Rhodes Port Authority, while divers investigate the cause of the vessel's problems. It has been claimed that the vessel struck an object while sailing from Turkey.

#### **DWIPUTRA (Bahamas)**

Yokohama, Sep 26 -- Liquid Natural Gas Carrier *Dwiputra* (104968 gt, built 1994), Bontang for Kanmon, and fishing (general) *Daishin Maru*, 6.2 gt, fishing grounds for Katsumoto fishing port, were in collision in lat 33 59.5N, long 129 38.53E, at 0505, Sep 21. *Dwiputra* sustained scratching damage to its port stern, while *Daishin Maru* sustained cracking damage to its starboard bow. There were no injuries. -- Lloyd's Agents. Note -- *Dwiputra* subsequently arrived Tobata Sep 21 and sailed Sep 22 for Bintulu.)

#### **EASTERN STAR (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 22 -- A dispute is currently delaying the final discharge of general cargo *Eastern Star* (14539 gt, built 1978) at Kakinada, after one of the cranes on the vessel broken down. The vessel laden with 17,500 tonnes of urea berthed at Kakinada, on Sep 2. Unloading started the next day and approximately 16,000 tonnes was unloaded by Sunday (?Sep 16). However, the remaining 1,500 tonnes in Hold No.4 could not be unloaded following to a malfunctioning crane, forcing the vessel's agents to seek permission to unload it at the "deep water port", where a shore mounted crane was available. However, objections were raised by the Port Workers' Union and the Steel Barge Owners' Association, as under existing practices, cargo scheduled to be unloaded at the "anchorage port" should not be handled at the "deep water port". As the "anchorage port" does not have any dry dock facilities, the crane cannot be repaired and the remaining cargo can only be unloaded

at the "deep water port" using a shore mounted crane. In order to resolve the situation, the Cocanada Chamber of Commerce convened a joint meet on Thursday (Sep 20) but only minor headway was made and no final decision was taken owing to the absence of Steel Barge Owners representatives. The Port Workers Union, however, have agreed to move the vessel to deep water port as a special case. -- Correspondent.

**ELLEAIR TAI0 (Panama)**

Belfast, Sep 27 -- Wood-chip carrier *Elleair Tai0* (35663 gt, built 1986), while arriving at Belfast from San Lorenzo (Argentina), made heavy contact with West Twin Silo Berth, on Sep 20, resulting in puncturing of hull above the waterline. The vessel shifted to Harland & Wolff for repairs on Sep 23. It is scheduled to sail at 1220 today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 27 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, wood-chip carrier *Elleair Tai0* sailed Belfast 1142, Sep 27, for Las Palmas.

**EXPLORER (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Coastguard Belfast MRSC, timed 0051, UTC: At 1932, UTC, Sep 21, Larne harbour reported information from roll on roll off *European Highlander* that general cargo *Explorer*, V2AB5, (1616 gt, built 1985), Colrairie for Belfast, in ballast, was displaying not under command lights and apparently adrift between Larne harbour and the Maidens Rocks in lat 54 54N, long 05 45W. VHF contact between Larne harbour and *Explorer* confirmed vessel adrift with engine failure and intending to continue drifting while consulting owners. The vessel successfully anchored after crossing 40 metre depth contour, four cables to west-southwest of old lighthouse, Maidens. Larne lifeboat was standing-by the casualty. Tractor tug *Norton Cross* was despatched from Belfast harbour, arriving on scene and commenced tow to Belfast at 0037, UTC. Larne lifeboat was released to station. The present intention is to anchor the vessel in the approach to Belfast pending confirmation of a berth and tug availability, later this morning.

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Coastguard Belfast MRSC, timed 0443, UTC: At 0418, UTC, general cargo *Explorer* was brought to anchor in lat 54 41N, long 05 40W, one nautical mile north of Wilsons Point, Bangor, by tractor tug *Norton Cross*. The tug has been released for harbour tasking. The Harbour will review berthing arrangements for *Explorer* later this morning with her owners and agents.

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Coastguard Belfast MRSC, timed 1754, UTC: General cargo *Explorer* which was adrift with engine failure has arrived in Belfast in tow of Tractor tug *Norton Cross*.

Belfast, Sep 24 -- General cargo *Explorer* sailed from Belfast for Coleraine at 1643 hrs, Sep 21, but returned to Belfast with assistance

from two Svitzer tugs at 1626 hrs, Sep 22, to effect engine repairs, with an ETC/D of Se 27. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Belfast, Sep 27 -- General cargo *Explorer* is still under repair. The vessel is expected to sail later today or tomorrow. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**FALCON CAPE (Liberia)**

Maassluis, Sep 25 -- Bulk carrier *Falcon Cape* is still under repair and it is anticipated that repairs will take approximately one further month to complete. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**FEDERAL DANUBE (Cyprus)**

Troy, Michigan, Sep 26 -- Bulk carrier *Federal Danube* (22654 gt, built 2004) came into contact with the ship arrestor cable, while down bound, entering Lock Seven at the Welland Canal at about 2015 hrs, Sep 24. When contact was made, the cable was dragged up over the lower portion of the bulbous bow about two or three metres out of the water. The arrestor did its job and stopped the vessel. *Federal Danube* backed up and then tied down. There were no visual signs of damage to the vessel, but the arresting cable receptacle was damaged. This caused about a five-hour delay. There were several vessels tied up above and below lock seven. A work crew arrived to begin working to free the cable. Around 0100 hrs, yesterday morning, the cable and boom were raised to clear the chamber and the work crew began clearing the area. At 0135 hrs, the *Federal Danube* was lowered in the chamber and normal operations resumed. The cable and boom were not being used and extra precaution was used while vessels entered the chamber. At 1030 hrs, this morning, a work crew arrived to finish the repairs on the arresting cable receptacle. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping. (Note -- *Federal Danube* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 45 32 20.34N, long 73 32 10.8W at 2059, today, speed .4 knots.)

**FINGAL (Netherlands Antilles)**

Grangemouth, Sep 24 -- Understand that the repairs to general cargo *Fingal* are in progress and are expected to be completed by around Oct 3. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**FOREST 1 (St. Kitts-Nevis)**

See "Germany" under "Port Sate Control."

**FR8 PRIDE (Singapore)**

London, Sep 26 -- A crack on the side shell, in way of port side ballast tank No.1, has been found on crude oil tanker *FR8 Pride* (42010 gt, built 2006) in lat 46 49N, long 71 13W at 0230 hrs, Sep 20. (Note -- *FR8 Pride* arrived Quebec about Sep 20 and sailed about Sep 24.)

**FREE JUPITER (Marshall Islands)**

London, Sep 24 -- Understand SMIT Singapore Pte Ltd together with its partners Malayan Salvage and Towage have been contracted on Lloyd's Open Form 2000 to refloat bulk carrier *Free*

*Jupiter* (27176 gt, built 2002) which grounded off Surigao, Philippines, Sep 22. (Note -- *Free Jupiter* was last reported to have sailed Kobe Sep 7 for Manila.)

Manila, Sep 24 -- Bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* ran itself into a reef off Dinagat Sound in Surigao del Norte Province in southern Philippines Sep 22. Initial reports indicated that the vessel, which was carrying nickel from Surigao port to China, ran aground because of a navigational error. The crew was supposedly using old charts which did not reflect the shallow depths the vessel was passing through. The area where the *Free Jupiter* ran aground has a depth of 30 ft while the vessel has a draft of 38 ft. No flooding has been detected and there is, as yet, no report on the damage sustained by the vessel. The entire crew is reported to be safe. Refloating of the vessel will be undertaken by the main contractor SMIT Singapore Pte Ltd and Manila-based Malayan Towage and Salvage. The bulk of the work, however, will be carried out by Malayan Towage since Philippine law prevents the operation of foreign salvage companies in Philippine Waters. Malayan Towage has dispatched its salvage tugs *Limay* and *Ranger*, which are already on site. Salvage barge *Atlas*, towed by tug *Ibarra*, is expected to reach the *Free Jupiter* in the next few days. Refloating operations will have to wait until the arrival of the *Atlas* since part or all of the cargo of the *Free Jupiter* cargo will first have to be transferred to the *Atlas* to lighten the vessel prior to its refloating. -- Lloyd's List Correspondent.

**FREITIND (Norway)**

Trondheim, Sep 24 -- General cargo *Freitind* is still at Kvernhusvik Shipyard, in Hitra. She may possibly leave for Fosen Gjenvinning, Aafjord, later this week or next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**GAS EVOLUZIONE (Marshall Islands)**

London, Sep 20 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1958, UTC: Liquid petroleum gas carrier *Gas Evoluzione* (3504 gt, built 1996), Norway for Antwerp, is presently reported not under command in lat 53 15.9N, long 04 30.1E, due to main engine problems. The vessel's crew are carrying out repairs, estimated duration one to two hours. Coast Guard vessel *Waker* is proceeding to the scene, ETA two hours.

London, Sep 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Evoluzione* was reported in lat 52 32.9N, long 03 46.27E, 38.8 nautical miles from Europoort, speed 9.2 knots, course 226 deg, at 0415, UTC.

London, Sep 22 -- Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Evoluzione* arrived at Antwerp at 1938 hrs, Sep 21.

London, Sep 24 -- Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *Gas Evoluzione* sailed from Antwerp at 0225 hrs, Sep 24, bound for Mongstad.

**GRANT (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 24 -- The Ria news agency has today reported that fishing (general) *Grant* (497 gt, built 1976) has experienced a main engine turbine failure, in the Sea of Okhotsk, near the island of Paramushir, in the Kurile Islands. The breakdown has limited the vessel to about four knots with severely decreased manoeuvrability. The master/crew are attempting to effect repairs. -- Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 25 -- At 0415 hrs, Sep 24, fishing (general) *Grant* was in lat 50.17N, long 154.43E. The vessel is still trying to fix the main engine. The salvage tug *Predanny* is proceeding and is due to arrive on scene at 1700 hrs, Sep 25, and will tow the vessel to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka. -- Correspondent.

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 26 -- Fishing (general) *Grant* is now in tow of tug *Predanny*. The vessels are proceeding to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatkiy at a speed of 7.5 knots, ETA 2359, Sep 27. -- Correspondent.

**HADIA K. (Comoros)**

Beirut, Sep 21 -- General cargo *Hadia K.* (1558 gt, built 1972) arrived at Tripoli on Sep 5 and anchored off Ramkin Island, about four miles off Tripoli. The vessel went slightly aground but was immediately refloated. No hull damage reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Hadia K.* arrived Tripoli Sep 5 and sailed Sep 12 subsequently arrived at Larnaca Sep 13.)

**HAI YANG SHI YOU 881 (China)**

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated today states: Vessel *Offshore Oil 881* (chemical tanker *Hai Yang Shi You 881*, 8479 gt, built 2007), with 21 on board, belonging to Zhanjiang Branch Company of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation, loaded with liquefied petroleum gas, was stranded at midday (? yesterday) near Lingao County, Hainan, according to the South Sea Rescue Team. A helicopter was sent to the site about 1400 hrs and all 21 crew members were rescued after two hours.

London, Sep 25 -- Following received from Beijing MRCC, timed 0345, UTC, today: Chemical tanker *Hai Yang Shi You 881*, BFNy, is aground in lat 19 55N, long 109 27E. All crew are safe.

**HANJIN GOTHENBURG (Germany)**

See *Chang Tong*.

**HARM JOHANNES (U.K.)**

London, Sep 20 -- Following received from Coastguard Brixham MRCC, timed 1041, UTC: A fire broke out in the engine-room of trawler (all types) *Harm Johannes* (84 gt, built 1954) at 0814, UTC, Sep 20, in lat 50 05.56N, long 03 36.8W. Four people were on board. The fire was extinguished by the crew of the vessel. Salcombe lifeboat stood by vessel while initial assessment was made. Torbay lifeboat escorted the fishing vessel back to Brixham. An

electrician went onboard the vessel at the entrance to Brixham. No further assistance is required. Search and Rescue operations terminated, at 1200 UTC.

**HOBURGEN (Bahamas)**

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

**HUAI LAI HE (China)**

Venice, Sep 26 -- Fully cellular containership *Huai Lai He* (6367 gt, built 1985), en route from Ancona to Venice, was in collision with fishing (general) *Leone*, about 15 miles off Chioggia, at 0645, local time, Sep 25. *Leone* sank and two of its three crewmen were rescued by a Coast Guard patrol vessel, while one is still missing. *Huai Lai He* entered Venice where authorities are carrying out inquiries. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**HUTUOHE (Panama)**

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated today, states: Four barges which were anchored at the Den Do intersection of the Saigon, Nha Be and Dong Nai Rivers to load rice were suddenly were struck by fully cellular containership *Hutuohé* (9471 gt, built 1997) on Sep 24. One barge sank deep in the river. The four barges, with a tonnage of over 700 tonnes each, carried around 350 tonnes of rice each. According to Nguyen Van Hoang, the master of the sunken barge, the four barges were anchored to load rice for a vessel bound for Indonesia when they were struck by *Hutuohé*. It ordered the crew to abandon the barge and call for assistance from nearby fishing boats. Captain Hoang said. Captain Hoang's barge sustained a large hole and sank nearly an hour after the accident, with 350 tonnes of rice on board. Around 3,000 litres of diesel oil in the barge's tanks spilled to the river. The three remaining barges were also heavily damaged. One barge which was trapped between two others sustained holes on both sides, each covering an area of four by two metres. Water entered the vessel, soaking its cargo of rice. Following the accident, a response team was sent to the site to deal with the oil spill from the sunken barge. All the barges came from Tien Giang Province.

**ICELANDICA HAV (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 25 -- Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1006, UTC: General cargo *Icelandica Hav* (1513 gt, built 1982) reported engine trouble in lat 60 43.8N, long 04 23E, at 2211, UTC, Sep 24. A tug was dispatched and took the vessel in tow for Mongstad, where it arrived at 0653, UTC, today.

**INNOVATION (U.S.A.)**

Troy, Michigan, Sep 25 -- Barge *Innovation* (8757 gt, built 2006) was assisted into Lafarge port yesterday by tug *Manitou* after its bow thruster failed. Later in the morning the *Manitou* assisted the vessel depart the dock and then tied up in the river. -- Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

**IREM KALKAVAN (Marshall Islands)**

London, Sep 24 -- Fully cellular containership *Irem Kalkavan* arrived at Ambarli, Turkey on Sep 15 and sailed from there on Sep 17, bound for Marseilles, where she arrived on Sep 20.

**IRIS (Netherlands)**

London, Sep 26 -- Non specific tanker *Iris*, 75 metres long, 950 dwt, built 1963, in ballast, cargo diesel oil, was in collision with a push tug with barges on the River Waal near Dreumel at 0340, local time, today. There were no personal injuries, but the tanker did sustain heavy damage to its bow. The tug and barges (loaded with 15,000 tons ore) were sailing upriver from Rotterdam to Germany. The cause of the accident is not known yet and an investigation is underway by the river police. At that time, the weather was good and no other vessels were involved in this accident. The certificates of the tanker have been withdrawn temporarily because of the heavy damage. The damaged tanker is expected to be towed by tugs to a repair yard. The front barge of the group had a small leak, but could later proceed on voyage.

**IVAN KRUZENSHTERN (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 26 -- Icebreaker *Ivan Kruzenshtern* (2315 gt, built 1964) had a fire onboard in Kronstadt, today. The fire occurred in the pilot room. The area of the fire was about 100sq m. -- Correspondent.

**JAEGER ARROW (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 25 -- General cargo *Jaeger Arrow* arrived at Seven Islands on Sep 16 and sailed on Sep 21, bound for Greenock.

**KENNICOTT (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 22 -- An Alaska Department of Transport press release, dated Sep 10, states: Repairs to Roll On Roll Off *Kennicott* have been completed and the vessel will return to revenue service beginning 2200 hrs, today, when it sails from Ketchikan to Juneau and then on to Yakutat. *Kennicott* is expected to arrive in Whittier at 1330 hrs, Sep 13 for its regularly scheduled cross-Gulf trip south.

**KERES (Panama)**

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

**KOLA (Russia)**

London, Sep 21 -- Roll on roll off *Kola* (18627 gt, built 1983) grounded at Sorel at 1450, EDST, Sep 19. The vessel refloated shortly afterwards. No damage reported.

**KRATON (Indonesia)**

See "Indonesia" under "Piracy".

**LEONE (Italy)**

See *Huai Lai He*.

**LINK STAR (Aland)**

London, Sep 20 -- Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC,



timed 1754, UTC: Roll on roll off *Link Star* is still anchored. An engineer from Aberdeen is expected to board the vessel at about 1900, UTC.

London, Sep 20 -- Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 1335, UTC: Roll on roll off *Link Star* now has an engineer on board and is presently carrying out engine trials.

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 1335, UTC: Roll on roll off *Link Star*, turbo-blower problems and anchored in lat 58 13.3N, long 06 14.19W, Sep 20: Coastguard tug *Anglian Prince* stood by vessel while repairs carried out. *Link Star* reported engine fully repaired and now intending to stay at anchorage awaiting improved weather conditions.

London, Sep 23 -- Following received from Coastguard Stornoway MRSC, timed 2210, UTC: Roll on roll off *Link Star* raised anchor 1937, UTC, today and is now underway bound Dublin.

