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Croatia to join piracy fight

EU mission off Somalia accepts assistance after human rights agreement - by Justin Stares, Brussels

CROATIA is to join the European Union's Atalanta mission off Somalia after promising to respect the human rights of pirates.

The Balkan country, an EU applicant and therefore not yet a member, has agreed to put its forces at the disposal of EU Navfor commanders and pay its share of costs.

The agreement foresees the possibility that pirates will be arrested by Croatian forces and transferred to Croatia for trial.

In a sign of the importance the EU attaches to pirates' human rights, a long

annex has been added on "the modalities for the transfer of persons suspected of having committed acts of piracy or acts of armed robbery in Somalia's territorial sea".

The annex underlines Croatia's promise to treat pirates "humanely" and not to subject them to "degrading treatment".

Alleged pirates must be brought "promptly before a judge" and must be tried within a "reasonable time".

They must be informed in a language they understand of the charges against them and must be provided with free legal assistance if they cannot afford to pay.

Detailed records must be kept on subjects, including their health and "allegations of alleged improper treatment".

Prosecution

The prosecution of pirates has become a legal quagmire due to uncertainty over jurisdictions and rights. Some countries, such as France, have brought pirates back to face prosecution, while others within EU Navfor have decided it is simpler to set them free on Somalia's beaches.

There is said to have been prosecutions in courts in the region, although Somalia's neighbours have limited capacity to handle high numbers of cases.

Pirates can theoretically claim political asylum when on board an EU Navfor vessel. "Some navies pick them up and treat them well, giving them drinks and chatting before dropping them back off on the beach in the hope that they don't mention the 'asylum' word before they go," said one industry source with navy contacts.

Anger at Hansa Stavanger ransom deal

By Anne-Christin Gröger, Cologne

GERMAN politicians have criticised the payment of a ransom to Somali pirates to effect the release of containership Hansa Stavanger.

Hans-Peter Uhl, security expert in the conservative CSU party, demanded an end to "chequebook diplomacy" with Somali pirates. "We are very relieved the crew has been released, but nobody should exult about paying ?2.7m (\$3.8m) to criminals," he said.

For pirates on the Horn of Africa this could be seen as an invitation to demand further ransoms and thus increase the danger for German cargo vessels, he said.

Mr Uhl called for a more rigorous approach to piracy. "Captured vessels should be captured back and, if necessary, force should be used," he said.

Thomas Oppermann, parliamentary secretary of the Social Democratic Party, agreed with that view. He said western nations were financing a

kidnapping industry in Somalia and that people should not romanticise pirates as fishermen whose fishing grounds have been taken away by a European fishing armada.

"The piracy problem won't be lessened by paying ransoms," he told Lloyd's List. As an alternative he demanded that more navy ships be employed in the EU Navfor mission, Atalanta. They should accompany the cargo vessels through the Gulf of Aden, he said.

- The Lithuanian foreign ministry is in negotiations to secure the release of five crew members aboard the 1982-built, 3,930 dwt reefer *Saturnas*, which was hijacked off Nigeria on Aug 3.

"The situation is serious and the foreign ministry met with the owner Limarko to advise on diplomatic moves to secure their release," ministry spokesman Rokundas Kacinskas said.

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

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>ANTISANA JORF</i>	chem/oil tanker	NIS	NV	5,357	7,918	1985	Reported Jul 28 to have had engine problems in Gulf of Aden. Assisted to Yemeni water. Further assisted to Aden, where arrived Jul 15 and undergoing repairs, ETC Aug 1.
<i>COS JOY</i>	bulker	HKG	LR	39,795	74,119	2001	Towed to Rio de Janeiro by Superpesa XI Jul 22 due main engine and generator damages caused by fire. Repairs ETC 45 days.
<i>IOANNIS N.K.</i>	bulker	PAN	—	14,498	23,791	1977	Took on water, listed and sank in lat 32 05.6 S, long 16 31.2 E, Jul 23. All 20 crew rescued. Tug on scene to assess possible pollution.
<i>MERIT</i>	bulker/ container	BHS	NV	30,987	44,926	1977	Struck quay at Bremerhaven Jul 23. Hole torn in hull. Six tons of heavy fuel oil spilled. Leak stopped. Oil removal from vsI commenced Jul 24 and ETC Jul 25. Hole in her hull temporarily sealed.
<i>PEMBA</i>	ro-ro	TZA	—	499	372	1981	Gutted by fire at Dar es Salaam harbour Jul 28. Took 4 hours to extinguish.
<i>SENCKENBERG</i>	research	DEU	GL	165	48	1976	Grounded off Cuxhaven Jul 28. Refloated on rising tide and entered Cuxhaven, where slipped for survey of hull and propulsion and investigation.
<i>TINA RAE</i>	fishing	USA	—	110	—	—	In collision with catamaran Locure 12 nautical miles east of Cape Hatteras Jul 21. Vessel subsequently sank. All four crew members were safely rescued
<i>TSC SUPREME</i>	supply	VCT	NK	572	399	1976	Sank Jun 23 after colliding with offshore platform, which caused holing to hull, off Bull Hanine field off Qatar.
<i>VOLGO-DON 5075</i>	general cargo	RUS	—	4,022	5,000	1978	Grounded at 599 Km Volgo-Balt Canal, Jul 24. Transfer of cargo completed Jul 26.
<i>ZEELAND</i>	fish factory	NLD	LR	6,128	5,162	1989	Fire on board during maintenance activities at herring port, Ymuiden, Jul 27. Extinguished same day.

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ADVENTURER

Auckland, Jul 24 — Engine repairs to ferry *Adventurer* have been completed but Fuller are still waiting on one electronic engine part prior to sea trials and putting vessel back in service. They are hopeful the part will arrive next week. The *Adventurer* is used for daily ferry services from Auckland wharf to Devonport and Waiheke Island. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALEXANDER KUPRIN (Malta)

London, Jul 27 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Alexander Kuprin* was in port at Ust-Luga at 0846, UTC, today.

ALGOCANADA (Canada)

Troy, Michigan, Jul 26 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Algocanada* (7773 gt, built 2008) after unloading gas, Sept Iles to Nanticoke, in ballast, was reported to have had an explosion, yesterday. The explosion is said to have taken place in the bow thruster compartment. Little is known at this time how the explosion occurred. There were no injuries to the crew, no structural damage to the hull and some damage to the hatches in the forepeak area. The vessel is secured below lock one Port Weller, Ontario. — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

London, Jul 27 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Algocanada* while commencing degassing operations for No. 1 tank, sustained an explosion in the forward bow thruster compartment in lat 44 08N, long 76 26W at 1300, EDST, Jul 24. Minor damage resulted.

ALGOPORT (Canada)

Toronto, Jul 27 — Bulk carrier *Algoport* passed through the Panama Canal on Jul 18. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALKISTIS (Panama)

Dubai, Jul 26 — General cargo *Alkistis* sailed Jul 23 bound for Somalia. — Lloyd's Agents.

AMAZING GRACE (Panama)

See *Baltic Champion*.

ANDAMAN FORTUNE (India)

Kolkata, Jul 24 — General cargo *Andaman Fortune* is still in port at Port Blair. No repairs have been effected so far. — Lloyd's Agents.

ANTISANA JORF (Norway (Int. Register))

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated Jul 27, states: Pakistani naval ship *Badr*, operating as part of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151, recently came to the assistance of combined chemical and oil tanker *Antisana Jorf* (5357 gt, built 1985) after the vessel reported engine problems in the Gulf of Aden. Knowing that a slow speed would make the vessel susceptible to pirate attack, CTF 151 dispatched *Badr* to render assistance to the vessel and provide security as the vessel attempted to transit towards

the nearest port, Aden. *Badr* escorted the distressed vessel for approximately 36 hours, assuring the vessel safe passage to Yemeni territorial waters. CTF-151 contacted the Yemeni Coast Guard to rendezvous with the vessel once it reached Yemeni territorial waters to further assist its arrival to Aden for repair. (Note — *Antisana Jorf* sailed Dumai Jun 27 and arrived Aden Jul 15.)

Aden, Jul 29 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Antisana Jorf* is currently at port of Aden "Stream berth 5 out" undergoing repairs to her engine. Damaged engine parts were sent to Dubai to be rectified and delivered back to the tanker yesterday. Repairs ETC Aug 1 after which she will stem bunkers from Aden Bunkering Terminal. As we understand vessel will be sailing to Suez awaiting further instructions from owners. — Lloyd's Agents.

ANTJE RUSS (Germany)

Kiel, Jul 24 — Fully cellular containership *Antje Russ* (5056 gt, built 1998) sustained machine failure while entering the Kiel Canal at Holtenu, this morning. While the crew attempted to stop it by an emergency anchoring, the ship came perpendicular to the lock and crashed with its bow into the middle wall of the lock. The stern got stuck in the staging. The vessel berthed in the North Harbour of Kiel for investigations. After it was allowed to resume its voyage, she reached Brunsbützel in the evening, ETA Rotterdam, 1300, Jul 25. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Jul 25 — Fully cellular containership *Antje Russ* ETA at Rotterdam was delayed, the vessel will not arrive before the evening of Jul 25. — Correspondent.

London, Jul 28 — Fully cellular containership *Antje Russ* arrived Rotterdam on Jul 25 and sailed on Jul 26.

AQUILA (U.K.)

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Fishing (general) *Aquila* that sank with the loss of three lives has been moved to shallower water to enable a recovery operation to begin. The scallop dredger was towed upside down from a site off the north coast of the Ardnamurchan peninsula, where she capsized last Tuesday (Jul 21). Divers went into the sea during the weekend to release dredging gear which it is understood had snagged on the seabed, causing the vessel to turn turtle. The upturned hull was then towed on Sunday (Jul 26) by a local vessel to a site at Swordle, near Ochil Point n̄ on the orders, it is believed, of the vessel's insurers. She was then sunk on to her side in the sheltered waters, protected by a reef from prevailing winds. It is understood airbags and special equipment are being brought in to refloat the fishing boat. She is then likely to be taken to Mallaig, where there is a slipway to enable any repairs to be carried out. However, it is not thought the hull was damaged in the accident. Police and officials from the Marine Accidents Investigation Branch are understood to have completed their preliminary investigations into the accident. It claimed the lives of three of the four-man crew n̄ skipper and owner, Tony Hayton, 45, of Ismay Wharfe; Peter Hilton, 52, of Moorside Drive, and Thomas Sanderson, also 52, of Brooklands Avenue, all Maryport in Cumbria. A fourth

member of the crew, who asked not to be named, escaped serious injury and was detained overnight at the Belford Hospital, Fort William, before travelling south to his home. Post-mortem examinations have been carried out and the men's bodies were released late last week for burial. A spokesman for the investigators declined to make any comment last night, other than to indicate the incident was subject to an ongoing investigation. Mallaig Harbour Authority said there had been no notification up to last night about the ill-fated vessel requiring a berth there.

ARAN (Malta)

Trieste, Jul 29 — Tug *Aran*, collision with general cargo *Mikhail Kuznetsov*: *Aran* sustained damages to aft part and presently under repairs at Trieste. *Mikhail Kuznetsov* is still in Porto Nogaro under arrest. The vessel has minimal damages at the bow. — Lloyd's Agents.

ARDESEN 1 (Turkey)

Istanbul, Jul 24 — Following the completion of legal formalities, operations commenced in mid-July to remove the wreck of bunkering tanker *Ardesen 1*, which grounded on the coast of Haydarpara on Nov 22. The vessel is being broken up at the grounding location. The operation is expected to be completed by the end of August. — Correspondent.

ASIAN FOREST (Hong Kong)

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated today, states: Though the Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner-in-Charge had set a deadline to the representatives of the owners of general cargo *Asian Forest* to submit him a report on the plan of action to prevent oil spill and salvage of the ship, by 12 noon on Thursday (Jul 23), the district administration has not received any official communication up until night on Thursday. Deputy Commissioner-in-Charge Prabhakar Sharma said that he has not received any information in writing from the representatives of the sunken ship *M V Asian Forest*. However, the representatives have orally assured to place a marker and arrange a boat near the sunken ship by noon today so that other vessels do not run over the sunken ship. Meanwhile, Sharma also said that he has been called by Director General - Shipping to attend a meeting in Mumbai on Jul 27 to discuss the issue.

Kochi, Jul 24 — General cargo *Asian Forest* which sank off Mangalore on Jul 18, is presently lying between the 20 metre and 30 metre depth contour in about 25 metres of water with only about a foot of the mast spar visible above the surface depending on the state of the tide and weather conditions. The position is in lat 12 48.2N, long 74 44.4E. No marker buoy or other surface marking has been provided, but Coast Guard is keeping constant surface and aerial watch over the wreck. As of now, no oil slick has been reported, but some debris breaking off and drifting is not ruled out. Port authorities are constantly broadcasting update on vessel position and state on VHF Ch 16 for info of all shipping in the area. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated today, states: The P&I representatives of sunken general cargo *Asian Forest*, have deployed a boat belonging to M/s Yojaka India Private Ltd, near the sunken ship with

effect from yesterday. According to a press release issued by Deputy Commissioner-in-Charge Prabhakar Sharma, the boat contains oil absorbent pads. Besides maintaining vigil in the region, the boat would act as a marker.)

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: The Director General of Shipping (DGS) in a direction, has given to the owners of the sunken general cargo *Asian Forest* to execute a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with regard to the safety measures taken to contain the oil leakage from the ship. The minutes of the meeting held at Mumbai convened by the DGS on Jul 27 was made available to the press in a press meeting today. Outlining the meeting details Additional Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada Prabhakar Sharma has said the owners of the ship will have to indemnify all the damages that might result due to the wreckage of the sunken freighter. P&I is a credible organisation and they have taken the responsibility of protecting the oil spillage and preventive measures like masking, plugging and sealing and working towards it, he said. Since the monsoon is heavy in this belt, the representative may undertake the safety measure as per the legal procedure, when monsoon reduces, he added. The DGS has directed the company to provide LOU at the earliest, he said. Meanwhile the district administration had advised the local officers to take the responsibility of protecting the wreckages, he said. P S Jha, Commandant, Coast Guard, Karnataka, who was also present, said that they had a talk with the owners of the ship to take the security measure to check any oil spillage from the ship. Any wreckage found near the ship or lying near the sea shore should be informed either to the police or district administration or the Deputy Director of Fisheries Department. The fishermen community should also provide information regarding any wreckages of the ship, he added. The coast guard has always on red alert with regard to the surveillance, he said adding that a coast guard aircraft and vessel have been constantly placed near the mark. The DGS has also directed the Director General of Light House and Light Vessel (DGLL) to erect buoys as early as possible near the accident spot, he said.

ASPET (Georgia)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 25 — At 1410, Jul 24, the French authorities at St.Nazaire received a distress signal from general cargo *Aspet* (5050 gt, built 1983), which was in ballast en route from UK to Istanbul. The vessel had discovered leaks in the hold and anchored near the French coast and attempted to pump out the water. At 1700 hrs, additional pumps were delivered to the vessel by helicopter and at 1730 hrs it was ordered to raise its anchor and make for St.Nazaire for repairs. — Correspondent.

London, Jul 26 — General cargo *Aspet* arrived St.Nazaire, today.

Nantes, Jul 29 — General cargo *Aspet* was forced to moor off the port of St. Nazaire at Jul 24 and seek assistance. Crew had discovered that vessel was taking water. A safety evaluation team was sent on board the vessel. Reported that roughly 100cu m of water had flooded the holds. Public service helicopter DAUPHIN from La Rochelle was engaged to winch a motor

pump on board the vessel, in order to reinforce the vessel's pumping equipment. At 1650 hrs, the Maritime Prefect of the Atlantic formally requested the shipowner to place his ship in safety. At 1730 hrs, vessel lifted anchor for St. Nazaire. No pollution was noted. Vessel berthed in a dry dock, shipowner's superintendent along with port officials, who will decide which repairs will have to be conducted, visited the vessel. According to the extent of the hull damage, the repairs will either be performed while the vessel is floated, by welding from the interior, after emptying ballast tanks, or after the ship is drydocked. The cargo vessel will probably not leave St. Nazaire harbour before the start of next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

ATLANTIC VISION (Cyprus)

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: The Marine Atlantic passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Vision* (30285 gt, built 2002) was forced to return to port in North Sydney, N.S., today after fire broke out in a thermal heating unit. Tara Laing of Marine Atlantic said the ferry, which was heading to Port aux Basques, N.L., on its regular run, was met at the wharf by local firefighters who were called to assist ship's crew. Laing said there were no initial reports of injuries from the fire. But Lloyd MacIntosh, fire chief of the North Sydney Fire Department, said one firefighter was taken to hospital for treatment of heat exhaustion. MacIntosh said the fire began at about 0730 hrs and firefighters used fans to help clear the smoke from the ferry and tried to cool temperatures on board. "The incident was contained inside the boiler on board the vessel," he said.

