

# CasualtyWeek

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## Rash of disputes dents Strike Club's good start

Friday 20 April 2007

**S**HIPOWNERS have had to table big claims with their insurers after a series of shore disputes hit what ought to have been a great first quarter with buoyant earnings, writes James Brewer.

Charter income has been hit by strikes and lockouts in France, Brazil, Vancouver, Rotterdam, Bangladesh, Greece and Argentina.

Leaders of the Strike Club, the mutual for delay cover, said that the quarter proved yet again that shipping operations could be hit at any time by the fragility of industrial relations in many countries.

Bill Milligan, chief executive of the club managers, said that the overriding message was that, while most shipping trades were still showing high profitability, owners could suffer a commensurately larger loss if their ships lost time.

The club has just closed its 2005-2006 account for its Classes I and II with a scheduled premium call of 20% to cover a combined deficit of \$941,000, resulting in a small surplus which will go to reserves.

The classes cover a ship's daily running costs or charter hire during delays caused by onshore incidents and the costs of delays sustained after the end of such disruption.

For the 2006-2007 year the income in both classes fell by 4% and claims are at present around the same level as the previous year. The underwriting accounts show a small combined deficit and members have been recommended to budget for a closing call of 20%.

The most serious incident at the beginning of the year has been at the port of Marseilles, which

was left with a huge backlog of waiting tankers and other vessels.

An 18-day strike resulted from a dispute over who should be authorised to discharge gas tankers at a new terminal. At one stage the CMA CGM group threatened to switch its business to other Mediterranean ports.

In Greece, the port of Piraeus reopened in January after a 56-day strike by dockers.

Rotterdam, meanwhile, was hit by disputes involving port workers.

Mr Milligan stressed that industrial unrest was not the only threat to the maritime transport chain.

A dramatic example came late in March when the Rhine was blocked for more than a week after containers slid into the river as a vessel attempted to negotiate a sharp turn.

In the same month a Greek-operated bulk carrier loaded with wheat collided with and sank a small private vessel in the Bosphorus Strait and the bulker had to wait at anchor for inspection.

Elsewhere, six firefighting units were rushed to Vladivostok as a ship carrying cars from Japan arrived with a fire raging on board.

The club's directors, meeting in Singapore for the first time recently, came to their calls decisions after reviewing the latest underwriting results.

They heard that for their Class 3, covering the costs of off-hire resulting from onboard incidents such as crew strikes, collisions, groundings, drugs on board, stowaways and other incidents, there was a surplus of \$431,000 for the 2005-2006 year, which will be closed without a further call.

For the same class, the 2006-2007 year, at this early stage, is expected to show a small surplus and the managers have recommended members to budget for a closing call of 20%.

### Shell poised to restart Forcados

Thursday 19 April 2007

**N**IGERIAN crude exports are likely to rise rapidly from the end of May as Royal Dutch Shell is expected to restart operations at the Forcados terminal in the Niger Delta, writes Martyn Wingrove.

Energy Minister Edmund Daukoru believes the terminal and associated oil fields could be reopened by the end of May to increase his country's crude exports.

The Forcados oil fields were able to produce 380,000 barrels per day before they were damaged by militant attacks early last year.

Gunmen in speedboats bombed the Forcados tanker loading platform, forcing its closure and making Shell put force majeure on exports.

The floating production storage and offloading vessel and terminal EA was also damaged, taking out 115,000 bpd of production. This is likely to remain closed for longer than Forcados.

Shell is taking a 'step by step' approach to resuming operations from Forcados facilities. It has undertaken risk assessments and ongoing repairs, said a spokeswoman.

"The first lifting is likely to be crude that is kept in storage and depends on repairs to the loading platform," said the spokeswoman.

Traders confirmed there would be Forcados loadings in June, potentially up to four cargoes and possibly 3.8m barrels could be exported.

Mr Daukoru was in London this week to launch Nigeria's latest licensing round where 45 exploration blocks will be available for oil companies until mid-May.

Nigeria is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries with an output quota of 2.04m barrels per day. This will be exceeded if Forcados comes back on line.

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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>ALMIRANTE IRIZAR</i>	icebreaker	ARG	—	10,065	4,600	1980	Reported adrift in lat 44 01S, long 62 21W, with fire out of control. Crew in lifeboats. Assistance required. Vessels on scene.
<i>ARKTIKA</i>	icebreaker	RUS	RS	20,665	4,156	1975	Had cabin fire 120 km from Dikson, Kara Sea Apr 8. Extinguished by crew and assisted by icebreaker <i>Taimyr</i> . Investigation under way. Under way to Murmansk for repairs.
<i>BALTIC SEAGULL</i>	product tanker	RUS	RS	2,409	3,889	1981	Grounded on the southern edge of St. Petersburg sea channel at buoys 35/36, Apr 9.
<i>DANIEL K.</i>	general	NLD	LR	3,037	4,250	2002	Had fire in the engine-room Apr 7. Fire extinguished and escorted to Kiel, where awaiting inspection.
<i>EIFUKU MARU NO.7</i>	general	JPN	—	313	999	1984	Sank after collision with mv <i>Yinhe No.1</i> near Susami, Wakayama Prefecture, Apr 7. Three of the 4 crew rescued.
<i>HARVEST</i>	general	BLZ	—	3,784	6,198	1984	Sank after collision with bulker <i>Jin Hai Kun</i> in lat 28 20.8N, long 122 02.6E, Apr 8. Crew missing.
<i>ITB 260</i>	barge	USA	—	1,890	—	1963	While in tow of tug <i>Island Breeze</i> and with 3,324 tons of gravel, capsized and spilled gravel into the water near Gig Harbour, Washington, Apr 9. Pushed against shore to prevent sinking.
<i>OZERSK</i>	refrig general	RUS	RS	2,673	1,880	1984	Had fire at Busan Apr 6. Pilot bridge completely burned out, together with engineer's and master's cabins. Repairers being sought.
<i>SKURIN</i>	general	FRO	BV	534	710	1975	Had engine trouble 24 miles north-west of Kristiansund Apr 11. Water ingress. Strong winds in the area. Taken in tow for Kristiansund, where ETA same day.
<i>SPAR LYRA</i>	bulker	NIS	NV	32,474	53,565	2005	Grounded in the San Joaquin River, Pittsburg, California, Apr 11. Refloated same day and resecured to the pier.
<i>TAHIR KIRAN</i>	bulker	TUR	BV	22,354	37,971	1987	Grounded NNE of Chios Island, in lat 38 10.7N, long 26 01.7E, Apr 5. Refloated Apr 6 and anchored off Chios. Sailed same day for Tuzla for repairs.
<i>TAKEKO</i>	container	PAN	NK	8,957	9,513	1999	In collision with mv <i>Canarian Reefer</i> , in lat 30 57.1N, long 129 28.6E, Apr 1. Cracking to No 6 cargo hold and No 3 fuel tank. Water ingress into hold and tank, fuel spill from tank.
<i>WEST SAILOR</i>	chem tanker	MLT	NV	3,427	5,632	1981	Had fire in the engine-room 7.5 miles off Brandon Head, Co Limerick Apr 11. Crew controlled fire, but vessel drifting without power. Under tow Apr 12 for Shannon estuary.
<i>YINHE NO.1</i>	general	KHM	—	445	1,255	1988	In collision with mv <i>Eifuku Maru No.7</i> off Susami, Wakayama Prefecture, Apr 7. Stern damage, water ingress. Arrived Tanabe same day.

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## ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 12 — General cargo *Accord* is still aground near the Curangon shoal in Malinao. The vessel's owners recently reported that the vessel will have to be drydocked due to extensive damage caused by the grounding. Officials from Matsya Shipping said that the vessel's propellers were bent, its rudder was broken and its engine was under water. The vessel is continuing to take in water because of a large hole its centre bottom hull. The vessel also sustained a hole in its starboard side but this has been closed with a temporary patch. Several electric pumps running 24 hours a day have kept the vessel from becoming completely submerged. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

## ADARSA-1 (Bangladesh)

See *Precious*.

## ADIL KAPTAN (Turkey)

See *Urfali Cemal*.

## AFRICAN EAGLE (Bahamas)

Zeebrugge, Apr 10 — An embargo has been placed on bulker *African Eagle* (17944 gt, built 2003) at Antwerp and the vessel is currently under arrest. — Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note — *African Eagle* arrived at Antwerp at 0032, Apr 9, from Leixoes.)

## AFRICAN TRADER (Greece)

London, Apr 10 — Bulker *African Trader* was reported arriving at and sailing from San Pedro, Cape Verde Islands, on Apr 5.

## AFRODITE S. (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Antalya, Apr 10 — There have been no changes in the situation of general cargo *Afrodite S.* — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

## AL BARAKAT 1 (Bolivia)

Chittagong, Apr 4 — Chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1*: According to the vessel's local agents, the vessel is still lying in the same place as previously reported. Spare parts for vessel's engine have not yet been purchased by the vessel's local agent. — Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Apr 12 — Chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1* is still lying in the same position, with no change in its situation. — Lloyd's Agents.

## ALLOT (Cambodia)

Novorossiysk, Apr 10 — General cargo *Allot* arrived at Tuapse on Apr 4 and sailed on Apr 5. — Lloyd's Agents.

## ALMIRANTE IRIZAR (Argentina)

London, Apr 11 — Following navigation warning dated today, states: Icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* (10065 gt, built 1980) adrift in lat 44 01S, long 62

21W, with fire declared out of control. Crew on board lifeboats. Immediate assistance is requested from all vessels in the area.

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A raging fire on board icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* forced 296 crew and military personnel to abandon ship in the South Atlantic, where they spent hours in lifeboats before being rescued, the military said today. The fire broke out in the vessel's generator compartment late yesterday and Capt Guillermo Tarapow ordered all on board to abandon in 24 lifeboats when the flames became uncontrollable. An oil tanker and a fishing vessel proceeded to the area and plucked the crew from South Atlantic waters off Puerto Madryn, 930 miles south of Buenos Aires. The military did not report any injuries or give a cause for the fire. All were eventually plucked up by the Panamanian-flagged tanker *Scarlet Ibis* and an Uruguayan fishing vessel some 40 miles off Puerto Madryn, the statement said. Navy aircraft today overflew the stricken icebreaker and authorities said the Coast Guard vessel *Thompson* and navy vessel *Granville* were en route to the area. The vessel had restocked more than a dozen Argentine bases and research stations in Antarctica and was returning to Buenos Aires with armed forces personnel who had concluded stints there when the fire broke out.