London, Sep 26 -- Roll On Roll Off *Link Star* arrived at Dublin at 0351, Sep 25, and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0658, UTC, today, vessel was still in port.

**LISA A. (Panama)**

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Coastguard Liverpool MRSC, timed 0635, UTC: General cargo *Lisa A.*: Situation remains the same. Vessel is listing at 10-12 degrees and a barge is to be used to take the weight of the listing side.

London, Sep 22 -- Understand salvage services are being rendered to crane barge *Lisa A.* by SMIT Salvage BV under Lloyd's Open Form dated Sep 21.

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Coastguard Liverpool MRSC, timed 1128, UTC: General cargo *Lisa A.* is still in the same position. The barge which is to be used to try and right the vessel is currently at Liverpool Docks.

**LORI B. (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Coast Guard Seattle, timed 1653, UTC: Tug *Lori B.* has been refloated and is now in dry dock at Troutdale, OR, undergoing repairs.

**MADRISA (Marshall Islands)**

Conakry, Sep 26 -- Bulk carrier *Madrisa* is still at Conakry awaiting instructions. The port side wall of No. 4 hold, damaged by the bulb of chemical tanker *Team Anemonia*, is under repair. Divers are welding beams and plates over the hole, which is about eight metres by four metres. After removing the seawater in No. 4 hold (about 3,200 tonnes), the remaining wet alumina will be discharged, for drying and treatment, if possible. Later the vessel is expected to sail for Dakar dockyard for permanent repairs. *Team Anemonia* discharged soda at Conakry and sailed to Venezuela on Sep 19, with its bow and bulb totally damaged and unrepared. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**MAERSK CURLEW (U.K.)**

London, Sep 20 -- Two workers were injured after a gas release on floating

production tanker *Maersk Curlew* (52175 gt, built 1983) in the North Sea this week. The British Health and Safety Executive are preparing to investigate Tuesday's (Sep 18) gas leak on the vessel, which happened during a maintenance shut-down.

**MAHA DEEPA (India)**

London, Sep 23 -- Bulk carrier *Maha Deepa* passed through the Dardanelles, in an easterly direction, at 1430 hrs, Sep 22, bound for Diliskelesi, Turkey.

**MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Sep 21 -- Overhauling of the two Pielstick main engines of passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1* is ongoing at the privately-owned Gothong Wharf in Cebu. Carlos A. Gothong Shipping Lines engineers have said that they are still awaiting delivery of replacement bushings and valves. In the meantime, the two engines are being cleaned. Target date for completion of repairs is the end of October. -- Correspondent. (Note -- the report in the issue of Sep 5, that repairs to the vessel had been completed is believed to have been erroneous.)

**MARIA S.MERIAN (Germany)**

Kiel, Sep 25 -- Research *Maria S.Merian*, which was under repair in a floating dock at the Lindenau Yard in Kiel, left the dock and is now berthed at the quay of the Lindenau Yard. As it was not possible to repair the vessel in time for the next voyage, Torshavn for the Gulf of Cadiz, which was scheduled for Sep 17, the vessel is now expected to berth at the Bollhorn Quay in Kiel, on Oct 10, after completion of repairs. -- Correspondent. (See issue of Aug 22.)

Kiel, Sep 27 -- The future of research *Maria S.Merian* remains uncertain. No way has yet been found to stop the continuing water ingress into the Schottel Electric Propulsor 2 azipods. Also, the scheduled voyage into the Gulf of Cadiz had to be cancelled. The vessel will remain for at least another two weeks in the Lindenau-Yard. A crisis talk is to be held on board, which will include all involved institutions, on Sep 27. At present, it seems to be unclear whether the vessel will be able to resume its work until the end of the year. The production of the leaking azipods has meanwhile been stopped. -- Correspondent.

**MED CARRARA (Cayman Islands)**

Karachi, Sep 24 -- Understand that bulk carrier *Med Carrara*, laden with imported coal, has started discharging cargo at Berth Nos. 2/3, in Karachi, following repairs of its No 1 crane. *Med Carrara* had arrived at the berth at 1100, local time, Sep 23. Earlier, it was shifted to the outer anchor and was requested by the Port Authority to get its No. 1 crane repaired. -- Correspondent.

Karachi, Sep 25 -- Understand from Seatrade (Private) Limited, the shipping agent of bulk carrier *Med Carrara*, that the vessel sailed from Karachi at 2045, Sep 24, after

offloading the cargo. The local workshops and spares were arranged to repair its No 1 crane. -- Correspondent.

**MEDWINA (Philippines)**

Manila, Sep 21 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has issued a show cause order against the owner of the Philippine-registered ferry *Medwina*. It is owned by Zamboanga-based Hadji Soriah Uhasan. The show cause order requires the owners to explain why the MARINA should not cancel the vessel's certificate of public convenience license as well as impose a fine of Pesos10,000 (US\$220 dollars) for violation of the terms of its license. The deficiencies were uncovered by MARINA inspectors following a safety inspection on the vessel brought about by its engine breakdown off Sulu island on Sep 8. MARINA inspectors said that the vessel was operating as a passenger ferry in violation of its license, was overloaded and its captain and crew did not have the proper certificates of competency. *Medwina* is currently having its engine repaired at the privately-owned Phittco Pier in Zamboanga. -- Correspondent.

**MEKHANIK RUDENKO (Russia)**

London, Sep 26 -- Chemical tanker *Mekhanik Rudenko* was reported arriving at Vladivostok on Sep 13, from Slavyanka.

**MERIOM WAVE (Marshall Islands)**

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Curacao RCC, timed 0145, UTC: Understand Curacao Towing have been contracted to assist product tanker *Meriom Wave* (25507 gt, built 2004), in ballast, which has engine problems over 100 nautical miles north of Aruba. Tug *Ola* will be sailing shortly to tow the vessel to Aruba. (Note -- *Meriom Wave* sailed New York Sep 12.)

London, Sep 23 -- Following received from Curacao RCC, timed 2235, UTC: Product tanker *Meriom Wave*, under tow of tug *Ola* en route Aruba, is currently eight miles from Aruba.

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Curacao RCC, timed 1250, UTC: Product tanker *Meriom Wave* anchored approximately 11 miles south of Aruba, in lat 12 25.7N, long 70 02.6W at 1324 hrs, Sep 23. The vessel is still anchored in the same position, awaiting the arrival of technicians, who will carry out repairs.

London, Sep 25 -- Following received from Curacao RCC, timed 1439, UTC: Product tanker *Meriom Wave* is still anchored in the same position, awaiting arrival of the spare parts.

**MERWEDELTA (Netherlands)**

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0925, UTC: General cargo *Merwedelta* (2999 gt, built 2001) experienced a small fire in her engine-room, shortly after departing from Piombino, yesterday afternoon. The vessel was approximately six miles off Piombino when the incident occurred. The fire was quickly extinguished and repairs were effected within two hours, allowing the vessel to return to

Piombino under her own power. She is currently still in Piombino, awaiting a class inspection.

#### **MERYEM (Turkey)**

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Meryem* (746 gt, built 1979) ran aground in front of the Umuryeri South Lighthouse, Istanbul Strait at about 0800, Sep 24. Patrol ship *Kiyi Enniyeti 8* and tug *Kurtarma 4* were immediately sent to the location by Istanbul VTS. No pollution, loss of life and/or goods was reported. At 2230 same day a Salvage Assistance Agreement was signed between tug *S'nduren 6* and *Meryem*. The vessel was refloated at 0100 today.

#### **MEUGANG I (Panama)**

London, Sep 23 -- A press report, dated today, states: The crew of general cargo with container capacity *Meugang I*, which had been abandoned at Santander, has received outstanding wages backdated to October last year, following intervention by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and two of its Spanish affiliates ELA-hainbat and the local branch of CCOO. According to ITF the new owner last week paid the seafarers' claim in full in euro 187,000 to cover wages up to Sep 11. Twenty-four of the seafarers were repatriated to their home countries, Cameroon and Ghana, last Friday. Meanwhile, the ship's master remains in the seafarers' centre in Santander, where he is receiving medical assistance; he will be repatriated once he has finished receiving treatment. ITF says that the new owner has replaced the crew with seven Russian seafarers; however, it is unlikely that the vessel will resume normal operations until repairs have been carried out.

#### **MEXICA (Panama)**

Bar, Sep 26 -- General cargo *Mexica* is still alongside at Bijela Shipyard. On Sep 20, evidence was gathered before the Commercial Court. The hearing was held in Kotor and it will continue collecting evidence at Podgorica from Oct 1. The Shipyard will not allow the crew members, the master, chief officer and chief engineer to leave the vessel. The Shipyard has placed security guards on board, to watch the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MIGHTY SERVANT 3 (Netherlands)**

Cape Town, Sep 27 -- Semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* is still in port. Understand that decisions regarding its future are still to be made. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MIKHAIL DUDIN (Malta)**

London, Sep 26 -- General cargo *Mikhail Dudin* (2319 gt, built 1996), reportedly had a major gearbox breakdown on Sep 20 and is laid up in Plymouth. (Note -- *Mikhail Dudin* arrived Plymouth Sep 9 and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was still stationary at Plymouth as of 1352, UTC, today.)

#### **MSC ERMINIA (Panama)**

Aarhus, Sep 21 -- Fully cellular containership *MSC Erminia* (17304 gt, built 1979) grounded at 1250, local time, today, in lat 55 48 32N, long 10 57 41E. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *MSC Erminia* stopped at 10.4 nautical miles off Ebeltoft about 1147, UTC, for about two hours thirty-one minutes, but at 1616 hrs, today was in lat 56 02 45.18N, long 10 48 46.56E, speed 7.5 knots.)

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1555, UTC: *MSC Erminia* has just refloated and is sailing to its destination, Aarhus, very slowly. The extent of damage and reason for grounding unknown.

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1033, UTC: fully cellular containership *MSC Erminia* arrived safely at Aarhus late yesterday afternoon. The vessel is still in port, waiting for a divers survey.

London, Sep 24 -- Fully cellular containership *MSC Erminia* was reported passing Skaw, in a northerly direction, at 0236 hrs, Sep 23.

Aarhus, Sep 25 -- Fully cellular containership *MSC Erminia* refloated under her own power and berthed in Aarhus, for discharging, during the morning of Sep 22. A divers inspection revealed that the vessel had not sustained any damages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MSC SABRINA (Panama)**

Montreal, Sep 21 -- Understand that the channel contact was minor and fully cellular containership *MSC Sabrina* resumed its outbound voyage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MSC ULSAN (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0940, UTC: Fully cellular containership *MSC Ulsan* (40108 gt, built 2002), bound for Antwerp, anchored in lat 53 53N, long 06 16E, at 0820, UTC, after reporting not being under command, due to engine problems. The vessel has estimated 10 hours to effect repairs.

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1910, UTC: Fully cellular containership *MSC Ulsan* is underway, bound Antwerp.

London, Sep 27 -- Fully cellular containership *MSC Ulsan* arrived at Antwerp at 1713 hrs, Sep 25 and sailed at 0045 hrs, today, bound for Le Havre.

#### **NAESBORG (Liberia)**

London, Sep 26 -- Roll On Roll Off *Naesborg* sailed from Galveston at 2200, Sep 22. Bulk carrier *Voyager II* sailed from Galveston at 1900, Sep 21, bound for Mobile, arriving on Sep 24. Chemical tanker *Valerie* sailed from Galveston at 2010, Sep 17.

#### **NANTICOKE (Canada)**

London, Sep 25 -- Bulk carrier *Nanticoke* (22706 gt, built 1980) had steering problems/rudder inoperative while approaching No 1 Lock, St-Lambert, Quebec, at 2049, EDST, Sep 23. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Nanticoke* was located in lat 45 19 41.46N, long 73 54 43.42W, at 0217 today, speed 3.1 knots.)

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Nanticoke* arrived Cote Ste.Catherine 0025, UTC, Sep 24, sailed 1758, UTC, same day for Picton, Canada, where ETA Sep 25.

#### **NORDSKOTT (Norway)**

Aalborg, Sep 24 -- The yard in Frederikshavn now expect Roll On Roll Off *Nordskott* to complete repairs and depart on Sep 26. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NORMAN (Argentina)**

London, Sep 24 -- Following navigation warning dated today, states: Fishing *Bonfiglio* towing fishing (general) *Norman* (84 gt) in lat 39 27S, long 59 22W, bound Mar del Plata.

#### **NORTHERN VICTOR (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 23 -- A press report, dated Sep 21, states: Seattle-based Icicle Seafoods, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Evening Star, Inc., have agreed to spend nearly \$2 million to resolve Clean Water Act violations associated with the operation of fish factory *Northern Victor* (8409 gt, built 1945), a seafood processing vessel, in Alaska's Udagak Bay. The settlement requires the payment of a \$900,000 civil penalty. Icicle has already spent approximately \$1.1 million cleaning up a historic seafood waste pile that created a one-acre dead zone on the Alaskan seafloor. EPA Northwest Regional Administrator in Seattle Elin Miller said seafood processors need to look for new ways to protect the health of the seafloor, starting with preventing waste piles. The violations occurred aboard the *Northern Victor*, which operates in Udagak Bay on the eastern side of Unalaska Island. The vessel is permitted to discharge seafood processing waste by an EPA issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Several violations were observed during an inspection conducted in 2003. Following the inspection, Icicle made significant improvements aboard the vessel to remedy the violations. However, the companies failed to comply with one major provision of the permit, which required the clean-up of a historic seafood waste pile created by the vessel's discharges prior to 1999. After the U.S. Department of Justice filed suit against Icicle and Evening Star in 2006, the companies undertook the removal of the historic waste pile. They subsequently agreed to pay the \$900,000 civil penalty.

#### **NORWAY (Bahamas)**

London, Sep 21 -- The Indian Platform on Shipbreaking is set to launch an appeal against the Indian Supreme Court's decision to permit the controversial demolition of passenger (cruise) *Norway* (now renamed *Blue Lady*) at Alang. iWe cannot allow this dangerous ship to be scrapped at Alang; it carries far too much toxic waste, i said Gopal Krishna, spokesman for the Platform. iWith due respect to the Supreme Court judges who have allowed the demolition, we think they were misled by vested interests, and were not presented with the entire

evidence. There are still more than 900 tonnes of asbestos and poly-chlorinated butyls on board, which should have been taken off before the vessel was sent to India. The 46,000 dwt vessel, last owned by Malaysia's Star Cruises, has been lying off the shore of the world's largest shipbreaking yard at Alang, along the Gujarat coast, pending the apex court's decision. Over the past 13 months, it has moved gradually towards the sea, and currently lies nearly 1,500 feet from the shore. The Ship Recycling Industries Association has said that, if the judges had handed down a decision against its recycling, the *Blue Lady* would have had to stay permanently at Alang since it would have been almost impossible to float it again. The case prepared by environmental organisations including Greenpeace against the *Blue Lady* had been admitted by the Supreme Court in June 2006, when the judges had allowed the vessel to enter Indian waters, but ruled against its immediate demolition. The court had appointed an expert committee to provide guidelines on how to safely dismantle all vessels that come to India. The committee recommended that certain procedures be followed to ensure worker safety, including decontamination before the breaking down of the vessel, and proper disposal of toxic waste. Vishnu Gupta of the SRIA said that the 25 year old industry at Alang would have been faced with certain extinction if the *Blue Lady* decision had not gone in its favour. He said it could still die if the government failed to offer better incentives. (See issue of Sep 18.)

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#### **NUSA PENIDA (Indonesia)**

Jakarta, Sep 25 -- Roll On Roll Off *Nusa Penida* (606 gt, built 1983), which operates between Padang Bai, Bali and Lembar port, Lombok, grounded, after being struck by a large wave, about 20 metres off Padang Bai, while leaving with 150 passengers, three buses, 21 cars and 16 motorbikes onboard, at 1308 hrs, local time, Sep 21. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- Understand all passengers were evacuated from the vessel and an effort to refloat the vessel failed.)

#### **OS-5**

See *Volgo-Don 5012*.

#### **PACIFIC PROSPECT (Liberia)**

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Coastguard New Orleans, timed 1610, UTC: Bulk carrier *Pacific Prospect* (38379 gt, built 1993), cargo pig iron, grounded at Mile 173, Lower Mississippi River, about 0555, UTC, today, while attempting to pass another vessel. She refloated about 0755, UTC, and proceeded to Burnside Anchorage for inspection and is restricted until a class report is received.

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Pacific Prospect* was in lat 29 56 27.12N, long 90 22 26.52W, at 1639, UTC, Sep 25, proceeding on a course of 115 deg at 12.6 knots.

#### **PATER NOSTER (Norway)**

Trondheim, Sep 21 -- Owner of fishing (general) *Pater Noster* reports that is no change and no decision has been taken yet as to whether the vessel will be repaired or not. Some of the rules regarding fishing about to be changed and he is awaiting these before any decision is made. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PATRICIA S. (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Kiel, Sep 26 -- Fully cellular containership *Patricia S.* (4015 gt, built 1995), with a cargo of 5,400 tons of steel, ran into the embankment on the west side of the River Weser, at Km 12, in the morning of Sep 25. The vessel intended to berth in the industry harbour. It refloated without help a short time later. The master declared that a sudden failure of rudder or propeller impact was responsible for the accident. As the master was suspected of navigating too fast, he had to pay a safety fee. The vessel was not

allowed to leave the port until the completion of investigations. -- Correspondent.