London, Jul 29 — Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1740, UTC: *Atlantic Vision* had a fire in lat 46 38.5N, long 59 51W, this morning. The vessel is proceeding to North Sydney, N.S. No injuries were reported.

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Marine Atlantic is introducing a number of measures to deal with an incident which occurred on passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Vision* this morning. At 0735 hrs, approximately an hour and a half after departing North Sydney, a fire alarm sounded in the one of the thermal heating units on the vessel. The corporation said fire was contained to the unit. The vessel returned to port in North Sydney, and as required, the North Sydney Fire Department was notified, according to a Marine Atlantic press release. *Atlantic Vision* arrived in North Sydney at approximately 1000 hrs and 626 uninjured passengers disembarked the vessel which is currently moored at Marine Atlantic's alternate dock in North Sydney undergoing repairs and assessment. The North Sydney parking lot is closed to traffic until further notice. New reservations for any crossings will not be accepted for the next 24 hours to enable to the service to reschedule and contact customers affected by the schedule changes. The North Sydney to Argentina crossing scheduled for 2100 today is cancelled. As well, the *Argentia* to North Sydney sailing at 1600 tomorrow is cancelled. Customers with a reservation for these crossings are asked to not proceed to the ferry terminals. Reservations will be re-scheduled and customers will be contacted. Ferry *Joseph and Clara Smallwood* is currently in North Sydney. The vessel is

expected to depart at 1445 hrs with passengers and vehicles from *Atlantic Vision* and proceed to Port aux Basques. Customers with reservations for the next 48 hours are being re-scheduled to the next available sailings. The regular scheduled crossing for ferry *Caribou* and *Joseph and Clara Smallwood* will be changed for the next 48 hours to accommodate the maximum amount of passenger traffic possible. Commercial traffic will be restricted to roll off *Leif Erikson* for the next 24 to 48 hours. The Corporation is contacting its commercial customers to identify critical loads which need to be transported in the next 24 hours.

AVALON TRANQUILITY (Malta)

Istanbul, Jul 24 — Passenger (cruise) *Avalon Tranquility*, during berthing manoeuvring, struck both the pier and historical vessel *Schonbrunn* at Linz, Danube River, Jul 22. Serious structural damages were noted on *Schonbrunn* due to the incident. Slight damages were noted on *Avalon Tranquility*. No pollution or injury reported. — Correspondent.

AZOVSKOYE MORE (Ukraine)

London, Jul 28 — Dredger *Azovskoye More* sailed Odessa Jul 22.

BALTIC CHAMPION (Malta)

Santos, Jul 23 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Baltic Champion* (23240 gt, built 2003), inbound to Santos for cargo operations, and bulk carrier *Amazing Grace* (25967 gt, built 1998), outbound from Santos for India with 43,000 tonnes of sugar in bulk, collided at Santos outer roads at around 1400, local time, yesterday. Both vessels sustained hull damage. There were no injuries and no cargo leakage. The incident did not affect the transit of vessels through the Santos Canal. Both vessels anchored at Santos outer roads for the necessary inspections and investigation. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 25 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Baltic Champion* sailed Santos Jul 23 bound India.

Santos, Jul 27 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Baltic Champion* and bulk carrier *Amazing Grace* are still anchored at outer roads where harbour-master's representatives will board them to interview their crew in order to conclude what happened. They could not board on previous days because of bad weather. Also class surveyors will board for necessary inspections and, in case of everything OK, they will be cleared, *Amazing Grace* for sailing and *Baltic Champion* for berthing. — Lloyd's Agents.

Santos, Jul 28 — The crews of combined chemical and oil tanker *Baltic Champion* and bulk carrier *Amazing Grace* were interviewed at Port Captancy yesterday. The vessels are still anchored at Santos outer roads awaiting to be cleared. — Lloyd's Agents.

BELUGA STIMULATION (Gibraltar)

Hamburg, Jul 27 — Understand from Norderwerft shipyard that fully cellular containership *Beluga Stimulation* is there for the usual classification docking and not for repairs related to the grounding one month ago. Estimated time of leaving the docks is tomorrow, Jul 28. — Lloyd's Agents.

BISKRA (Panama)

Las Palmas, Jul 27 — Understand from agents of product tanker *Biskra* that the vessel did not complete repairs and departed from Las Palmas at 0855, local time, today, without a rudder, under tow of tug *Sertosa 17*, bound for Algeciras. — Lloyd's Agents.

BUSY BEE (Malta)

London, Jul 23 — Product tanker *Busy Bee* arrived Kudamatsu at about 1019, today.

CANADIAN PROSPECTOR (Canada)

London, Jul 27 — A six inch crack was observed in No. 6 starboard ballast tank of bulk carrier *Canadian Prospector* (18526 gt, built 1964) in lat 49 13.59N, long 68 07.59W at 1624, EDST, Jul 25.

CANADIAN TRANSPORT (Canada)

London, Jul 27 — Bulk carrier *Canadian Transport* (23399 gt, built 1979) ran aground North of Fairport, Ohio, in lat 41 46N, long 81 17W at 0102, EDST, Jul 25. The vessel was freed assisted by tugs. No apparent damage. Vessel was inspected by USCG and Lloyd's.

London, Jul 29 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Canadian Transport* was in lat 41 52 27.52N, long 82 35 53.61W, at 1015, UTC, Jul 28, proceeding on a course of 295.2 deg at 7.6 knots.

CAPT O J RIGGS (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 25 — Fishing (general) *Capt O J Riggs* (104 gt, built 1982) caught fire 20 miles off Barnegat Light, New Jersey, Jul 19. The crew of three were rescued from a lifeboat by a nearby fishing vessel. *Capt O J Riggs* capsized and sank.

COLOMBO QUEEN (Comoros)

Taipei, Jul 24 — P&I surveyors inform the last oil remaining in Tanker (unspecified) *Colombo Queen* has been completely removed. The wreck removal/scrap operation has not started yet; the wreck removal/salvage company has not been fixed. — Lloyd's Agents.

COMPUTER PROBLEMS, DOVER PORT, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jul 24 — Problems with a ferry operator's computerised check-in system have led to traffic disruption and delays for cross-Channel travellers. The Port of Dover issued a warning to travellers saying the check-in system used by P&O had failed and there was a backlog of traffic. The problem led to a row between rival operators. SeaFrance said P&O staff could not handle a manual check-in. The computerised system was restored by 0930, BST, P&O said. But sailings were running an hour late as a result of the earlier problems, P&O said. The system was out of action from 0730, BST, today. A spokesman for P&O said: "Unfortunately the problems in Dover were caused by a glitch in our call-handling system, which is used to check in traffic and allocate lanes in the port." Earlier, SeaFrance said large queues of passengers for its services had formed as a result of the fault. Crossings operated by SeaFrance and P&O had been affected. LD Lines and Norfolkline were also affected, as passengers struggled to reach the port because of traffic gridlock. P&O said the M20, A20 and A2 had been affected by

traffic disruption, but it was hoped the situation would be back to normal by early afternoon.

COS JOY (Hong Kong)

London, Jul 25 — Bulk carrier *COS Joy* (39795 gt, built 2001) was towed to Rio de Janeiro by supply *Superpesa XI*, Jul 22.

Rio de Janeiro, Jul 29 — Bulk carrier *COS Joy* arrived Rio de Janeiro in tow (by supply *Superpesa XI*) due damages to main engine and generators caused by a fire. The vessel is presently berthed at Rio de Janeiro. Repairs are expected to be completed in 45 days. — Lloyd's Agents.

COSETTE (Cook Islands)

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

CSAV ROTTERDAM (Cyprus)

Montevideo, Jul 24 — Fully cellular containership *CSAV Rotterdam* grounded six kilometres from Montevideo, on her way out at the access channel and touched the muddy bottom at about noon, Jul 21. At approximately 1400 hrs, she refloated by her own means and sailed to Port Madryn. No damages occurred. — Lloyd's Agents.

DANOOSH (Iran)

London, Jul 25 — General cargo *Danoosh* arrived Pasir Gudang Jun 16 and sailed Jun 19.

EASTERN PLANET (Georgia)

Istanbul, Jul 24 — While loading steel products at Karabiga on Jul 22, water ingresses were noted to the double bottom ballast tank of general cargo *Eastern Planet* (3997 gt, built 1978), ex *Captain Rafaat*. Detailed underwater inspection, together with temporary repairs planned by divers prior to sailing. — Correspondent.

EL DJAZAIR II (Algeria)

London, Jul 24 — Passenger ro/ro *El Djazair II* sailed Algiers Jul 23.

EUROPEAN CAUSEWAY (Bahamas)

London, Jul 28 — Passenger ro/ro *European Causeway* (20646 gt, built 2000) reported experiencing technical difficulties off Larne, Jul 26. (Note — *European Causeway* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, off Larne at 2003, today, speed 4.4 knots.)

Belfast, Jul 29 — Passenger ro/ro *European Causeway* off service since Jul 26 and arrived Belfast this morning under her own power for drydocking repairs are expected to take four days. — Lloyd's Agents.

EVERT PRAHM (Germany)

London, Jul 25 — General cargo *Evert Prahm* (1598 gt, built 1996), Mantyluoto to Hull, sustained engine failure on Apr 16. (Note — *Evert Prahm* arrived Stockholm Apr 17 and sailed Apr 28.)

EVIA STAR (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Evia Star* (1923 gt, built 1980) sustained a mechanical failure while sailing from Rafina on Jul 14. There was no injury or water pollution. On completion of repairs and class inspection, the vessel sailed from Rafina today. — Lloyd's Agents.

Piraeus, Jul 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Evia Star* sustained failure of the starboard main

engine while sailing from Rafina to Marmari on Jul 23 (previously reported Jul 14). On board were 168 passengers, three trucks, 42 cars and three motorcycles. Following the incident, the vessel continued the voyage with reduced speed and arrived safely at Marmaris, where departure was prohibited, pending class inspection of the repairs. — Correspondent.

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See *Zhen Hua 27*.

FEDRA (Liberia)

London, Jul 27 — A Donjon Marine Co Inc news release, dated Jun 29, states: Donjon Marine Co Inc continues work on a contract awarded on Mar 24 for the wreck removal and disposal of the remnants of bulk carrier *Fedra*, which grounded and partially sank during a storm in October last year. On May 25, Donjon commenced site operations and, with support from local sub-contractors, performed vessel remediation as well as pre-cutting portions of the remaining deck house, stack and decking in preparation for the arrival of Donjon's main wreck removal flotilla and salvage crew. On Jun 8, Donjon's 400-ton capacity derrick barge *Columbia New York*, material barge *Witte 1404* and attendant tug *Atlantic Salvor* arrived in the port of Gibraltar. After three days of preparation, Donjon deployed to the site with the initial focus on the removal of all topside deck and remaining structures. Once that phase of the operation is complete, Donjon will move the remaining vessel through underwater burning, as well as with the use of a chopper beam and chain cutting.

FEHN COAST (Antigua & Barbuda)

Hamburg, Jul 29 — General cargo *Fehn Coast* had smoke in the steering gear compartment on Jun 15. The smouldering fire was extinguished by the fire department. There were no injuries. The vessel is still in port at Leer. — Lloyd's Agents.

FLYINGCAT 4 (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 27 — Ferry *Flyingcat 4* (794 gt, built 1999) had a mechanical failure during her departure from Thiras port on Jul 26. No injuries or water pollution. Vessel returned to Thiras port and from there she sailed to Iraklion port, without passengers, for repairs and class inspection. — Lloyd's Agents.

Piraeus, Jul 30 — Ferry *Flyingcat 4* completed repairs at Iraklion and after class inspection, sailed for Thiras at 0600, Jul 27. — Lloyd's Agents.

FORUM AVARUA (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jul 28 — A Pacific Forum Line notice to customers, dated Jul 24, states: General cargo *Forum Avarua* (2545 gt, built 1999) has encountered a major incident at sea. Fortunately all souls are accounted for and damage to the vessel and cargo is limited. The vessel is currently being towed to Fiji. All cargo for Apia and Pago Pago has been rebooked on general cargo *Capitaine Tasman*, voyage 0137, ex Suva, ETA Jul 27. Current arrival dates: ETA Apia Jul 30 and ETA Pago Pago Jul 31. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Forum Avarua* was moored at Suva at 0131, UTC, today.)

Sydney, Jul 28 — Surveyors are assessing the extent of damage to Pacific Forum Line's 160 teu general cargo *Forum Avarua* after an engine-room fire last week. PFL described the fire as "a major incident at sea", but said the crew was accounted for and damage to the vessel and cargo, which included fertiliser, appeared to be limited. The vessel was towed to the port of Suva. — Lloyd's List daily Commercial News.

London, Jul 30 — A Pacific Forum Line notice to customers, dated Jul 29, states: General cargo *Forum Avarua* is currently tied up in Suva and being surveyed by the owners. Various tests have been carried out, the results of which should be known by the end of the week. A meeting between the owners and various stakeholders will be held to determine final repair list and time frame. We are also considering other vessel alternatives to get your cargo to market. As you can imagine, these are taking time to work through although we are making steady progress. As soon as we have any definite news we will inform you all. Until we know when the *Forum Avarua* will be operational, we can not advise confirmed dates for the *Forum Avarua* voyage 6.

GEYLAN BEY (Turkey)

Istanbul, Jul 28 — Product tanker *Geylan Bey* is still in the same position, grounded in Uskudar Region. Reportedly she will be demolished. — Lloyd's Agents.

GEZENFER MUSABEYOV (Azerbaijan)

London, Jul 28 — General cargo *Gezenfer Musabeyov* sailed Yeisk Jul 22 and subsequently passed Istanbul 2040, Jul 25 for Mersin.

GOTLAND (Sweden)

Stockholm, Jul 23 — Passenger ro/ro *Gotland* had 1,338 passengers on board at the time of the collision with passenger ro/ro *Gotlandia II*, which had 579 passengers on board. According to the local media, 10-12 passengers were slightly injured and three to five of them were taken to the hospital. *Gotland* is reported to have minor damage to the hull. According to the local media, the hull damage to *Gotlandia II* was more severe, 20 metre long gash in the hull on the starboard side on the passenger deck. No further information as to the reason for the collision. — Lloyd's Agents.

Gothenburg, Jul 24 — Passenger ro/ro *Gotland* has been repaired and returned to service today. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kiel, Jul 25 — Passenger ro/ro *Gotlandia II* reached Norrköping this afternoon and berthed at the Omans Quay for a thorough damage survey. Meanwhile it was found out that the vessel had to alter course to avoid a collision with *Aulis* and therefore was in contact with passenger ro/ro *Gotland*. — Correspondent.

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Disruptions in ferry traffic between the island of Gotland and the Swedish mainland will continue following the Thursday collision of two passenger ferries near the port of Nynashamn. Yesterday, several departures were cancelled and the shipping company has announced continued delays. Trips between Oland and Visby as well as Oskarshamn and Visby were cancelled yesterday. Four departures were to be cancelled today, causing severe delays for thousands of

passengers. Passenger ro/ro *Gotland*, which was involved in the collision, ran as usual yesterday. "Things are looking pretty good. Now we are running on a normal schedule. Those whose trips were cancelled have hopefully been able to take later departures," said Jan-Erik Rosengren, managing director of Destination Gotland. He said that a decision will be made over the weekend regarding the schedule for next week, but they may have to cancel additional trips. Around 5,000 to 6,000 travelling between Nynashamn-Visby and Oskarshamn-Visby were stranded after the accident and faced delays of up to 10 hours.