Buenos Aires, Apr 11 — Icebreaker *Almirante Irizar*, Ushuaia for Buenos Aires, caught fire in its generator compartment 140 miles off Puerto Madryn at 2200, local time, Apr 10. So far, a total of 298 crew members have been rescued. No injuries or fatalities have been reported. The state of the vessel at the moment is stable, it is not listing and is waiting to be towed to a nearby port in order to be repaired as soon as possible. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 12 — Following navigation warning issued Apr 11: Icebreaker *Almirante Irizar* anchored in lat 44 01S, long 62 21W, with eight shackles of chain. Fire on board is being extinguished.

## AMERICAN PRIDE (U.S.A.)

London, Apr 4 — Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, PR, timed 1429, UTC: Ferry *American Pride* is still aground. Salvors are proposing to cut the vessel in two and remove the sections by barge.

London, Apr 6 — Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 1855, UTC: Ferry *American Pride* was cut in half at 1600, UTC, Apr 5, and removed from reef. A diver's survey is being completed on the reef. The bow section of *American Pride* was placed on barge at 2000, UTC, Apr 5, and removed to Crown Bay Marina. The stern section was placed on barge at "1310, UTC, Apr 5" and also removed to Crown Bay Marina.

London, Apr 7 — A Coast Guard San Juan press release, dated Apr 6, states: Ferry *American Pride* is being transported today to the British Virgin Islands after being successfully

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removed by salvors yesterday from Triangle Reef, Saint Thomas, US Virgin Islands. This was the third attempt to recover *American Pride* from the reef since the vessel ran hard aground Mar 17, just off the Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas Harbour. Recovery operations to remove the vessel from the reef were reinitiated yesterday after operations had been suspended since Mar 28 due to rough seas. Sea Tow St. Thomas salvors and Commercial Dive Services from Tortola, British Virgin Islands, used air and hydraulic tools to cut *American Pride* into two. A crane was then used to lift the stern and bow sections of the vessel off the reef and onto a barge. *American Pride* was then transported to Crown Bay, St. Thomas, where it was transferred to a second deck barge for transport to the British Virgin Islands. Salvors placed 400 feet of containment boom between the vessel and the shoreline to deal with and mitigate any possible fuel spill during the removal of *American Pride*. A light unrecoverable fuel sheen was observed around the vessel during the recovery operation. The sheen was deemed to cause minimal environmental impact to the reef and the environment. Sea Tow St. Thomas and Commercial Dive Services are diving at Triangle Reef today removing all possible sub-surface debris; they also removed all floating debris from the grounding site yesterday. The exact extent of the damage caused to the coral reef will not be known until a more comprehensive ocean-bottom survey is conducted. St. Thomas Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Environmental and Fish and Wildlife Divisions, will assess the damage sustained by the reef. The cause of the grounding remains under investigation by Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment personnel in St. Thomas.

#### **ANDAMAN WIND (Liberia)**

London, Apr 10 — Understand salvage services were rendered to product tanker *Andaman Wind* (10937 gt, built 1985) by Remolcadores Ultragas Ltda under Lloyd's Open Form dated Apr 8. (Note — *Andaman Wind* sailed Quintero 0130, Apr 8 for Buenos Aires and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 32 58 04S, long 71 46 37W, at 2156, UTC, today, speed 11.8 knots, course 208.6 degrees.)

#### **ANGELA STAR (Panama)**

London, Apr 12 — An Excel Maritime Carriers Ltd press release, dated Athens Apr 11, states: As a result of an incident that occurred on Mar 18 due to adverse weather conditions, bulker *Angela Star* will be off hire for approximately 20 days. The vessel currently serves under a time charter for a period of 24-26 months at US \$26,500 per day to a European charterer. The charter commenced in October 2006.

#### **ANZHELA EXPLORER (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 12 — A press report, dated Apr 11, states: Clean-up began today to raise catamaran *Anzhe-la*

*Explorer*. Salvage workers said they've pulled about 3,000 pounds of debris from the water. Much of the debris is from parts that have broken off of the vessel. The rest of the catamaran is expected to be taken from the water tomorrow.

#### **ARATERE (New Zealand)**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: A broken lifeboat winch on board Roll On Roll Off *Aratere* (12596 gt, built 1998) today forced the cancellation of two sailings. Ferries operator Toll's spokeswoman Sue Foley said the 0600 hrs sailing to Picton and the 1000 hrs return trip to Wellington had been cancelled after the discovery of the problem with the winch. All passengers had been accommodated on board other ferries. Toll was waiting to learn from Maritime New Zealand if the 1400 hrs sailing could go ahead following more liferafts being taken on board. There were enough liferafts for 500 people and the vessel carried only about 350 passengers. Passengers who had booked for the 1400 hrs *Aratere* sailing who had given contact details had also been contacted and moved to other sailings in case the *Aratere* was not allowed out. Ms Foley was confident Toll could cope with all travel demands over Easter, irrespective of whether Maritime New Zealand gave the *Aratere* the all-clear.

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Interisland Line said sailings of roll on roll off *Aratere* would go ahead this afternoon. Two sailings were cancelled this morning after a winch which lowers lifeboats into the water was found to be faulty. Interislander spokesperson Sue Foley said an extra five liferafts had been put on the vessel. She said Maritime New Zealand had inspected the ferry and approved contingency plans. Ms Foley said passengers affected by the cancellations this morning had been rebooked.

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Sailings of Roll On Roll Off *Aratere* are to resume this evening after two sailings were cancelled in the morning due to safety concerns. The Interisland Line says two sailings were cancelled in the morning after a winch that lowers lifeboats into the water was found to be faulty. Spokesperson Sue Foley says they have put extra liferafts on the ferry. The damaged winch is unlikely to be fixed for at least a week. The boat has been cleared to carry passengers by Maritime New Zealand but must carry an extra six liferafts. Maritime New Zealand general manager of operations John Mansell said the liferafts would provide adequate safety until the winch can be fixed. Mr Mansell says the Interisland Line notified Maritime New Zealand as soon as the problem was found.

#### **ARAVIS (France)**

London, Apr 6 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: Trawler *Aravis* (173 gt, built 1990) experienced a machinery blackout off Ostend in the evening of Apr 4. Vessels *Zeeared*, *Redeboot 8* and *Redeboot 4* and tugs

*Brandaris* and *Ensor* came to assist. At midnight, *Ensor* and *Brandaris* towed the vessel into the fishing harbour of Ostend.

Zeebrugge, Apr 10 — Trawler (All types) *Aravis* sailed Ostend at 1630, Apr 6, for Stellendam. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **ARKTIKA (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 10 — A report from Interfax states that there was a fire in one of the cabins of the atomic icebreaker *Arktika* (20665 gt, built 1975) 120 km from the settlement of Dikson, on the edge of the Kara Sea, am, Apr 8. The fire was extinguished by the crew of the vessel. There were no casualties and there is no threat of radioactive contamination. *Arktika* was aided by icebreaker *Taimyr*. An investigation is now being conducted on the icebreaker to assess whether the vessel needs to put into port for repairs. — Correspondent.

London, Apr 12 — A press report, dated Apr 9, states: A fire on icebreaker *Arktika* burned three cabins and knocked out an electricity-distribution shield yesterday morning. According to Nikolay Berezny, head of the Murmansk Region emergency commission, the atomic generating system was not damaged. According to a source in Russian naval transport, smoke was noticed at 1040 hrs and the section of the ship was evacuated and hermetically sealed. The crew activated the fire-prevention system and the blaze was localized by 1900 hrs. There were no injuries. The icebreaker was in the North Sea when the blaze erupted. It is now heading for Murmansk for repairs.

#### **ARRUFO (Argentina)**

London, Apr 7 — Following navigation warning issued today: Fishing vessel *Ertza* is towing fishing (general) *Arrufo* (425 gt, built 1977) in lat 46 02S, long 61 04W, line length 450 metres, speed eight knots, course 019 degrees, bound for Mar del Plata port.

London, Apr 9 — Following navigation warning issued Apr 8: Fishing vessel *Ertza* is towing fishing (general) *Arrufo* in lat 41 24S, long 58 52W, line length 450 metres, speed 8.5 knots, course 019 degrees, bound for Mar del Plata port.

#### **ASTORIA (Bahamas)**

London, Apr 6 — A press report, dated Apr 5, states: A Filipino sailor was killed and four other sailors injured today in an accident on passenger (cruise) *Astoria* (18591 gt, built 1981) anchored in port on the Greek island of Corfu, port police said. It occurred during a routine rescue drill when the ropes attaching a lifeboat to the *Astoria* broke, they said. A 47-year-old Filipino in the lifeboat died immediately while another Filipino and three Ukrainians were hurt. Two have been hospitalised in Corfu. Most of the 257 crew on board the *Astoria*, flying under a Bahamas flag, came from the Philippines and Ukraine, while the majority of the 374 passengers on board were German. An inquiry is under way. (Note — *Astoria* sailed Trieste Apr 3 for Corfu.)

London, Apr 10 — Passenger (cruise) *Astoria* arrived Valletta Apr 10.

**ATLANT (Poland)**

London, Apr 12 — Following received from Kiel, dated today, states: After entering Kiel roads, at 0400 hrs, Apr 11, tug *Atlant* (336 gt, built 1976), got a rope entangled in its propeller while trying to get the rope on board the German tug *Hans*. The rope snapped and the loose end shot over the deck, badly hurting a Polish crewman, who was subsequently hospitalised. *Atlant*, which had brought the "casco" *Kaja Josephine* from Poland to Kiel-Friedrichsort, had to anchor off Holtenau, as it was no longer "steerable".

London, Apr 12 — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0635, UTC, today, *Atlant* was in lat 54 22.19N, long 13 58.35E, course 15.4 degs, speed 11.3 knots.

**ATLAS AMELIA (Liberia)**

Maassluis, Apr 10 — Bulker *Atlas Amelia* is presently discharging at Flushing and is expected to sail late Apr 11 or early Apr 12. Repairs were completed at Liverpool. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**AZZURRA**

(St. Vincent & Grenadines)

See *Riviera del Conero*.

**BALTIC SEAGULL (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 10 — At 2239, Apr 9, product tanker *Baltic Seagull* (2409 gt, built 1981) ran aground on the southern edge of the St. Petersburg sea channel, in the region of buoys 35/36. The vessel was en route from St. Petersburg to Vysotsk, with 2,910 tonnes of petroleum products. Attempts to remove the vessel from the sand-bar have so far been unsuccessful. — Correspondent.

London, Apr 10 — According to Lloyd's AIU MIS, at 0920, UTC, *Baltic Seagull* was reported stationary in lat 59 54.35N, long 30 03.1E.

St. Petersburg, Apr 10 — Product tanker *Baltic Seagull* grounded St. Petersburg channel last night. Preliminary cause of incident is steering failure. According to latest information, vessel remains in same position. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 11 — According to Lloyd's AIU MIS, at 1122, UTC, today, *Baltic Seagull* was reported stationary in lat 59 52.37N, long 30 13.25E.

**BELOYARSK (Russia)**

London, Apr 7 — Product tanker *Beloyarsk* arrived Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy Mar 28 from Nakhodka.