London, Sep 27 -- Fully cellular containership *Patricia S.* arrived Bremen sailed 1210, Sep 25, from Tees and sailed 0625, Sep 26, for Rotterdam.

#### **PERE CHARLES (Republic of Ireland)**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: A contract to raise two fishing vessels that sank off the south-east coast of Ireland, has been awarded to a Dublin firm. Trawler *Pere Charles* sank in January this year, with the loss of five lives and the *Maggie B.* sank in March 2006, with the loss of two lives. The Minister for Transport & the Marine, Noel Dempsey, today announced the contract had been awarded to Irish Diving Contractors. It is expected that the vessels will be brought to Arklow in County Wicklow once they have been raised, some time in October. They will then be examined by Department surveyors

#### **POS KNIGHT (Hong Kong)**

Istanbul, Sep 21 -- Bulk carrier *Pos Knight* (19796 gt, built 2006) grounded outside Gelibolu, in lat 40 24.9N, long 26 44 75E, at 0812, hrs, today. -- Turkish Straits.com.

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1232, UTC: Bulk carrier *Pos Knight* is still aground and is awaiting assistance.

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 2031, UTC: Bulk carrier *Pos Knight* is still aground. (See issue of Sep 24.)

London, Sep 22 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1250, UTC: Bulk carrier *Pos Knight* is still aground. Operations to refloat the vessel are in progress.

London, Sep 23 -- Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1302, UTC: As at 0900 hrs, today, bulk carrier *Pos Knight* was still aground and operations to refloat the vessel were still in progress.

Istanbul, Sep 24 -- Bulk carrier *Pos Knight* grounded on Sep 21, at Canakkale. The vessel is carrying 20,000 tonnes of sugar, which was loaded in Brazil and destined for Novorossiysk, Russia. The vessel signed a TOF (Turkish open form) and salvage operations are still in progress. It is expected that the vessel will have to lighten 2,500-3,000 tonnes of cargo. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Istanbul, Sep 25 -- Bulk carrier *Pos Knight* was refloated at 0820 hrs, today and is now anchored at Gelibolu Point. -- Turkish Straits.com.

#### **PRIDE OF ALOHA (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Coast Guard Honolulu, timed 1641, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Pride of Aloha* (77104 gt, built 1999) reported losing starboard propulsion at Kahului at 0615, local time, today, due to an overheated shaft bearing. The vessel is currently anchored at the pilot station and tugs are proceeding to tow it to a berth.

London, Sep 23 -- Passenger (cruise) *Pride of Aloha* was reported arriving at Kahului at 0800 hrs, Sep 21 and departing at 2130 hrs, Sep 22.

#### **PRIDE OF TELEMAR (Norway)**

Copenhagen, Sep 24 -- The owners of passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* are expected to make a decision today as to, at which yard the repairs will take place. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Kiel, Sep 25 -- Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* is to be repaired at Cityvarvet in Gothenburg. Understand that the vessel is to be towed to Sweden from Hirtshals today, but was still berthed at the quay in Hirtshals at 0930 hrs. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Sep 26 -- Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* sailed Hirtshals on Sep 25 and arrived Gothenburg at 1130, Sep 26. Cityvarvet has already lowered its floating dock in expectation of the vessel. -- Correspondent.

#### **RACHEL MARIE (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated today, states: Officials say Oahu passenger (cruise) *Rachel Marie* (60 gt, built 1988), taken out of service this morning, may resume operations as early as this afternoon. The vessel sustained engine trouble, preventing it from joining its sister ship the *Melissa Ann*. Thirty-five passengers were instead offered bus service. Spokesperson Bill Brennan said "Mechanics are looking at the electronic ignition module on one of the boat's two engines, and if it can be replaced the boat could make its scheduled afternoon run."

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated Sep 24, states: Passenger (cruise) *Rachel Marie* will not begin service from Kalaeloa Harbour to Aloha Tower tomorrow morning, despite repair efforts. The problem that forced the cancellation of today's inaugural cruise turned out to be a faulty master control unit in the port engine. A new part was ordered from North Carolina, and may arrive tomorrow, city spokesman Bill Brennan said. As for when *Rachel Marie* may begin operating, "It'll be day to day," Brennan said tonight. About 35 passengers hoping to ride the vessel were offered rides into the town by bus, or a wait for the next trip on board ferry *Melissa Ann*. Eighteen passengers took an express bus from Kalaeloa to Aloha Tower instead of the ferry.

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) *Rachel Marie* is apparently repaired and ready to make its 0600 hrs, run from Kalaeloa this morning, city spokesman Bill Brennan said. A part had to arrive from the mainland.

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated Sep 26, states: Passenger (cruise) *Rachel Marie* was back in service this morning after engine trouble suspended operations Monday. Repairs were completed yesterday evening, after replacement parts arrived from the mainland.

#### **SARAH (Philippines)**

Manila, Sep 25 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) have

reported that the landing craft *Sarah* is in dry-dock at Anita Shipyard in Navotas, Manila. The vessel is undergoing repairs to its hull which was damaged when it collided with the passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* off Suluan Point on Sep 4. MARINA authorities said that a safety inspection team will be visiting the shipyard to ensure that repairs meet safety standards. -- Correspondent.

#### **SASANQUA (Panama)**

London, Sep 25 -- Reefer *Sasanqua* arrived Mobile Sep 4 from Las Palmas and sailed Sep 12 for St. Petersburg.

#### **SAUNIERE (Canada)**

Halifax, Sep 26 -- Bulk carrier *Sauniere* sustained damage to No. 2 port ballast tank. Transport Canada Marine Safety and Lloyd's Register representatives are on board. The vessel was alongside until Sep 21, to effect the majority of the repairs. The vessel is operational, however, with repairs continuing. The vessel has Condition of Class regarding the damages/repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SCL BERN (Switzerland)**

London, Sep 25 -- General cargo with container capacity *SCL Bern* sailed from Valletta Sep 20 and, according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, was located in lat 35 46.91N, long 32 50.2E, at 0921, UTC, Sep 24, course 72.4 deg, speed 14.5 knots.

#### **SCOT TRADER (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated Sep 25, states: A blaze on board a vessel (general cargo *Scot Trader*, 1585 gt, built 1986) docked in Sligo last week was handled well by the crew, according to the Sligo fire brigade. The hull was closed. The master obviously had fire training. It was a significant fire but it was handled correctly by the master and subsequently by the fire brigade, said Chief Fire Officer Paul Coyle. The fire station got the call out at 2259 Monday (Sep 17). Three fire engines were deployed to the scene. A hydraulic platform, as well as an emergency tender, which carries cutting equipment and equipment to deal with chemicals was also used. Around 20 men fought the fire overnight. All the equipment was back at the station by 1030 the following day. It is believed that the vessel was delivering timber to Brooks in Finisklin. Around 900 tonnes were on board at the time. No one was injured in the incident and it is understood the fire was caused accidentally. We would have a strong indication as to what cause the fire, said Mr Coyle. However, he said he could not say what it was. (Note -- *Scot Trader* sailed Belfast Sep 14 for Sligo.)

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Scot Trader*, from Sligo, was 3.8 nautical miles from Larne at 0343, UTC, Sep 20.

#### **SEA BULKER (Hong Kong)**

Dakar, Sep 25 -- Bulk carrier *Sea Bulker* is still under arrest at Cotonou. -- Correspondent.

#### **SEA CROWN (Panama)**

London, Sep 21 -- Bulk carrier *Sea Crown* arrived at Haldia on Sep 17, from Zhoushan and sailed on Sep 20.

#### **SEA EXPRESS 1 (U.K.)**

London, Sep 26 -- Understand passenger ro/ro *Sea Express 1*, which is currently undergoing repairs, was moved from Cammell Laird No.5 dry dock to West Float on Sep 24.

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: New safety procedures have been ordered at two shipping companies following the accident, between passenger ro/ro *Sea Express 1* and bulk carrier *Alaska Rainbow* at the Bar of the River Mersey in thick fog in February. The collision holed the starboard hull of the *Sea Express 1*, causing it to list and trim significantly within seconds. On board were 274 passengers, 20 crew and 58 cars but injuries were minimal and the vessel remained afloat. There were no injuries on board the *Alaska Rainbow*, and damage to the 515ft vessel was minor. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued its report on the collision on Thursday and made a series of recommendations. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which operates the *Sea Express 1*, has been told to review its safety management system, particularly its instructions on the use of radar and external communications. The company must also ensure that its passenger safety instruction card is appropriate for the type of lifejacket to be found under each passenger seat. J.G. Goumas (Shipping) Co, the South African operator of the *Alaska Rainbow*, has also been ordered to improve communication between pilots and crew. The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, which runs the Port of Liverpool is already reviewing its emergency procedures.

#### **SEAMEC II (India)**

Curacao, Sep 20 -- Diving support *Seamec II* (4327 gt, built 1982) had an explosion on board at Curacao Drydock at 0730, local time, today. A number of deaths and injuries have been reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Willemstad, Sep 20 -- At least five people were killed in an explosion on a vessel (diving support *Seamec II*) under repair in the port of Curacao today, a shipyard official said. Firefighters sought to put the blaze that sent flames shooting into the air from the vessel, which was carrying no cargo at the time of the explosion, Farly Hernandez, the Dockmascaapei shipyard director said. The five people killed had been working on land by the vessel, whose hull was being repaired, and it was feared there were more casualties among people on board the vessel, he added. "We assume from what the firefighters are saying that there are more people on board," he said. Local media with journalists reporting from the area said about 11 people died. Shipping officials said the vessel had earlier been transporting oil products, such as gasoline. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: An explosion on board diving support *Seamec II* in the Curacao ship repair company CDM killed five local workers yesterday morning. The youngest victim was twenty, but they were all experienced workers and some of them had been with the company for more than 20 years. The workers had made a hole in the hull of the vessel to remove a machine that required electronic work. As usual, the company's chemist checked for possible gasses or other dangerous substances and gave the green light. What exactly happened is unclear, but the suspicion is that somehow there was a gas leak. The first explosion was followed by a second, and then a fire with a lot of smoke. The Fire Department had to deal with the smoke and the fact that the fire heated up the vessel's steel construction. There was also the risk of more explosions. Several people who were down in the hull were also injured, but their lives were not in danger. All work at CDM has been stopped until it is clear there is no longer any danger.

London, Sep 21 -- The blast killed at least five. The blaze at the Curacao Drydock Company (CDM) was almost under control and the dock is due to re-open at 1200, local time. Five people died and nine were injured when an explosion occurred early yesterday morning when attempts were being made to place an engine "into" diving support *Seamec II*. One crew-member of the vessel is in a "grave condition". He is badly burnt and has several fractures, Lizanne Dindial, the lieutenant governor said, from Willemstad, Curacao. Ms Dindial said that an investigation would immediately be launched when inspectors can re-enter the vessel. A loud explosion occurred around 0730 hrs, and then a fire broke out and this was followed by another explosion. We are still trying to extinguish the fire because it is right inside the body of the ship and very hard to get to. A first investigation would focus on safety and security and whether all safety manuals were followed. A superintendent representing the shipowner was on site, she added. "We recognise the importance of the economic value of the dock, every day will cost a lot of money for the dry dock and the shipowners." Other vessels could be worked at other docks because the incident had happened at the B dock, she said. Curacao Drydock Company director Farley Hernandez, confirmed that the fire was almost extinguished, at around 1000, local time.

**SENOPATI NUSANTARA (Indonesia)**

Manila Sep 25 -- The master of ferry *Senopati Nusantara* was sentenced to two years and three months imprisonment by the Semarang District Court on Monday. Wiratno Tjendanawasih was judged responsible for the sinking of *Senopati Nusantara* on Dec 29, last year, in which 46 passengers died. -- Correspondent.

**SERENITY (Bermuda)**

Hamilton, Bermuda, Sep 20 -- According to the Director of Marine & Ports, Bermuda, ferry *Serenity* made hard contact with the ferry dock in Dockyard at approximately 1225, Sep 15, which resulted in injuries to some passengers. Twelve passengers were taken to hospital, treated and later discharged. Damage to the vessel is minimal with an indentation on the starboard side of the aluminum ibull nose/bow fendering. There is no damage to the internal structure and framing. No immediate repairs are required and the vessel should return to the service rotation next week. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**SHEKSNA (Russia)**

Liverpool, Sep 24 -- General cargo *Sheksna* has completed its repairs and sailed over the weekend. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Sheksna* was in lat 55 4 5.57N, long 7 13 55.18W, at 1628, UTC, today, speed 9.2 knots, course 17.8 degrees, bound Dublin.)

**SHINYU MARU (Japan)**

See *Sun Spring*.

**SICHEM AMETHYST (Panama)**

London, Sep 24 -- Chemical tanker *Sichem Amethyst* was reported passing through the Straits of Gibraltar, in a westerly direction, at 1152, Sep 11. She was next reported arriving at Abidjan on Sep 22 and sailing on Sep 23, with a reported destination of Ko Sichang.

**SICHEM MALAGA (Malta)**

London, Sep 21 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Malaga* was still at anchor in lat 35 54 40N, long 14 51 31E, at 2154, UTC, today.

London, Sep 25 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 1246, UTC, Sep 23, combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Malaga* was stationary in lat 35 55 48N, long 14 50 24E.

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS tug *Koral* and combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Malaga*, which not under command, were in lat 36 39 16N, long 23 19E, at 2301, UTC, Sep 25, speed 6.4 knots, course 14.5 degrees. (See issues of Sep 20 and 26.)

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS tug *Koral* and combined chemical and oil tank *Sichem Malaga*, bound Piraeus, were at anchor in lat 37 53 34N, long 23 33 21E, at 2344, UTC, Sep 26.

**SILVER ARROW (Belize)**

London, Sep 25 -- Following received from Coast Guard Japan, timed 2220, UTC: General cargo *Silver Arrow* (3552 gt, built 1980) was reported adrift with engine trouble in lat 33 50.8N, long 136 11.15E, earlier today (Sep 25). The vessel has now been taken in tow by a tug for Wakayama, where ETA 2000, Japan, time, Sep 26. (Note -- *Silver Arrow* was reported due Tagonoura Sep 27.)

Yokohama, Sep 26 -- General cargo *Silver Arrow*, Tsingtao for Tagonoura, became un navigable, due to burning in

No.4 cylinder, in lat 33 20.6N, long 135 35.6E, at 2250, Sep 24. Vessel has been taken in tow by a tug and will arrive at Wakayama approximately 2000 today for repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**SKY STAR (Panama)**

Tallinn, Sep 26 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* is still in Muuga with repair operations in progress. However, spare parts for the engine and a new turbo-charger have been ordered, but the parts have not yet arrived. It is believed the vessel will be in Tallinn during the next month. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**SPORTSQUEEN (Hong Kong)**

See "San Juan, Puerto Rico" under "Pollution"

**STEVIA (South Africa)**

Durban, Sep 27 -- Fish factory *Stevia* left Port Elizabeth on Sep 21, after her propeller problems had been sorted out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**STUTTGART EXPRESS (Germany)**

See "United States" under "Port Conditions".

**SUFFOLK CHIEFTAIN (U.K.)**

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated today, states: Fishing (general) *Suffolk Chieftain* (400 gt, built 1968) was towed to safety today by the Sullom Voe port tug *Shalder* after it broke down off the west of Unst. Shetland Coastguard received an emergency call at about 0600 hrs, to go to the aid of the Lowestoft registered *Suffolk Chieftain* when it fouled its propeller in its own fishing gear. Aith lifeboat was launched and escorted the tug to the scene, seven miles north west of the Ramna Stacks. *Suffolk Chieftain*, with 17 crew onboard, was taken under tow and was alongside the port's pier at Sella Ness at 1445 hrs.

**SUN SPRING (Panama)**

Yokohama, Sep 25 -- A collision occurred at 2259 hrs, Aug 29, in lat 34 30.0N, long 138 35.2E between Combined chemical and oil tank *Sun Spring* (996 gt, built 1985), Yosu for Chiba, and fishing (general) *Shinyu Maru*, 4.8 gt, which was proceeding from a fishing port in Shizuoka Prefecture to a port on Mikura Island. *Sun Spring* only experienced scratching damage to her port bow. *Shinyu Maru* sustained a crack in her starboard bow. There was no water ingress nor any oil spillage and no injuries to either crew have been reported. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Sun Spring* arrived at Chiba on Aug 30 and sailed on Sep 3.)

**SUPERSEACAT TWO (U.K.)**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated today, states: A ferry sailing between the Isle of Man and Belfast was forced to turn back because of an engine failure. The Steam Packet passenger ro/ro *Superseacat Two* (4662 gt, built 1997) was en route to Northern Ireland yesterday morning when the decision was taken. Weather conditions were also taken into account



when turning the vessel around, the company said. The return sailing from Belfast to Douglas was also cancelled as a result and the company has apologised for the inconvenience caused to passengers.