GOTLAND II (Sweden)

Stockholm, Jul 29 — Passenger ro/ro *Gotlandia II* is currently in port at Norrköping, where they will await repair quotations from interested parties in the region. The repairs will most probably not take place in Norrköping as there is no suitable shipyard in the area. — Lloyd's Agents.

GOTLANDIA II (Sweden)

See *Gotland*.

GRAND MANAN V (Canada)

London, Jul 26 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Passenger ro/ro *Grand Manan V* (3833 gt, built 1990) returned to normal service, yesterday morning. A repair crew worked all night Thursday (Jul 23) and into early yesterday to get the 65-car *Grand Manan V* ready to return to service after the port engine broke down Sunday and again Monday. For most of this week people going to and from Grand Manan had to wait in line for the older *Grand Manan* which carries only 25 cars. "We had a problem with a piston," Coastal Transport Ltd's finance director Gregg Ryder said yesterday. The company had to replace the piston and a liner. The mechanics used the available spare parts to repair the engine following the Sunday breakdown. When it happened again the next day, the company had to order parts from the shipbuilder in the Netherlands. The shipbuilder sent someone to inspect the vessel to make sure the repair will hold this time.

H.ISMAIL KAPTANOGLU (Turkey)

London, Jul 30 — Combined chemical and oil tanker *H.Ismail Kaptanoglu* arrived Dordyol Jul 18, from Syria, and sailed Jul 27 for Aliaga.

HANJIN BRISBANE (South Korea)

London, Jul 24 — Bulk carrier *Hanjin Brisbane* sailed Hirohata Jul 22 for Australia.

HANSA STAVANGER (Germany)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy".

HORDALAND (Norway)

Oslo, Jul 29 — Following received from the owners of roll on roll off *Hordaland*: *Hordaland* stopped following the incident to check for damage, however no damage was sustained. The vessel returned to service the same day. — Lloyd's Agents.

HOSEI MARU NO.78 (Japan)

Yokohama, Jul 30 — General cargo *Hosei Maru No.78* is still aground and its salvage operations are in progress. — Lloyd's Agents.

HS ELEKTRA (Liberia)

London, Jul 24 — Crude oil tanker *HS Elektra* arrived Talcahuano Jul 22.

Santiago, Jul 27 — Crude oil tanker *HS Elektra* has been taken to Talcahuano, where it will undergo hull repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

INZHENER POPOVICH (Russia)

Novorossiysk, Jul 28 — Ferry *Inzhener Popovich* is still under repair at Rostov. — Lloyd's Agents.

IOANNIS N.K. (Panama)

London, Jul 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Twenty crew members were saved from sinking bulk carrier *Ioannis N.K.* (14498 gt, built 1977) off the west coast of South Africa, the Maritime Co-ordination Centre said today. Spokesperson Sarene Kloren said at 0600 hrs, the master of the vessel reported that she was taking on water and listing. The vessel, carrying a cargo of 22,500 tonnes of sugar, was enroute from Brazil to India. "Two Air Force helicopters were dispatched and all 20 crew were safely evacuated to Saldanha Bay. The vessel was drifting 98 nautical miles off Cape Columbine on the West Coast, near to Saldanha Bay and listing at a 45-degree angle before she sank." Tug *Smit Amandla*, from Cape Town, had been at the scene since morning and would remain to assess the situation at first light tomorrow.

London, Jul 23 — Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 1930, UTC: Bulk carrier *Ioannis N.K.*, Paranagua to India, sank in lat 32 05.6S, long 16 31.2E at 1524, UTC, today. All the crew members were safely rescued by two coast guard helicopters.

London, Jul 24 — Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0844, UTC: A Coast Guard tug is currently in the area where bulk carrier *Ioannis N.K.* sank, to ascertain any pollution.

Cape Town, Jul 24 — Bulk carrier *Ioannis N.K.* with 22,500 tons of sugar, began taking water and listing heavily, about 150 miles from Cape Town, on Jul 23. Salvage tug *Smit Amandla* attended on scene and with the assistance of a helicopter was able to rescue the crew from the vessel before sinking. The salvors are currently assessing the situation to identify whether or not a pollution risk is apparent. — Lloyd's Agents.

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan)

London, Jul 27 — General cargo *Islamabad* is still in port at Hong Kong.

JIIMAAN (Canada)

London, Jul 27 — Roll On Roll Off *Jiimaan* (2807 gt, built 1992) sustained total steering failure while departing Kingsville Harbour, Lake Erie, at 1340, Jul 23. The vessel drifted for two hours while repairs were effected, after which it resumed its voyage.

KAPITAN LUS (Malta)

London, Jul 25 — General cargo *Kapitan Lus* sailed Copenhagen Jul 22 for Liepaja.

KERCHENSKIY 2 (Ukraine)

Novorossiysk, Jul 23 — Roll On Roll Off *Kerchenskiy 2* damaged a forward fender, dent 0.3 metres, depth one metre. Light deformation of fore ramp also noted. The vessel was repaired by Jul 12 and resumed

regular service. Further damage included: Sea mooring dolphin fixed on piles in the way of berths No's.5 and 6, deformation of connection of sliding bridge and welding lines of piles. The berth was set into operation after accident, under the guarantee of ferry company operating of ferry berths (Messrs. Anros-Crimea). Repairs to the berth are planned by the owners (Rosmorport - Marine port Administration) for account of the ship owner. — Lloyd's Agents.

KILSTRAUM (Norway (Int. Register))

London, Jul 26 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1035, UTC: Combined chemical and oil tank *Kilstraum* (2894 gt, built 1988), from Immingham, had engine problems in lat 59 42.9N, long 04 27.1E at 0335, UTC, today. Vessel is currently in tow of a coast guard rescue vessel.

London, Jul 27 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Kilstraum* arrived Aagotnes, yesterday.

Kiel, Jul 28 — Combined chemical and oil tanker *Kilstraum* sustained machine damage 30 miles south-east of Marsteinen, when underway from Norrköping. The rescue vessel *Kristian Gerhard Jebsen* was called and took *Kilstraum* in tow to the Aagotnes supply base, Bergen, where it was safely delivered. The vessel is still there. — Correspondent.

Oslo, Jul 29 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Kilstraum* is presently under repair at Bergen. The vessel is expected to sail at the end of next week, possibly Aug 6. — Lloyd's Agents.

KONA WINDS (Canada)

London, Jul 23 — Passenger (cruise) *Kona Winds* (136 gt, built 1944) was in collision with yacht *Welcome Spirit*, that was at anchor in English Bay, Vancouver Harbour, B.C at 2231, PST, Jul 22.

Vancouver, Jul 27 — Yacht *Welcome Spirit* struck the stern of passenger (cruise) *Kona Winds*. There were no injuries and the yacht is apparently OK. *Kona Winds* sustained damage to stern and is at Gibsons, BC, for repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

KONGSOY (Norway)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 24 — Training *Kongsoy* (331 gt, built 1958), with 26 persons on board, ran aground in shallow water in the Danskegattet just before 2300, Jul 21. The vessel developed a list of 10 degrees after running aground. The master checked for damage and waited for high water, with ferry *Origo* standing by, before refloating without assistance. The vessel then entered port at Aalesund for an inspection. — Correspondent.

Trondheim, Jul 28 — Training *Kongsoy* (331 gt, built 1958) grounded at 2200, Jul 21, in Danskegattet, between Amsterdamoya and Danskoya, Svalbard. The vessel refloated by own power about 2-3 hours later and proceeded to Ny-Alesund, Svalbard, not Aalesund, Norway, as before reported, for diver survey, whereafter the vessel was allowed to proceed and left Ny-Alesund the same day. *Kongsoy* was observed passing Longyearbyen on Jul 24. Owners inform that present position is Isfjorden, near Longyearbyen. — Lloyd's Agents.

KOS (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 30 — On Jul 29, during her semi-plunge, floating crane *Kos* caused water pollution at the sea area of Keratsini port, over a radius of 400m². Decontamination procedures began immediately with satisfactory results. There was no injury. Local authorities are running a preliminary investigation regarding this incident and have proceeded to litigation against the ship owner. — Lloyd's Agents.

LAKE KONPIRA (Panama)

Karachi, Jul 27 — Gwader Port Authority inform that bulk carrier *Lake Konpira* grounded at Gwader outer anchorage on Jul 10 and later refloated. The vessel is now berthed and discharging her cargo. — Lloyd's Agents.

LES VIKINGS II (France)

London, Jul 24 — Following navigation warning, timed 1141, UTC, Jul 23, states: Fishing (general) *Les Vikings II* (61 gt), four persons on board, sinking in lat 45 15N, long 02 32W.

London, Jul 24 — Following received from Etel MRCC, timed 2135, UTC: Fishing (general) *Les Vikings II* was safely towed to an unknown port, yesterday.

LINDEN (Comoros)

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated today, states: Engine trouble on bulk carrier *Linden* (8341 gt, built 1977) at Sarkoy Point at 1047, local time, today. Vessel is going to drop anchor at Inceburun anchorage area, for surveys.

Istanbul, Jul 28 — Bulk carrier *Linden* had engine failure at northern entrance of Canakkale Strait on Jul 27. Vessel dropped anchor at safe anchorage place in the area nominated by traffic control station. Repairs successfully carried out by crew at noon today. State surveyors attended on board this afternoon in order to verify latest repair status and sea worthiness condition. Upon completion of other formalities, will heave up the anchor and resume to strait passage under supervision of Strait Pilot this evening. Revised ETA Iskenderun Roads Jul 31. — Correspondent.

LISSOS (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 24 — During bunkering of passenger ro/ro *Lissos* (13881 gt, built 1972) from product tanker *Mandoudhi* (453 gt, built 1965) on Jul 23, oil leaked, causing water contamination, off Piraeus, over an area of 350m². Decontamination procedures began immediately with satisfactory results. Local Authorities are running a preliminary investigation into the incident. — Lloyd's Agents.

Piraeus, Jul 29 — Passenger ro/ro *Lissos*: Oil spill (fuel) clean-up operation was completed early evening on the same day (Jul 23) and the vessel departed from Piraeus as scheduled. — Lloyd's Agents.

LORD OF THE ISLES (U.K.)

Grangemouth, Jul 24 — A Viking coupling on the pressurised fire main of passenger ro/ro *Lord of the Isles* gave way in the deckhead space of the vessel's cafeteria deck at around midnight, Jul 19. The cause of the failure was determined to be insufficient pipe supports, which has since been rectified. The resultant leakage caused water damage to the floor coverings over approximately 25% of the deck area. A

specialist company equipped with heaters, dehumidifiers and industrial vacuum units was employed to dry out the carpets. The vessel's Class and the Maritime & Coastguard Agency attended to oversee a pressure test on the fire main and the vessel was returned to service at around noon, Jul 23. — Lloyd's Agents.

LYSINGEN (Norway)

Trondheim, Jul 27 — Repair yard Sandnessjoen inform that repairs to Roll On Roll Off *Lysingen* have been completed. The vessel left the yard on Jul 23 and resumed scheduled service between Holm and Vennesund. — Lloyd's Agents.

MAHARLIKA 6 (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 29 — Understand that ferry *Maharlika 6* is still undergoing repairs at Liloan port, on Leyte island. — Correspondent.

MANDOUDHI (Greece)

See *Lissos*.

MARIA M. (Italy)

Gothenburg, Jul 28 — Chemical tanker *Maria M.* is no longer at Gothenburg. Vessel departed for Gdynia, for repairs, ETA Jul 24. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 29 — Chemical tanker *Maria M.* arrived Gdynia Jul 26.

Poznan, Jul 30 — Agents of chemical tanker *Maria M.* inform that the vessel berthed in Gdynia at 1400, Jul 26, for repairs. Reportedly repairs will last two more weeks. — Lloyd's Agents.

MCT BREITHORN (Switzerland)

Kingston, Ja, Jul 25 — Understand combined chemical and oil tank *MCT Breithorn* (12776 gt, built 2007), loaded with ethanol, is aground in lat 17 45 05N, long 77 03 22W, after sailing from Port Esquivel this morning and is seeking tug assistance for refloating. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 25 — Combined chemical and oil tank *MCT Breithorn* has no injured crew, no loss of any cargo and no ingress of water. The vessel is remaining stationary in protection of the sea bottom. When the weather calms divers will survey the situation. A plan will be put together with Class, local authorities and the vessel's technical managers for the safe use of tugs to refloat the vessel.

London, Jul 26 — Combined chemical and oil tank *MCT Breithorn*: Diver inspection revealed vessel is hard but safely aground between frame 55 and frame 175. There is no cargo leakage and no water ingress noted. Classification Society Germanischer Lloyd's vessel response analysis judged the vessel to be in no structural or stability peril. There are no injuries onboard. Classification Society and managers are examining options for freeing the vessel. Propulsion, steering, power generation and pumping capability are unimpaired. Two anchors are down and the ullage space in cargo tanks is inerted. Managers are keeping the local Jamaican authorities informed.

London, Jul 27 — Mega Chemicals Schiffhart AG, managers of Combined chemical and oil tank *MCT Breithorn*, have concluded a Lloyd's Open Form agreement with the salvage firm T&T Bisso. The vessel remains safely aground. There is no structural or stability peril and no injuries. All authorities are being kept fully informed

while a salvage plan that will safely remove the vessel is being put into place.

Kingston, Jul 29 — Combined chemical and oil tank *MCT Breithorn* is still aground in lat 17 45.5N, long 77 03 22W. Tug *Massai* has arrived to lend assistance if needed. Understand a tanker should be arriving in a few days to begin lightering operations, prior to refloating. — Lloyd's Agents.

MERIT (Bahamas)

Kiel, Jul 24 — Bulk carrier with container capacity *Merit* (30987 gt, built 1977) allided with the quay in the Industry Harbour, at Bremerhaven, in the evening of Jul 23. A hole was torn into the hull of the vessel and six tons of heavy fuel leaked out, polluting an area of 9,000 square metres. The leak has now been patched. The harbour basin was shut off with an oil barrier. Lighter vessel *Kono* commenced removal of the oil this morning. — Correspondent.

Bremen, Jul 24 — Bulk carrier with container capacity *Merit* struck the mole of the Industriefafen, Bremen during the night of Jul 23. The vessel sustained hull damage, and began leaking oil. The oil leak spread over about 9,000 square metres. Clean-up commenced at 0500 this morning and will probably be completed by tomorrow. The locks were closed for a couple of hours to prevent further spread of the oil layer. The hole in the vessel's hull has been temporarily sealed. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kiel, Jul 25 — Bulk carrier with container capacity *Merit* remained berthed in Bremen after its collision with the quay at the Industry Harbour in Bremerhaven in the evening of Jul 23. — Correspondent.

Bremen, Jul 29 — Bulk carrier with container capacity *Merit* is still under repair at Bremen. The repairs will probably be finished by the end of the day. The vessel should be back in service by the end of the week. The oil layer has been removed. — Lloyd's Agents.

MERRY FALCON (Vietnam)

Chittagong, Jul 23 — Bulk carrier *Merry Falcon* (13634 gt, built 1977) arrived at Chittagong outer anchorage with 15,666 tonnes of TSP, consigned to Desh Trading Corporation, Jan 20. Reportedly, due to some dispute in the cargo quality, consignee after taking delivery of 5,750 tonnes of TSP, did not agree to take delivery of the remaining 9,916 tonnes of cargo. Local agents Litmond Shipping Lines, Chittagong report *Merry Falcon* is presently lying at TSP jetty at Patenga, Chittagong, undertaking hatch repairs and is expected to sail next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

MIRTIDIOTISSA (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 27 — Passenger ro/ro *Mirtidiotissa* is still under arrest at Eleusis. There have been no developments in the vessel's situation. — Lloyd's Agents.

MOL PROSPERITY (Panama)

London, Jul 24 — Fully cellular containership *MOL Prosperity* sailed Singapore 2335, local time, Jul 21, for Port Klang.

MOLLENDO (Peru)

Guayaquil, Jul 28 — General cargo *Mollendo* sailed from Puerto Ayora on Jun 28, bound for San Francisco. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC ANTARES (Germany)

London, Jul 25 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Antares*, which was laden with approximately 1,600 containers bound for European ports when it grounded, arrived Sepetiba again Jul 5, sailed Jul 15 and passed Gibraltar 0937 yesterday bound Valencia.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: At 1700, today, Hugh Shaw, the Secretary of State's representative in Maritime Salvage and Interventions, lifted the temporary exclusion zone to other shipping that has been in force around the fully cellular containership *MSC Napoli* site off Branscombe since Jan 20, 2007, after the last barge set sail for Rotterdam. He said smaller vessels on site would head towards Brixham to take shelter overnight but added: "The barge is more than capable of heading back to Holland." This draws a line under the incident he said.