**BERGEY (Uruguay)**

London, Apr 6 — Following navigation warning issued at 0408, UTC, Apr 5: Trawler *Bergey* adrift in lat 35 59S, long 55 27W.

**BEZA (Madeira)**

Ferrol, Apr 12 — General cargo *Beza* (2469 gt, built 2000) Antwerp for Ribadeo, laden with 3,700 tonnes of fertilizer, grounded yesterday morning

when approaching her berthing pier, due to strong winds. The vessel was refloated yesterday night, at high tide, by local tug *Sella* and is now safely berthed. It appears that there are no damages to the hull, as she grounded on sand and mud. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Beza* sailed from Antwerp at 0424, UTC, Apr 8, for Ribadeo.)

**BORELLY**

London, Apr 4 — Following received from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency Inspection Branch, dated today: General cargo *Borelly* is no longer a United Kingdom-flagged vessel. It was towed to the Netherlands as an unregistered vessel.

**BOW SIRIUS (Singapore)**

London, Apr 10 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: The Kiel Canal lock gate in Holtenau, damaged by combined chemical and oil tank *Bow Sirius* and combined chemical and oil tank *King Edward*, was lifted into the floating dock *Lindenau 1* at the Lindenau Yard in Kiel over Easter by the sheerlegs *Enak* and *Samson*. Now the overall damage can be assessed. Repairs are expected to take about three months.

**CANARIAN REEFER (Panama)**

See *Takeko*.

**CARIBBEAN BARGE**

See *Caribbean Tug*.

**CARIBBEAN TUG (Panama)**

Santo Domingo, Apr 10 — Tug *Caribbean Tug* and barge *Caribbean Barge* are still aground. Salvage equipment is expected to arrive in the Dominican Republic tomorrow. — Lloyd's Agents.

**CARLISLE II (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: A Coast Guard inspector found no significant damage to ferry *Carlisle II*, which was blown off course and onto the Port Orchard shore on Monday evening (Apr 2). The ferry, which sustained a few scratches to its hull, returned to service yesterday.

**CCNI AVILES (Liberia)**

London, Apr 5 — General cargo *CCNI Aviles* sailed from Hamburg at 2030, Apr 3, bound for Antwerp, where arrived 2250, Apr 4.

**CFS PANAVERA (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Kingston, JA, Apr 10 — Part containerised general cargo *CFS Panavera* reported at Kingston Apr 2 with engine problems. Repairs are being effected and there is no expected departure at this time. — Lloyd's Agents.

**CHEMSTAR EAGLE (Panama)**

London, Apr 6 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Chemstar Eagle* sailed Leghorn Mar 30 and subsequently passed Suez Apr 4.

**CHIEF SHINGWAUK (Canada)**

Troy, Michigan, Apr 11 — The Sault Ste. Marie police indicated that the

Lock Tours Canada passenger (cruise) *Chief Shingwauk* (109 gt, built 1965) was damaged by vandalism on Monday (Apr 9). No further information was available. — Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping.

**CORAL LEADER (Bahamas)**

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 4 — Vehicle carrier *Coral Leader* (41000 gt, built 2006) struck the south-west corner of the swing bridge at Bremerhaven yesterday afternoon. A sudden gust of wind blew the vessel into the jetty, despite the use of two tugs. Approximately 10 metres of the vessel's outer skin was strongly deformed above the waterline. A roll layer of concrete on the jetty was also damaged. Due to the damage, a discharge prohibition has been imposed on the vessel. — Correspondent.

Bremen, Apr 5 — It has been reported in the local press that vehicle carrier *Coral Leader* contacted a quay whilst passing the turning railway bridge within the Bremerhaven port area yesterday evening. The accident was caused by a wind gust, although there were two tugs assisting the vessel. The outside shell of the vessel was dented to a length of approximately 10 metres, above the waterline and was also partly torn open. Some interior frames were broken. There were also damages to the quay, although the exact extent of the damage is not yet known. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 6 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: On Apr 3, vehicle carrier *Coral Leader* contacted the south-western corner of the harbour entrance of Bremerhaven. The hull of the vessel was damaged over a length of 10 metres and partially breached and dented above the waterline, framings were broken and the concrete of the pier was damaged too. The *Coral Leader* had been caught by strong winds, in spite of the assistance of two tugs. Vessel left Bremerhaven, via the Northern lock, in the afternoon of Apr 6 after repairs were affected and investigations by the police finished.

London, Apr 10 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: On Apr 9, vehicle carrier *Coral Leader* was berthed at the Lloyds Yard in Bremerhaven for repairs to the damages caused by its contact with a quay on Apr 3.

**CORAL MERMAID (Liberia)**

London, Apr 6 — Refrigerated general cargo *Coral Mermaid* sailed Bremerhaven Mar 29 and arrived Flushing Mar 30.

**CUYAHOGA (Canada)**

London, Apr 5 — Bulker *Cuyahoga* (8796 gt, built 1943) while manoeuvring in the Cleveland River, Cleveland, Ohio, struck a dock at 1335 yesterday. Vessel was holed amidships above the waterline. Strong westerly winds with gusts to 30 knots were reported at the time.

**DANICA HAV (Bahamas)**

London, Apr 6 — General cargo *Danica Hav* arrived Varberg Apr 4 and sailed Apr 5 for Lorient.



**DANIEL K. (Netherlands)**

London, Apr 11 — At 2200 hrs, Apr 7, a fire broke out in the engine-room of general cargo *Daniel K.* (3037 gt, built 2002). A defect oil pump sprayed “a fuel fume” into the room and the “exhaust installations” caught fire. The crew were able to extinguish the flames and after temporary repairs the vessel was allowed to proceed to Kiel, escorted by the multi purpose vessel *Scharhoern*, where it anchored. Police commenced investigations there and the vessel is not allowed to continue its voyage until the appropriate permission is forthcoming from its classification society, Germanischer Lloyd. (Note — *Daniel K.* sailed from Szczecin on Apr 7, bound for Algeciras and according to Lloyd’s MIU AIS, at 0731, UTC, today, was stationary in Holtenu.)

London, Apr 12 — Following received from Kiel, dated today: General cargo *Daniel K.* is still in the North harbour at Kiel, waiting for spare parts. These are “not easy to find”, although the repair itself is not too difficult.

**DAVANLIN (U.K.)**

London, Apr 5 — Fraserburgh fishing (general) *Davanlin* (121 gt, built 1968) is being towed back to its home port after taking in water last night, 55 miles south-east of Sumburgh. Shetland Coastguard helicopter Rescue OC was launched to take two pumps to the *Davanlin* with five crew on board. One was lowered down to the 23-metre vessel and seemed to work well. The vessel was then taken under tow by the *Auriga*, also from Fraserburgh. The tow is expected to arrive at around 2000 today.

London, Apr 6 — Fraserburgh fishing (general) *Davanlin* limped back to her home port last night after it began taking in water. Fraserburgh fishing vessel *Auriga*, which had been working nearby, towed the 75 ft *Davanlin* and her five-man crew back to the Broch. The two vessels arrived in the port at around 1915 hrs. The 38-year-old *Davanlin* is owned by the Davlin Fishing Co. No one from the firm was available to comment last night.

Grangemouth, Apr 10 — Fishing (general) *Davanlin* was towed into Fraserburgh Apr 5 with flooding in the engine-room. The engine-room was pumped out, an inspection made and no damage found. The vessel has now returned to sea. — Lloyd’s Agents.

**DOLPHIN 111 (Vanuatu)**

London, Apr 4 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1421, UTC: Drill platform *Dolphin 111* is still aground. Salvage operations are expected to commence shortly.

London, Apr 7 — A Coast Guard Corpus Christi press release, dated Apr 6, states: Salvage efforts continue on drill platform *Dolphin 111*, that has been aground since Mar 21, approximately one mile offshore and six miles south of the Port Aransas, Texas, jetties. Earlier this week, members of Titan Maritime positioned a lift boat next to the *Dolphin 111* and began transferring equipment from the lift boat to the disabled rig. Over the

last five days divers have been able to conduct underwater inspections of the rig to determine its condition. Using the rig’s own jacking system, the salvors were able to bring the hull approximately four feet above the water and efforts are underway to dewater compartments that flooded when it was partially submerged. The rig sustained extensive damage from the constant pounding of heavy seas since it ran aground. In the near term, the salvage team will work to seal the compartments and breaches to the hull so the rig can be refloated. Once the rig is refloated, the owner intends to have it towed to Kiewitt Offshore Services in Ingleside for additional repairs. Repairs are expected to take several days, depending on weather conditions in the area. Coast Guard and Texas General Land Office personnel will oversee the removal and disposal of any oily water that may be left on board from the rig’s storage tanks and machinery spaces.

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1459, UTC: Drill platform *Dolphin 111* has been refloated and will be towed to Corpus Christi for repairs.

**EAGLE AURIGA (Singapore)**

London, Apr 6 — Crude oil tanker *Eagle Auriga* arrived Houston Apr 1 and sailed Apr 2.

**EIFUKU MARU NO.7 (Japan)**

London, Apr 7 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Eifuku Maru No.7* (313 gt, built 1984), with a cargo of steel scrap, sank after a collision with general cargo *Yinhe No.1* (445 gt, built 1988) early today, leaving one crew member of the Japanese vessel missing, the Japanese Coast Guard said. The collision occurred off the coast of Wakayama prefecture near the town of Susami in western Japan, said Shoichiro Araki, a spokesman for the Coast Guard in Kobe. A Coast Guard vessel is searching for a 65-year man missing from the crew of four on the *Eifuku Maru No.7*. There were no injuries among the 10 Chinese crewmen on board the *Yinhe No.1*, which is carrying silicon ore.

London, Apr 8 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Eifuku Maru No.7* sank after colliding with general cargo *Yinhe No.1* about 3.6 kilometres south-south-west of Susamicho, Wakayama Prefecture, at 0515 yesterday, leaving one of the four crew members on board missing, the local Coast Guard office said. Hideo Okamoto, chief engineer of the *Eifuku Maru No.7*, went missing after the collision but the other three crew members, including the master, Toshio Yamagishi, were rescued by another cargo vessel. The Tanabe Coast Guard Office dispatched five patrol boats to search for Okamoto, 65. An oil slick about one kilometre long and 100 metres wide remained near the accident site. *Yinhe No.1* sustained damage to its stern and port side and started taking on water after the collision. However, it was able to reach Tanabe port about noon. No one on

board that vessel was injured. *Eifuku Maru No.7* left Kinuura yesterday evening for Wakayama, while *Yinhe No.1* was heading to Nagoya from Shanghai, according to the office.

**EMINE (Malta)**

Montreal, Apr 5 — Bulker *Emine* is currently at anchorage in Comeau Bay. The main air compressors are damaged and owners intend to carry out permanent repairs at Comeau Bay. — Lloyd’s Agents.