London, Sep 24 -- The following press statement was released by The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company: The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company passenger ro/ro *Superseacat Two* has experienced a technical malfunction to one of its four main engine gearboxes. To facilitate the commencement of repairs as soon as possible it has been necessary to cancel the following departures: Tuesday Sep 25: the 1830 hrs, Liverpool to Isle of Man sailing and the Isle of Man to Belfast sailing at 2145 hrs, plus on Wednesday Sep 26, the Belfast to Isle of Man 0115 hrs, sailing and the Isle of Man to Liverpool sailing at 0730 hrs. On resumption of services the craft will operate on a reduced speed until repairs have been fully completed. It has been necessary to remove the gearbox and return it to the manufacturers in Germany for repair. This is unfortunately resulting in the craft operating on three engines and the slower passage time will inevitably and regrettably affect most of our departures and all of our arrival times, especially those scheduled for later in the day.

**TAMAR F.I. (Falkland Islands)**

London, Sep 21 -- General cargo *Tamar F.I.* arrived at Punta Arenas on Sep 20.

**TEAM ANEMONIA (Cyprus)**

See *Madrisa*.

**THOR HAWK (DIS)**

Kochi, Sep 21 -- Fully cellular containership *Thor Hawk*, cargo of Steam Boats, had a main engine breakdown and was towed to Tuticorin Anchorage on Sep 17. Repair work is in progress. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**TIN TIN (Jamaica)**

Savona, Sep 27 -- Yacht *Tin Tin* is still in Varazze harbour inside Baglietto shipyard under detention by the harbour-master for investigation. Repairs are in progress. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**TS SINGAPORE (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Sep 26 -- Fully cellular containership *TS Singapore* sailed from Yokohama Sep 22 bound for Hong Kong, where arrived 0733 today.

**VALERIE (Gibraltar)**

See *Naesborg*.

**VANDA NAREE (Thailand)**

Ponta Delgada, Sep 21 -- The reported leaks from the stern tube seals of bulk carrier *Vanda Naree* have been sealed and stopped by the divers and technicians. However during further examination it was reported that the damage is more extensive than previously expected and involves the propeller shaft. Under the present circumstances, understand that the owners are considering towing the

vessel from Ponta Delgada to its next destination port. The vessel sustained the damages during its voyage from Brownsville, USA to Italy. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Sep 24 -- The owners of bulk carrier *Vanda Naree* have decided to tow the vessel from Ponta Delgada to her next port of discharge, in Italy. We understand that the Panamanian flagged tug *Med Fos* is already underway from Las Palmas to Ponta Delgada for the purpose. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Sep 26 -- Bulk carrier *Vanda Naree*, in tow of tug *Med Fos*, sailed Ponta Delgada last night for Ravenna, its next port of discharge. Understand that, after completion of discharge in Italy, vessel will be towed for drydocking in order to carry out the stern pipe leaks and propeller damages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**VARDEN (Malaysia)**

London, Sep 25 -- Chemical tanker *Varden* arrived Aqaba Sep 22 and sailed same day.

**VERA-1 (Malta)**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: At 1430 hrs, today, a fire broke out on board general cargo *Vera-1* (2457 gt, built 1972), which was undergoing repairs at Black Sea Shipyards in Nikolayev. It is reported that the fire broke out in the engine-room and spread to the accommodation area. Municipal fire fighters attended the fire, but as of 1730 hrs, the fire had not extinguished, as prior to the incident, the Head of the Black Sea Shipyard, had instructed that water supplies to the dock be shut down, in order to repair the fire line at the dock. (Note -- *Vera-1* arrived at Nikolayev on Jun 9.)

Odessa, Sep 21 -- A fire broke out in one of the cabins of general cargo *Vera-1* at approximately 1430 hrs, Sep 20, while she was in a "port service" dry dock at Nikolayev. The Fire Authority was notified of the fire at 1430hrs, at which time the port sent a barge to extinguish the fire. The barge returned back to the port at 1920 hrs, with the fire having been successfully extinguished. No injuries were reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**VESTLAND (Panama)**

Trondheim, Sep 21 -- The master of general cargo *Vestland* confirmed that the vessel grounded at Torvika, near Aalesund, at 0150 hrs, Sep 18. *Vestland* waited for the salvage vessel to arrive, but then refloated under its own power. The vessel sailed under its own power, accompanied by the salvage vessel, to the repair yard of Solund Verft AS, where it arrived at 1440 hrs, Sep 19. It is not yet known when repairs will be completed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**VIKING ISLAY (U.K.)**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated Sep 23, states: Two Scots were among three offshore workers killed in an accident on gas rig support tug/supply *Viking Islay* (928 gt, built 1986) in the North Sea yesterday. The

two Scots and a boatman from Gydnia worked for the Aberdeen-based Vroon Offshore Services. They were airlifted off the ship moored about 25 miles off east Yorkshire yesterday morning. The men were taken to Hull Royal Infirmary, but later died from their injuries. Details of the incident were unclear last night. However, it appears that the men were trying to secure an anchor chain in a storage area in the bow of the ship. They were part of a 12-man crew onboard *Viking Islay*. The other nine crew members were also taken off the ship, which last night returned to Immingham. It was replaced on the oilfield by its sister vessel. It was supporting drilling platform *Ensco 92* on BP's Amethyst Field, in the southern North Sea. The company yesterday said: "It is with great regret that Vroon Offshore Services Ltd confirms that the incident aboard the *Viking Islay* has proved fatal. "The three crew members airlifted to Humber Royal Infirmary earlier today have died. The remaining nine crew members on the vessel are all safe and accounted for." Graham Philip, the chief executive, added later: "The details of the incident are still to be established. We continue to do all we can to find out what happened. Our own investigation team will work with the MAIB, the police and other relevant parties to carry out a full and transparent investigation." A full investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch is now underway.

London, Sep 25 -- Tug/supply *Viking Islay* arrived at Immingham at 1540 hrs, Sep 23.

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated today, states: Post-mortem tests on three men who died in an accident on tug/supply *Viking Islay* in the North Sea have failed to determine the cause of their deaths. Finlay MacFadyen, Robert O'Brien and Robert Ebertowski were securing an anchor chain when the accident occurred off the East Yorkshire coast on Sunday (Sep 23). Police are now waiting for the results of toxicology tests. Detectives are speaking to the men's crewmates to build a clearer picture of the events leading up to the accident. Mr MacFadyen, 46, from Aberdeen, Mr O'Brien, 59, from Leven in Fife, and Mr Ebertowski, 40, from Gdynia, Poland, were taken to Hull Royal Infirmary by a Sea King helicopter after the accident but died from their injuries. Humberside Police said a team of detectives were talking to the remaining nine members of the crew, who had been on board the vessel for just a day when the accident happened. They were expected to work out at sea for 28 days. A spokeswoman said the men's families were going to meet with senior investigating officer Det Ch Insp Tony Garton about the case. The *Viking Islay* is currently berthed at Immingham, where a full investigation is being carried out by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch.

**VISHAL LAKSHMI (India)**

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated Sep 25, states: Barge *Vishal*

**Laxmi** (? barge *Vishal Lakshmi* 695 gt, built 1983), owned by the SKS Shipping Company Ltd, carrying iron ore, sank today in river Zuari near Chicalim. All seven crew members on board the barge were rescued and they are safe. According to available information, the barge, which is based in Mumbai, was proceeding towards Mormugao harbour from Sanvordem, carrying about 700-800 tonne of iron ore. There were seven crew members on board the barge including the master. The barge developed a technical "snag" resulting in the sinking near Chicalim about 1330 hrs. The crew members jumped into the river. They were rescued by another barge which was following the same route. When contacted a rescued crew member confirmed the sinking and confirmed that all other rescued crew members are safe. The Goa Barge Owners Association president, Mr Atul Jadhav, also confirmed the incident. According to him, the total loss incurred by the barge owner could be around Rs 1.5 crore, including the cost of the iron ore being transported to Mormugao.

**VOLGO-BALT 210 (Russia)**

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1006, UTC: General cargo *Volgo-Balt 210* (2516 gt, built 1978), bound Klaipeda, grounded in lat 55 38.2N, long 12 41.2E, at 1355, UTC, Sep 25. The vessel has now refloated and is anchored in the Bight of Koge.

**VOLGO-DON 5012 (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 25 -- General cargo *Volgo-Don 5012* (3900 gt, built 1969), in ballast, was in contact with purifying vessel *OS-5*, in ballast, at Rostov roads at 0230, Sep 23. *Volgo-Don 5012* sustained a 1.5 metre square hole on the port side above the waterline. *OS-5* has damaged the "bulwark on the tank." -- Correspondent.

**VOPAK GALILEO (Netherlands)**

Maassluis, Sep 24 -- Undersood that the fire that occurred in the engine-room of chemical tanker *Vopak Galileo* on Sep 7, was very minor and caused only a small amount of damage. Also understood that the vessel has already departed. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**VOYAGER II (Panama)**

See *Naesborg*.

**WHITE SEA (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *White Sea* sailed from Wewelsfleth 0900, UTC, Sep 15, returned at 0651, UTC, Sep 17, and subsequently sailed Wewelsfleth 0356, UTC, Sep 22.

**WILLIAM J. MOORE (Canada)**

London, Sep 25 -- Tug *William J. Moore* (542 gt, built 1970), westbound, lost its main steering system while proceeding in the Seaway Canal, in lat 45 27.23N, long 73 30.00W at 0533, Sep 20.

London, Sep 26 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, tug *William J. Moore* arrived Cote Ste. Catherine 0526, UTC, Sep 20,

and proceeded 0041, UTC, Sep 21, for Sarnia, where ETA Sep 24.

**WILSON EXPRESS (NIS)**

Kiel, Sep 25 -- Reefer *Wilson Express* undertook trials off Kiel today after mounting a new crankshaft. At 1900 hrs, the vessel returned to berth 32B, in Kiel's north harbour. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Sep 26 -- Reefer *Wilson Express*, after returning to Kiel, sailed for Rotterdam in the evening of Sep 25. -- Correspondent.

**WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)**

Beirut, Sep 27 -- Bulk carrier *Karim* ex *Wilson Muuga* is still under repairs at Tripoli, Lebanon. Vessel is expected to complete repairs in 15 days. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**WINDLAND (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Tallinn, Sep 24 -- General cargo *Windland* (2240 gt, built 1975), loaded with sawn timber, was towed to Tallinn Shipyard today for docking inspection and repairs. The vessel had sustained damage to her pitch propeller on Aug 6, in St. Petersburg. It is intended to remove the cargo prior to docking. -- Lloyd's Agents.



**INDONESIA**

London, Sep 27 -- Indonesian authorities have detained 14 pirates who hijacked product tanker *Kraton* (1178 gt, built 1971) over the weekend. *Kraton* was hijacked at 2050 hrs, Sep 22 in lat 00 03.6S, long 105 16.2E, an area around 40 kms south of the Indonesian island of Bintan, according to a report by the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, or ReCAAP. *Kraton's* master was able send a message to the pilot station at Tanjung Buyut in Palembang reporting that it had been boarded by several robbers, alerting the authorities to the situation. Although no further contact could be made with the vessel, a tracking system enabled the authorities to search for the vessel. Based on the ship's tracking system, the ship owner believed that the robbers were sailing the vessel to either Singapore or Malaysia, ReCAAP said. The vessel had been bound for Cilacap from Palembang, with a cargo of palm oil. The vessel was traced to Indonesian waters south Tanjung Ayam, Malaysia, and was boarded by the Indonesian authorities at 0930 hrs, Sep 24. The Indonesians detained 14 suspected pirates for further investigations. All 17 crew were reported to be safe and the cargo intact.

**SOMALIA**

Nairobi, Sep 27 -- The U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed an offer by France to help guard vessels

from pirates as they carry desperately needed food aid to Somalia. Under the French proposal, WFP said, French navy ships would escort vessels carrying WFP food in Somali waters for two months, accompanying them to Mogadishu port, which is guarded by Ugandan troops from an African Union peacekeeping force. Outlining the dangers, the International Maritime Organisation says there were 17 pirates attacks on craft off Somalia in the first half of 2007, compared with eight during the same period last year. Two of the recent attacks were on vessels that had just unloaded WFP supplies in the country. "Some 80 percent of WFP food assistance for Somalia moves by sea, and pirate attacks have threatened to cut WFP's main supply route, jeopardising rations for the 1.2 million people WFP expects to be feeding by the end of 2007," the statement said. Most pirates attacks did not seem to be aimed at stealing cargo, it said, but were rather designed to force ship owners to pay a ransom for vessels and crew held hostage. The pirates are highly mobile, it added, using fast vessels and satellite navigation equipment to assault ships far out at sea, sometimes more than 200 nautical miles off the coast. -- Reuters.



**BELGIUM**

London, Sep 27 -- Roll On Roll Off *Hoburgen* sailed from Zeebrugge at 2318 hrs, Sep 25, bound for Tilbury. She arrived at 0849 hrs, Sep 26, and departed at 1154 hrs, on the same day, bound for Zeebrugge, arriving at 1930 hrs, on Sep 26. (See issue of Sep 21.)

Zeebrugge, Sep 27 -- Roll On Roll Off *Hoburgen* was released on Tuesday (Sep 25) and sailed at 2318 hrs the same day for Tilbury. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**GERMANY**

Emden, Sep 27 -- General cargo *Forest 1* is still in port with nothing decided regarding being sold. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1633, UTC: General cargo *Keres* (1155 gt, built 1977) was detained at Mobile today by Port State Control, in respect of 15 ISPS deficiencies.



**AL BARAKAH (Jordan)**

Karachi, Sep 21 -- According to the Karachi Port Trust (KPT), Roll On Roll

Off *Al Barakah* sailed from the port outer anchorage, yesterday. -- Correspondent.

#### ARCTIC WOLF (Russia)

London, Sep 21 -- Fish factory *Arctic Wolf* remains under arrest in Kirkenes. At 1300, local time, today, the vessel is scheduled to move to the Coastal Express quay. This is in order that Customs can inspect the vessel to establish whether she has any crabs on board. None have been declared. The vessel's local agent, Mr Knut Berg, expects the *Arctic Wolf* to discharge her cargo next week and to be released from the arrest.

#### CFS PALAMEDES (Antigua & Barbuda)

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 23 -- Two stevedores from Albouystown were yesterday remanded to prison for allegedly having over 306 kilos of cannabis with a street value of \$24M which was discovered on board fully cellular containership *CFS Palamedes* (7578 gt, built 2005) at the John Fernandes wharf (in Georgetown, Guyana) last Sunday (Sep 16). An arrest warrant has been issued for a third man. It is alleged that on Sep 16, at John Fernandes wharf, Water Street, Georgetown, they had 306 kilogrammes and 818 grammes of cannabis for the purpose of trafficking, in their possession. Police said that they discovered the compressed marijuana from the *CFS Palamedes* which was docked at the John Fernandes Limited wharf. They stated that on Sunday, ranks swooped on the vessel where they found 17 bags containing 71 packets of compressed marijuana. The vessel had arrived with a shipment of containers and has since been detained. Crew members and one stevedore were then questioned by the police. Reports stated that a quantity of the marijuana was found on the deck of the ship while another set was found in a container onboard the vessel. The marijuana seized carries a street value of some \$24M. The vessel arrived in Guyana on Sunday after leaving Jamaica for Paramaribo, Suriname, before coming to Guyana. The case was adjourned to Nov 7. -- Correspondent.

London, Sep 26 -- Following received from Hamburg, dated Sep 24: Fully cellular containership *CFS Palamedes* departed Georgetown, on Sep 23, with its full complement of master and crew. The vessel had been temporarily detained at the request of the police after the vessel's crew alerted them to suspicious activity on board by some stevedores. The police investigation discovered over 300 kilogrammes of marijuana which had been concealed in containers loaded on the vessel earlier in the voyage. The crew was questioned as a part of the investigation but no one has been charged and all crewmen were free to leave with the vessel.

#### FELIZ 1 (Panama)

Dakar, Sep 21 -- Bulk carrier *Feliz 1* was released from arrest yesterday evening. -- Correspondent.

#### MIKHAIL STREKALOVSKIY (Russia)

London, Sep 20 -- Bulk carrier with container capacity *Mikhail Strekalovskiy* sailed Antwerp at 1509 hrs, Sep 20, bound for Murmansk.

#### PAULIJING (Belize)

London, Sep 25 -- It is understood that in March, 2007, the managers of general cargo *Paulijing*, Pacific King Shipping Pte., Ltd., Singapore, sold the vessel "as is" to undisclosed buyers. On Sep 22, Lloyd's MIU AIS received a report of a vessel with the *Paulijing's* IMO number, now under Indonesian flag, with an Indonesian MMSI number and a new call sign of YGBU.



### Pipeline Accidents

#### CHEYENNE AREA, COLORADO, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated Sep 23, states: Last week's 10-minute fire in northeastern Colorado could have a weeks-long effect on the region's already low natural-gas prices. The compression station fire at the Cheyenne Hub on Sep 16, severely damaged components of a natural-gas pipeline and cut the flow of natural gas in the area in half. The Rocky Mountain region has historically had a shortage of pipeline capacity, creating a local surplus of natural gas that has kept regional prices lower than national averages. Before the fire, El Paso Corp.'s Cheyenne Plains pipeline was carrying about 780 million cubic feet of gas per day. The pipeline goes from the Cheyenne Hub to a hub in Greensburg, Kansas. El Paso Corp. did not have an estimate on the time frame and cost of repairs, but it said the interruption of gas flow could last through to October.