London, Jul 30 — A Maritime and Coastguard press release, dated today, states: Hugh Shaw, the Secretary of State's Representative for Maritime Salvage and Intervention (SOSREP) officially declared an end to the salvage and wreck removal operations of fully cellular containership *MSC Napoli* on Jul 29, 924 days after it all began. *MSC Napoli* was beached at Branscombe on Jan 20, 2007 and since then there have been several salvage and wreck removal phases aimed initially at removing her fuel oil, then her cargo and ultimately the wreck of the vessel itself. The final stage of the operations involved removing the stern section of *MSC Napoli* from the sea bed and this work was undertaken by Global Response Maritime, a salvage and wreck removal company based in Holland. They had been contracted by the P&I insurance underwriters, The London P&I Club, to lift the final section from the sea bed, cut it up, and remove the scrap to an approved disposal contractor. Following completion, a multi-beam survey of the seabed was carried out to clearly demonstrate that there was no further risk to safety or risk of pollution from hazardous substances. This has now been successfully completed and the contractors, their barges and tugs have now left the site to return to Holland, well ahead of the expected completion schedule of the end of August.

NAUTICA QUEEN (U.S.A.)

Chicago, Jul 23 — Oil from one of passenger vessel (unspecified) *Nautica Queen*'s engines reportedly leaked onto some hot equipment, causing a large amount of smoke. The smoke then shut down the engine that drives the propellers. The vessel went adrift in the lake for a short time, and a strong current pushed the vessel into the Port Authority dock. One female passenger complained of minor injuries and was taken to hospital for observation. Officials are still investigating why the mechanical failure occurred. There is currently no disruption in the vessel's schedule. — Lloyd's Agents.

NEW CALEDONIA

New Caledonia, Jul 28 — Since yesterday Noumea terminal has been locked by pickets, with containers put in front of entry doors, due to strike by USTKE union. — Lloyd's Agents.

NYK THEMIS (Panama)

London, Jul 28 — Fully cellular containership *NYK Themis* sailed Southampton 2240, Jul 24 for Le Havre.

OCEAN DELTA (Canada)

Montreal, Jul 27 — Tug/icebreaker *Ocean Delta* has completed permanent repairs and is back in service, in the port of Quebec. — Lloyd's Agents.

OCEAN KING 2 (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 28 — The Philippine Coast Guard reported that the Philippine-registered passenger ro/ro *Ocean King 2* (498 gt), beached itself near Benit pier in San Ricardo town, Leyte province, this afternoon. The vessel had originated from Lipata port in Surigao City with 121 passengers and 26 crew as well as 112.01 tonnes of rolling cargo. The vessel, which was bound for Liloan port, encountered strong winds and waves while passing near Maasin, Leyte. The rough seas broke the lashing of the vehicles in the rolling cargo hold causing these to slide towards the starboard side of the vessel. The sudden shift of the rolling cargo, caused the vessel to list 80 degrees to starboard. The heavy listing caused seawater to enter the starboard side. To save the *Ocean King 2*, the master diverted to Benit pier. As the vessel manoeuvred to dock at the pier, the engines backing gears failed to engage. The master then decided to beach the vessel and dropped the port and starboard anchors about 20 metres from the pier. The passengers were then disembarked and ferried to the pier using the vessel's eight liferafts. All passengers reached the pier safely. The Coast Guard said that the vessel is being monitored for a possible oil spill. The vessel is owned and operated by Mandaue City-based Sea Marine Transport Corp. — Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 29 — The Philippine Coast Guard said that it had asked the owner of the beached passenger ro/ro *Ocean King 2* to remove the vessel from its grounded position 20 metres from the Benit port, in Leyte province. The Coast Guard said that while the vessel does not represent a hazard to navigation in its present position, there is a danger that an oil spill could occur if the vessel's hull is breached. An oil spill could destroy the fishing grounds around town. Coast Guard officials in Leyte said that the owner of the vessel was finalising arrangements with a salvor to refloat and remove the vessel. In the meantime, the Coast Guard has laid a precautionary oil spill boom around the stricken vessel. — Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 30 — The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) reported that it suspended the maritime safety certificate of the beached passenger ro/ro *Ocean King 2* yesterday. The suspension is intended to "ground" the vessel and allow an onboard inspection by the MARINA. A MARINA inspection team is now in Benit Port trying to determine the cause of the accident. — Correspondent.

OCEAN SKY (Norway)

Trondheim, Jul 29 — Owners of anchor handling tug/supply *Ocean Sky* now estimate to complete repairs by the middle of next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

OLGA-1 (Cambodia)

London, Jul 28 — General cargo *Olga-1*, Tuzla for Rostov, passed Istanbul 0115, Jul 26.

OMG KOLPINO (Marshall Islands)

Bristol, Jul 28 — General cargo *OMG Kolpino* sailed Avonmouth on Jul 25, under the name *Vivara*. Understand from the vessel's agents that the vessel was sold to Nova Marine. — Lloyd's Agents.

PEARL MIST (Canada)

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated today, states: The new Nova Scotia-built luxury passenger (cruise) *Pearl Mist* (5073 gt, built 2009) is heading back to Halifax for repairs after failing sea trials off Shelburne, this week. Pearl Seas Cruises of Guilford, Conn., was supposed to take delivery of the Irving Shipyard-built *Pearl Mist* in May 2008, but a spokeswoman for the cruise line said yesterday it now looks like it will be next May before the ship will be available for passenger service. "Due to deficiencies and delays, we have now had to cancel our spring 2010 Caribbean schedule," Jennifer Cody said. "We are offering passengers the option of a full refund on their deposits or rebooking for a later cruise." Ms. Cody could not say how many passengers are affected. A Pearl Seas news release yesterday said the *Pearl Mist* was on its way back to Halifax to correct deficiencies "that were not in compliance with the requirements of the shipbuilding contract or regulatory authorities."

PEMBA (Tanzania)

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Roll On Roll Off *Pemba* (499 gt, built 1981) was gutted by fire at Dar es Salaam harbour yesterday. According to Infrastructure Development Ministry permanent secretary Omar Chambo the fire started at around 1000 hrs when *Pemba*, operated by Azam Marine, was undergoing maintenance at Dar es Salaam port. It took more than four hours for fire fighters from city fire brigade and TPA to extinguish the fire. (Note — *Pemba* was last reported to have arrived Dar es Salaam Jun 22.)

Dar es Salaam, Jul 29 — Roll On Roll Off *Pemba* had fire break out while undergoing maintenance at Dar es Salaam Port. Fire extinguished after four hours by port and city fire fighters and no injuries have been reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

PERKA (Liberia)

London, Jul 26 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS tug *Med Fos* (towing combined chemical and oil tanker *Perka*) was in lat 36 33 19N, long 13 25 31E, at 2344, Jul 25, course 108.5 degrees, speed 4.5 knots, bound Piraeus.

PETROZAVODSK (Russia)

Trondheim, Jul 30 — The Norwegian Coastal Authority inform that the British company Titan Salvage commenced emptying reefer *Petrozavodsk* to avoid the possibility of pollution. Quantities removed said to be about 34,450 litres of oil products - diesel and lub.oil - as well as 800 kgs of freon and bottles with oxygen. The operation was stopped in the afternoon Jul 20 due to bad weather (wind and rough sea) when 1,500/2,000 litres of diesel remained on board. This small quantity is considered

not to be a risk of severe pollution. Titan Salvage estimate that removal of the quantity remaining on board might require two days. The bad weather is, however, forecast to continue. — Lloyd's Agents.

PIERRE LD (France (Int. Register))

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Bulk carrier *Pierre LD* (89076 gt, built 2005) struck a pier at Vale SA's Guaiba island iron ore terminal on Jul 25, a company official said today. The vessel hit the walkway between the shore and the berth at between 1600 and 1700, local time, said Alain Coatanhay, fleet general manager at Louis Dreyfus, the vessel's operator. "The damage to the vessel is very limited," Coatanhay said today. "I can't say what the damage to the pier was."

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Brazilian iron ore producer Vale said that all ship-loading operations have been stopped at its Ilha Guaiba Terminal in Rio de Janeiro state after bulk carrier *Pierre LD* struck a pier on Jul 25.

PINE TRADER (Panama)

London, Jul 28 — Understand bulk carrier *Pine Trader* is under arrest at Cape Town.

PNOC EMILIO JACINTO (Philippines)

London, Jul 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Operations of damaged product tanker *PNOC Emilio Jacinto* (2526 gt, built 2007), owned by state-owned Philippine National Oil Corp.-Shipping & Transport Corp., have been restored with a P30-million claim from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). The GSIS, one of the country's leading non-life insurer and reinsurer, has already turned over P30-million in insurance claim to PSTC for the repair of its vessel, *PNOC Emilio Jacinto*. PSTC filed a P30-million claim from the GSIS after the main engine of one of its insured vessels was damaged after unloading petroleum products in General Santos City. The vessel, which was bought in February last year by PSTC from Hong Kong-based Prime Capital Equities Ltd., began its trading operation in April 2008 carrying petroleum products. It reported damage to its main engine May of the same year.

PORT DE BEYROUTH (Netherlands)

Kiel, Jul 25 — Pusher tug *Port de Beyrouth*, 236 dwt, built 1955, caught fire 1700, Jul 23 at the Delta Hijs-en Hefwerktuigen, Zaandam. The fire brigade was busy the whole night trying to tackle the fire first with water, then with foam. The fire was extinguished 0830 hrs the next day. The tug was completely gutted. — Correspondent.

PRIMO STEALTH (Greece)

Montreal, Jul 27 — Crude oil tanker *Primo Stealth* (58418 gt, built 2005) experienced turbo-charger problems prior to its arrival at Come by Chance, and anchored after discharging its cargo on Jul 25-26, to await parts. All the parts were ordered and on hand for repairs, except one bearing retainer plate which has to be sourced today. A turbo-charger technician from the manufacturers also attended the vessel and was unable to identify the cause at the time

of the survey. Completion of repairs is dependent on delivery of the bearing retainer plate, but is most likely to be Jul 29. — Lloyd's Agents.

PROMITHEAS (Greece)

London, Jul 25 — Following received from Coastguard Yarmouth MRCC, timed 1146, Jul 25: Crude oil tanker *Promitheas* (66919 gt, built 2006) was in contact with combined bulk and oil carrier *Searose G.* (45593 gt, built 1994) off Southwold, Suffolk, at 0800, UTC, Jul 25, during approaches for STS operations. Both vessels anchored safely to inspect damage. *Promitheas* has 4.5 m by 30 cm gash in port side ballast tank. *Searose G.* has minor damage to bulwarks, railings and fairleads. Vessels are awaiting further inspection before orders from owners/agents.

Hull, Jul 27 — Crude oil tanker *Promitheas* and combined bulk and oil carrier *Searose G.* underwent surveys throughout yesterday, and understand that engineers are attending today to carry out further investigations. Understand *Promitheas* has sustained damage in way of a ballast tank and *Searose G.* sustained superficial damage to its handrails and accommodation ladder. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 30 — Crude oil tanker *Promitheas* arrived Rotterdam 2020, Jul 28 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS combined bulk and oil carrier *Searose G.* was still at anchor off Southwold at 0158, UTC, today.

RIO HUELVA UNO (Spain)

Dakar, Jul 29 — Fishing (general) *Rio Huelva Uno* is still under arrest. As per ship's agent, next destination should be Nouakchott. — Lloyd's Agents.

RIONI (Bolivia)

London, Jul 29 — Nine crew members are currently stuck on reefer *Rioni* (1315 gt, built 1962) at Banana, a port in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with little food or water. One seafarer has already died. The crew was originally told by the ship's owner that they would be sailing from Ukraine to Turkey, Boris Veishtort, head of the Kerch Merchant Fleet & Fishery Trade Union, told Ukrainian reporters. "They were promised work on the Ukraine-Turkey route but were sent to Angola with a cargo of meat," Veishtort said. "On the way the refrigerator broke down." Veishtort said the Georgian shipowner has refused to fly the victim's body back to Kerch or pay the crew. Exacerbating the situation, there is no Ukrainian embassy or consulate in the country, he said.

RUBY PRINCESS (Bermuda)

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Five people suffering from swine flu have been discovered on board passenger (cruise) *Ruby Princess* (113561 gt, built 2008) that docked in Greece. The master of the vessel, operated by Princess Cruises, asked doctors working with the Greek government to inspect the vessel after it arrived in the port of Piraeus from Turkey today. Health Ministry officials say the five cases were found among the 3,393 passengers and 1,196 crew members aboard the ship. The sick people were kept in their cabins, but everyone else was allowed to disembark. Officials used the case to announce that cruise ship schedules will not be affected this summer because of swine

flu, but that state doctors will be available to check passengers for flu symptoms - either at a captain's request or the government's. The *Ruby Princess* is scheduled to leave for Venice, this evening.

London, Jul 26 — A press report, dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) *Ruby Princess*, packed with British tourists and hit by swine flu, was briefly "impounded" by Italian authorities today. The vessel, carrying 3,393 passengers and 1,196 crew docked in Venice and was immediately surrounded by health officials and Coast Guards. Yesterday, it emerged that five cases of H1N1 had been confirmed among passengers and crew when it arrived in the port of Piraeus and today Italian health officials said two more people had been diagnosed. An official with the Maritime Health Agency in Venice said that three passengers — an American, a Mexican and a German — had been confirmed while the other four were crew. He added that the Mexican and German would be taken off and treated ashore, while the American and the crew members were making good progress and would be allowed to remain on the vessel. When the *Ruby Princess* arrived in Venice today the Captain was told that passengers would not be able to disembark until health officials had been on board to carry out checks. A medical team then went on board and after an hour examining passengers and crew the Captain was given the all clear to allow holidaymakers off for a sightseeing trip around Venice.

SALVALIANT (Singapore)

Piraeus, Jul 23 — On Jul 1, Tsavlis Salvage (International) Ltd undertook the salvage of barge *Margaret*, laden with 12 Rhine container barges and two floating docks, which had stranded off Saldanha Bay, South Africa, following breakaway, while under towage (by salvage tug *Salvaliant*). However, due to complications associated with the casualty ownership and lack of insurance, the contractual relationship was terminated on Jul 10. — Tsavlis Salvage (International) Ltd.

SEAROSE G. (Bahamas)

See *Promitheas*.

SEHIT ADEM YAVUZ (Turkey)

Istanbul, Jul 27 — Ferry *Sehit Adem Yavuz* has reportedly already commenced her regular voyages between Karakoy Pier and Kadikoy Pier, Istanbul. — Lloyd's Agents.

SEN. JOHN J. MARCHI (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Sen. John J. Marchi* will drydock at Virginia to replace a faulty transformer blamed in the Jul 1 power failure during docking, which injured dozens of passengers and touched off several lawsuits against the city. In the wake of the *Sen. John J. Marchi* hard landing, which sent 15 people to the hospital and was featured in world-wide media reports, technicians from Siemens, the manufacturer of some of the ferry's electrical components, have been flown in from Germany. They are here to analyze data from the vessel's computers, in an attempt to figure out what caused the problem. U.S. Coast Guard investigators believe the loss of power caused the boat automatically to reboot its motors while the ferry was pulling into Slip 5 at St. George.

Sen. John J. Marchi was originally was due for drydocking in September, as part of the ferry's routine maintenance regimen, but arrived in Norfolk Wednesday (Jul 22) night. *Sen. John J. Marchi* is expected to stay for 45 days, during which a hole will be cut in the deck to install a \$150,000 replacement transformer. Ferry Chief James DeSimone said the transformer problem seems to be unique to *Sen. John J. Marchi*, though its sister ships also will be checked in that respect. The exact cause of the incident is still being investigated, and Siemens technicians have sent data to Germany for analysis. A forensic examination of the transformer will also be done to determine what caused the equipment to fail. *Sen. John J. Marchi* has had a transformer replaced before, but this is the first time the failure of one has knocked out the other three, which caused the propulsion failure. "We're trying to understand why, because that wasn't supposed to happen," DeSimone said. Because the boat was approaching the slip at the time, the loss of propulsion to the front propeller meant there was no "brake" to slow the boat, which then jolted against the slip before making the hard landing. Investigators have proposed reprogramming the boat's computers to change the automatic reboot, Johnson said. A review of the incident found the crew responded flawlessly while trying to slow the boat.