**ERIKA (Malta)**

London, Apr 5 — The Total oil group’s shipping operations manager has denied giving instructions to the master of non specific tanker *Erika* in the course of a telephone conversation, on the eve of the vessel’s sinking. Dirk Martens told the court hearing the *Erika* trial in Paris, that he took the initiative to contact the master directly during the evening of Saturday Dec 11, 1999, because he had been given conflicting information regarding the vessel’s situation. The prosecution considers that Total, as charterer of the *Erika*, had a degree of control over the operation of the vessel, but Mr Martens told the court: “I asked for information. I did not give instructions. We are not supposed to give instructions to a ship in relation to crisis management.” He said that he had received a message from the master on the evening of Dec 11, indicating that the vessel had been listing, but that the list had subsequently been corrected and that the master had the situation under control. However, a later message addressed to Total by French shipping agency Pommè, had reported that the vessel had a crack on its deck and had changed course to seek refuge in the port of Donges, on the River Loire. The sender of the message told the court that he had also told Mr Martens that some of the vessel’s cargo had leaked into the sea, but Mr Martens denied this, saying that he would have acted very differently if this had been the case. Mr Martens, a former tanker master, said that Captain Karun Mathur had telephoned him in response to his message and confirmed that there was a crack one metre long and two centimetres wide on the deck of the *Erika*. Captain Mathur had also confirmed that he had abandoned his southbound route to make for the port of Donges, on the grounds that this course prevented the vessel taking seawater on its damaged deck. Mr Martens told the court, however, that Captain Mathur had made no mention in the course of their conversation of any oil loss in the sea, despite the fact that he had specifically asked him if there had been any pollution. The court heard that he had expressed surprise in the course of an interrogation by the examining magistrate at the master’s apparent calm in the face of what he considered to be a “serious problem.” “He gave me an impression of maturity in his approach to an incident on his ship,” he told the court, adding that he had closed his conversation with Captain Mathur with the words:

“Captain, be careful and inform us if there is any change.” Asked why, in the course of interrogation, he had described his decision to speak to the master as an “unfortunate idea,” he said that he was referring to the fact that it had led to him being interrogated by the examining magistrate, which he had not found a “positive experience.” He added that, if he were faced with a similar situation in the future, he would nevertheless do the same thing. “I had two contradictory elements (of information),” he said. “I needed to have exact information.”

**EVELYN MAERSK (DIS)**

London, Apr 8 — Container Carrier *Evelyn Maersk* was reported passing Skaw at 1722, Apr 7. Vessel has an ETA at Rotterdam of Apr 10.

**EXCELSIOR**

London, Apr 5 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: General cargo *Excelsior* was being unloaded in Mannheim harbour early today. Insurance and shipping experts were on scene to check the containers, one of which contains dangerous goods. (See issue of Apr 5.)

London, Apr 6 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: General cargo *Excelsior* is to be slipped up in Speyer on Apr 10 under the attendance of several shipping experts and investigators. While still berthed at the quay of the Braun yard, the engine is to be inspected, after which the vessel will be lifted ashore. How long repairs will take is not yet clear. Meanwhile the search for the containers will go on also during the Easter days with one vessel. Only on Apr 6, 8 and 9 there is a break. The last traced container was salvaged on Apr 5. It was severely damaged and empty.

London, Apr 10 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: General cargo *Excelsior* was pulled on to the slipway of the Jos Braun Yard in Speyer this morning. Initial surveys showed no major damage. Repairs are expected to be completed on Apr 11 and presumably, on Apr 12, the vessel will be back on the River Rhine. At Cologne two vessels are searching for the missing two containers of vessel's cargo after a break of two days.

**FJORDTANK (Panama)**

London, Apr 8 — Information received from Sandnes, dated today, states: At 0939, local time, Apr 6, chemical tanker *Fjordtank* (729 gt, built 1986) experienced engine blackout in Sognesjoen, north of Bergen. Rescue vessel assisted and tug was required to tow the tanker, however, the crew restarted the engine before the tug arrived and at 1115, local time, the tanker proceeded to Bergen for inspections. Vessel sailed later same day for Antwerp.

**FRAN & LLOYD (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 4 — A United States Coast Guard press release, dated Jacksonville, Apr 3, states: Coast Guard search and rescue crews assisted

fishing (general) *Fran & Lloyd* (105 gt, built 1980), taking on water in St. Andrew Sound near Brunswick, Ga, this afternoon. The *Fran & Lloyd*, a 78-ft fishing vessel from Brunswick, radioed to the Coast Guard at approximately 1450 hrs, that they had three-four feet of water in the engine-room and needed assistance. Coast Guard crews from Air Station Savannah and Station Brunswick launched to assist the two men onboard the vessel. The helicopter crew from Savannah arrived on scene first and lowered a dewatering pump to help stabilise the vessel. The small vessel crew from Station Brunswick arrived shortly after and escorted the vessel to Brunswick Landing Marina. The *Fran & Lloyd* was able to return to shore under its own power and discovered that the water was coming from a fresh water pump onboard the vessel.

**FRISIAN TRADER (Netherlands)**

Copenhagen, Apr 5 — Container carrier *Frisian Trader* is presently in dock for repairs to bottom damage. All four propeller blades have also been sent for repair. — Correspondent.

London, Apr 6 — Following received from Aarhus RCC, timed 0935, UTC: Container Carrier *Frisian Trader* remains in dry dock at Fredericia, under repair.

Aarhus, Apr 10 — Container carrier *Frisian Trader* completed repairs Apr 9 and is currently operating normally. The vessel is due to depart Fredericia Apr 11 for Aarhus. — Lloyd's Agents.

**FUJIMARINE (Singapore)**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: An estimated 100 gallons of oil leaked from vehicle carrier *Fujimarine* (11433 gt, built 1986) while berthed at the port of Saipan yesterday morning. Officials said there is no imminent threat to sea life. Divers have determined that a hole near the rudder of the vessel was the origin of the leak and have repaired it. Emergency responders immediately deployed an oil boom shell around the vessel to contain the leaking oil. As of 1600 yesterday, a statement from the Governor's Office said that emergency responders were quickly clearing the spill. The Commonwealth Ports Authority first alerted the CNMI Emergency Operations Office to an oil spill of unknown source at Baker Dock at 0845 yesterday. After inspecting several vessels in the vicinity, EMO established that the vessel *Fujimarine* was the source of the leak. Based on preliminary estimates, approximately 100 gallons of oil leaked from the vessel. Shell Marianas was contracted to disperse absorbent pads within the boom shell to absorb the contaminated water. Two shoreline assessments were made yesterday and a third is scheduled for 0900 today. Ship owner A & T Shipping Services has contracted South Pacific Environment to handle the remaining clean-up associated with the spill. Response to the incident is being executed under a Unified Command System lead by EMO, the United States Coast Guard, and A&T

Shipping Services. In addition to DFW and CRM, other responding agencies include the Division of Environmental Quality, Commonwealth Utilities Corp and the Office of the Governor Public Information Office.

Honolulu, Apr 11 — Vehicle carrier *Fujimarine* departed for Guam to effect permanent repairs. It is reported that two wooden plugs were installed in the rudder tank, along with the tank being drained. An estimated 100 gallons of oil spilled, and clean-up was completed by South Pacific Environmental, with shoreline assessment also completed. — Lloyd's Agents.

**GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)**

Piraeus, Apr 7 — Bulker *Golden Sky* was towed to Ventspils as port of refuge due to bad weather conditions during the morning of Apr 2. Vessel berthed alongside at Berth 37. — Tsavlis Salvage (International) Ltd.

Riga, Apr 10 — Cargo from bulker *Golden Sky* has been discharged into barges and currently approximately 1,500 tonnes remains onboard, for stability. Due to the heavy damages to the hull, it has decided to scrap the vessel and she will be broken-up at Liepaja or Klaipeda. Presently the vessel is under arrest, in respect of a claim for damage of the cable. However, the arrest is wrong, because at the time of the court hearing, the guarantee had been issued and delivered. — Lloyd's Agents.

**GORGONA (Barbados)**

London, Apr 7 — Chemical tanker *Gorgona* was reported passing Istanbul at 0822, Apr 5, on a passage Derince for Constantza.

**GRANDE ARGENTINA (Sweden)**

Zeebrugge, Apr 10 — Vehicle carrier *Grande Argentina* (56660 gt, built 2001) departed from its berth in Antwerp at 0823 today. Vessel cleared Kallolock at 1005 hrs but grounded near Buoy 20, River Scheldt, at 1220 hrs. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Maassluis, Apr 10 — At 1220 hrs, today vehicle carrier *Grande Argentina* grounded at bouy 20, River Schelde. Tugs are currently trying to refloat the vessel. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Zeebrugge, Apr 10 — Vehicle carrier *Grande Argentina* was reported afloat at 1340, local time. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Apr 10 — While sailing down river from Antwerp to the sea, vehicle carrier *Grande Argentina*, ran aground at about noon, Apr 9, near buoy 20 in the River Scheldt off Terneuzen. Eight local tugs from the towing companies Multraship and the Union succeeded in refloating the vessel at about 1400, local time. The cause of the stranding is not yet known, but it is most probably caused by engine failure. After the vessel was refloated it was towed by four tugs to Sloe Harbour in Flushing, where divers will be inspect the bottom for damage.

London, Apr 11 — Vehicle carrier *Grande Argentina* sailed Flushing 0210 today for Dakar and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was located 35.5

nautical miles from Salcombe, in lat 49 46 24.66N, long 03 23 25.98W, at 1717, UTC, today, course 237 deg, speed 18.4 knots.

**GRANDE BAIE (Canada)**

London, Apr 10 — Tug *Grande Baie* (194 gt, built 1972) while assisting a vessel, had engine trouble and had to return to berth at Port Alfred at 1930, Apr 2.

**GULF PRIDE (Panama)**

Djibouti, Apr 4 — General cargo *Gulf Pride* is still under arrest. No underwater repairs have been carried out as yet. — Lloyd's Agents.

**HARVEST (Belize)**

London, Apr 8 — A press report, dated today, states: A Chinese vessel collided with a Cambodian cargo vessel off the east China coast around 0400 today. The Cambodian vessel sank immediately and 20 crew members are missing, according to the marine police in Taizhou city, in east China's Zhejiang province. The general cargo *Harvest* (3784 gt, built 1989) was en route from Shanghai to Vietnam when it collided with the bulker *Jin Hai Kun* (17061 gt, built 1989) in lat 28 20.8N, long 122 02.6E, in Taizhou Bay, east China. All 20 crew members on board — nineteen Chinese and an Indonesian — are missing. *Jin Hai Kun* is from Fuzhou, capital of east China's Fujian province, and was bound for Zhangjiagang, Jiangsu Province. Three patrol vessels from the Zhejiang marine police, two rescue vessels, a helicopter and four fishing vessels are in the area trying to save the seamen. The Chinese navy has also sent two escort vessels and a helicopter to assist the rescue efforts. An investigation has been launched into the cause of the accident.