#### VANCOUVER AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Sep 22 -- Shell Canada has filed a lawsuit over a pipeline rupture in suburban Vancouver this summer that sent crude oil spraying over homes and businesses. About 234,000 litres of oil spewed like a geyser for nearly half an hour when a backhoe pierced the pipeline in Burnaby, B.C., in July. According to court documents, Shell is suing the city of Burnaby, the pipeline's owners Kinder Morgan and B. Cusano Contracting Inc. for damages and costs from the spill, which the company alleges interfered with its business operations. The allegations have yet to be proven in court and the defendants have not responded to the allegations. Fifty homes in the area of the spill were evacuated and trees and area wildlife were painted a glistening black by the sticky crude. The contractor said at the time that Kinder Morgan's maps of the pipeline were wrong, but the company said it was not to blame.

#### WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 23 -- A press report, dated Sep 22, states: An energy company was convicted yesterday of six felony counts and will pay \$15 million in connection with a 2004 gasoline pipeline explosion in Walnut Creek that killed five construction workers and injured four others. Attorneys for KMGP Services Co. Inc., a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, entered no-contest pleas. The company will pay a \$10 million fine in the criminal case, involving violations of the state labour code, and \$5 million to end a related civil prosecution, Deputy District Attorney Lon Wixson said. The families of the five men who were killed and others who were injured by the blast have reached separate civil settlements totalling at least \$69 million with Kinder Morgan and other companies that were involved in the incident, including Mountain Cascade Inc. of Livermore, a contractor for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Only the subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, the nation's largest underground fuel shipper, was criminally charged. The explosion occurred on Nov 9, 2004, when a Mountain Cascade backhoe operator was installing a water-district main near Newell Avenue and South Broadway and punctured a high-pressure Kinder Morgan pipeline. The plea agreement signed by Kinder Morgan says the company was the "proximate cause of the puncture of the line and of the deaths and injuries that resulted from the incident." As part of the agreement, the company's employees must fully inspect its pipelines during excavation and conduct an audit of its training procedures. Kinder Morgan had failed to mark a bend in the Walnut Creek line, according to state workplace safety regulator Cal/OSHA, which found the Houston company primarily at fault and fined it \$140,000. The state fire marshal fined Kinder Morgan \$500,000. The company has appealed both fines. Last year, the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety and Kinder Morgan agreed that the company would provide system-wide safety upgrades in six Western states. The upgrades were expected to result in as much as \$90 million worth of safety improvements. The \$5 million in the civil case will be divided among the county, a state and county prosecutors' fund for worker-safety investigations, the sheriff's office for its use in improving radio communications, the city of Walnut Creek and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.

#### WYOMING, UNITED STATES

London, Sep 24 -- A brief fire that damaged components of a natural gas pipeline in Wyoming could depress the region's gas prices over the next few weeks. The damage has cut the flow of gas through the pipeline in half. El Paso Corporation's pipeline goes from the Cheyenne Hub to a hub in Greensburg, Kansas. The company

doesn't have an estimate for how long the repairs will take or cost but says the diminished flow could last through October.



**KERTEH TERMINAL, MALAYSIA**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: About 50 barrels of oil were spilled from the Petronas Kerteh refinery's single buoy mooring chamber docked to an oil tanker yesterday. The leak occurred at the floating hose of the chamber while an oil product -- low sulphur waxy residue (LSWR) -- was piped from the refinery to the tanker at sea. In a statement today, Petronas said its emergency response team, with the support of the Marine Department and the Petroleum Industry of Malaysia Mutual Aid Group, were dispatched to contain the oil spill and to recover solidified LSWR tar balls at sea. It said oil spill containment and clean-up operations were under way to recover tar balls at sea. It added that a shore clean-up team was on stand-by for shore cleaning should the tar balls reached Kerteh's shore.

**POINT GALEOTA, TRINIDAD**

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Trinidad and Tobago Unified Fisher-folk (TTUF) group has reported to the Coast Guard what appears to be an oil spill off the coast of Point Galeota. After being informed there was no investigation into the matter, TTUF wrote to Prime Minister Patrick Manning, Environment Minister Penelope Beckles and the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) about the incident. The letter was forwarded to the media. "The TTUF reported this spill to the Coast Guard at 0930, this morning (Monday) but at 1900 hrs the Coast Guard reported to us that they have not investigated it, since they claim to have been informed by Repsol it is only a sheen," TTUF interim president Terrence Beddoe said in the letter. "Repsol and the NGC have preferred to knowingly let it continue rather than stop it and clean it up. There is legislation under which the CEOs of this company can be prosecuted." TTUF claims the spill is emanating from the Teak Alpha Platform, which is 15 miles east from Point Radix/Point Galeota. The platform is operated by Repsol-YPS and partially owned by the National Gas Company (NGC). Beddoe said the spill has been occurring for over a week. "The first report of this spill was made to us last week Monday by fishermen. We sought to confirm this spill before reporting it," he said. Pictures were taken by the organisation, which shows an oil slick plume stretching for approximately 20 miles.

**SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: Accord Ship Management, India-based vessel operator of general cargo *Sportsqueen* (12666 gt, built 1979), and chief engineer Francisco Sabando pleaded guilty in connection with the illegal dumping of oily sludge, bilge wastes and oil contaminated ballast water from the vessel, on Apr 14. Accord Ship Management will pay a criminal fine of \$1.75 million and serve a three year term of probation during which time all of the vessels in its fleet will be banned from U.S. waters and ports. The chief engineer pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice charges and will serve prison terms of five months. According to the plea agreements, *Sportsqueen* had arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Apr 14 and was boarded by the U.S. Coast Guards who learned that the chief engineer had ordered the crew members to dump oil sludge and bilge wastes into the ocean and had falsified the vessel's oil record book to conceal these discharges. With assistance from several lower level crew members, Coast Guard inspectors discovered and seized the bypass hose and pipes used to dump the oil sludge, bilge waste, and contaminated ballast water overboard. (Note -- *Sportsqueen* arrived San Juan Apr 13 and sailed Jun 29.)

**VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

London, Sep 21 -- A report, dated Sep 19, states: A barge tipped over off the coast of Canada's Vancouver Island yesterday, creating a diesel slick over a mile-long, that is threatening an orca whale habitat. The barge, which was carrying logging equipment including a fuel truck, was just outside the boundary of an ecological reserve when it flipped.



**BANGLADESH**

London, Sep 22 -- A press report, dated today, states: About 1,000 fishermen along with nearly 100 trawlers went missing in the high waves of the Bay of Bengal, a local official said today in the fishing port Barguna in southern Bangladesh. Local administrator Selim Khan said the missing fishermen were caught in an unexpected storm which whipped up high walls of water in the bay early yesterday. Khan said hundreds of fishermen went to the bay at the advent of the autumn fishing season. "There were about 1,200 fishermen on the missing trawlers," Golam Mustafa Chowdhury of the Barguna Fishing Trawlers Association said. Survivors said several trawlers were damaged by the tropical squalls. A rescue operation has been mounted by coast guards and fire brigade divers.

Chittagong, Sep 23 -- The Chittagong Meteorological Department has advised that cautionary signal No.4 has been raised and all fishing vessels and trawlers have been advised to proceed with caution until further notice. The movement of vessels and the loading/unloading of goods at Chittagong Port is continuing. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**HURRICANE "IVO"**

London, Sep 21 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0000, UTC, today, the centre of hurricane "Ivo" was located near lat 18.8N, long 113.4W. Movement over the past six hours: 350 degs at eight knots. The position is accurate to within 20 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. Present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds: 70 knots, with gusts to 85 knots. Wind radii valid over open water only. Radius of 64 knot winds: 15 nautical miles in the north-east and south-east quadrants and zero nautical miles in the south-west and north-west quadrants. Radius of 34 knot winds: 75 nautical miles in the north-east quadrant, 65 nautical miles in the south-east quadrant, 30 nautical miles in the south-west quadrant and 60 nautical miles in the north-west quadrant. The maximum significant wave height is 25 feet. At 0000, UTC, Sep 22, the centre is predicted to be near lat 20.6N, long 113.1W, with maximum sustained winds of 70 knots and gusts to 85 knots.

Mexico City, Sep 21 -- Hurricane "Ivo", heading for Mexico's Baja California peninsula, weakened to a tropical storm today. The U.S. National Hurricane Centre said "Ivo" had maximum sustained winds of 70 mph. "Ivo" was more than 250 miles south of the beach and golf resort of Los Cabos and expected to hit further up the coast of the peninsula on Monday morning (Sep 24). -- Reuters.

London, Sep 23 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: Nearly all of the deep convection associated with "Ivo" has dissipated during the last six-12 hours and the cyclone is now essentially a swirl of low clouds with a few isolated thunderstorms. At 0156 UTC, today, maximum winds have decreased to 30 knots. "Ivo" should continue to spin down and is expected to become a remnant low in 12-24 hours and dissipate in about two days, if not sooner. The tropical storm watch for the Baja peninsula has been cancelled.

**INDIA**

Karachi, Sep 25 -- Cargo operations were disrupted at Kolkata, Paradip and other ports in India due to nonstop rain in the past few days. Local media reported that the loading and movement of freight trains under South Eastern Railway (SER) and East Coast Railway (ECoR) has been badly hit. At Haldia dock, the average daily handling of cargo has dropped by about one-third. Last week, berthing of two tankers became impossible due to the inclement weather. Some of the cranes

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have been taken out of service over fears of accidents in storms and rains. The poor rates of loading and unloading, it is feared, will lengthen the queue of vessels waiting for berth. Normal operations have also been badly hit at Kolkata dock system where the container throughput has dropped by 30% to around 700 TEUs per day. The situation is much worse at Paradip where the daily output has dropped by more than 50% to around 50,000 tonnes a day for the past few days. The Met Department suggest that this type of weather might continue for a few more days. Similarly, the freight movement on Kirandul-Kottavalasa (K-K) line has been hit not so much by rains as by Maoist activities and the flooding of Visakhapatnam port. The Maoists have been observing martyr's week restricting the freight movement on the line, particularly at night. -- Correspondent.

#### **TROPICAL STORM "FRANCISCO"**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical storm "Francisco", the 14th such storm to hit China this year, made landfall in South China's Hainan Province shortly after midday, today. The tropical storm, bringing winds of 72 km per hour, came ashore at Changfa in Wenchang County, at 1230 hrs, according to the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. Details of the damage or any casualties caused by the storm are not yet known. The flood control bureau issued a level four warning at 1000 hrs, today and dispatched a four-member team to Hainan to guide the province's efforts in fighting the storm. The four local governments of Hainan, Guangdong and Fujian provinces, and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region all issued circulars ordering all fishing vessels and ships to return to land. "Francisco" formed yesterday night over the South China Sea and intensified into a tropical storm yesterday morning. Whirling at a speed of 15 to 20 kph, in a northwestward direction, "Francisco" is expected to reach the northern part of the Beibu Gulf, south of Guangxi, tonight.

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, the centre of tropical storm "Francisco" was located near lat 19.9N, long 110.6E, approximately 245 nautical miles southwest of Hong Kong, and has tracked westward at seven knots over the past six hours. The movement over past six hours: 280 degs at seven knots. The position is accurate to within 60 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. Present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds 45 knots, gusts 55 knots. Wind radii valid over open water only. Radius of 34 knot winds: 90 nautical miles in the north-east quadrant, 70 nautical miles in the south-east quadrant, 75 nautical miles in the south-west quadrant and 85 nautical miles in the north-west quadrant. The maximum significant wave height is 12 feet. At 0600, Sep 25, the centre is predicted to be near lat

20.3N, long 106.5E, with maximum sustained winds of 35 knots, gusting to 45 knots. "Francisco" continues to track along the southern periphery of the subtropical ridge over China. The low level circulation centre has become partially exposed as the system tracks over Hainan Island. A decrease in intensity is expected before the storm tracks back over water, where it will maintain intensity before landfall over northern Vietnam.

#### **TROPICAL STORM "JERRY"**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: Oil and gas companies with offshore installations in the Gulf of Mexico placed workers onshore and shut down some production today while monitoring a disorganised weather system that could gain strength as it moves into the basin. "It is not really a storm yet but if it does form, it will already be on top of everybody," Devon Energy spokesman Chip Minty said. Royal Dutch Shell's Mars platform and Anadarko Petroleum Corp.'s Independence Hub are among platforms that have been fully evacuated with production shut in as the system approaches. "In order to ensure the safety of our workers, we are removing all personnel from our operated facilities in the eastern and east-central Gulf of Mexico," said Anadarko spokesman John Christiansen. Companies are watching the weather system off western Florida. The Interior Department's Minerals Management Service, which oversees Gulf oil and gas activity, said operators reported today that they have shut in 27.7% of the Gulf's 1.3 million barrels of oil per day and 16.7% of its 7.7 billion cubic feet of gas per day. A shut-in involves closing safety valves below the water's surface to prevent oil and gas releases. The National Hurricane Centre said the low-pressure system was moving north-west and was expected to reach the central Gulf early today. The center anticipated that it would come ashore in south-east Louisiana. AccuWeather said the system could become Tropical Storm "Jerry" today before moving inland. In addition to the Independence Hub, Anadarko evacuated and shut in production at its Constitution, Neptune and Marco Polo oil and gas platforms, which collectively produce 145,000 barrels a day. Shell said all of its Gulf platforms were being evacuated and production shut in today. Shell, Anadarko, Chevron Corp., ConocoPhillips, BP, Devon and other Gulf players began evacuating non-essential personnel, such as cooks and cleaning crews, who are not critical to production. Chevron and Devon did not shut in production today but the others reported shut-ins and full evacuations of some facilities. Exxon Mobil Corp. said today it had evacuated 200 workers and has shut in minimal production. BP, which has major facilities in the east-central Gulf, said it was shutting in production "on a number of platforms." Drillers also were evacuating some rigs. Transocean expected by the end of today to

evacuate the remaining workers from two moored semi-submersible rigs, spokesman Guy Cantwell said. Diamond Offshore said it was evacuating seven rigs east of Houma, La., today and would clear more today if necessary. Noble Corp. spokesman John Breed said the company had evacuated 300 people from two rigs and was ready to retrieve more. Noble also is securing two rigs in a Pascagoula, Miss., shipyard to protect against wind if the system moves ashore nearby.

New York, Sep 22 -- Oil companies increased oil and natural gas output from the offshore Gulf of Mexico today, recovering from a tropical depression that dealt the biggest blow to the region's energy production in two years. As of 1230 hrs (1630 UTC), some 757,608 barrels per day or, 58.3 percent of the region's crude oil output remained shut -- an improvement from the 62.7 percent shut yesterday, the U.S. Minerals Management Service said in a report. Another 1.938 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas, or 25.2 percent of the region's gas production was also still shut, from 30.8 percent yesterday, the MMS said. Energy companies began flying crews back out to offshore oil and gas platforms yesterday after the foul weather passed through the eastern Gulf of Mexico without strengthening into a severe storm. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated Sep 23, states: Tropical Storm "Jerry" formed today in the Atlantic Ocean, but posed no immediate threat to land, the National Hurricane Centre said. As of 2300 hrs, "Jerry" was located in lat 37.4N, long 46.1W, about 1,045 miles west of the Azores, with maximum sustained winds near 40 mph and gusts to 50 mph. The storm was moving in a northerly direction at eight mph. It is expected to stay in the open waters and later be absorbed by a larger low pressure area, hurricane specialist Daniel Brown said. "It's only a threat to ships," he said. An increase in speed is expected in the next 24 hours, according to the advisory. "Jerry" is the 10th named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season. Its winds extended outward about 105 miles.

London, Sep 24 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0900, UTC, today, the centre of tropical storm "Jerry" was located near lat 38.6N, long 45.4W. The present movement is toward the north-northwest, or 25 degs, at 13 knots. The estimated minimum central pressure is 1004 mb. The present wind distribution: maximum sustained winds 35 knots, gusts 45 knots. Radius of 34 knot winds: 90 nautical miles in the north-east and south-east quadrants, zero nautical miles in the south-west quadrant and 60 nautical miles in the north-west quadrant. At 0600, Sep 25, the centre is predicted to be near lat 41.4N, long 43.0W, with maximum sustained winds of 35 knots, gusting to 45 knots.

#### **TROPICAL STORM "KAREN"**

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm



"Karen" weakened overnight in the open Atlantic Ocean after nearing hurricane strength Wednesday (Sep 26), the National Hurricane Centre reported Thursday morning. While the storm neared hurricane status with 70 mph maximum sustained winds Wednesday, the winds decreased to 65 mph about 0500 Thursday, the National Hurricane Centre said. A tropical storm is upgraded to Category 1 hurricane status when maximum sustained winds reach 74 mph. By 0500, Thursday, "Karen" was located about 970 miles east of the Windward Islands and moving west-northwest at about 15 mph, according to the National Hurricane Centre.