SENCKENBERG (Germany)

Kiel, Jul 29 — Research *Senckenberg* (165 gt, built 1976) ran aground near the Kugelbake, off Cuxhaven at 0930, Jul 28. The vessel got stuck during the outgoing tide and lay high and dry on the stony bottom some time later. The ship had been busy with research duties near the longitudinal dyke and according to investigations the coxswain misjudged the current during some sounding work and the ship was pushed aground near a shallow. The rescue boat *Hermann Marwede* proceeded and remained on standby, but *Senckenberg* refloated with the rising tide. It subsequently entered the port of Cuxhaven for investigations, where it was to be slipped up for a thorough survey of hull and propulsion. — Correspondent.

SERENATA (Panama)

London, Jul 29 — Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, VA, timed 1414, UTC: Bulk carrier *Serenata* (39736 gt, built 2006) had a fire in a cabin at 0843, UTC, Jul 28, while anchored at Lamberts Point, off Newport News. The fire was extinguished quickly. The vessel is still anchored, pending a Class inspection.

SHAHEEN (Panama)

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated Jul 25, states: Officials managed to get on board general cargo *Shaheen* yesterday, for the first time. Port officer Captain Swamy, along with customs and police officials, took a look at the vessel. The earlier attempts by the port authorities to reach the vessel had failed due to bad weather. Captain Swamy said that the officials did not find any substance in the vessel which could pose threat to coastal security. He said that the vessel needed clearance from the Marine Mercantile Department before it leaves the island. The vessel is yet to be examined by divers for damage assessment

SINAR AGRA (Singapore)

London, Jul 29 — Combined chemical and oil tanker *Sinar Agra* arrived Singapore 1400, Jul 25.

SKO

Manila, Jul 24 — Unknown *Sko* is currently at PKS Shipyard, in Tayud town, Consolacion, Cebu province. — Correspondent.

SONG CHENG (China)

Yokohama, Jul 29 — Fully cellular containership *Song Cheng* (9683 gt, built 1987) ran aground in shallow water in lat 33 56.8N, long 130 52.2E, at 1653, Jul 28. The vessel refloated at 2335 the same day, with tug assistance, and proceeded to Mutsure. No hull damage was found. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 30 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *Song Cheng* was in lat 33 58 03N, long 131 00 34E, Tanoura, at 0227, UTC, today, and reported not under command.

SPEEDRUNNER II (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 27 — Passenger ro/ro *Speedrunner II* (3971 gt, built 1996) sustained a failure to the operation system of her anchor while sailing from Thira to Piraeus on Jul 26. There was no injury or water pollution. Repairs were effected at Thira and after class inspection, the vessel sailed, same day, for Piraeus. — Lloyd's Agents.

STAPELMOOR (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Engine trouble on general cargo with container capacity *Stapelmoor* (2164 gt, built 2006) in front of Canakkale Lighthouse at 1845, local time, today. She is going to drop anchor at Karanlik Liman point with tug assistance, for repairs to her engine and departure formalities.

Istanbul, Jul 29 — General cargo with container capacity *Stapelmoor* entered the Canakkale strait from the southern entrance for transit passage on Jul 28, experienced steering gear system failure at Kepez area and drifted towards the shore at 1800 hrs. The Strait Authority sent a tug to the scene and the area was declared a restricted zone for all vessel traffic. The vessel subsequently dropped anchor at Karanlik Liman anchorage, under supervision of a coastal safety tug. The vessel's transit passage status was cancelled by the Strait Authority and a fine imposed due to breach of "Safe Strait Passage Regulation". Repairs were effected by the crew and state surveyors attended on board this morning in order to confirm the latest repair status. Upon completion of formalities, together with payment of imposed fine, the vessel heaved up anchor and resumed strait passage, under supervision of pilot, at 1410, today. *Stapelmoor* is due at the southern entrance of the Istanbul strait early Jul 30. — Correspondent.

STAR BETA (Marshall Islands)

London, Jul 25 — Bulk carrier *Star Beta* arrived Singapore at 2100, Jul 4 and sailed at 1546, Jul 5.

STOLT PETREL (U.K.)

London, Jul 24 — Chemical tanker *Stolt Petrel* sailed Antwerp 1648, local time, Jul 21, for Tees.

SULU WIND (Liberia)

Chittagong, Jul 29 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Sulu Wind* is presently lying at Chittagong outer anchorage under attachment since Jul 1. Combined chemical and oil tank *Chang An 1* is also lying at Chittagong outer anchorage since Jun 30. Reportedly she lost one anchor during collision and awaiting for spare anchor to arrive on board as stated by her agents, Rainbow Shipping Line, Chittagong. — Lloyd's Agents.

SUPER JET (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 28 — Ferry *Super Jet* (499 gt, built 1995) sustained damage to the parapet, which is at the fore part of the vessel, (an abruption occurred) while sailing from Piraeus to Milos on Jul 27. There was no injury or water pollution. The vessel is currently at Milos awaiting repairs and class inspection. — Lloyd's Agents.

SUPER LADY (Malta)

London, Jul 26 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1615, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Super Lady* (56204 gt, built 2000), inbound from Spain loaded with 400,00 barrels of fuel oil, ran aground at Light 45, Houston Ship Channel, at 1400, UTC, Jul 25. Vessel refloated with assistance of three tugs at 1516, UTC, Jul 25, and proceeded to Houston Fuel Oil Terminal. No damage reported. (Note — *Super Lady* sailed Algeciras Jun 30.)

SVITZER BEDFORD (Canada)

London, Jul 26 — Tug *Svitzer Bedford* sailed Becancour 1824, Jul 24 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 48 10 32N, long 69 31W, course 27.7 degrees, speed 5.3 knots.

TACLOBAN PRINCESS (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 24 — The Maritime Industry Authority said that the fire which consumed passenger ro/ro *Tacloban Princess* was most likely caused by sparks from cutting and welding operations accidentally setting fire to nearby flammable materials. The vessel was undergoing repairs at Villono Marine Services Shipyard in Consolacion when it caught fire on Jul 4. Officials from Villono Marine Services said that their workers were not involved in the repairs, as they had only rented out dry dock space to *Tacloban Princess*. The vessel's owners had carried out the repairs with their own people. — Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 26 — Officials at Villono Marine Services Shipyard in Consolacion town, Cebu, report that passenger ro/ro *Tacloban Princess* was so badly damaged by the fire on Jul 4, that it would no longer be repaired. Officials said that the ship, which was dry-docked at the shipyard when it caught fire, was completely destroyed. "The upper deck had collapsed onto the lower decks while the steel side shells were completely charred," a shipyard official said. Officials said that her owner had decided to scrap the vessel. *Tacloban Princess* will now be dismantled. — Correspondent.

TE HSING (Panama)

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated Jul 24, states: Rescue teams are still working to find 16 crew members of bulk carrier *Te Hsing* (16507 gt, built 1977), who went

missing in Sulawesi waters after the vessel caught fire a week ago. Lt Col Retarto, commander of the Naval Base in Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, said that the Navy assisted in the search by deploying a patrol aircraft and a warship. *Te Hsing* had been reported missing before it was found partially burnt in Sulawesi waters last Wednesday (Jul 22). The vessel sailed Samarinda three days earlier for China, with a cargo of 25,000 tonnes of coal. Eight members of its crew, a Chinese, a Myanmar and six Indonesian nationals, were saved by fast attack craft *Badik*. The missing crew members include 10 Myanmar, three Indonesian, two Taiwanese and a Chinese national.

London, Jul 27 — According to the Kaohsiung operators of bulk carrier *Te Hsing*, the vessel has had a fire on board and at 0800, local time, today was in lat 02 42N, long 123 05E.

London, Jul 27 — Following received from the operators of bulk carrier *Te Hsing*, dated today: *Te Hsing* had a fire on board at around 1730, Jul 12. Eight crew members were rescued by liquid natural gas carrier *Tangguh Foja* and 16 others who abandoned the vessel in liferafts are still missing.

Jakarta, Jul 28 — Bulk carrier *Te Hsing* caught fire at Toli, Central Sulawesi, Jul 12. Eight crew rescued; 16 missing. — Lloyd's Agents.

TIDEDRONNINGEN (Norway)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 27 — Passenger (cruise) *Tidedronningen* (900 gt, built 2009) had a blackout, causing a loss of engine power and steering, forcing her to anchor before passengers were transferred to another vessel to take ashore, today. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Tidedronningen* 1.7 nautical miles from Oslo at 1025, UTC, Jul 27, speed 4.6 knots.)

Oslo, Jul 29 — Passenger (cruise) *Tidedronningen* experienced problems with one propeller, due to instrument settings. The problem was fixed immediately and the vessel is now back in service. — Lloyd's Agents.

TIDEKONGEN (Norway)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 27 — Passenger (cruise) *Tidekongen* (900 gt, built 2009) had propeller problems while entering Oslofjord today and was unable to go alongside. — Correspondent. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Tidekongen* 1.6 nautical miles from Oslo at 1038, UTC, Jul 27, speed 1.8 knots.)

Sandnes, Jul 27 — Passenger (cruise) *Tidekongen* had engine blackout on both motors at 0750, local time, today, while under way from Nesodden to Oslo. The vessel anchored quickly and there was no danger for the passengers or vessel. *Tidekongen* will be repaired and is likely back in service tomorrow. — Correspondent.

Oslo, Jul 29 — The engine of passenger (cruise) *Tidekongen* stopped in the middle of the fjord between Nesodden and Oslo. The vessel dropped anchor and the passengers were transferred to another ferry. The vessel's operator said that the problem was due to the settings of the instruments. The vessel is now back in service. — Lloyd's Agents.

TINA RAE (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 26 — Fishing (general) *Tina Rae* (110 gt, built 1981) was in collision with catamaran *Locura*, approximately 12 nautical miles east of Cape Hatteras at about 0300, Jul 21. *Tina Rae* subsequently sank. Coast Guard watchstanders deployed a Station Hatteras Inlet 47-foot rescue boat crew after they received distress calls on the radio and picked up an alert from the *Locura's* Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacon. The two people aboard the 44-foot *Locura* recovered all four people from the 67-foot *Tina Rae* with no medical issues. Captain A.L. Milliken, the sister ship of *Tina Rae*, was nearby and picked up *Tina Rae's* crew from *Locura* to bring them back to port. The *Locura* was damaged in the collision, but was still able to proceed on its own power. The Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the collision.

TOR FREESIA (Sweden)

Kiel, Jul 25 — Passenger ro/ro *Tor Freesia* (32289 gt, built 2005) today a section of the vessel capsized at the MWB Yard in Bremerhaven. The vessel is like its sister vessels, it is currently being lengthened and had therefore been cut in two to insert a new midbody. When the bow section was towed out of the dock, it started to list and crashed against the side of the dock. The accident may have been caused by strong winds. No one was hurt. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Jul 27 — The 100m foreship section of passenger ro/ro *Tor Freesia*, was finally towed out of floating dock V, in the Kaiser Harbour, Bremerhaven on Jul 26 by tugs *Arion* and *Wolf*, to give way for the new midbody. The yard MWB lost at least one day due to the accident on Jul 25, while it has only one month for each "stretching contract". The cause of the sudden list is still under investigation by the police, to discover whether it was caused by a fault in the ballast water system or simply bad weather. — Correspondent.

TOSCANA (Malta)

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated Jul 22, states: A vessel registered in Malta was caught out dumping something at sea in the middle of an international sea sanctuary. Bulk carrier *Toscana* (25719 gt, built 1997) was noticed first on Jul 9 some 10 miles north of the Marciana Marina harbour on the island of Elba by the crew of the German ship *MS Thales*. The area is an international sea sanctuary for whales under the jurisdiction of France, Italy and Monaco. The German ship is allied to the international organisation GreenOcean and the Italian Legambiente monitoring the extent of plastic found in the sea. The photos taken from the German ship show that the cranes on board the *Toscana* were working in open sea. That something strange was going on is also apparent from what the German crew call attempts to ram them by the *Toscana*. In a report sent to Legambiente, the German crew said that although the *Toscana* was not moving in the sea, its anchor was not down nor did it seem disabled. When examined by means of binoculars, the crew on board the *Toscana* were noticed jettisoning 16ft containers into the sea. But as soon as the German ship changed route so as to observe better, the crew on board the *Toscana* noticed the manoeuvre and with binoculars examined the German ship. Then the *Toscana* began

moving in a way that would have brought her in collision with the German ship. Twice the German ship had to change direction and twice the *Toscana* changed its direction, as if it was intent on ramming it. It was only through the ability of the German crew that the collision did not take place. As the two ships were passing each other with a very short distance between them, the German crew noticed that one of the cranes was still not returned to the upright position, possibly to continue to jettison more containers once the German ship was out of sight.

TSC SUPREME (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Jul 27 — Understand that supply *TSC Supreme* (572 gt, built 1976) sank on Jun 23, after colliding with an offshore platform, which caused holing to her hull, at the Bull Hanine field off Qatar. The crew of about 30 managed to get to the platform safely.

ULLENSVANG (Norway)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 30 — Roll On Roll Off *Ullensvang* (2871 gt, built 1986), with 58 persons on board, had an engine problem while approaching Halhjem (lat 60 08 48N, long 05 26 17E), yesterday. — Correspondent.

London, Jul 30 — A press report, dated today, states: Roll On Roll Off *Ullensvang* had a fuel oil problem while approaching Halhjem yesterday which caused the vessel to lightly ground. Parts were sent to the vessel and the vessel was operational in three hours. Divers inspected the vessel and no damage was found.

URANUS (Germany)

Kiel, Jul 26 — Anchor handling tug *Uranus* (2775 gt, built 2009) which is currently under construction at the Muetzfeldt Yard in Cuxhaven for Harms Salvage, departed from the Blohm & Voss Yard back to Cuxhaven in the afternoon of Jul 23. The vessel had been forced to be dry dock in Hamburg for some days due to ongoing problems to her propulsion which could not be solved in Cuxhaven. After some trials, the ship re-entered its building yard at 1800, Jul 25 and berthed at the fitting out quay. — Correspondent.

VIKING (U.K.)

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated today, states: Understand passenger ro/ro *Viking* (4662 gt, built 1997), Liverpool for The Azores, arrived Falmouth Jul 25, for repairs to her bow. (Note — *Viking* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, remains at Falmouth at 1849, today.)

London, Jul 28 — Passenger ro/ro *Viking* departed Liverpool on the afternoon of Jul 23 bound for the Azores with an expected ETA late Jul 25. However, *Viking* was reported to be heading for Falmouth on the afternoon of Jul 24 from a south westerly direction at reduced speed which indicated it had turned back towards the UK. A report in a Portuguese newspaper indicates *Viking* was holed in the bow.

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated Jul 27, states: The damage to Passenger ro/ro *Viking*, sustained in heavy weather, has been repaired and it is waiting for the weather to improve before resuming its voyage to Ponta Delgada.

London, Jul 29 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, passenger ro/ro *Viking* remains in port at Falmouth at 2007, today.

VOLGO-DON 5075 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 27 — General cargo *Volgo-Don 5075* (4022 gt, built 1978), Aleksandrovsk to Cherepovets, ran aground at the 599km mark of the Volgo-Balt canal, in the Shekna reservoir at 1530, Jul 24. There was no water ingress or pollution. At 2000, Jul 25, the rescue services started transferring vessel's cargo to barges *OT-2429* and *PK-895* which was completed by the morning of Jul 26. — Correspondent.

WALTER HAGESTAD (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 24 — Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 1406, UTC: Tug *Walter Hagestad* (539 gt, built 1978) grounded at mile marker 225, Illinois River, at about 0347, UTC, Jul 24. The vessel refloated around three hours later, with tug assistance. No damage was reported.

WEC DALI (U.K.)