London, Apr 8 — A press report, dated today, states: Twenty sailors on general cargo *Harvest* were missing after their vessel collided with bulker *Jin Hai Kun* and sank today off eastern China, the Government reported. The accident occurred in the Taizhou strait off the coast of Zhejiang province, the State Administration of Work Safety said on its website, citing maritime police. The 3,700-tonne vessel was identified by its name *Harvest*, the administration report said. The vessel was laden with around 5,000 tonnes of steel products when the accident occurred. Nineteen Chinese sailors and one Indian were on board the vessel when it sank, the report said. The *Harvest* was on voyage from Shanghai to Vietnam, it reported. Xinhua news agency said the vessel was Cambodian, although the administration report said it was registered in Belize. Search vessels were currently searching the area for survivors, Xinhua reported. The cause of the collision is under investigation.

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: The Chinese navy and marine rescue teams are searching the East China Sea for 20 crew from Belize general cargo *Harvest*, which collided with bulker *Jin Hai Kun* and sank. The Xinhua news agency says the vessel

sank immediately after yesterday's early morning collision. Initial reports said the 20 missing crew members were Cambodians but that has since been revised to 19 Chinese and one Indonesian. Three patrol boats from Zhejiang marine police, two professional rescue vessels, a helicopter and four fishing boats have converged on the area to try to find the seamen. The Chinese navy has also sent two escort vessels and a helicopter to assist rescue work. An investigation has been launched into the cause of the accident

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Rescue workers today found a body while searching for the seamen missing after a collision between general cargo *Harvest* and bulker *Jin Hai Kun* off the east China coast yesterday, which left 20 crew members missing. More than 280 rescuers, 17 rescue boats and three helicopters are searching the area, said a spokesman for the Maritime Affairs Bureau of east China's Zhejiang Province. He gave no details on the body, including its possible identity. *Jin Hai Kun* was in collision with *Harvest* around 0400 yesterday. *Harvest* sank immediately and all 20 crew members, 19 Chinese and an Indonesian, were missing, according to marine police in Zhejiang's Taizhou city. The Ministry of Communications has dispatched a team to Taizhou to investigate the cause of the accident and rescuers have located the position of the sunken vessel. Local authorities are also monitoring and clearing pollution in the area.

London, Apr 11 — Following received from the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize, dated Apr 10: We have been informed that the Belize registered general cargo *Harvest* collided with bulker *Jin Hai Kun* off the coast of Taizhou, at approximately 0400, Apr 8. It is reported that *Harvest* was struck amidship by *Jin Hai Kun* and sank "almost immediately." We understand that none of *Harvest's* 20 crew members have been rescued so far. We have launched an investigation into this casualty.

**IHOLM II (Denmark)**

See *Vornæs II*.

**IL SUNG T-1 (South Korea)**

Busan, Apr 5 — Tug *Il Sung T-1* refloated on Mar 30. The vessel, in tow, is now on a voyage to Busan with an ETA of Apr 6, when it is scheduled to drydock at Donghae Shipyard Co., Busan, for permanent repairs. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Busan, Apr 10 — Tug *Il Sung T-1* drydocked at Donghae Shipyard Co, Ltd, Busan, Apr 7 for permanent repairs, which are expected to be completed by the end of May. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**IRBIS (Poland)**

London, Apr 12 — Following received from Kiel, dated today: Tug *Irbis* (134 gt, built 1960), berthed at the Tiessen quay in Holtenuau for repairs, after experiencing technical problems. It is

towing a 26 metre tug *DMS Bluebird*, a newbuilding which is to be fitted out in the Netherlands for use in the Persian Gulf.

**ISLAND BREEZE (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 10 — A press release from the United States Coast Guard dated Apr 9, states: Barge *ITB 260* (1890 gt, built 1963) loaded with 3,324 tons of gravel capsized north of Gig Harbor, Wash., when the tide came in at 1950, today, causing the load of gravel to shift and eventually spill into the water. At 1625 hrs the tug *Island Breeze* (78 gt, built 1965) was towing the barge when it reported to the Coast Guard that the barge was taking on water. Over three hours later the crew of the tug reported they had pushed the barge against the shore to prevent it from sinking. The Coast Guard is working with the owner of the barge to ensure the damage to the barge can safely be evaluated before being allowed to proceed. This incident did not result in the release of any petroleum products. The barge was transporting the gravel from Dupont, Wash., to Kenmore, Wash. The Coast Guard has assigned an investigator to this incident and notified the Washington State Department of Ecology of the event.

**ITB 260 (U.S.A.)**

See *Island Breeze*.

**IWASHIRO (Panama)**

London, Apr 5 — Container Carrier *Iwashiro* (18619 gt, built 1995), owned and operated by NYK Line, is proceeding slowly back to Durban, the port from which it sailed about a week ago, after experiencing technical problems off the coast of Madagascar. It is thought the problem may be related to a troublesome boiler, although the vessel is able to proceed under its own steam to Durban, where repairs will be carried out. The vessel is deployed on NYK's container service between the Far East and South Africa and was en route to Singapore when the problems developed. According to the agent in Durban, Messrs Mitchell Cotts, *Iwashiro* is expected to arrive off Durban on Apr 8 but, owing to the current delays being experienced at the Durban Container Terminal (DCT) and the lack of a booking, the vessel may have a wait outside of up to four days before a space is allocated. Once at DCT about 700 containers have to be discharged and then the vessel will move to the repair quay. It is believed that Messrs Dormac has been awarded the contract to undertake the repairs. The discharged containers will be loaded onto another vessel headed for Singapore and the Far East. (Note — *Iwashiro* sailed Durban Mar 28.)

Durban, Apr 10 — Container carrier *Iwashiro* is presently outside Durban Harbour and will berth around Apr 11 to discharge cargo. The vessel will then shift to Dormac for repairs and is expected to remain at the yard until the end of April. — Lloyd's Agents.



**JAGATPUR (Bangladesh)**

See *Precious*.

**JIN HAI KUN (China)**

See *Harvest*.

**KAYLANA (U.K.)**

Stornoway, Apr 11 — Fishing (general) *Kaylana* has effected repairs and is back in service. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**KHALED MUHIEDDINE (Panama)**

London, Apr 10 — Bulker *Khaled Muhieddine* was reported arriving at Las Palmas at 1400, Mar 25 and sailing at 0800, Mar 26. It passed through the Dardanelles at 1715, Apr 7, bound for Varna, where due today.

**KIEK UT (Germany)**

Mannheim, Apr 12 — Tug *Kiek Ut* (built 1961) sank near Ginsheim-Gustavsburg at about 0830, Apr 7. The vessel's master and owner, Karl Heinz Aldtmann of Friesenheim, drowned in the accident. The cause of the sinking is still unknown. The vessel is now at Wiesbaden. The estimated loss is about Euros 100,000 and it is believed that the vessel is a total loss and will be scrapped. — Lloyd's Agents.

**KILINDINI (Kenya)**

Mombasa, Apr 11 — Roll On Roll Off *Kilindini* is owned by Kenya Ferry Services Ltd and is used to ferry commuters and vehicles at the Likoni channel. She had, at that time, stalled midstream for about an hour and was towed to the Kenya Ports Authority dockyard for repairs. The repairs were completed and the vessel is currently in good working order. — Lloyd's Agents.

**KOMETIK (Canada)**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: Sixty-nine charges have been laid against the owners of crude oil tanker *Kometik* and three of its crew members, nearly a year after Wayne Dalton was killed in a flash fire on board the vessel. Transport Canada said yesterday that CanShip Uglund Ltd faces 17 charges, while three senior officers — Capt Gough Everett Wellon of Lewisporte, Chief Officer Raymond Keith Riggs of St. Philip's and Supt Chesley Lloyd Button of St. John's — face 52 charges under the Marine Occupational Safety and Health regulations of the Canada Labour Code. The group appeared in provincial court in St. John's last Thursday (Mar 29) to face charges and will reappear on May 1 to enter a plea. Each of the charges can carry fines ranging from \$100,000 to \$1 million, according to Transport Canada communications officer Tracey Hennessey. Dalton, who was from Cape Broyle, was killed on Apr 8, 2006, when a flash fire broke out in the vessel's cargo area, while it was docked in Conception Bay undergoing routine maintenance work. Dalton died of smoke inhalation. Another man, an employee of East Coast Marine, was seriously burned. Dalton was a deckhand who was working in the area of the cargo hold at the time, while the other man was doing welding work on a

steel bracket. The Transportation Safety Board is also investigating the incident, media relations officer Murray Gross said late last week. "The investigation is ongoing," he said. "We cannot confirm whether or not charges are forthcoming."

**KOMMANDOR STUART (U.K.)**

London, Apr 9 — Tender *Kommandor Stuart* sailed Aberdeen Apr 7.

**KRONPRINS FREDERIK (DIS)**

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Kiel, dated today: At approximately noon, Apr 10, roll on roll off *Kronprins Frederik* (16071 gt, built 1981) crashed into the dock in Gedser, Denmark. As a result, the vessel's bow door could not be opened. Nine hours later, at 2100 hrs, it was decided that the ferry would return to Rostock, a journey of two hours, for repairs, and unload the cars via the stern ramp. On board the ferry were 248 passengers, 54 crew, 21 trucks, 73 cars and one bus. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0203, UTC, today, *Kronprins Frederik* was stationary, in the port of Warnemunde, Germany.)

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Roll On Roll Off *Kronprins Frederik* had an accident during the approach of port of Gedser yesterday. During the approach the ferry had a "black-out" and lost the steering for some minutes. It resulted in a contact with the quayside denting the bow door. It later turned out that it was impossible to open the bow door and discharge the cargo from the car deck. Instead the ferry returned to Rostock as it is not possible to discharge from the stern doors in Gedser as they have another size and shape than the bow doors. On board were 73 private cars, 21 lorries and one bus. Before leaving Gedser 22 passengers without cars left the ferry. Scandlines is diverting traffic to their route from Puttgarden to Rodbyhavn, while the ferry is being repaired.

London, Apr 12 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: Roll on roll off *Kronprins Frederik* has completed repairs and is due to sail Rostock today.

**KYRIAKOS M. (Cyprus)**

Istanbul, Apr 6 — Bulker *Kyriakos M.* (20083 gt, built 1976) grounded outside of Gelibolu, in lat 40 31.3N, long 26 53.8E, at 0900, local time, today. — Turkish Straits.com.