#### **TYPHOON "GORING"**

London, Sep 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Goring" weakened as it slammed China with strong winds and torrential rains, officials said today. At least nine people were reported killed as the storm destroyed thousands of homes and triggered landslides. "Goring" was downgraded from a typhoon to a tropical storm yesterday, after it hit land in southern Zhejiang province, south of Shanghai, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, citing the Ministry of Civil Affairs. Five people died in landslides in Zhejiang province, and two were electrocuted while trying to weather-proof their homes in Jiangsu province, reports in state media said today. Earlier reports said a Shanghai man was electrocuted when he stepped into water electrified by a light box, and a Taiwan construction worker died when scaffolding collapsed. Another three people were reported missing. Weather photos showed the storm spread over a large area centred on eastern China's Shandong province today. The storm was forecast to pass over the Yellow Sea toward the Korean peninsula. A total of 2.7 million people were evacuated from coastal or flooded areas and unsafe housing in Shanghai and other areas affected by the storm, Xinhua said. The storm destroyed thousands of houses, wrecked fish ponds and disrupted power to more than 100 communities, the Ministry of Civil Affairs and provincial officials reported. Preliminary estimates put the damage at \$638 million. Shanghai, a city of 20 million, closed schools, ferries and other transport links following forecasts of torrential rains and strong winds, but the city sustained little damage.

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Around 14,000 dwelling houses, 8,000 public and 300 industrial buildings were partially or completely destroyed as a result of torrential rains caused by Typhoon "Goring". As the news agency CCT reports, the disaster, which hit the south-western part of the country last week, "caused serious damage to different branches of the national economy." Some 108,000 hectares of agricultural land were flooded. According to the agency, in the period from Sep 18-21, 331 millimetres of

precipitation fell in the North Korean capital, and in some regions this index reached 469 mm.

## Natural Disasters



#### **GREECE**

Athens, Sep 23 -- A tremor with a magnitude of 5.6 shook the Dodecanese island of Karpathos in south-eastern Greece early today but caused no injuries, officials said. "The epicentre of the earthquake, measured at 5.6, was in the sea, southwest of Karpathos island. Earthquakes of this magnitude are usual in the area," an Athens Geodynamic Institute official told Reuters. The fire brigade said the quake was felt on Karpathos but no injuries were reported. -- Reuters.

#### **INDONESIA**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated today, states: An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted south of Sumatra, Indonesia, at 0845, UTC, today, the Hong Kong Observatory reported. The epicentre was initially determined to be lat 03.2S, long 100.4E, about 250 km south of Padang, Indonesia, according to a bulletin released by the observatory. There was no immediate report of casualties or damage.

## Political & Civil Unrest



#### **IRAQ**

London, Sep 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: A bomb exploded under an oil pipeline near the northern city of Beiji today, causing huge quantities of crude oil to spill into the Tigris River, a police official said. The US military blamed al-Qaida insurgents. The Iraqi police official said the bomb went off before dawn, delaying the firefighters' arrival at the scene to extinguish the blaze. Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, is the home to Iraq's largest oil refinery. The US military said in a statement that the part of the pipeline that was hit was some seven feet underground and covered with a slab of concrete. "This act of terrorism is barbaric and demented. This demonstrates al-Qaida does not care about the Iraqi people or the environment," US military spokesman Lt Col Michael Donnelly said. Donnelly said workers from Iraq's Northern Oil Company were trying to prevent the spill from endangering the river, crops and livestock dependent on river water. Later the in the day, the spill reached the central city of Tikrit, more than 60 miles to the south, residents and local officials said. Water stations closed in both Tikrit and Beiji.

It was not clear if irrigation officials would allow the spill to reach Baghdad or would block it at Samarra dam, which diverts water into Tharthar lake north of the Iraqi capital.

London, Sep 19 -- The flow of oil from Iraq's northern Kirkuk oilfields through an export pipeline to Turkey was on hold for the eighth consecutive day today, Reuters reported. Iraq last pumped oil through the pipeline on Sep 11. It was unclear when the flow would restart, a shipper was cited as saying. Two vessels waited to load about 1.7m barrels from the 6.7-6.8m barrels of Kirkuk oil that Iraq has pumped to storage tanks in the Turkish terminal of Ceyhan over the past month, the shipper said. Spanish refiner Cepsa had a vessel waiting to load a million barrels from Ceyhan, and Exxon Mobil had another waiting to load around 700,000 barrels, the shipper said. Both bought oil from Iraq in a sale of nearly 5 million barrels last week. Turkey's Tupras and Italy's Eni also bought oil in the sale. Cargoes were due to load before Sep 24.

London, Sep 20 -- A press report, dated Sep 18, states: Unknown attackers have blown up part of an Iraqi pipeline that pumps crude oil from Kirkuk oil fields to the Turkish export terminal, Ceyhan, a senior Iraqi oil official and a shipping agent said today. "The pipeline was attacked and damaged Tuesday," the official said. The attack took place in the section of the pipeline connecting Kirkuk to the Baiji, location of Iraq's largest oil refinery. Iraq usually pumps Kirkuk crude oil to the refinery, 250 kilometres north of Baghdad, which takes what it needs before it pumps the rest to Ceyhan. The official said the pipeline blast was "catastrophic" as it caused huge quantities of crude oil to spill into the Tigris River. It isn't known yet how long it will take the Iraqi authorities to repair the damaged pipeline. A Middle East shipping agent based in Ceyhan, through which Iraq exports its Kirkuk crude to Europe, confirmed the flow of oil via the export pipeline was on hold today. The agent expected damage to the pipeline to delay or cancel a tender announced last week by the country's crude oil marketing arm, SOMO, to sell five million barrels. The storage facilities at Ceyhan now contain 6.7 million barrels, but Iraq had already sold 4.68 million barrels out of that amount at another tender announced earlier. The remaining barrels won't be enough for a sale, the shipper said. Two vessels were waiting to load 1.7 million barrels from Kirkuk crude in the storage facilities at Ceyhan today, he said. One belongs to Spanish refiner Cepsa and the other to U.S. oil major ExxonMobil Corp. he added. SOMO awarded last week the 4.68 million barrels of Kirkuk crude oil in a tender to four companies. The crude must be lifted from Ceyhan before Sep 24. The latest incident hits Iraq's Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahrastani's bid to resume sustainable exports from Iraq's northern oil fields after adopting new security measures to guard the export pipeline.

Baghdad, Sep 23 -- An internal pipeline carrying crude oil to a Baghdad refinery was ruptured in a bomb attack by insurgents, police said today. Police said the pipeline connecting Baiji, 180 kilometres north of Baghdad, to the Doura refinery in the capital, was hit by a suspected improvised explosive device. Rescue teams had so far been unable to reach the area. Baiji residents reported seeing flames spewing from the ruptured line. It was not clear if work at the refinery had stopped. -- Reuters.

## Labour Disputes



### BRAZIL

London, Sep 19 -- The third wave of strike action by agricultural inspectors in Brazil entered its twenty-second day yesterday, with no end to the dispute in sight. However, moves are being made to curtail the powers of the inspectors and even by-pass them in future. The ports worst affected are those with high volumes of reefer exports and agricultural produce, such as Itajai, Santos, Rio Grande and Sao Francisco do Sul. According to the Santos Port Authority, 50 vessels were waiting in the lanes yesterday, well above the seasonal average of between 25 and 30. Jose Roque, vice-president of the Santos and state of Sao Paulo Shipagents Association (Sindamar), said that the key port of Santos was already in a state of logistical chaos and that it was going to get much worse over the coming week. He said: "Ships are waiting a minimum of 24 hours, and at daily chartering rates of between \$40,000 to \$80,000, that is proving very expensive for the carriers. The government has to do something about it because we can't take much more of this." Fiesp, the powerful shippers association for Sao Paulo state, and Fierg (representing shippers in Rio Grande state) are trying to persuade the government to force Anffa, the agricultural inspectors union, to maintain a presence of 60% officers on the shift (as opposed to just 30% laid down by Brazilian national law), and some senators are trying to change the law to allow other inspectors to take the place of the Anffa members, who want 45% pay rises spread over two years. In Manaus and the Amazonas region, the state government has persuaded a mixture of academics and other category port inspectors to cover the work usually undertaken by Anffa members. This current strike, which started on Aug 28, marks the third wave of action this year. The previous two phases in the summer lasted around 20 days, bringing severe disruption to the country's ports and causing financial losses for shippers. Anffa members called off the second strike only because they thought they had been given a guarantee from the Ministry of

Agriculture for a 45% pay rise, although the government wanted it phased in by the year 2010 and Anffa wanted it in its members pay packets by 2009. Now the ministry is offering only 30%, phased in over two and half years, and Anffa officials say the government has reneged on its promise. Crunch meetings are taking place in Brasilia this week to try and resolve the conflict.

## Railway Accidents



### THORNTON, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Sep 21 -- A coal train derailment at Thornton, about 20 kilometres from Newcastle port at 2330 hrs, Sep 20, has blocked all rail lines in both directions. The terminal have advised that delivery of coal to the port will be reduced over the next few days until the derailed train is removed and repairs are carried out on the track. The length of delays is, at this stage, unknown. -- Oceania Maritime Services Pty Limited.

London, Sep 24 -- Coal rail lines that were put out of action by a train derailment about 20km from Newcastle port last week were cleared and repaired by midday, yesterday, about 12 hours ahead of schedule. Trains started running on dedicated coal lines yesterday evening, and lines are now fully operational with normal coal movements. (See issue of Sep 25.)

London, Sep 25 -- The Australian Rail Track Corporation has reported that the Hunter coal chain sustained only minimal disruption after the derailment of a fully-laden train on the main rail artery on Thursday night (Sep 20). The track near Thornton, about 18km west of the port of Newcastle, was re-opened by midday, Sunday. A section of the track was damaged and seven wagons derailed, five of which tipped over and spilled their load. A rail spokesman said some scheduled coal train services were lost during the peak passenger periods on Friday, as coal trains had to be diverted onto the main line which normally handles passenger and general freight traffic.

## Fires & Explosions



### BEACON HARBOURSIDE MARINA, LINCOLN AREA, NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: A fire at Beacon Harbourside Marina near Lincoln yesterday sank two boats and caused an estimated \$300,000 in damage. By the time firefighters finished battling

the blaze at about 0500 yesterday, two boats were at the bottom of the lake and another was burned to the waterline. Three other boats were damaged by fire and heat. No one was on board the vessels and no one was injured. The fire broke out about two hours earlier at the Beacon Harbourside Marina. Niagara Regional Police and the Ontario fire marshal were on the scene investigating but have not yet determined the cause of the blaze. Larry Trigatti, supervisor of environmental response with the Canadian Coast Guard, said the fire had "very limited, almost no, environmental impact." About 370 litres of fluids leaked from damaged vessels, he estimated. "From a pollution perspective, it was not very large," said Trigatti. Niagara police said leaking fluids were successfully contained. Trigatti said the marina has hired contractors to clean up debris and charred parts of the dock, as well as remove the hulls from the lake bottom.

### OIL DEPOT, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, Sep 18 -- An oil depot in South Africa caught fire today and three storage tanks exploded, SAPA news agency reported. There were no reports of injuries. The fire began tonight at the Island View depot in Durban and quickly spread to three storage tanks in the vicinity. It was believed that two of the tanks that exploded contained solvents and the third lubricant oil, SAPA said. The explosions came within a 20-minute period, a witness told the news agency. It was not immediately clear how the fire started. The agency said emergency teams evacuated workers and nearby vessels in the port as well as cordoning off access to the area. "At this stage it is not known whether there have been any injuries or casualties," South Africa's National Ports Authority said. Chris Botha, a spokesman for the Netcare 911 emergency service, said there were no reports of fatalities or injuries. There were unconfirmed reports of a road tanker catching fire near the complex. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 19 -- A number of explosions rocked the Durban area early yesterday evening leading to a massive fire that was blazing fiercely several hours later in the Durban Island View petro-chemical storage complex of Durban harbour. According to early reports a road tanker caught alight near Island View berth 4. A second unauthenticated report said that a road tanker had collided with other vehicles or into the storage facilities, leading to the fire and the subsequent explosions. Other reports stated that between five and seven storage tanks had been destroyed but this cannot be confirmed at this stage. It was these tanks exploding that caused the loud explosions heard across wide areas of Durban shortly before and after 1900 hrs. Transnet National Ports Authority later advised that the emergency response plan for the Island View Complex involving Durban Metro, Transnet National Ports Authority Fire

and Emergency Services and Ambulance Services had been immediately activated. Despite efforts to contain the blaze, the fire spread to three storage tanks in the Island View area. Emergency services were continuing to fight the fire, said the port authority's spokesperson, Jyothi Naidoo. In addition ships berthed at the Island View complex -- nine berths in total but not all occupied at the time -- were evacuated as a precaution. In addition Joint Emergency Services cordoned off the access to the area in the interest of public safety and personnel in the immediate vicinity of the Island View area were evacuated. By 2200 hrs, yesterday no casualties had been reported.

London, Sep 20 -- A press report, dated today, states: Dampening down operations were under way yesterday at Durban's Island View oil and chemical storage facility after the devastating fire of the previous night. At least one man has been reported missing and is feared to have died in one of the fireballs that enveloped a large section of the terminal around 1900 hrs. It now appears that as many as eight storage tanks were damaged or burned out after the fire broke out. Some reports said it started with a road tanker that caught fire and exploded into flames. However Transnet said in a statement issued yesterday that the cause of the fire was unknown and was the subject of a forensic investigation. The Port Authority said that the fire had been brought under control and although one tank remained burning yesterday this was under control and being allowed to burn out. Shipping operations which had been stopped during the inferno resumed yesterday morning, with the exception of Island View terminal. A number of ships on berth at Island View were moved to the outer anchorage during the height of the blaze and had not returned by late yesterday. Operations at the container terminals on piers 1 and 2, which had been temporarily suspended as a precaution, resumed at 0600 yesterday. The rest of the port remained working as normal. Transnet said that the full scale of the damage had not yet been determined.

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated today, states: Thousands of dead fish have been found floating in the water around the site of Tuesday (Sep 18) night's explosion at the Island View storage depot in Durban after chemicals were released into the harbour during efforts to fight the blaze. Port authorities have been accused of hiding behind the National Key Points Act by not releasing information on what chemicals were contained in the storage tanks affected by the explosions. Water which had collected in the area enclosing the tanks was released into the bay during fire-fighting efforts. The water contained chemicals which had leaked. Water Affairs and Forestry Department spokesperson Raj Philip said the water was released to prevent chemicals, which were floating on the water, from getting into the surrounding area and

stormwater drains. Not only could these chemicals soak into the ground but there was the threat of them catching alight. A detailed toxicity report from air samples taken from the area on Wednesday was to have been released yesterday but will now be released today. The results of tests on water samples should also be known today. Selvan Mudaly, head of City Health in the south Durban region, could not disclose the contents of the air sample report as it needed to be accompanied by a press statement. He would only say the results revealed "nothing serious." Island View Storage, where the fire and explosion happened, has claimed that Bluff residents do not need to be concerned about toxic chemicals being released into the air and water. Desmond D'Sa, chairman of the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, said he had been reliably informed that some of the chemicals which leaked included toluene, diesel, olefins, poly-oil and ethanol. Philip said he was aware that some of these chemicals were among those released into the bay. Island View Storage Managing Director Kobus Ehlers said eight tanks had been damaged or destroyed. These tanks had contained alcohols, solvents, paraffins and cresol. He would not elaborate on what solvents were leaked. The main concern was the release of cresol into the air and water, but the tank containing this chemical was "intact." "We do not have any concerns at the moment. We feel it is safe," he said. Ehlers would also not comment on chemicals released into the bay, saying this would be established when the report was finalised. D'Sa said authorities were using the act to withhold detailed information. Independent tests would be conducted. Samples had been sent to the United States for testing. Philip said dead fish were to be expected. Of all the chemicals, Philip said phenol was the main concern. He said that there "may have been" a tank in the area containing phenol. Philip said the department was closely monitoring the water. Water contamination had been confined within the port. "Everything is very positive at the moment. We feel things are under control," he said. Police have been searching for the body of Meshail Reddy, 22, who is presumed to have died in the explosion.



**ACCIDENT, GORE BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA**

London, Sep 24 -- Stinson 108-3, C-FGNT, with the pilot and two passengers on board attempted to land on Runway 11 at Gore Bay airport at 1245, Sep 21. The winds were reported to be 160 degrees at 15 knots and gusting. The landing was aborted and the pilot attempted to land the aircraft

on abandoned Runway 5. Control of the aircraft was lost and the aircraft crashed and came to rest 100 yards west of the runway centreline. The aircraft was substantially damaged and the pilot was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The two passengers were not injured.

**ACCIDENT, GUADALAJARA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MEXICO**

London, Sep 26 -- Boeing 737-200 XA-MAC, owned and operated by Magnicharters of Mexico City, was substantially damaged during a gear up landing to Runway 28, Guadalajara International Airport, near Guadalajara, State of Jalisco, Mexico, at 1929, CDT, Sep 14. The six crew and 103 passengers were not injured.

**ACCIDENT, MALEMBA NKULU, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

London, Sep 25 -- Let 410 9Q-CVL, operated by Karibu Airways, reportedly crashed on landing at Malemba Nkulu, yesterday. Five occupants sustained serious injuries and one of the pilots died shortly after the accident.