London, Jul 29 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS fully cellular containership *WEC Dali* was still moored at Malaga, at 0031, UTC, today.

YM INCEPTION (Liberia)

London, Jul 25 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, fully cellular containership *YM Inception* is reported stationary 1.7 nautical miles from Port Fouad at 0334, today.

Port Said, Jul 26 — Fully cellular containership *YM Inception*: The Environmental Authority has cleaned the oil pollution and demanded two million Egyptian pounds from vessel's agents in return. The agents have paid and the vessel is now effecting necessary repairs to refuel. — Lloyd's Agents.

Port Said, Jul 27 — Fully cellular containership *YM Inception*: Please note that the quay of the Suez Canal Container Terminal at East Port Said is designed as what is known as the Fork Design for quays. This design allows water to penetrate under the quay. This penetration has taken some of the oil spill caused by the above-mentioned vessel under the quay. Some of this oil is beginning to come out with the water current, thus coming into contact with the sides of vessels berthing at said port. Complaints have been filed by these vessels for compensation. Port Said Port Authorities are still investigating the matter. — Lloyd's Agents.

Alexandria, Jul 28 — Fully cellular containership *YM Inception* is still at the Suez Canal Container Terminal. She will probably remain there for a few more days until the fuel oil polluting the surrounding sea is cleaned up. Her hull shell plating sustained two cuts, one of which penetrated the inside plating resulting in a slight dent. The fuel tank was also cut leading to the release of oil into the surrounding sea. No repairs have yet started. They will commence when the polluted sea is cleaned up. At present the intentions for repairs are vague. She may put into Port Said Shipyard for temporary repairs. The vessel has been jointly arrested by The Suez Canal Authority and Port Said Port Authority for environmental damage (polluting the sea with fuel oil). A very large Letter of Guarantee is expected to be handed to the

authorities after the pollution is cleared in order to lift the arrest of the vessel. — Lloyd's Agents.

YSELSTROOM (Netherlands)

Kiel, Jul 25 — The tug *Ysselstroom* was towed upstream bound for Rotterdam yesterday. The vessel was towed by tug *Frigga* after the wreck was recently recovered at Peterhead. The *Ysselstroom* had sunk on Jun 14 near the entrance to Peterhead harbour while assisting the barge *Tak Boa 1*, carrying a cargo of stone from Sweden into the port. The vessel had remained partly submerged for a short time and then sank in about 80 ft of water about 500 yards from the harbour entrance. — Correspondent.

ZEELAND (Netherlands)

London, Jul 30 — A press report, dated Jul 28, states: Fish factory *Zeeland* (6128 gt, built 1989) had a fire on board during maintenance activities at the herring port, Ymuiden, on Jul 27. Extinguished same day by crew. One man treated by ambulance staff for possible breathing problems. (Note — According to LMIU AIS, at 0911, today, *Zeeland* was stationary at Ymuiden.)

ZHEN HUA 27 (Hong Kong)

Santos, Jul 24 — Semi-sub HL vessel *Zhen Hua 27* (38255 gt, built 1989), leaving Santos port (with a pilot on board) to Itajai, was in contact with the bow of ferry *FB 24*, which was still berthed with 62 cars and motorcycles, at about 2000, Jul 23. She also hit three small boats, two of them sank (one already rescued). No one was injured. Damages to the vehicles on board *FB 24* were also reported. At Santos end, two of the three ferry berth points were damaged and currently out of operation. The vessel was ordered to stay at Santos outer roads while the harbour-master investigates the accident. — Lloyd's Agents.

Santos, Jul 27 — Semi-sub HL vessel *Zhen Hua 27*, collision with ferry *FB 24*: *Zhen Hua 27* is still anchored at outer roads waiting for harbour-master/class surveyor inspections, in order to conclude what happened and clear her for sailing or not. The inspections could not be done before because of bad weather. — Lloyd's Agents.

Santos, Jul 28 — Due to bad weather, semi-sub HL vessel *Zhen Hua 27* has not been inspected. Vessel is anchored at the outer roads for class / harbour-master inspections. — Lloyd's Agents.



SOMALIA

London, Jul 24 — Somali pirates may be adopting new “pack tactics”, with reports that Yemeni armed forces have beaten back an attack on a Yemeni oil tanker staged by 14 pirate boats that were working together. Western security sources in the region confirmed that some form of engagement did take place on Tuesday afternoon (Jul 21), and did involve the exchange of gunfire, but were unable to verify specific details of claims being made by official Yemeni media outlets. According to the

state-owned news agency Saba, the vessel at the centre of the incident was *Yemen Oil 7*, which was en route from Aden to Hodeidah at the time. Following naval intervention, the attackers were beaten back. A private security consultant based in the Gulf of Aden said: “The Yemen tankers are very high-risk vessels and there is more than one organisation that tries to create problems for them. That is why they always have armed teams and escorts.” Meanwhile, 12 Somali suspected pirates have been charged with hijacking a Yemeni oil tanker earlier this year, Yemeni authorities said. The country is in the process of prosecuting 22 other Somalis, who have been handed over to Yemen by international naval forces.

London, Jul 24 — Shigeru Ito, director-general of Japan's maritime bureau, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, has praised national legislators as two Japanese warships prepare to help protect international shipping off Somalia. New legislation, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law and the Sea, that enables the Japanese government to punish acts of piracy and protect ships regardless of their nationality, takes effect today. Although Japan's escort operation has up to now been limited to ships that have a connection with Japan, the new legislation enables the government to protect vessels regardless of their nationality from acts of piracy.

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: The Turkish military says its navy commandos aboard the Turkish frigate *Gediz*, raided a Somali pirates' skiff and captured five of them. The Turkish frigate, a part of a UN-led force to prevent pirates from hijacking foreign ships off the coast of Somalia, captured the pirates who were feared to be preparing to seize another ship today.

Mogadishu, Jul 28 — The imminent release of 24 hostages on board fully cellular containership *Hansa Stavanger* hijacked off Somalia in April has been delayed after pirates demanded a higher ransom, a gang member said today. The German-flagged container vessel with five Germans, three Russians, two Ukrainians and 14 Filipinos had been expected to be released yesterday. The pirates had agreed to a \$3 million ransom, but some members of the gang said that was too little, a pirate named Hassan told Reuters. “Some of our friends say we are many and so the Germans must add \$1 million or \$500,000 to make the ransom about \$4 million,” he told Reuters by phone. — Reuters.



SLOVENIA

Koper, Jul 28 — General cargo *Sol Trader* is still at berth No.8, Koper, with no further development in her situation. — Lloyd's Agents.

UNITED STATES

London, Jul 24 — Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1458, UTC: Roll on roll off *Cosette* is expected to complete repairs today.

London, Jul 29 — Roll on roll off *Cosette* sailed New York Jul 25.



ALYONA (Malta)

Zeebrugge, Jul 28 — Roll on roll off with container capacity *Alyona* (32226 gt, built 1981), which arrived at Antwerp on Jul 24, has had her departure suspended due to detentions. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

CALYPSO I (Panama)

Manila, Jul 28 — The Singapore Sheriff reported bulk carrier *Calypso I* was arrested because of a breach of contract claim. The vessel is still under detention. — Correspondent.

CAROLYN (Denmark (Int. Register))

London, Jul 27 — The compulsory sale of general cargo *Carolyn* (1872 gt, built 1974), currently lying at Assens, will be held at 1330, Sep 28, at the Court of Odense. (Note — *Carolyn* arrived Assens Jan 26.)

DAEWOO FRONTIER (Panama)

London, Jul 28 — Understand roll on roll off with container capacity *Daewoo Frontier* (42567 gt, built 1988) has been an unintended long-term visitor both in Durban harbour and in the outer anchorage, following the ship's arrest. *Daewoo Frontier* arrived in Durban in April to deliver a number of motor vehicles, but was placed under arrest soon afterwards and went to anchor off Umhlanga where it remained until quite recently. During this time the ship lost two anchors including long lengths of chain, which have still to be recovered. The ship's troubles are likely to come to a head this week following an application for its sale by judicial auction for which a ruling is expected.

GLOBAL PATRIOT (U.S.A.)

Durban, Jul 29 — Previous agent of general cargo *Global Patriot* states that the vessel has been sold to undisclosed buyers. Understand that the vessel, which remains in Durban, will probably not be renamed. — Lloyd's Agents.

KARLA OMayRA (Netherlands Antilles)

Manila, Jul 28 — The Singapore Sheriff reported that roll on roll off with container capacity *Karla Omayra* was sold on Jul 12 in a public auction. The vessel is expected to be delivered to the winning bidder at the end of week upon full payment. The Singapore Sheriff did not disclose the name of the winning bidder. The vessel is currently lying afloat at Singapore's Eastern Working Anchorage. — Correspondent.

LADY BELINDA

London, Jul 30 — Understand bulk carrier *Lady Belinda* (12180 gt, built 1971) was abandoned at Ho Chi Minh City Apr 15, with the six crews members not having been paid for nine months and had been without food, water and medicine for three months. The owner has disappeared. The

management company was contacted and they reported that the owner owes the management company and agent lots of money. The vessel's Flag State reported that on Dec 13, 2008, the vessel's registration was suspended. So the vessel has no flag. (Note — *Lady BelindaP*, was last reported at *Nha Be* at 0744, Oct 21.)

LANTANA (Malta)

London, Jul 24 — General cargo *Lantana* sailed Antwerp Jul 15.

LEHMANN TIMBER (Gibraltar)

Kiel, Jul 29 — General cargo *Lehmann Timber*, which was captured by pirates in May, 2008, is under detention at Dordrecht as a result of the hijacking. The vessel was released in July, 2008, with its cargo of steel products from China. The cargo consisted of hatches for the Wadan Yard in Warnemunde and steel rolls for a Russian company in St. Petersburg. The hatches were delivered at Warnemunde according to international insurance rules in cases of piracy. However, as the Russian owner of the steel rolls refused to pay his part of the ransom, the cargo was not delivered at St. Petersburg but stored in Finland. A court in London is dealing with the case, while the Russian cargo owner has tried to have the vessel detained several times. He was unsuccessful in Finland and Morocco, but succeeded in the Netherlands, where the vessel was detained in Amsterdam in May. As there was a cheaper berth available at Dordrecht, the vessel was berthed there on Jul 18. — Correspondent.

OMAR (Sierra Leone)

piraeus, Jul 27 — General cargo *Omar* is still under arrest at Chalkis. — Lloyd's Agents.

PACIFIC (Bahamas)

Genoa, Jul 23 — Passenger (cruise) *Pacific* is still under arrest at Genoa. — Lloyd's Agents.

PINE TRADER (Panama)

See under "Marine"

SARA V (Panama)

London, Jul 28 — Understand bulk carrier *Sara V* (31167 gt, built 2002) is under arrest outside Richards Bay. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Sara V* was at anchor in lat 28 54 35S, long 32 08E, at 0709, Jul 25.)

SEA STAR (Greece)

Piraeus, Jul 27 — Passenger ro/ro *Sea Star* is no longer under arrest. The vessel sailed for Rhodes on Jun 19. Understand that there was no auction. — Lloyd's Agents.

SERAM WIND (Liberia)

London, Jul 28 — Understand combined chemical and oil tanker *Seram Wind* (10949 gt, built 1987) is under arrest at anchor outside Durban. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Seram Wind* was at anchor in lat 29 46 14S, long 31 07 11E, at 2321, Jul 27.)

STAMATOULA KALLIOPI (Greece)

London, Jul 24 — A report in the Jul 24 issue of "Newsfront" states: Product tanker *Stamatoula Kalliopei* (487 gt, built 1962) has been seized by Piraeus Port Authority in pursuit of a Euros 10,187.50 claim against the vessel's owners.

Piraeus, Jul 30 — Product tanker *Stamatoula Kalliopei* remains under arrest at Piraeus port. There are no developments regarding the vessel's situation. — Lloyd's Agents.

TRANSEXPRESS (Cyprus)

St. Petersburg, Jul 27 — Reefer *Transexpress* remains berthed at Kanonerski Shipyard, St. Petersburg. She is still under arrest. — Lloyd's Agents.

VINASHIN-5 (Mongolia)

London, Jul 30 — Bulk carrier *Vinashin-5* (12905 gt, built 1983) was reported Jun 12 at Guayaquil with no cargo on board and the 24 Vietnamese crew owed four to six months wages and for some contracts had expired. Only communication on board via a mobile telephone. Seafarers seeking repatriation, no contact with owner. (Note — *Vinashin-5* was last reported at Guayaquil at 1927, Apr 14.)

YU SHAN (Panama)

Stanley, Jul 27 — Reefer *Yu Shan* is still under arrest in Berkeley Sound. — Lloyd's Agents.



ATCHAFALAYA BAY AREA, LOUISIANA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated Jul 27, states: The U.S. Coast Guard responded over the weekend (Jul 25-26) to reports of an oil spill 75 miles off the Louisiana coast, south of Atchafalaya Bay. The accident involved an undersea pipeline that released nearly 59,000 gallons of crude oil. A special "strike team" from Mobile was activated to manage the situation. Officials said crews had secured the source of the spill and the oil was not likely to reach the mainland. Skimming vessels were being used to clean the water. No cause of the leak has been determined.

Houston, Jul 28 — Shell and the U.S. Coast Guard rushed today to contain 1,400 barrels of crude oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico from a leaking Shell-operated pipeline, fighting back an oil slick with skimmer ships and airplanes. Shell discovered the leak Saturday (Jul 25) on its 173,000-barrel-per-day (bpd) capacity Eugene Island oil pipeline, 30 miles from Louisiana's coastline and 60 miles southwest of Houma, Louisiana. The pipeline has been shut down, halting daily supplies of 100,000 barrels a day of Eugene Island oil. The pipeline is still leaking a "small amount" as it drains, a Shell spokesman said. Shell had no estimate on repairs or a target date for restart of the 20-inch diameter pipeline, but people knowledgeable about operations said fixing it in 60-foot-deep water could take a day if the problem is small to weeks if it is big. Restart requires government approval. Helicopters and airplanes that flew over the spill viewed a 16-by-3-mile "rainbow-like" oil sheen, Coast Guard Petty Officer Tom Atkeson said. Two skimming vessels by today had cleaned up 1,500 gallons of oil and water mixture of the 58,000 gallons

believed to have spilled, Atkeson said. Some of the oil also has been dispersed by chemicals dropped from airplanes. The cause of the leak awaited investigation. Shell said divers would inspect the source of the leak when they arrived on the scene late today, and planning of repairs could begin as soon as tomorrow. — Reuters.

KEMEROVO REGION, RUSSIA

London, Jul 29 — The Parabel-Kuzbass gas pipeline ruptured near the village of Oktyabrsky in the Topkinsky district of the Kemerovo region yesterday. The trunk pipeline cracked with one metre in diameter triggering a gas torch 4-5 metres high, a source in the regional administration said yesterday. Four people, who were staying nearby at the Kurlyak River, received light injuries in the gas fire. Emergency workers, policemen and gas utility workers rushed to the incident site. Gas utility workers switched off the gas in order to eliminate the gas leakage. Gas supplies cut in this pipeline in Kemerovo, Novokuznetsk and other cities of the region are being delivered along the backup branch line to consumers.

LURISTAN PROVINCE, IRAN

London, Jul 23 — A press report, dated Jul 22, states: The National Iranian Oil Company has been fined \$850,000 over an oil leak which led to water pollution in parts of Luristan Province. The National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company was fined after a pipeline burst near the city of Pol-e-Dokhtar polluted the water of Kashkan River, leaving many birds and fish dead. "The Ministry of Petroleum is responsible for the incident and according to the law it should pay \$550,000 for the marine loss and \$300,000 for polluting the water, soil and underground sources," the head of the Luristan Environment Organisation, Ali Kakavand, said. "The ministry will be allowed to use the six-kilometre pipeline until the end of the current Persian year, only if it restores the burst part," he added.



ESPANOLA AREA, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Guayaquil, Jul 28 — At 0800, Jun 24, passenger (cruise) *Evolution* (654 gt) was placed on the slipway "Mariduena" of Guayaquil Port, for the purpose of performing permanent repairs to her hull bottom shell plating. The permanent repairs started on Jun 24 and satisfactorily completed on Jul 1. On Jul 3, the vessel sailed, bound to Puerto Ayora, Galapagos Islands, in order to return to her cruising operation around the Galapagos Islands. — Lloyd's Agents.