Istanbul, Apr 6 — Bulker *Kyriakos M.*, Ilichevsk to Dakar, while transitting Dardanelles, ran aground at Dogan Aslan point off Gelibolu at 0900, UTC, today. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 6 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1340, UTC: Bulker *Kyriakos M.* is still aground. Salvors are checking vessel's hull but there appears to be no damage or pollution.

London, Apr 6 — Bulker *Kyriakos M.*, Ukraine for Senegal, with 23 crew members on board, ran aground at Doganaslan region of Gallipoli in lat 40 31.3N, long 26 53.8E, today. In order to provide the safety of navigation, life,

property and protect of marine environment patrol vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 2* was immediately dispatched to the scene. Amount of bunkers on board: Fuel oil 365.2 tonnes and diesel oil 72.1 tonnes. As a result of inspections no pollution, loss of life and goods were reported. A salvage agreement was signed between the master of the vessel and tug *Sonduren 4* at 2145 today.

London, Apr 7 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1055, UTC: Bulker *Kyriakos M.* remains aground at present.

London, Apr 8 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1236, UTC: Bulker *Kyriakos M.* refloated at 1740, Apr 7, and is currently anchored near the position of grounding, pending clearance to proceed.

**LARGS BAY (U.K.)**

Falmouth, Apr 11 — Naval Auxiliary vessel *Largs Bay* completed repairs and sailed Falmouth Apr 11. — Lloyd's Agents.

**MAERSK NOVAZZANO (Liberia)**

London, Apr 10 — Container Carrier *Maersk Novazzano* arrived at Oakland at 1625 hrs, Apr 7. She departed at 0725 hrs, Apr 8, bound for Los Angeles and arrived at 0610 hrs, Apr 9.

**MAHARASHTRA (India)**

Mumbai, Apr 6 — The fortuitous presence of Indian Navy vessels, which are deployed in South-East and Far East Asia, saved the Shipping Corporation of India's bulker *Maharashtra* from being adrift in the Pacific. The SCI vessel was on transit from Singapore to Japan when its engine reportedly malfunctioned. Following receipt of a distress signal, *INS Rana* was promptly dispatched to rescue the vessel on Apr 3. The navy vessel reached the area at 0830 hrs and a technical team comprising 10 naval personnel were transferred by helicopter and boat to the merchant vessel to render assistance. The team quickly rectified the fault in the engine and restored power supply on SCI ship. *INS Rana* also supplied 10 tonnes of fuel to enable *Maharashtra* to continue its onward voyage. — Lloyd's Agents.

**MARCO POLO 168 (Indonesia)**

Hanoi, Apr 5 — Following received from our Quang Nam province office: Pontoon *Marco Polo 168*/tug *Nov Terus Daya 21*: No refloating operations have carried out up to now. There has been no oil leakage from the vessel. Drifting wooden chips have seriously affected the water and coral around Cu Lao Cham Island. *Nov Terus Daya 21* is still under arrest of the local authorities "to resolve environment affects." — Lloyd's Agents.

**MARY-JO (South Africa)**

Cape Town, Apr 5 — Fishing (general) *Mary-Jo* grounded at the river mouth in rough sea conditions. She was refloated after two days, without any reported damage. We understand that it is once again engaged in normal fishing activities. — Lloyd's Agents.

**MEISHENG 3698 (China)**

Shanghai, Apr 11 — General cargo *Meisheng 3698* was refloated Apr 6 and towed to a place nearby. The cargo was discharged so that the hole in the hull was up to the waterline and the vessel could be refloated. The repairing schedule is not yet available. — Lloyd's Agents.

Busan, Apr 11 — Container Carrier *Star Mariner* arrived at Busan for cargo operation and temporary repairs at approximately 1800, Apr 5. The vessel completed temporary repairs at Busan and sailed Apr 6 for normal service. Permanent repairs were deferred to its next scheduled drydocking in April next year. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**MIKHAIL DUDIN (Malta)**

Riga, Apr 11 — General cargo *Mikhail Dudin* is still at Ventspils awaiting spare parts. The vessel is expected to remain in port until the end of April. — Lloyd's Agents.

**MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Work to remove the containers from the stricken Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* is now well over half way. The Environment Group assigned to the salvage operation has said that only 43% of the original 2,318 containers are left on board the vessel and that work is going well. Salvage contractors are concentrating on removing the remaining 998 containers from below deck. A total of 88 containers have been recovered from the sea and the shoreline and 26 containers are submerged. Sonar vessels are continuing to search for the submerged containers, all of which have been identified and the authorities have been notified of their contents. The removal operation has been temporarily suspended while modifications are made to the crane barge *Big Foot* to allow it to lift heavier containers, many of which have become waterlogged. The rights to remove the wreck have been put out to tender and parties had until yesterday to apply. Containers taken to Portland Port are being checked and processed before being loaded onto the *MSC Grace* to be shipped on to Le Havre.

**MSC TAMPA (Bahamas)**

London, Apr 4 — Following received from Coastguard Dover MRCC, timed 1429, UTC: Container carrier *MSC Tampa* (43332 gt, built 1984), Antwerp for Le Havre, is presently effecting repairs to a damaged cylinder head or cracked liner in lat 51 03.4N, long 01 24.7E. The vessel is anchored in EITZ, dragging anchor into SW TSS. Emergency Towing Vessel, tug *Anglian Monarch*, has been mobilised. Weather: Wind north-east, force 5-7 (fresh breeze-near gale), decreasing to force 3-4 (gentle breeze-moderate breeze). (Note — *MSC Tampa* sailed Antwerp at 0417 today.)

London, Apr 4 — Following received from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, dated today: This afternoon, Dover Coastguard MRCC has been

assisting the recovery of container carrier *MSC Tampa*, which experienced engine failure earlier today in the Dover Strait. The vessel lost power and then dragged anchor into the very busy shipping lane within the Dover Strait, where it became a hazard to navigation. Dover Coastguard MRCC requested the MCA Emergency Towing Vessel, tug *Anglian Monarch*, to establish a tow. The *MSC Tampa* is now under tow and en route to a safe anchorage, two miles south of Folkestone, where any repairs will take place. Mike Toogood, Channel Navigation Information Service Manager, Dover Coastguard MRCC, said: "We immediately requested the *Anglian Monarch* to the scene to eliminate the hazard to shipping navigation. The ETV was on scene within 15 minutes."

London, Apr 5 — Following received from Coastguard Dover MRCC, timed 0530, UTC: Container Carrier *MSC Tampa* effected repairs and proceeded on voyage at 2010, UTC, yesterday. (Note — According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *MSC Tampa* was reported two nautical miles from Harfleur, France, at 0522, UTC, today.)

**NATHALIE EHLEH (U.K.)**

London, Apr 5 — Container Carrier *Nathalie Ehler* sailed from Hamburg at 0025, Apr 1, bound for Helsinki, arriving on Apr 4.

**NEW HORIZONS (Guyana)**

Georgetown, Apr 11 — Product tanker *New Horizons* is still discharging its cargo and is expected to complete within the next one or two days. — Lloyd's Agents.

**NIMATULLAH (India)**

See "Somalia" under "Piracy."

**NOELANI (U.S.A.)**

Seattle, Apr 4 — The owners of tug *Noelani* reportedly accepted a negotiated Constructive Total Loss settlement last week for \$630,000, and retained the title to the vessel. It appears the fire damage repairs were quoted at \$440,000 by Fred Wahl, Inc. The Fairbanks-Morse engine repairs were quoted at \$80,000, and electronics and labour made up the balance. The Underwriters' surveyor and adjuster believes the owners will repair the vessel and return it to service. — Lloyd's Agents.

**NONI (Bahamas)**

Karachi, Apr 7 — Understand from Karachi Port Trust (KPT) that discharge of imported coal from bulker *Noni* (25600 gt, built 1996) at berth No 2/3 was partially suspended following a minor accident today. During offloading of coal, the winch broke down and discharge had to stop. Later, the port authority allowed the vessel to engage a mobile crane. A worker was injured but no damage to the vessel was reported. The *Noni* had arrived Karachi Apr 4. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

Karachi, Apr 9 — Understand from Karachi-based shipping agents Ocean Services (Pvt) Ltd that bulker *Noni*

started discharging imported coal from one hatch with the help of a mobile crane at Karachi port at 1430, Apr 8. Surveyors are preparing their report for the repair of the winch of No 1 crane. *Noni* brought in about 38,743 tons of coal and reportedly over 30,000 tons were offloaded at the port from the vessel's No 5 hatch. Bureau Veritas has been engaged to survey other cranes and on receipt of their permission, Karachi Port Trust will allow discharge with the support of other cranes. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

Karachi, Apr 10 — The Karachi Port Trust (KPT) have advised that bulker *Noni* has completed the offloading of 38,743 tons of imported coal at the port, which had earlier been partially suspended due to a winch problem. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

Karachi, Apr 11 — Bulker *Noni* sailed Karachi at 0830, Apr 10. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

**NORDEUROPA (DIS)**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: An early report said a short-circuit may have ignited a massive fireball that engulfed a fuel terminal in the port of Providence last summer. Investigators at the Providence Fire Department said a strong gust of wind pushed combined chemical and oil tank *Nordeuropa* away from a dock at the Motiva terminal, while the vessel was unloading fuel on Jul 18. A fuel line that linked the vessel to the dock broke, possibly exposing electrical wiring that might have sparked and ignited gas vapours. Eyewitnesses had reported seeing a lightning strike near the dock immediately before the fire but Providence fire authorities said they found no evidence that lightning ignited the blaze. The US Coast Guard is conducting its own investigation and plans to release a report early next year.

**NORRONA (Faroe Islands)**

London, Apr 4 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Norrøna* (35966 gt, built 2003) was caught by strong winds, started drifting and ran aground, while departing Seyðhisfjörður, Iceland, during the evening of Apr 3. The vessel was able to refloat itself shortly afterwards and Icelandic divers were asked to inspect the vessel's bottom.

**NOV TERUS DAYA 21 (Indonesia)**

See *Marco Polo 168*.

**OCEAN FURY (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 6 — Following received from Coast Guard Juneau, timed 1705, UTC: Trawler (All types) *Ocean Fury* is still at Adak with port order attached.

**OSTEDIJK (Netherlands)**

London, Apr 8 — General cargo *Ostedijk* arrived at Amsterdam at 0130, Mar 28. It sailed at 0230, Mar 30, bound for Hull, where arrived at 0130, Mar 31.

**OZERSK (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Apr 6 — Refrigerated general cargo *Ozersk* (2673 gt, built 1984) had a fire at

Busan at 1500 today, according to RIA "Vostok-media." The crew fought the fire for two hours together with the representatives of the port. The pilot bridge was completely burned out as were engineers' and master's cabins. — Correspondent.