**AIRCRAFT GROUNDED AT SAGA AIRPORT, KYUSHU, JAPAN**

London, Sep 22 -- A press report, dated Sep 21, states: Taiwan said today that a 77-centimetre fracture in the fuselage of a China Airlines (CAL) discovered at a Japanese airport yesterday was caused by a ground incident at the airport. 'It was a scratch caused by the ground staff while the plane was at the Saga Airport, Transport Minister Tsai Tui told reporters. CAL, Taiwan's largest carrier, sent 10 maintenance personnel to Saga, on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, today to check the damage to the plane and to decide how to repair it. CAL's maintenance workers at the Saga Airport Airport discovered the 77-cm fracture on the tail of the Boeing 737-800 yesterday afternoon. The plane, a charter flight for Taiwanese tourists, had arrived at the airport from Taipei and was about to return to Taipei. CAL grounded the plane and sent another jet to the Saga Airport to take back the Taiwanese tourists. CAL sent 10 maintenance personnel to the Saga Airport today and has also notified the Boeing Co of the incident. Taiwanese experts said that a 1-2 cm fracture on a plane's outside is common, but a 77-cm fracture is unusual.

**CRASH NEAR AIROLO, SWITZERLAND**

London, Sep 26 -- Piper PA28-181 HB-PGC, on a flight from Firenze Peretola, Italy, to Zurich, crashed in mountainous terrain near Airolo, Switzerland at 1700, UTC, Sep 16. The pilot and one passenger sustained serious injuries. Two other passengers were fatally injured.

**CRASH NEAR BUHL, GERMANY**

London, Sep 22 -- Robinson R-22 Beta helicopter D-HZAK, while in cruise

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flight executing a level starboard turn, had tail boom and stabilizer failure, departed controlled flight, and crashed onto a highway near Buhl, Germany, at 1410, UTC, Sep 8. The two persons on board the helicopter were fatally injured. The local flight originated at the Karlsruhe-Baden airport.

#### **CRASH, BOSTON BROOK, BRUNSWICK, CANADA**

London, Sep 24 -- Thrush Commander S2R-600, C-FBED, operated by Forest Patrol Limited, had departed Boston Brook on an aerial application flight with the pilot as the sole occupant at 0840, Aug 27. The aircraft was approaching Boston Brook on the return flight when the pilot noticed smoke emanating from the engine followed by vibration at which time the engine failed. The pilot carried out a forced approach into trees causing substantial damage prior to the aircraft coming to rest. The pilot escaped uninjured.

#### **CRASH, BOTSWANA, AFRICA**

Gaborone, Sep 20 -- A high-tech Zeppelin that mining giant De Beers was using to explore for diamonds in Botswana crashed on Thursday (Sep 20), state media reported. There were no immediate reports of injuries as a result of the crash, which occurred in the central part of the southern African nation, state television said, citing a police official. De Beers, which is 45 percent owned by Anglo American Plc and controls around half of the world's diamond supply, was using the leased Zeppelin to look beneath the sands of Botswana's Kalahari desert for overlooked diamond deposits. -- Reuters.

#### **CRASH, CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS, ROMANIA**

London, Sep 25 -- Three people were killed today when an Austrian small aircraft crashed in southern Romania's Carpathian Mountains, Realitatea TV reported. No one on board survived, the report said. The dead included two Austrians who had been doing topographical recordings for a Romanian company. The aircraft crash-landed in a forest area near Vaideeni in the Valcea region. The Daimond DA42 aircraft had departed from Craiova, southern Romania, earlier today. A rescue team arrived late today at the scene of the crash which is far from the road. An emergency services helicopter had earlier given up the search. The aircraft was completely destroyed, sources said. The three occupants had probably died on impact, they added.

#### **CRASH, CHANDLER, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 26 -- PA-28 Cherokee, N6716J, crash landed at Stellar Airpark, Chandler, Arizona at 2245 hrs, Sep 25. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

#### **CRASH, CHATTANOOGA AREA, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 20 -- Beechcraft King Air B90 N10TM crashed near Chattanooga,

Tennessee, at 0014 hrs, Sep 20. The aircraft was destroyed. The four persons on board were not injured.

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: A small plane crashed onto an unoccupied car in a shopping centre car park yesterday evening, after skipping across other vehicles and clipping a telephone pole, witnesses and authorities said. The four people on board survived without life-threatening injuries. The Beechcraft King Air twin turboprop was preparing to land at Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport when it crashed about 2,000 feet from the runway into the Brainerd Village Shopping Centre car park around 2000 hrs, authorities said. The plane careened off at least three cars before hitting a telephone pole, witnesses said. Bystanders helped pull the passengers from the plane. They were in various conditions at a hospital yesterday night, but rescuers said the pilot appeared to be the most seriously injured. The plane was heavily damaged, but there was no fire after the crash, officials said. Federal investigators were proceeding.

#### **CRASH, CLAYTON, NORTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 22 -- A press report, dated Sep 21, states: A small plane crashed into a restaurant in Clayton this morning, killing at least one person when it ploughed through the front entrance of McCall's BBQ amp; Seafood Restaurant. "The front is completely gone," said Rhonda Hobbs, who lives behind the restaurant located on U.S. Highway 70 in Johnston County. "The plane is all the way on the inside." Kathleen Bergen, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta, said officials are only aware of one fatality. The victim was believed to be the pilot, as witnesses reported no employees at McCall's were injured. Bergen said the plane was a single-engine Navion built in 1947, registered in Chantilly, Va. Bergen said officials don't believe there was a flight plan. The plane "was a smaller airplane, flying low, out of controlled airspace," Bergen said.

#### **CRASH, ENTEBBE, UGANDA**

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: A light aircraft crashed soon after take-off yesterday in eastern Uganda, killing its two occupants, an airport worker said. The plane was a twin engine plane and it belonged to a South African firm that was doing surveys for the Ugandan government, said Ignutius Igundura, the spokesperson of the Civil Aviation Authority. Igundura declined to say whether the occupants died in the crash, but James Kizito, a worker at eastern Uganda's Entebbe airport where the crash happened, said that he saw two bodies removed from the plane and they were taken to the main hospital in the Ugandan capital, Kampala.

#### **CRASH, MORIARTY, NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated Sep 24, states: A small plane crashed near an airport today, killing a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer and injuring another, authorities said. The officer who was killed was taking pilot training with the injured pilot. Witnesses say the plane had been practicing take-offs and landings just before the crash near the Moriarty Airport. The plane went off the runway and caught fire, officials said. Investigators "are not sure if the plane may have stalled or what happened, but it made an abrupt movement," said state police spokesman Rick Anglada. The pilot of the Cessna 210 suffered unknown injuries and was airlifted to a hospital in Albuquerque. Moriarty is about 35 miles east of Albuquerque. Federal Aviation Administration officials were on the scene yesterday afternoon and were to be joined by a National Transportation Safety Board investigator, Anglada said. The customs agency said its Office of Air and Marine also will investigate.

#### **CRASH, PHUKET AIRPORT, THAILAND**

London, Sep 22 -- A press report, dated Sep 21, states: Thailand has sent the black boxes containing flight data from a plane that crashed in Phuket last weekend to the United States, where experts hope to discover what caused the accident. "Three of my officials will carry the two black boxes on a flight leaving for New York on Thai Airways tonight," Thailand's civil aviation chief Chaisak Angkasuwan said. Analysing the black boxes will take up to eight days to complete. Officials are now investigating whether bad weather, dangerous wind conditions, airport malfunctions or pilot error were to blame. Meanwhile, foreign governments continued to press Thailand to speed up the process of identifying the dead. Safdar Shafiee, an Iranian diplomat, said Thai police had informed his embassy that it could take another 10 days to identify all the bodies. Iran suffered the heaviest death toll in the crash, with 18 Iranians killed. "Six days after the plane crashes, none of the 18 bodies has been released. Their families have been waiting and calling us to check," he said. The bodies of all 36 Thais killed have already been released to families. The bodies of 15 foreigners have also been handed to relatives, including eight Israelis, three Americans, one Australian, one French, and one Irish, as well as the Indonesian pilot, Thai officials said.

#### **CRASH, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 23 -- A press report, dated today, states: One person is dead and another injured after a small plane crashed near Prince William Sound today. The Coast Guard was notified at about 1500 hrs, that a Cessna 180 had crashed on the east side of Cochrane Bay on Prince William Sound. Two hikers with a handheld VHF radio

witnessed the crash and contacted a nearby vessel. The vessel then relayed the information to the Coast Guard in Valdez using its VHF radio. A Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter on its way from Seward to Cordova was diverted to assist. The Alaska Air National Guard Rescue Coordination Centre also launched an HH-60 helicopter and a C-130. A Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel also responded. The Air Station Kodiak based Dolphin helicopter crew located the aircraft and found one man dead and a woman seriously injured. The woman was freed from the plane and was transported to Providence Hospital in Anchorage for further medical treatment. The Air National Guard helicopter recovered the body of the man. Weather conditions during the time of the crash were overcast. The cause of the crash is not known at this time.

#### **CRASH, QUEBEC, CANADA**

London, Sep 26 -- Robinson R44 II, C-GBLD, operated by Canadian Helicopters, carried out an emergency landing 20 miles east of Quebec at 1010 hrs, Sep 22. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The pilot escaped uninjured.

#### **CRASH, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL**

London, Sep 21 -- A press report, dated Sep 20, states: Brazil is seeking to restrict flights at Sao Paulo's Congonhas airport, following the deadly crash of a TM plane that killed 199 people in July. Brazil's National Aviation Agency (Anac) submitted a proposal today to the Defense Ministry for cutting flights at the airport. Although an official report on the cause of the disaster is not yet ready, experts say the crash happened because the airport handled flights beyond its capacity. According to the Anac proposal, only flights within 1,000 km will be allowed in the airport and connecting flights will be banned. Landings at and take-offs from the airport will be restricted to 33 flights per hour, reducing passenger numbers from the current 5,100 per hour to 4,700 per hour. The Defense Ministry will assess the proposal.

#### **CRASH, THREE RIVERS, CANADA**

London, Sep 26 -- Piper PA-28-140, C-GAKO, returned to land at Three Rivers Airport at 1702 hrs, Sep 23, when a gust of wind destabilised and off-set the aircraft. The aircraft crashed to the ground and struck a perimeter fence.

#### **CRASH, TIXKOKOB AREA, MEXICO**

Cancun, Mexico, Sep 24 -- An airliner containing dozens of sacks of Colombian cocaine crashed in the jungle of southern Mexico today, police have said. Local police officer Eustaquio Arredondo told reporters no casualties had been found but one person who was apparently on board the aircraft had been arrested. TV images showed 132 military-style black bags containing around 3.3 metric tons of cocaine lined up in rows next to pieces of the wrecked plane, which came down near the municipality of Tixkokob, a three-hour

drive west of the Cancun beach resort. Mexican army planes had been tracking the aircraft since it was spotted entering Mexican air space. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 25 -- Gulfstream Aerospace G-1159 Gulfstream II N987SA, operated by Donna Blue Aircraft Inc, crash landed yesterday while circling the Mexican town of Tixkokob, chased by Mexican military helicopters. No bodies were found in the wreckage but soldiers found 132 bags containing about 3.3 tonnes of cocaine.

#### **CRASH, TYLER, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated Sep 24, states: A pilot avoided injury when his single-engine plane crashed shortly after take-off from Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. Police believe the Cessna Skyhawk was caught in the turbulence from a Continental Airlines regional carrier plane that had taken-off moments earlier. The Cessna did a nose dive into a grassy area off a runway and suffered front structural damage. The name of the 46-year-old pilot from McKinney was not immediately released. Federal aviation authorities have been notified.

#### **CRASH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 23 -- A press report, dated Sep 22, states: A plane crash in Volusia County resulted in severe injuries to the 74 year old pilot. The plane crash was caused by mechanical problems that started shortly after the single-engine Swift GC1A aircraft took off from the New Smyrna Beach, Florida airport. The plane crashed into trees and no-one on the ground was hurt.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOSTON, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 26 -- A Bermuda-bound aircraft that left Logan International Airport, had to return 50 minutes later after engine problems that made it unsafe to continuing flying the aircraft any further, according to a Massport spokesman. USAir Flight 1266 bound for Bermuda took off at 0840 hrs, today from Logan and landed safely at 0930 hrs, said Phil Orlandella, Massport spokesman. Orlandella said the pilot reported an oil pressure problem with the engine on the pilot side of the plane sometime after take-off. He said standard operating procedure in that situation is for the pilot to shut that engine down and land at the closest airport. The aircraft landed safely and passengers were rebooked, he said. The aircraft was taken out of service for inspection.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, MUNICH, GERMANY**

London, Sep 22 - A press report, dated today, states: A Bombardier Inc. Dash 8 Q400 turboprop airplane with a faulty undercarriage made an emergency landing in Munich, the third incident in two weeks involving this type of aircraft in Europe. The Augsburg Airlines aircraft bound for Florence returned to

Munich yesterday after the pilot discovered its forward landing gear wouldn't extend, airline spokesman Nico Lange said today. The pilot flew back to Munich, landing without the front undercarriage at 1950 local time. All 64 passengers and four crew members were unharmed. The latest incident involves a spring that allows the door for the landing gear under the nose to open and close, and isn't related to two landing-gear collapses on the same type of aircraft operated by SAS AB's Scandinavian Airlines, Bombardier spokesman Bert Cruickshank said. "It's unfortunate that this occurs so soon after the two incidents experienced last week," which involved a faulty piston on the landing gear under the wings, Cruickshank said. The SAS landing gear problems prompted Montreal-based Bombardier on Sep 12 to urge carriers to ground Q400s with more than 10,000 take off-and-landing cycles. Stockholm-based SAS grounded its fleet of Dash 8's the same day. The company said yesterday it found corrosion on "practically all" landing gear on its Q400s. The first of the two SAS incidents was blamed on a rusted bolt. Augsburg Airways is a member of Deutsche Lufthansa AG's Lufthansa Regional alliance. Lufthansa doesn't own any economic interest in Augsburg Airlines, Lufthansa spokeswoman Stefanie Stotz said. Investigations on the faulty Dash 8 continue, the airline's Lange said. The landing gear is made by Charlotte, North Carolina-based Goodrich Corp. Lisa Bottle, a spokeswoman for Goodrich, didn't immediately comment. Part of the landing gear on an SAS Q400 collapsed after touchdown in Lithuania on Sep 12 after a flight from Copenhagen. The other SAS Q400 caught fire in Aalborg, Denmark, on Sep 9 after its undercarriage failed to work. The poor state of the bolt on the airplane at Aalborg meant the Q400's right wheel couldn't lock in place and collapsed on touchdown, the Danish Accident Investigation Committee said. No one died on the two SAS airplanes. Bombardier, the world's third-biggest aircraft maker, said earlier this week that airlines operating the Q400 have begun flying them again. More than 35 of the 85 grounded planes are back in service after meeting inspection requirements of Transport Canada, the country's air safety regulatory agency, Bombardier said.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, TRUDEAU AIRPORT, CANADA**

London, Sep 24 -- An Air Canada flight out of Montreal had to make an emergency return to Trudeau airport last night. At 2230 hrs, the pilots reported a problem with the aircraft's hydraulics system and turned back. Upon landing, the aircraft's landing gear caught fire, but fire officials were on hand and were able to quickly extinguish the flames. There were 121 passengers and crew on board, but all were unharmed. The Airbus A320 was heading for Calgary. An investigation is underway.



**EMERGENCY LANDING, VILNIUS AIRPORT, LITHUANIA**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated today, states: Scandinavian airline operator SAS AB on Friday (Sep 21) said it had found rust and corrosion in the landing gear of virtually all its turboprop aircraft. SAS spokeswoman Elisabeth Manzi said the company had found the problem in all the Bombardier Q400 aircraft it had inspected so far. "There is one or two left to check," she said of SAS's fleet of 27 turboprops, "but we have found rust and corrosion on those checked." "It is of course serious that we have found faults in this many planes," Manzi said. Landing gear problems in the Bombardier Q400 turboprops led to the crash of an SAS aircraft on landing in Denmark on Sep 9 and a similar incident, with the same type of aircraft, in Lithuania three days later. No one was seriously injured in those accidents. The accident led aircraft maker Bombardier to order a worldwide grounding of all Q400 planes that had made at least 10,000 flights. SAS also said it would replace landing gear all its Q400 aircraft even if no faults were found. Manzi said that SAS had not discovered the landing gear problems until now because the faults were found in landing gear components that were not included in Bombardier's maintenance program for the turboprops.

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated today, states: The 27 propeller aircraft of the type Dash 8-Q400 operated by the SAS Group were slated to remain grounded "until further notice," the carrier said today. In the meantime, the carrier has continued to rebook passengers leased other aircraft to cope with the cancellations. SAS has estimated the costs connected with the cancellations at kroner 10-15 million (\$1.5-2.3 million) per day. The SAS Dash fleet was grounded two weeks ago after two aircraft of the type were involved in emergency landings attributed to landing gear problems in Denmark and Lithuania. Pending reports from the accident investigation boards in Denmark and Lithuania and civil aviation authorities the aircraft were to remain grounded, and in the meantime SAS has begun to replace parts in the landing gear. Reports, confirmed by SAS Denmark and SAS Sweden, last week said corrosion had been detected in parts of the landing gear of 25 of the 27 propeller aircraft of the type Dash 8-Q400 operated by the SAS Group. SAS was also waiting for a report from a probe in Munich, Germany where a Dash 8-Q400 aircraft last Friday (Sep 21) conducted an emergency landing over problems with the nose-wheel. SAS has since 2000 flown Dash 8-Q400s and was one of the first airlines to operate the type. The planes are used on domestic routes and short European routes.