RIGA AREA, LATVIA

London, Jul 23 — A press report, dated today, states: A chemical spill at Riga this morning saw several hundred people evacuated from areas near the city's port amid fears of a possible explosion, local television news channel LNT reported. A passenger ferry arriving from Stockholm

was also diverted to a berth away from its usual berth on the River Daugava, near the city centre. Travellers were bused into Riga. Riga mayor Nils Usakovs said the measures were precautionary and that there was “minimal risk” of an explosion. National Fire and Rescue Service chief Ainars Pencis said the decision to evacuate was “based on a worst-case scenario” and that the chemical involved was hydrocyanic acid, which he described as “deadly.” Emergency services and special chemical clean-up teams were attending the scene of the chemical spill and Riga residents were told to keep away from the port area.

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated Jul 23, states: A chemical spill today at a port in Latvia’s capital forced the temporary evacuation of hundreds of residents and closure of ship traffic as authorities feared the highly toxic substance could explode. “The danger of an explosion has been averted,” Riga city mayor Nils Usakovs told reporters after residents were cleared to return to their homes. There were no reports of anyone being poisoned. The toxic chemical, known as acetone cyanohydrin, leaked from a cargo container over night. The chemical, which is used to manufacture acrylic, is classified as an extremely hazardous substance as it decomposes into highly toxic and potentially fatal hydrogen cyanide, which can cause respiratory failure. As a precautionary measure, Latvian authorities halted ship traffic to and from the Riga city port today. They also banned swimming and any water use in the nearby Daugava river until tests have been carried out.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 23 — Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Brownsville personnel and state and local officials responded to the discovery of tar balls that washed ashore on beaches near South Padre Island, Jul 22. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi received a call at 1315 hrs reporting that balls of tar were discovered on a local beach. It is estimated that 5% of an eight-mile-stretch of beach, which begins one mile south of the Brownsville Ship Channel and continues north, has been affected. Coast Guard and the Texas General Land Office crews are on the scene and have determined that the safest method to remove the tar from the beach is with shovels. Chemical Response and Remediation Contractors (CRRC) has been contracted to conduct the clean up. The recovery operation is expected to be completed by Jul 24.

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: State officials said oil blobs on South Padre Island beaches should be cleaned up by tomorrow. Texas General Land Office spokesman Jim Suydam (SOO’-dam) said officials still do not know where the tar balls had come from, as crews worked today to finish the clean-up. He said the Coast Guard today did more fly-overs of the Gulf of Mexico in search of the spill source. Suydam said one bird was found dead from the oil. Twenty-four 55-gallon drums of tar balls and six cubic-yard boxes of the muck had been removed since the blobs were first spotted on Wednesday (Jul 22). The tar balls are scattered along one mile of beach from the mouth of the Rio Grande to South Padre Island.

VALENTIN TSVETKOV (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 24 — The master of product tanker *Valentin Tsvetkov* has been fined 4,000 rubles after polluting the port waters at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka on Jul 14. Investigations since the incident have revealed that during unloading of petroleum residue M-100, there was an ejection of the product from tank N4, starboard, onto the cargo deck, then spilling overboard. — Correspondent.



JAPAN

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated today, states: Hundreds of police, soldiers and rescue workers searched for nine people missing after torrential rains triggered floods and landslides in southern Japan. Eight people, including elderly residents of a nursing home, have been killed. Most of about 100 residents of the home were brought to the roof and lifted out by helicopter after a mudslide hit the building. But five residents were killed before the rescue, and two are still missing. In Shimonoseki City, a rescue team found the body of a 74-year-old farmer who had fallen into a swollen reservoir. In addition to the two missing from the nursing home, seven other people were still unaccounted for. The heavy rains also flooded a nearby water purifying station, cutting off fresh water to nearly 30,000 homes. More than 400 people have been evacuated in eight cities in Yamaguchi, the prefecture said. Rivers and canals flooded at more than 100 locations. At least 110 landslides were reported in Hofu, which lies about 1000km southwest of Tokyo. A seasonal rain front has brought torrential downpours in southwestern Japan since the weekend. Yamaguchi has seen record rainfall for July.



BRAZIL

London, Jul 23 — A press report, dated today, states: Strike at the Brazilian ports of Salvador, Ilheus and Aratu entered a fourth day today, disrupting operations. Shipping lines are reporting delays and rolling over cargo to keep to schedule, according to Brazilian reports. The strike has reportedly cost the local economy reals 20 million reals (\$10 million) per day in lost revenue because dockers are just handling perishable goods and medical items. The action was taken by port labourers to support their demand for a 10.75% per hour pay rise and better working conditions. Codeba, the local port authority for the three north-eastern ports, is refusing to pay more than 5% per hour worked. The port authority is also trying to reduce the shift pattern from 12-hour shifts to eight hours, which would reduce monthly take-home pay because most dock workers are

paid by the hour. Codeba blames the 30% reduction in movement of goods through the port as the reason for the cut in working hours. The three ports export and import about reals 20 billion of goods per year.

GREECE

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated today, states: Serious traffic problems were reported on Saturday (Jul 25) at the north-west port of Igoumenitsa, as thousands of vehicles carrying tourists and vacationers for Corfu and the small isle of Paxos were lined up for several kilometres outside the port area, awaiting to board ferry boats. The traffic jam stems from a two-day strike by crews on ferry boats servicing the Igoumenitsa-Corfu route.

PHILIPPINES

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated today, states: Complaining about the arbitrary withholding of cargo by the Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group (PASG), customs brokers, truckers, importers and other port users are set to strike on Tuesday (Jul 28), targeting to paralyse all ports nationwide. The supposed illegal and indiscriminate impounding of cargo by the PASG outside the premises of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) has been going on for almost two weeks, said Professional Customs Brokers Association of the Philippines (PCBAPI) President Agapito W. Mendez, Jr. He told reporters in a press briefing yesterday that more or less P1 billion (? pesos) worth of containerised imported cargo has been held in the last two weeks by the PASG which has been accusing importers of underpayment of duties and taxes.

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Operations at the two major ports in Metro Manila were slightly affected today after some Customs brokers and truckers held simultaneous protest actions against the Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group (PASG). A few truckers blocked the Manila International Container Port and Port of Manila in South Harbour while there were brokers who did not file their formal entries.

TANZANIA

London, Jul 28 — A press report, dated today, states: Loading and offloading of containers at the Dar es Salaam port, ceased for a whole day yesterday after more than 600 workers at Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (Ticts) went on strike. A long queue of trucks outside the port waiting to get in to load or offload cargo was observed, while vessels lined up at the port waiting to be offloaded. Workers, traders and several clearing and forwarding agents, gathered outside Ticts entrance, waiting to let in.



REFINERY, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 27 — A press report, dated today, states: A lightning storm that hit Whatcom County Jul 25, caused a small fire at the BP Cherry Point Refinery. A

lightning bolt struck a tree near the entrance of the refinery and created a small fire sometime between 1800 hrs and 1900 hrs, BP spokesman Mike Abendhoff said. Whatcom County Fire District 7 firefighters responded to the scene almost immediately and put out the fire.

SPECKLED TROUT MARINA, PALM HARBOUR, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 29 — A press report, dated today, states: Firefighters have extinguished a fire that broke out on a boat at the Speckled Trout Marina this morning, Palm Harbour fire officials say. The blaze at the marina, at 315 Bayshore Drive, was reported at 0705 hrs, said Liz Monforti, a spokeswoman for Palm Harbour Fire Rescue. It was brought under control in 10 minutes. The boat was severely damaged, and the one next to it might have sustained some damage related to the emanating heat, Monforti said.



ACCIDENT, EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ALBERTA, CANADA

London, Jul 24 — Beech King Air 100, registration C-FDAM, operated by North Cariboo Flying Service, flight NCB188, right propeller contacted the runway at Edmonton International airport at 1438, Jul 21. The aircraft touched down on the cargo pod, slid approximately 1,500 feet and came to rest on the infield to the right of the runway. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The seven occupants were uninjured.

ACCIDENT, JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KENYA

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: An Astral cargo aircraft has crash landed at Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta International airport blocking the runway. Planes scheduled to land at the airport are now being diverted. No details of casualties have been reported so far. Astral Aviation is a cargo airline based in Nairobi, Kenya.

ACCIDENT, MASHHAD AIRPORT, IRAN

London, Jul 24 — An Aria Air Ilyushin IL-62, registration UP-I6208, flight IRX-1525, Tehran Mehrabad to Mashhad, with 153 people on board, overran one of Mashhad's runways and impacted a wall at 1810, local time, today. The nose section including the cockpit section was torn off. Seventeen people died in the accident and more than 40 people received injuries. A resulting fire has been extinguished.

London, Jul 25 — A press report, dated today, states: Thirteen of the 16 people killed in an aircraft crash in north-eastern Iran were members of the crew, most of them from Kazakhstan, state television reported today. The Russian-made Ilyushin-62, operated by Tehran-based Aria Airlines and carrying 153 passengers and crew on a flight from Tehran, skidded off the runway and hit a wall yesterday while landing in the

city of Mashhad. Earlier, officials said 17 were killed. Iran's civil aviation spokesman, Reza Jafarzadeh, said the aircraft's high speed while landing was a key cause of the crash. Iran's official news agency said yesterday that the tyres of the aircraft failed on landing. Among the dead was the manager of privately-owned Aria Airlines, which leased the aircraft from Kazakhstan. Nine of the dead crew members were Kazakhs, and 33 other people were injured in the crash, said state TV. Aria's license has been suspended until the investigation into the accident is completed, it said. A crash survivor said the passengers felt air turbulence as they were landing and the aircraft bounced up and down on the runway. Television footage showed the aircraft sitting at an angle, its tail resting awkwardly on the ground and the mangled front end pointing toward the sky. The rest of the aircraft appeared largely intact.

London, Jul 29 — The Iranian Civil Aviation Organization has suspended the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) of Aria Air following a fatal accident at Mashhad-Shahid Hashemi Nejad Airport on Jul 24. The license is suspended until the accident investigation is completed.

ACCIDENT, SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 23 — Boeing 737-700, registration XA-NAM, operated by Aeromexico, performing flight AM-665 San Francisco to Mexico City, had just been pushed back from San Francisco's gate A5, when the nose gear collapsed, Jul 21. No injuries reported.

ACCIDENT, WIARTON AIRPORT, ONTARIO, CANADA

London, Jul 29 — PA-28R-180, C-FEQS, landed on runway 23 at Wiarton Airport while the gear was inadvertently left in the retracted position at 1700, EST, Jul 24. The structure of the aircraft received minor damage, however the propeller was substantially damaged. Afterwards, the aircraft was hoisted, the gear was pulled down, and it was towed off the runway. There were no injuries.

AIRCRAFT PUT BACK TO AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

London, Jul 26 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: A Qantas Airways aircraft bound for Australia had to return to New Zealand shortly after takeoff because the cabin was losing air pressure. The Boeing 737 with 91 passengers and crew aboard experienced a "subtle pressurisation problem" at about 25,000 feet after departing Auckland.

AIRCRAFT PUT BACK TO EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ALBERTA, CANADA

London, Jul 29 — The Buffalo Airways Douglas DC3, C-GWZS, had departed Edmonton for Ft. Simpson, when the crew noticed the oil pressure dropping and the oil temperature rising on an engine at 1913, Jul 23. They performed a precautionary shutdown and returned to Edmonton, landing without incident. TC Maintenance and Manufacturing reported that maintenance personnel removed the oil screen, which was found to be contaminated. The engine will be replaced.

Time since overhaul was six days. The engine be shipped back to the overhaul company for evaluation.

CRASH INTO INDIAN OCEAN NEAR COMOROS

London, Jul 23 — A press report, dated today, states: A French navy captain said today that his vessel had detected the black boxes of a Yemenia Airways Airbus A310-300 (70-ADJ) which crashed last month near the Comoros Islands. Comoran authorities, meanwhile, are still investigating the cause of the Jun 30 crash. A 12-year-old girl is the only known survivor out of 153 people on board the aircraft. Captain Marc Reina said his crew found where the black boxes are lying beneath the Indian Ocean, and mapped the area off the Comoran coast. He said that underwater robots should begin operating in August to retrieve the black boxes, which lie too deep for divers to reach.

CRASH, DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

London, Jul 27 — Maule MX-7-235, registration F-GMRB, three occupants, crashed at Dubrovnik after the pilot lost control and the left wheel broke off at 1145, Jul 26. No fatalities.

CRASH, DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 26 — The Coast Guard is responding to a F44 Raven II helicopter that landed in the Gulf of Mexico 100 yards west of Caladesi Island, in Dunedin at about 1830, Jul 24. Watchstanders from Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg, Fla., received a call at about 1830 hrs, reporting that a helicopter had landed in the water and all three persons aboard made it safely to shore. The Coast Guard immediately launched a 25-foot rescue boat crew from Coast Guard Station Sand Key, in Clearwater, Fla., to monitor the situation.

CRASH, ELMA AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 23 — Mooney M-20C (Ranger) N6422U crashed near Elma, Washington, at 1548, Jul 22. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Jul 28 — Air Tractor AT-802, C-FDHY, operated by Conair, touched down on Okanagan Lake, in order to scoop water for firefighting, both floats were ripped off at 1205, Jul 25. The aircraft sank in the lake. The pilot, the sole occupant, was rescued and was not injured.

CRASH, KOOTNEY RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Jul 23 — Robinson R44 helicopter, C-FKAJ, operated by Kootenay Valley Helicopters, was reported overdue and debris was observed in the area between Kootenay Lake and Duck Lake at 1530, Jul 22. The main wreckage was found in the Kootney river about 50 feet below the surface.

CRASH, LESSOPILNAJA, RUSSIA

London, Jul 25 — Yakovlev Yak-52, registration RA-0380G, crashed at Lessopilnaja, Jul 24. Both occupants were killed.

**CRASH, NORMAN WELLS,
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES,
CANADA**

London, Jul 24 — Cessna 172L, registration C-FCKC, was inbound to Norman Wells, crash landed on a gravel road approximately three kilometres west of the airport at 1610, MDT, Jul 21. The aircraft wing tips struck trees and were found in the ditch off of the road. The two occupants sustained minor injuries and the aircraft was substantially damaged.

**CRASH, OKLAHOMA CITY,
UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 26 — Beech V35B Bonanza, registration N9112S, five persons on board, crashed in a grassy area next to Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, while trying to return to Wiley Post Airport due to engine problems at 0900, Jul 25. Occupants were transported to hospital in serious to critical condition. The aircraft was heavily damaged. One of the occupants later died in hospital.

**CRASH, PONCE AREA,
PUERTO RICO**

London, Jul 23 — Cessna 152 N5518P crashed near Ponce, Puerto Rico, at 0330, Jul 19. The one person on board was killed.

**CRASH, PRETORIA AREA,
SOUTH AFRICA**

London, Jul 28 — Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee, two occupants, crashed shortly after take-off due to engine failure at Kitty Hawk Aerodrome, near Pretoria, yesterday. Aircraft sustained substantial damage.

**CRASH, WESTERN MARYLAND,
UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated today, states: A commercial helicopter crashed onto a western Maryland interstate highway and burst into flames late yesterday, killing all four people on board, emergency officials said. The Robinson R44 was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the scene minutes after receiving a call at 2230 hrs, said Washington County emergency services director Kevin Lewis. Visibility was somewhat limited by fog at the time of the crash, but it was not clear if weather played a role, Lewis said. Storms had passed through the area earlier in the night. Lewis said a witness saw the aircraft flying low when a bright arc of electricity flashed in the air, apparently caused by the helicopter striking a power line. It was not clear if the aircraft was already on its way down when it hit the lines. Federal Aviation Administration records list the owner of the aircraft as Marsan Aviation Inc, of Wilmington, Delaware.

London, Jul 24 — Robinson R44, operated by Advanced Helicopter Concepts, registration N7189W, crashed into Interstate 70 near Smithsburg, Maryland and burst into flames, killing all four aboard, at 2230, Jul 23. The helicopter was destroyed.

**CRASH, WHARTON TOWNSHIP
AREA, PENNSYLVANIA,
UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 23 — Hughes 369D N61735 crashed near Wharton Township at 1554, Jul 22. The one person on board was killed.