Busan, Apr 11 — Refrigerated general cargo *Ozersk* sustained damage to its bridge and two crew cabins as a result of the fire. No crew injuries were reported. The vessel is at present moored at Gamcheon harbour, Busan, looking for repairers. It is understood that the vessel will be repaired at Busan soon. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **PALLAS (Sweden)**

Gothenburg, Apr 10 — Product tanker *Pallas* is still under repair at Gotenius floating dock. The repairs will be completed on Apr 11. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PAVEL KORCHAGIN (Russia)**

St. Petersburg, Apr 6 — General cargo *Pavel Korchagin* sailed Archangel Apr 1 for Bayonne. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PHOENIX BETA (Hong Kong)**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated Apr 4, states: Venezuelan authorities hope to remove crude oil tanker *Phoenix Beta*, that ran aground in the Lake Maracaibo shipping channel, tomorrow, an official at the Maracaibo port captain's office said. The official said tanker traffic in and out of the channel is "normal" despite the incident. The tanker ran aground on Sunday (Apr 1), and the port official said the tanker's cargo would be pumped into another vessel.

London, Apr 7 — Following received from the Singapore managers of crude oil tanker *Phoenix Beta*, timed 0315, UTC: *Phoenix Beta* is still aground. A SMIT Salvage team is on board. A tanker has been chartered to lighter part cargo from *Phoenix Beta* and this vessel will arrive on scene Monday (Apr 9) and will begin cargo transfer once authorities issue a permit.

Caracas, Apr 11 — Crude oil tanker *Phoenix Beta* is still aground. Salvage operations, which are to be carried out by SMIT Salvage, have not yet commenced as the plans are being discussed and inspections carried out. Salvage will probably commence tomorrow or Friday. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PIPIT ARROW (Bahamas)**

Zeebrugge, Apr 10 — Bulker with container capacity *Pipit Arrow* is still under repair at Antwerp. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **PRECIOUS (Panama)**

Chittagong, Apr 5 — Lighter vessels *Jagatpur* and *Adarsa-1* came into contact with the port side and starboard side of general cargo *Precious* (12296 gt, built 1982) at 2030 hrs and 2050 hrs respectively, on Apr 2. *Precious* had arrived at Chittagong outer anchorage at 1204, Mar 30, laden with 12,500 tonnes of bagged urea and had commenced discharge from 1655, Mar 30, into various local lighter/coaster vessels. As a result of the contacts, the railings on *Precious*

were damaged. It is reported that there were heavy swells and rough seas at the time of incident. — Lloyd's Agents.

Karachi, Apr 12 — Dhaka based shipping agent Litmond Shipping Ltd., has advised that on Apr 2, general cargo *Precious* was hit by lighter vessels *Jagatpur* and *Adarsa-1* on her port and starboard sides. *Precious* had arrived at Chittagong outer anchorage at 1204 hrs, Mar 30, laden with 12,500 tonnes of bagged urea and had commenced discharge from 1655 hrs, Mar 30, into various local lighter/coaster vessels. The contact only caused some damages to her railings. The vessel continued discharging the urea fertilizer/bags via lighter vessels. However, she stopped between 1300 hrs, Apr 11 and 0800 hrs, Apr 12, due to rain and bad weather. So far 225,846 bags and 11,292.3 tonnes of cargo have been offloaded. Some 24,154 bags and 1,207.7 tonnes of cargo is still on board. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

#### **PRIDE OF BILBAO (U.K.)**

London, Apr 12 — A press report, dated today, states: A sailing yacht which was lost with its three crew in the Solent last year was either hit or swamped by passenger ro/ro *Pride of Bilbao*, an official report has concluded. Yacht *Ouzo* disappeared at night on Aug 21 after leaving Bembridge on the Isle of Wight headed for Dartmouth. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch said it was "almost certainly affected by a collision or near collision with a large vessel". It believes that vessel was *Pride of Bilbao*. The report also said the vessel's look-out was wearing glasses with light reactive lenses and may not have been able to see perfectly. The yacht never appeared on the ferry's radar. Marine accident investigators also discovered *Pride of Bilbao's* crew did not see the smaller vessel until seconds before the incident and evasive action came too late. The report said: "After careful analysis of the facts, the MAIB is of the firm opinion that the yacht was *Ouzo* and that *Pride of Bilbao* had collided with it, or passed so close that it had been swamped or capsized by the vessel's wash." The wreck of the yacht has never been found but the bodies of Rupert Saunders and James Meaby from London, and Jason Downer from Kent — all experienced sailors — were recovered from the sea. *Pride of Bilbao's* officer of the watch, Michael Hubble, is due to stand trial for manslaughter.

#### **PRINCE MOUDI (Lebanon)**

Beirut, Apr 10 — General cargo *Prince Moudi* is still laid up at Tripoli, Lebanon. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PRINCESS POCAHONTAS (U.K.)**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated Apr 4, states: The master of ferry *Princess Pocahontas* (180 gt, built 1962) was forced to evacuate ferry passengers after he feared the vessel would sink. The vessel was being prepared for a return journey from Gravesend to Tilbury when it was

discovered it had taken on about four feet of water. The vessel had only just ferried across the Thames Basildon and East Thurrock MP Angela Smith, her husband, Nigel, and Thurrock mayor Joy Redsell, who were visiting the RNLI branch in Gravesend. John Potter, 64, who owns the vessel, said the master had felt there was something wrong as the dignitaries were being ferried across. He said: "The master felt it was lower in the water than usual. After it berthed, he went down and discovered the engine-room under four feet of water. It was continuing to pour in and had probably been for two hours." The master immediately alerted the 11 new passengers who had just come on board and evacuated the vessel. Mr Potter said most of the passengers were taken back to Tilbury by another smaller vessel, but at least three had to catch the bus back. The ferry service is not expected to be run again until tomorrow, at the earliest.

#### **PUNITA (India)**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated Apr 10, states: Product tanker *Punita* (29485 gt, built 1984) loaded with oil, has grounded in sand due to a technical snag. Paradip Port Trust has pressed in experts and engineers of the marine department to release the vessel. Sources said *Punita* sailed from New Mangalore and reached Paradip yesterday to unload. During entry to the harbour, the vessel faced some technical problems, one nautical mile from the Paradip port and anchored. The vessel got stuck in sand and is stranded. After receiving this information the marine department has pressed engineers and experts to release the vessel from the sand, but they have failed so far. Meanwhile, PPT has pressed product tanker *Nand Smiti* to unload oil from the stranded vessel. PPT sources said *Punita* brought 42,000 tonnes of oil out of which 30,000 tonnes are diesel while 12,000 tonnes are kerosene. It has to unload 20,000 tonnes of oil in Paradip and the rest is to be unloaded in Haldia port. Movements of other vessels have not been affected due to the stranded vessel at breakwater of the port. Deputy conservator of PPT Mr DK Mohanty has said that efforts are on to refloat the vessel. He informed that the vessel is still aground because the oil has not yet been unloaded from it. He said that the vessel will not move until unloading of all oil is completed. He informed that unloading is going on at full swing to make the rescue process quicker.

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Paradip MRCC, timed 0250, UTC: Product tanker *Punita* is still aground. Refloating operations are in hand and it is expected that the vessel will be afloat tomorrow.

#### **QUEEN OF COQUITLAM (Canada)**

London, Apr 12 — A press report, dated Apr 11, states: An electrical problem forced some ferry cancellations this morning. The 0630 hrs sailing from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo was

scrubbed after the problem was found on roll on roll off *Queen of Coquitlam* (6551 gt, built 1976), which led to the cancellation of the 0830 hrs service out of Nanaimo. The 1030 hrs sailing from Horseshoe Bay was also delayed for a while, but was later back on schedule.

#### **QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated Apr 10, states: Hydrocarbons were found in First Nations food sources near Hartley Bay, B.C., the week after the passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* sank 13 months ago, a confidential B.C. government document states. Hartley Bay residents say fuel continues to “bubble up”, spoiling their harvesting grounds and plans for ecotourism, although officials dispute that. The briefing note, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, was prepared for B.C. Environment Minister Barry Penner. “Detectable hydrocarbons were found in (shellfish) tissues at five of 13 sensitive locations known to be in the path of the sheen in the first week of the incident,” the memo states. The sensitive locations are the same harvesting area residents of Hartley Bay have been avoiding since the ferry sank on March 22, 2006. Hartley Bay resident Edward Robinson Jr., has been monitoring the fuel he says is leaking up from the sunken ferry. “We still get the bubbling of diesel,” he said. “We hear mariners going by and they’re always reporting oil slicks out in Wright Sound where the ferry went down.” Mr. Robinson said there’s a constant rainbow-like sheen on the water from the ferry’s fuel and said all residents are avoiding gathering shellfish in areas potentially contaminated. However Mr Penner said that as of last September or October, no further levels of hydrocarbons were found in the shellfish sites. “I still think additional monitoring should be performed and I’m told that there is a plan in place to conduct periodic testing which would then have those results analysed by people like Health Canada,” he said. Coast Guard spokesman Dan Bate said they expect to have a decision on what to do about the leaking wreck by the end of this month after reviewing the B.C. Ferries risk assessment report. However, Mr. Penner said removing the fuel from the ship is not a straightforward task. “Engineers that have looked at the situation believe there is significant risk of a catastrophic failure of the superstructure if the work to remove the fuel is done in a way that is not sound,” he said.

#### **RAVANDA (Turkey)**

Koper, Apr 12 — Repairs to the rudder/propeller of general cargo *Ravanda* were completed as scheduled, but the vessel is still detained at the Shipyard in Izola due to outstanding repair costs. It is anticipated that these will be settled at beginning of week 16 (week commencing Apr 16). — Lloyd’s Agents.

#### **RBD ALEXA (Cyprus)**

London, Apr 5 — Container Carrier *RBD Alexa* was reported sailing from

Gdynia at 2030, Mar 29 and was next reported arriving at Hamburg at 1028, Apr 3.

#### **REINA 1 (Malta)**

London, Apr 6 — A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Reina 1* (2345 gt, built 1991), Italy for Russia, in ballast, experienced an engine malfunction two miles from Canakkale Strait. The master of the vessel contacted the ship traffic services with radio and anchored off Tavsan island (lat 40 23N, long 27 47E). The officials stated the vessel would continue on its route after the engine is fixed. (Note — *Reina 1* sailed Genoa Mar 31 for Novorossiysk, passed Dardanelles 2310, Apr 5, and, according to Lloyd’s MIU AIS, was stationary in lat 40 57 53N, long 28 54 17E, at 2239, UTC, today.)

London, Apr 8 — Bulker *Reina 1* passed Istanbul 0540, Apr 7.

London, Apr 11 — Bulker *Reina 1* arrived at Novorossiysk on Apr 8.

#### **REPUBBLICA DI GENOVA (Italy)**

London, Apr 9 — Progress to right passenger ro/ro *Repubblica di Genova*, which capsized in Antwerp port Mar 8, is very slow. At present the salvors, SMIT Salvage BV, are still busy retrieving the lost containers from the water. Afterwards the cargo will probably be removed from the vessel.