**MID-AIR COLLISION, GROJEC AREA, POLAND**

London, Sep 24 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two light aircraft collided yesterday in Poland, killing two people, the Polish News Agency reported. The

two planes, heading together from Grojec airport in central Poland to nearby Piastow airport, collided in the air. One plane landed with the pilot unhurt while the other crashed, killing two people on board. Investigators have been sent to find out the cause of the accident.

**AUSTRALIA**

Sydney, Sep 24 -- The current berthing/delay situation at Newcastle, NSW, is: four vessels are currently alongside, with 45 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at 12-13 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of 13-14 days in berthing is predicted. A 7-14 days delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks time. -- Oceania Maritime Services Pty. Ltd. (See issue of Sep 21.)

Sydney, Sep 24 -- Australia's Newcastle port, the world's largest coal export terminal, plans to cut at least 1.7 million tonnes from producers' total shipping allocations in the fourth quarter to reduce vessel queues, two producers said today. The cut from the port's annual export capacity of 102 million tonnes could boost spot coal prices, already high because of strong demand and tight supply. "The understanding is that the port will be cutting allocations by at least 1.7 million tonnes," said one major Australian producer. A second source from a large Australian coal miner said the port could cut quotas by as much as 2 million tonnes in the quarter following a derailment last week on a rail line that feeds the port, resulting in a loss of between 300,000-400,000 tonnes of export tonnages. Benchmark Australian spot thermal coal prices stood at \$67.04 a tonne today. Port Waratah Services, operator of Newcastle port, had said on Friday it will impose another cut in coal producers' shipping allocations in the fourth quarter but declined to give details on the reduction. Port congestion and long vessel queues at Newcastle, which reached a record 79 ships following storms in July, have been a headache for coal miners such as Centennial Coal and Xstrata Coal, which have seen surging demurrage costs and lower sales cut into profits. The port, which reinstated a capacity balancing system (CBS) in May, has already reduced export allocations twice this year resulting in 4.3 million tonnes of coal being removed from the market in 2007. Although the allocation system has reduced vessel queues significantly to a 10-month low of 44 this week from a record of 79 ships in July, the length of the queue is still double of the port's target of 20 ships by November. Newcastle port's CBS system provides all coal producers with

an equal pro-rata share of available coal chain capacity and matches vessel arrivals with capacity, so that excessive vessel queuing is eliminated. -- Reuters.

**BRAZIL**

See under "Labour Disputes."

**ITALY**

Genoa, Sep 24 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: There are two tankers and one container vessel currently waiting for berths. La Spezia: There are no vessels waiting for berths. Savona: There are no vessels waiting for normal berths. One vessel is waiting for a special berth. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**KENYA**

London, Sep 25 -- A press report, dated Sep 24, states: The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has allowed the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) to remove overstayed containers from the port to two Container Freight Stations (CFS's), starting today, as part of efforts to decongest the port. Already, more than five shipping lines operating at the Mombasa Port have announced that they will introduce a US\$200 vessel delay surcharge (VDS), due delays in vessels turn-around at the port. The KPA harbour master and chief operations manager, Captain Twalib Khamis, said yesterday that KPA had already executed a Sh150 million bond that KRA was demanding before the containers could be moved. "We have executed the bond and given assurances on the procedures to remove the containers, and KRA is satisfied," he said in an interview. A total of 6,000 containers will be removed from the port that is choked with more than 16,000 currently. Last week, the number of shipping lines set to introduce VDS increased when Mitsui OSK Lines warned that they would charge an extra \$200 for every 20-foot equivalent (TEU) container starting from October 8. The shipping line joins Western European Company, Mediterranean Shipping Company, CGM and McAndrews, who have already issued notices indicating that they would introduce a \$200 surcharge at Mombasa. Experts said yesterday that since importers will pay for the extra charge demanded by the shipping lines, consumers will shoulder the extra costs, thereby pushing up prices of imports. "Unless the issue of delays at the port is resolved fast, we expect to see a sharp increase in the cost of all imports into the country," said Captain Fred Wahutu, the chief executive officer of the Kenya Ship Agents Association. Captain Wahutu called on other agencies operating at the port to help KPA decongest the harbour, by ensuring faster clearance of cargo.

**TURKEY**

See "Iraq" under "Political & Civil Unrest."

**UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 26 -- A press report, dated Sep 25, states: The entire port of Oakland shipping operation shut down today as longshoremen walked out to mark the death of one of their comrades

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in an apparent container loading accident on board fully cellular containership *Stuttgart Express* (53815 gt, built 1993). The work stoppage, which was instituted by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, not by the port, idled hundreds of port workers and truck drivers and was expected to end tomorrow morning. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the accident that killed Reginald Ross, 39, of San Francisco. The Alameda County Coroner's office said Ross was apparently struck by a shipping container as he worked on *Stuttgart Express*. No one witnessed the accident, which happened about 1630 yesterday, the coroner's office said. Workers at the port, however, said the victim was lashing the crossbars on a container load together and one of the crossbars struck him in the chest. The report could not immediately be

confirmed. Coroners' deputies had to use a cargo lift to remove the body from the ship, a deputy said. Port spokeswoman Marilyn Sandifur said the port would review findings by safety investigators and work with shippers and the union to determine "what steps need to be taken to ensure that an incident like this never happens again." A longshoremen's union spokesman said the stand-down was not an official union act. "This is often the response to a terrible death like this, members standing down for a period of grieving and mourning," said Craig Merrilees, communications director for Local 10, International Longshore and Warehouse Union. John Showalter of the ILWU said work was stopped throughout the port immediately after the accident. Merrilees said he had "no way of knowing" when the dockworkers would return to work, but said he believed they'd probably be back this morning.

The port was quiet today. Every terminal was locked up, and only a handful of trucks could be seen; none had containers on them. Many customs and security offices were also closed. A line of containers, without cabs, lined the street outside the 7th Street terminal near Berth 40. (Note -- *Stuttgart Express* arrived Oakland 0550, Sep 24, from Seattle and sailed 2310 same day for Panama.)

London, Sep 27 -- A press report, dated Sep 26, states: All Port of Oakland terminals are operational this morning after workers took yesterday off to pay respects to a longshoreman who died Monday (Sep 24) afternoon while unloading containers, a port spokeswoman said today. The stoppage has caused a cargo back-up that could last up to one week, Port of Oakland spokeswoman Marilyn Sandifur said. Sandifur anticipated it will take workers between five and seven days to catch up on the backlog of work.

## Port Delays

### Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association received Oct 2-3

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
<b>Azerbaijan</b>		
Apsheron	01-Oct-2007	Oil products: Dubendi terminal: 3 vessels berthed, of which 1 completed discharging crude oil, 1 discharging fuel oil, 1 waiting.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	01-Oct-2007	Ten vessels in port operating, of which 6 loading (3 coils, 2 copper anodes, 1 containers), 4 discharging (2 iron ore, 1 gasoil, 1 steel billets); 1 vessel in roads to discharge metals; 7 vessels due, of which 3 to load (2 coils, 1 sulphur), 4 to discharge (2 copper concentrate, 2 coils).
<b>Egypt</b>		
Adabiya	01-Oct-2007	Three vessels berthed (loading/discharging), all general cargo.
Alexandra	01-Oct-2007	Thirty-eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 31 general cargo, 2 bulkers, 3 container vessels, 2 passenger vessels; 14 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	01-Oct-2007	Thirty-one vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 21 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, 6 container vessels; 14 vessels at outer anchorage, 2 at inner anchorage.
Dekheila	01-Oct-2007	Ten vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 4 general cargo, 5 tankers, 1 container vessel; 8 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	01-Oct-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 containers.
Suez	01-Oct-2007	Eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 4 general cargo, 4 passenger vessels; 2 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	01-Oct-2007	Thirty vessels transiting Northbound, 32 Southbound.
<b>India</b>		
Kolkata	01-Oct-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading ( General Cargo-2, Containers, Iron Ore), 4 vessels discharging ( Containers-3, Mechinery), 1 vessel waiting to discharge General Cargo; 2 vessels working at midstream to discharge Pulses and waiting to discharge Logs, ; 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge; 2 vessels under repair; 2 vessels under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 3 vessels waiting to sail, 1 vessel waiting for shifting to work at MHC berth; 2 Containers vessels due.
Haldia	01-Oct-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading ( Iron Ore-3, Butadiene), 7 vessels discharging (Crude, Coking Coal-2, Met Coke-2, Sulphur, Ammonia Nitrate), 2 vessels waiting to load Iron Ore; 13 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (5 to discharge, 7 to load, 1 to load and discharge ), 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to load; 6 vessels due (A. Acid, Prxln, Nptha-2, Palm Oil, Machinery, Containers).

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Paradip	01-Oct-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-4, Chrome Contrate-2), 3 vessels discharging (Coking Coal, Project Cargo, Ammonia); 18 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 7 to discharge, 11 to load), 2 vessels waiting at anchorage ( 1 to load, 1 to discharge); 27 vessels due.
Vizag	01-Oct-2007	17 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-5, C. P. Coke, Product), 10 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-2, Crude Oil, Product, General Cargo, Sulphur, DAP, Timber, Pet Coke, Rock Phosphate); 29 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (18 to discharge, 11 to load); 49 vessels due ( Iron Ore-13, Containers-2, Steel Mill Scale, BF Slag, CP Coke, M. Ore, Alumina, L. Ammonia, Rock Phosphate, Urea-3, A. Nitrate, MAP, MOP, P. Acid, M. Sulphur, DAP, Coking Coal-6, Lame Coke, DBM, Steel Cargo, Met Coke, L. Stono, A. Coal-2, C. Soda, Bauxite, Chorome, Crude-2).
Chennai	01-Oct-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (IOL, Furance Oil), 7 vessels discharging ( St. Bar, Steel /General Cargo, MOP, Thermal Coal-2, Steam Coal, Logs), 5 vessels loading and discharging (Containers-4, Steel Coil/Project/ Granite Block/Steel Pipe); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 4 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 2 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 9 vessels due (Containers-3, Furance Oil-2, C. Oil, Steam Coal, Rock Phosphate, SKO).
Tuticorin	01-Oct-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading ( Construction Materials, Sugar-2, Maize-3, Fly Ash), 6 vessels discharging (Logs-2, Co. con, Urea, Thermal Coal-2); 5 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 1 to load, 4 to discharge), 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 4 vessels awaiting order berth at anchorage to load, 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage bunkering.
Cochin	01-Oct-2007	3 vessels working at berth discharging ( Defence Cargo, Crude, Edible Oil); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load; 15 vessels due ( Crude-2, Containers-7, POL, Chemcials-2, Product Cargo-2, Sulphur).
New Mangalore	01-Oct-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading Iron Ore Fines-3, 5 vessels discharging (Fertiliser-2, Containers, LPG, POL Crude); 14 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 11 to load); 15 vessels due ( POL Product-3, Fertiliser, Iron Ore Fines-4, POL Crude-3, Containers, Timber-2, Ammonia).
Mormugao	01-Oct-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore Fines, 3 vessels discharging (Naptha, MOP, Met Coke); 3 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to load, 1 to load), 4 vessel under dry docked; 4 vessels due (Coking Coal, Steel Slabs, Met Coke).
Mumbai	01-Oct-2007	22 vessels operating at berth of which 11 vessels loading (Bagged Sugar/Rice-3, Vehicles-2, Machinery/Molasses/Project/Pipes/steel Cargo-3, POL-3), 9 vessel discharging (R. Oil, Sulphur, Calcute Chips, Steel Cargo/Machinery-3, POL-3), 2 vessels loading and discharging ( Steel/ Machinery/Containers/Mobile Cranes-2); 2 vessels working at midstream and discharging ( POL, Peas in Bulk; 5 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 23 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 27 vessels due ( Containers-4, Oil-2, General Cargo-21).
J.N.P.T.	01-Oct-2007	8 vessels operating at berth loading and discharging Containers; 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 8 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	01-Oct-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading ( Agriculture Product-2, Cement, Barley, Rice-2), 8 vessels discharging (Timber Logs-3, Fertilizer, Sulphur, POL, Vegetable Oil, Chemical), 1 vessel loading and discharging; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 1 to discharge, 5 to load and discharge) ; 1 vessel under repairs.
Ennore	01-Oct-2007	1 vessel operating at berth discharging Coal; 4 vessels due ( MV Ikan Salmon (S. Coal), MV Good Season ( Coal), MV Orintor-2 ( Iron Ore), MV Tamil Anna (Coal).
<b>Israel</b>		
Ashdod	30-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Ten vessels discharging at berth (4 general cargo, 6 bulkers), 7 loading/discharging at berth (5 containers, 2 tankers); 2 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 5 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (3 bulkers, 2 containers); 13 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Haifa	30-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Seven vessels discharging at berth (4 general cargo, 3 bulkers), 5 loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 1 car carrier); 2 general cargo vessels waiting at anchor to discharge, 7 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (6 bulkers, 1 containers); 5 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 12 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
<b>Kazakhstan</b>		
Aktau	28-Sep-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, both loading crude oil; 3 vessels in roads, all to load un known cargoes; 4 vessels due by 29/9, all to load unknown cargo.

## Port Conditions

### Russia

Novorossiysk 01-Oct-2007 Sixteen vessels in port operating, of which 13 loading, (2 bulk NPK, 1 coke, 5 wheat, 1 slabs, 1 copper, 1 aluminium, 2 diesel oil), 2 discharging (1 bulk sugar, 1 bulk cement), 1 discharging/loading containers; 15 vessels waiting in roads, of which 12 to load (5 wheat, 1 barley, 1 UAN solution, 1 bulk urea, 1 slabs, 1 luggage, 1 bulk ammonium nitrate, 1 diesel oil), 3 to discharge (1 vegetable oil, 1 debars, 1 bulk cement); 70 vessels due, of which 59 to load (1 H-beams/pipes, 1 HBI, 1 spare parts/vehicles, 1 zinc concentrate, 6 steel billets, 10 copper, 1 cellulose, 6 wheat, 1 coils/debars, 1 lead, 3 copper WRIC, 3 UAN solution, 2 barley, 2 WRIC, 5 slabs, 1 sodium sulphate/soda ash/bulk NPK, 2 bulk NPK, 2 debars, 3 coils, 3 aluminium, 1 vegetable oil, 1 sodium sulphate/soda ash, 1 bulk sugar, 1 H-beams), 10 to discharge (1 vegetable oil, 1 bananas, 1 bulk sugar, 6 bulk cement, 1 coils), 1 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 2 tankers berthed, both loading, of which 1 crude oil, 1 fuel oil; 3 tankers in roads, all to load crude oil; 6 tankers due, all to load, of which 5 crude oil, 1 diesel oil.

### Slovenia

Koper 01-Oct-2007 Port working normally. Eight vessels berthed of which 3 loading sawn timber/general cargo, 3 discharging bulk cargo, 1 loading bulk cargo, 1 car carrier discharging/loading vehicles; 3 vessels waiting at anchorage, of which 2 to discharge bulk cargo, 1 to load general cargo/sawn timber; 20 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 3 to discharge/load containers, 3 tankers to discharge liquid cargo, 2 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles, 1 Ro/Ro vessel to load general cargo/vehicles, 5 vessels to load general cargo/sawn timber, 2 to load bulk cargo, 4 to discharge bulk cargo.

### Spain

Bilbao 02-Oct-2007 Seventeen vessels operating (2 tankers, 15 other vessels), of which 1 loading, 11 discharging, 5 loading/discharging

### Turkmenistan

Aladja 28-Sep-2007 Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, loading crude oil.  
Turkmenbashi 28-Sep-2007 Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, both loading, of which 1 gasoline, 1 fuel oil; 9 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 6 fuel oil, 1 gasoline, 1 kerosene; 1 vessel due by 28/9, to load unknown cargo.

### Ukraine

Ilechevsk 01-Oct-2007 Five vessels in port operating, of which 4 loading (2 steel products, 1 sunflower seed cake, 1 project cargo/vehicles), 1 loading/discharging containers; no vessels in roads; 11 vessels due, of which 4 to load (2 steel products, 1 pig-iron, 1 sunflower seed oil), 7 to load/discharge containers.  
Mariupol 01-Oct-2007 Twelve vessels in port operating, of which 11 loading (5 steel, 1 coal, 1 sulphur, 2 clay, 1 ammonium nitrate, 1 sunflower beans), 1 discharging equipment; 12 vessels in roads, of which 11 to load (10 steel, 1 sulphur), 1 to discharge profiles; 34 vessels due, of which 32 to load (22 steel, 5 coal, 3 fire-clay, 1 sulphur, 1 coke), 2 to discharge (1 containers, 1 clinker).  
Odessa 01-Oct-2007 Sixteen vessels in port operating, of which 9 loading (6 metal, 1 scrap, 1 coal, 1 grain), 3 discharging (2 luggage, 1 general cargo), 2 loading/discharging containers, 2 passenger vessels; 7 vessels in roads, of which 3 to load (1 ore, 1 metal, 1 oil), 4 to load/discharge containers; 55 vessels due, of which 19 to load (16 metal, 1 grain, 1 timber, 1 oil), 5 to discharge (2 metal, 1 general cargo, 1 citrus, 1 luggage), 31 to discharge/load containers.

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