**EMERGENCY LANDING,
ALEXANDROUPOLIS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
DEMOCRITUS,
GREECE**

London, Jul 23 — An Olympic Airlines aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at Alexandroupolis' Democritus Airport, in northeastern Greece, yesterday morning, after reportedly flying into a flock of birds, several of which were sucked into the plane's engines shortly after takeoff. OA flight 941 to Athens returned immediately to the airport where it landed safely. The 60 passengers reached their destination with other airlines.

**EMERGENCY LANDING,
LONDON GATWICK AIRPORT,
UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated today, states: A runway at London Gatwick Airport had to be closed after an aircraft that had diverted to the airport was forced to make an emergency landing. The 46 passengers on board the Flybe flight from Paris to Cardiff were safely evacuated from the aircraft, airport operator BAA said. A spokesperson for Flybe said the landing of Flight BE1432 followed a suspected technical fault. The airline said the aircraft landed at 1226, BST, with emergency vehicles deployed by the airport as a precautionary measure. A passenger said smoke gathered in the roof of the cabin 20 minutes before the forced landing. "It started collecting along the roof and seemed to be getting thicker," he said. All the passengers disembarked without incident following emergency procedures and were taken to a reception area for welfare assistance. The runway was shut from about 1125, BST, until just before 1300, BST. The airport said 11 flights due to land at Gatwick were diverted to other airports, while another 15 were held in waiting-to-land "stacking" positions. Three other flights were held on the ground.

London, Jul 25 — De Havilland Canada DHC-8-402Q Dash 8, operated by Flybe, registration G-JECL, 46 occupants, Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport to Cardiff Airport, made an emergency landing at Gatwick Airport at 1226, Jul 24, after smoke appeared in cabin.

**EMERGENCY LANDING,
PEARSON INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, ONTARIO,
CANADA**

London, Jul 24 — A press report, dated Jul 23, states: An Air Canada Boeing 777 passenger jet leaving Pearson International Airport for Beijing had to turn around shortly after take-off, after an indicator showed a problem with a wing flap. However, the aircraft, with 288 passengers on board, still had a full load of fuel and the extra weight caused the aircraft to blow some tyres on landing. Emergency crews responded as a precaution, but there were no injuries. The passengers were taken to the terminal by shuttle bus to wait for another flight.

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London, Jul 24 — Iron ore report Jul 23: Six vessels at anchor off Port Hedland waiting to load ore from the five available ore berths. Eleven vessels at anchor off Dampier waiting to load ore at five ore berths. Four vessels at anchor off Port Walcott waiting to load ore at two ore berths. No vessels waiting at Esperance, Geraldton, Whyalla, Port Latta or Darwin.

London, Jul 27 — Coal report Jul 27: Dalrymple Bay: Two vessels in port, 39 waiting. Hay Point: One vessel in port, five waiting. Gladstone: Barney Point: No vessels in port or waiting. Clinton: Two vessels in port, 15 waiting. Brisbane: No vessels in port or waiting. Newcastle: Carrington: Two vessels in port, 12 waiting. Kooragang: Three vessels in port, 29 waiting. Port Kembla: One vessel in port, five waiting.

London, Jul 28 — Coal shipments from Australia's Newcastle port, were little changed last week while the number of vessels waiting to load decreased. The volume exported in the week ended 0700, local time, yesterday was 1.94 million metric tons, compared with 1.95 million tons a week earlier, Newcastle Port Corp. said. Forty ships, waiting to load 3.3 million tons of coal, were outside the harbour, down from 48 vessels. Coal ships queued for an average 12.4 days to load, down from 14.2 days a week earlier, Newcastle Port said. The waiting time compared with 0.6 day for general cargo vessels, it said.

INDIA

Mumbai, Jul 23 — India's iron ore prices moved closer to \$100 a tonne today on strong inquiries from China and smaller than usual supplies owing to the monsoon, exporters and miners said today. Raja Dhupar, vice president of Yazdani International Pvt Ltd, said ships at Paradip port in the east had a waiting time of 15 to 20 days owing to slow loading of goods in the rains and the after-effect of a strike this month at the nearby port of Haldia. — Reuters.

ITALY

Genoa, Jul 28 — Port situation Jul 28: Genoa: No vessels awaiting berth. Savona: No vessels awaiting normal berth. One vessel awaiting special berth. average delay 24 hours. La Spezia: No vessels awaiting berths. — Lloyd's Agents.

PANAMA CANAL

Balboa, Jul 24 — Panama Canal condition report Jul 24: There are 37 vessels due today, 41 tomorrow and 35 on Jul 26 There are 39 vessels scheduled today and 47 tomorrow. The projected backlog is 48 vessels today, 46 tomorrow and 40 on Jul 26. Estimated delays for vessels without reservation/non-booked: Northbound: Large vessels, 91-foot beam or more, one day and smaller vessel one day. Southbound: Large vessels, 91-foot beam or more, one day and

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smaller vessels one day. — Lloyd's Agents.

Balboa, Jul 27 — Panama Canal condition report Jul 27: There are 34 vessels due today, 37 tomorrow and 37 on Jul 29. There are 39 vessels scheduled today and 40 tomorrow. The projected backlog is 36 vessels today, 31 tomorrow and 28 on Jul 29. Estimated delays for vessels without reservation/non-booked: Northbound: Large

vessels, 91-foot beam or more, one day and smaller vessel one day. Southbound: Large vessels, 91-foot beam or more, one day and smaller vessels one day. — Lloyd's Agents.

Balboa, Jul 29 — Panama Canal condition report Jul 29: There are 31 vessels due today, 44 tomorrow and 31 on Jul 31. There are 34 vessels scheduled today and 38 tomorrow. The projected backlog is 29

vessels today, 26 tomorrow and 32 on Jul 31. Estimated delays for vessels without reservation/non-booked: Northbound: Large vessels, 91-foot beam or more, one day and smaller vessel one day. Southbound: Large vessels, 91-foot beam or more, one day and smaller vessels one day. — Lloyd's Agents.

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	03-Aug-2009	Coal: 2 vessels arrived; 17 vessels due by 27/8; maintenance 07.00-19.00 19/8, with no shiploading; 1-3 days delay expected at present.
Brisbane	03-Aug-2009	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 10 vessels due by 15/9; 4 cement clinker vessels due by 12/8.
	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 5 vessels due by 24/8, 4 to load wheat, 1 wheat/sorghum.
Dalrymple Bay	03-Aug-2009	Coal: 4 vessels berthed and loading, 48 arrived; 25 vessels due by 1/9; 15-20 days average berthing delay expected at present, with actual delays dependent on specific cargo brand to be loaded.
Dampier	03-Aug-2009	Iron ore: E.I.I. berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 anchored; 10 vessels due by 13/8; Parker Point berth 2/3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 4 anchored; 3 vessels due by 7/8; Parker Point berth 4/5: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 anchored; 6 vessels due by 9/8; 1-4 days delay expected at present, depending on grade; vessels may not berth in order of arrival due to cargo availability.
Esperance	03-Aug-2009	Iron ore: 3 vessels due by 11/8.
	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 3 vessels due by 13/8, 2 to load barley, 1 canola.
Geraldton	03-Aug-2009	Iron ore: 3 vessels due by 9/8.
	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 4 vessels due by 28/8, all to load wheat.
Gladstone	03-Aug-2009	Coal: Barney Point: 1 vessel arrived; 3 vessels due by 20/8; R.G. Tanna coal terminal: 14 vessels arrived; 54 vessels due by 27/8; 8-10 days delay expected at present.
	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 2 vessels due by 10/8, 1 to load wheat, 1 sorghum.
Hay Point	03-Aug-2009	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 4 arrived; 13 vessels due by 3/9; 5-7 days berthing delay expected at present, subject to cargo availability and grade.
Kwinana	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 7 vessels due by 10/8, 5 to load wheat, 1 barley, 1 lupins.
Mackay	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 1 vessel berthed to load sorghum.
Melbourne	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 3 vessels due by 19/8, all to load wheat.
Newcastle	03-Aug-2009	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 29 vessels arrived; 50 vessels due by 5/9; Carrington terminal: 14 vessels arrived; 22 vessels due by 21/8; 1 unallocated vessel due 20/8; 12-14 days delay expected at present for all grades.
	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 8 vessels due by 22/8, 7 to load wheat, 1 sorghum.
Port Adelaide	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 3 vessels due by 4/8, all to load wheat.
Port Giles	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 1 vessel due 8/8 to load wheat.
Port Hedland	03-Aug-2009	Iron ore: Nelson Point berth A: 1 vessel berthed and loading, none anchored; 6 vessels due by 13/8; Nelson Point berth B: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 anchored; 4 vessels due by 13/8; Iron ore FI "C" berth: 1 vessel anchored; 5 vessels due by 13/8; 71 hour maintenance shutdown 02.00 hrs. 5/8 to 01.00 hrs. 8/8; Iron ore FI "D" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 anchored; 6 vessels due by 12/8; Anderson Point No. 1 berth: 1 vessel berthed and loaded, none anchored; 4 vessels due by 9/8; Anderson Point No. 2 berth: 1 vessel due; 1-5 days delay expected at present, depending on grade; vessels may not berth in order of arrival due to cargo availability.
Port Kembla	03-Aug-2009	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading; 20 vessels due by 29/8; 6 days delay expected at present for all grades.
	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 3 vessels due by 14/8, all to load wheat.

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Port Lincoln	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 2 vessels due by 6/8, both to load wheat; terminal closed for maintenance until 4/8.
Port Walcott	03-Aug-2009	Iron ore: Cape Lambert - Berths 1 and 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 anchored; 7 vessels due by 11/8; Berths 3 and 4: 1 vessel berthed and completed loading, 2 anchored; 3 vessels due by 6/8; 1-11 days delay expected at present, depending on grade; vessels may not berth in order of arrival due to cargo availability.
Thevenard	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 1 vessel due 5/8 to load wheat; terminal closed for maintenance from 31/8 to 25/9.
Wallaroo	04-Aug-2009	Grain: 1 vessel due 1/8 to load peas; terminal closed for maintenance 9-31/8.
Whyalla	04-Aug-2009	Iron ore: 1 vessel transhipping 30/7; 3 due for transhipping by 29/8.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	03-Aug-2009	Ten vessels in port operating, of which 9 loading (4 iron ore, 1 scrap, 1 coils, 1 seed, 1 steel sheets, 1 wheat), 1 discharging steel billets; 2 vessels in roads of which 1 empty to load, 1 to discharge steel billets; 9 vessels due, of which 4 to load (1 copper concentrate, 1 barley, 1 wheat, 1 equipment), 5 to discharge (2 iron ore, 1 copper concentrate, 1 sulphur, 1 gasoil).
Varna	03-Aug-2009	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Conditions 27 July-2 August: Twenty-three vessels in port operating of which 18 loading (2 bulk barley/bulk wheat, 2 bulk barley, 3 bulk wheat, 2 bulk sulphuric acid, 3 bulk heavy soda, 1 packaged light soda/bagged heavy soda, 1 bagged heavy soda/bagged light soda/packaged heavy soda, 1 bagged light soda, 1 bulk kaolin/kaolin on pallets, 1 equipment in packing cases, 1 containers), 2 discharging (bagged rice/beans, 1 bulk feldspar), 3 discharging/loading containers; no vessels waiting in roads.
Egypt		
Adabiya	03-Aug-2009	Nine vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 5 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 1 tanker, 1 Ro/Ro.
Alexandria	03-Aug-2009	Thirty vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 20 general cargo, 3 bulk carriers, 3 tankers, 4 container vessels; 9 vessels at outer anchorage, 12 at inner anchorage.
Damietta	03-Aug-2009	Thirty-eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 17 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 19 containers; 15 vessels at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	03-Aug-2009	Twelve vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 3 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, 2 tankers, 3 containers; 6 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	03-Aug-2009	Four vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 2 containers.
Suez	03-Aug-2009	Three passenger vessels berthed (loading/discharging); 4 tugs; 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	03-Aug-2009	Twenty-three vessels transiting Northbound, 20 Southbound.
Israel		
Ashdod	04-Aug-2009	No labour problems. One general cargo vessel loading at berth, 9 vessels discharging at berth (4 general cargo, 5 bulkers), 2 container vessel loading/discharging at berth; 2 vessels waiting at anchor to discharge (1 general cargo, 1 bulker), 1 container vessel waiting at anchor to load/discharge; 1 vessel awaiting orders; 15 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	04-Aug-2009	No labour problems. One general cargo vessel discharging at berth; 1 general cargo vessel waiting at anchor to discharge; 1 vessel awaiting orders; 2 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	04-Aug-2009	No labour problems. Seven vessels discharging at berth (3 general cargo, 4 bulkers), 4 vessels loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 passenger vessel); 1 bulker waiting at anchor to discharge, 3 container vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge; 5 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 7 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Russia		
Novorossiysk	03-Aug-2009	Fourteen vessels in port operating, of which 10 loading, (1 DRI, 2 copper, 1 steel billets, 1 pipes/steel billets, 1 slabs/coils, 1 bananas, 2 bulk fertiliser, 1 wheat), 3 discharging bulk sugar, 1 discharging/loading containers; 4 vessels waiting in roads, all to load, of which 1

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copper, 1 wheat, 1 slabs, 1 barley; 49 vessels due, of which 46 to load (1 DRI, 5 steel billets, 5 bulk fertiliser, 4 slabs, 3 copper, 7 wheat, 1 steel billets/coils, 3 sunflower oil, 1 pipes, 3 aluminium, 2 coils, 2 barley, 1 rye, 2 cellulose, 1 equipment, 1 HBI, 1 WRIC, 3 diesel oil), 1 to discharge bulk sugar, 2 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: 4 tankers berthed, all loading, of which 2 crude oil, 1 diesel oil, 1 fuel oil; 3 tankers in roads, all to load, of which 2 crude oil, 1 fuel oil; 7 tankers due, all to load, of which 6 crude oil, 1 diesel oil.

Slovenia

Koper 03-Aug-2009 Port working normally. Eight vessels berthed of which 3 loading (1 bulk cargo, 2 sawn timber), 2 discharging bulk cargo, 1 loading/discharging containers, 1 car carrier discharging vehicles, 1 loading/discharging vehicles; 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to load sawn timber; 9 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 6 to load (1 bulk cargo, 5 sawn timber/general cargo), 1 to load/discharge containers, 1 car carrier to discharge vehicles, 1 to discharge/load vehicles.

Spain

Bilbao 03-Aug-2009 Ten vessels operating (3 tankers, 7 other vessels), of which 5 loading, 3 discharging, 2 loading/discharging.

Sagunto 03-Aug-2009 Twenty-three vessels in port operating, of which 6 loading (3 steel products, 2 bulk fertiliser, 1 cement), 13 discharging (4 steel products, 4 vehicles, 1 fruit, 1 machinery, 1 anhydrous ammonia, 2 gas), 4 loading/discharging general cargo; no berthing delays at present.

Ukraine

Ilichevsk 03-Aug-2009 Nine vessels in port operating, of which 5 loading (2 steel products, 1 ore, 2 grain), 3 discharging (1 oil, 2 ore), 1 loading/discharging containers; 1 vessel in roads to load grain; 10 vessels due, of which 7 to load (6 steel products, 1 ore), 3 to discharge/load containers.

Mariupol 03-Aug-2009 Eleven vessels in port operating, of which 10 loading (6 steel, 3 coal, 1 coke), 1 discharging containers; 10 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 6 steel, 3 coal, 1 wheat; 25 vessels due, all to load, of which 12 steel, 11 coal, 1 clay, 1 wheat.

Odessa 03-Aug-2009 Fourteen vessels in port operating, of which 5 loading (1 timber, 1 wheat, 2 metal, 1 barley), 7 discharging (1 metal, 1 citrus, 3 luggage, 2 general cargo), 2 passenger vessels; no vessels in roads; 36 vessels due, of which 21 to load (12 metal, 2 corn, 1 pellets, 1 barley, 1 pig-iron, 4 wheat), 12 to discharge (2 metal, 2 sugar, 2 bananas, 1 citrus, 1 general cargo, 4 oil), 3 to load/discharge containers.

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