#### **RESERVE (U.S.A.)**

Chicago, Apr 10 — Bulker *Reserve*: HP Turbine - rotor, bearings, casing, are being repaired. Cause of damage was lack of oil pressure. Fraser Shipyard anticipates about three weeks for repair. Right now they are awaiting spare parts. — Lloyd’s Agents.

#### **RIVIERA DEL CONERO (Panama)**

Durres, Apr 5 — A collision occurred at approximately 1800 yesterday, within the Durres port basin. While manoeuvring to berth, passenger ro/ro *Riviera del Conero* (8975, built 1974) struck passenger ro/ro *Azzurra* (3450 gt, built 1964), which was already moored at the Durres Ferry Terminal. The collision damaged part of the navigation bridge, starboard side, of the *Azzurra* and she had to abort last night’s departure for Bari, Italy. *Riviera del Conero* did not sustain substantial damages and was allowed to resume its regular route to Ancona. There were no reported injuries on either vessel. — Lloyd’s Agents.

Durres, Apr 11 — Passenger ro/ro *Azzurra* left Durres on Apr 6, bound for Bijela, Montenegro, for repairs. The damages to the vessel were located on the starboard side of the navigation bridge, where a set of plastic glass windows was detached from the main body. — Lloyd’s Agents. (Note — *Azzurra* arrived at Bijela on Apr 7.)

#### **RIVTOW CAPT.BOB (Canada)**

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Victoria BC, RCC, dated yesterday: Tug *Rivtow Capt.Bob* (975 gt, built 1982) ran aground in lat 49 38.7N, long 126 21W, Apr 9.

#### **ROSELLA (Panama)**

London, Apr 8 — Bulker *Rosella* was reported arriving at San Lorenzo, Arg, on Mar 12 and sailing Mar 15 for Venezuela.

#### **ROZEN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

See “Somalia” under “Piracy.”

#### **SALMO (Bahamas)**

London, Apr 5 — General cargo *Salmo* was reported arriving at Borg Harbour on Mar 17. It departed at 0647, Mar 31 and was next reported arriving at Gdynia at 0840, Apr 3.

#### **SAMOTHRAKI (Greece)**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: Product tanker *Samothraki* sailed from Gibraltar yesterday afternoon on its way to Piraeus. The vessel has been permitted a single ballast voyage directly to the repair yard in Piraeus, with the consent of the Greek Administration, Lloyd’s Register and the Gibraltar Maritime Authority.

#### **SAMUEL J (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 6 — A press release from the United States Coast Guard, dated yesterday: Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Paducah was notified at approximately 1130, Mar 30, that the RJ Corman Railroad bridge at Mile 126.5, Cumberland River, Kentucky, appeared to have been damaged, possibly after being struck by a barge. This damage was first noticed by a towing vessel’s crewman while transiting beneath the bridge. Operators of tug *Samuel J* (380 gt, built 1976) admitted that one of the barges they had in tow rubbed the bridge pier during their transit at approximately 2315, Mar 29. A Coast Guard investigator directed the pilot on board the *Samuel J* to undergo chemical and alcohol testing as per applicable marine casualty regulations. A Coast Guard investigator commenced a marine casualty investigation and damage survey on board the *Samuel J* near Paducah, Ky. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley closed the Cumberland River from Mile 126 to 127 at 1830 hrs pending a structural engineering report as to the structural integrity of the bridge. A preliminary engineering report resulted in the re-opening of the waterway with restrictions for all vessels to transit through the right descending bank bridge span and with commercial barge traffic being limited to 600 ft long by 80 ft wide. The swing bridge remains closed and is currently unable to open. The vertical clearance is 50 ft at normal pool level (359 ft elevation). Temporary repairs to the left descending bank bridge pier are scheduled to begin Apr 5. The Coast Guard marine casualty investigation pends.

London, Apr 7 — A press report, dated Apr 6, states: The master of tug *Samuel J* that damaged a pier on the Cumberland River railroad bridge in Kentucky said he felt a “slight bump” when his barge hit the stone support. He stopped, checked for damage to his

barges, and, finding none, kept going downriver, according to a news release this afternoon from Florida Marine Transporters, owner and operator of the towing vessel. The master had no knowledge that the pier had been damaged, the company said. He was contacted by the Coast Guard the next day, and at that point damage to the barge was discovered, the news release said. The case is under investigation by the Coast Guard, according to Lt-Cmdr Tom Kaminski, and the master could face a suspension of his operator license if he is found to have failed to report damage to the pier. Florida Marine Transporters and the master could be subject to civil action as well, Kaminski said. The company is working with bridge owner RJ Corman to help get the bridge back in service.

#### SCAN FJELL (DIS)

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Sandnes, dated today: When arriving at Mandal at 0200 hrs, today, from Aalborg, general cargo *Scan Fjell* (2195 gt, built 1978) grounded in lat 58 01N, long 07 50.4E. The vessel is still aground. A pilot vessel is in the area. No pollution occurred.

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1740, UTC: General cargo *Scan Fjell* remains aground. Salvage efforts were apparently due to commence today but have evidently been unsuccessful so far.

London, Apr 11 — Information received from Sandnes, dated today, states: General cargo *Scan Fjell* has now been refloated, with the aid of tug *Khan* and Coast Guard vessel *Mjollner*.

#### SCOUT MARIN (Netherlands)

Maassluis, Apr 10 — General cargo *Scout Marin* is at the Shipdock shipyard, Harlingen and will be drydocked tomorrow for replacement of its rudder. Repairs will take at least two weeks. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Apr 5 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1520, BST: Passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* (22412 gt, built 1986) reported aground about half a nautical mile from Santorini Island in approximately lat 36 25N, long 25 25E.

Athens, Apr 5 — Passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* ran aground near the Aegean Sea island of Santorini and about 1,200 passengers on board were being evacuated, authorities said today. "The vessel ran aground half a nautical mile from the port of Santorini. Passengers are already abandoning it with the vessel's lifeboats," a merchant marine ministry official said. Officials said the vessel had left the port of Piraeus on Monday (Apr 2) for a five-day island cruise and was due back at Piraeus tomorrow. The vessel sustained a hull breach when it ran aground about one minute away from the shore of the island, an official at the Santorini Coast Guard said. "Some passengers have already reached the island and no one has been hurt," he said. — Reuters.

London, Apr 5 — Following received from the operators of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*, timed 1448, UTC: *Sea Diamond* hit rocks while entering Santorini. Vessel has 12-deg list which stabilised. All 1,167 passengers being evacuated; evacuation nearly complete.

London, Apr 5 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1501, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* has been refloated.

London, Apr 5 — Operators of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*, Louis Hellenic Cruises, confirm that vessel scraped its side on a reef while manoeuvring to moor at the anchorage of Santorini at 1600 today. The vessel had taken a list due to the penetration of water but has now been stabilised. Evacuation of the 1,167 passengers and 391 crew members on board was considered prudent for safety reasons. The situation is under control. The company's internal emergency procedures have already been activated. All passengers have been safely disembarked. There are no casualties. All the crew is safe. *Perla*, under the management of Louis Hellenic Cruises, is on its way for the passengers to embark. The company's technical team is on its way to *Sea Diamond* to evaluate the situation. All the competent Greek authorities have promptly and professionally responded to assist the company and have greatly contributed to the success of this operation.

London, Apr 6 — Passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* sank at 0700, local time, today. Vessel is about 100 metres from the shore in shallow water and a danger to navigation.

Piraeus, Apr 6 — Passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* ran aground in shallow waters while sailing to Santorini, 1.5 nautical miles off the island, at approximately 0400, local time, yesterday. The incident effected a crack at its fore starboard side and ingress of water. All vessels sailing nearby proceeded to the accident area for the rescue operation. It is to be noted that, until this time, two passengers are missing, while the remaining 1,170 passengers and 390 crew members were reportedly healthy. The vessel finally sank during the night and the local port authorities are now investigating to ascertain if there has been any pollution. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Apr 6 — A press report, dated today, states: Greek Navy divers searched the wreck of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* today for two missing French passengers. Officials in Santorini said that the passengers, a 45-year-old father and his 16-year-old daughter, were reported missing late yesterday by another family member who was also on the cruise. The officials said that five divers had been sent to the wreck, now resting on the sea bottom about 600 feet below the surface, to search cabins and corridors of the vessel. All other passengers have been accounted for, a spokesman for the cruise line said. About two-thirds of the passengers were American citizens. *Sea Diamond* rammed an underwater bed of rocks in Santorini

island's lagoon as it was approaching the main island's harbour to dock. The hull was damaged and the vessel began to sink about one nautical mile from shore. A distress signal was issued and the passengers and crew were evacuated over the course of about three hours. The vessel sank below the surface of the sea about 18 hours after striking the rocks. The missing French tourists had been travelling in a four-berth cabin fairly low in the vessel, according to officials of the Greek merchant marine ministry. Since the incident, divers have twice examined the wreck and the Greek tourism minister, Fanny Palli-Petralia, has spoken to the missing man's wife. "The lady said her cabin was flooded with water when the vessel struck the rocks," Petralia said. "She was not sure her husband and daughter had made it out, because things happened so suddenly." Investigators have begun interviewing the master of *Sea Diamond*, and the crew, in connection with the accident. Petralia said that whoever was responsible for the accident would be held accountable "in the strictest way."

London, Apr 7 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1105, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*: Two passengers remain missing and the search operation is continuing.

London, Apr 7 — A press report, dated today, states: The master and five officers of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*, which sank off the Aegean Sea island of Santorini, were charged today with negligence, state television reported. The six officers were charged with causing a shipwreck through negligence, breaching international shipping safety regulations and polluting the environment, state NET said. All were released pending further investigation.

London, Apr 7 — A Louis Cruise Lines announcement, dated Apr 6, states: Louis Hellenic Cruises wishes to inform that it has appointed a company specialising in the prevention and management of sea pollution, contributing in this way to the efforts conducted by the local Greek authorities in preventing any possible environmental consequences around the wreck of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*. *Sea Diamond* scraped its side on a reef outside Santorini Island and sank during the early hours of today. On board the vessel were 1,156 passengers and 391 crew members. All passengers, with the exception of the two, previously announced missing French nationals, were safely evacuated from the ship and with the company's assistance are already on their way to return to their countries of origin. Louis Hellenic Cruises continues to co-operate closely with the relevant authorities in Greece and is committed to fully investigating the causes of this accident.

London, Apr 8 — A press report, dated today, states: The master of the sunken passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* blamed currents off a Greek island for last week's accident, state-run television reported today. The vessel's



Greek master has been charged with negligence and released pending further testimony. State-run NET television quoted from what it said were excerpts of his deposition to a public prosecutor on the island of Naxos, blaming currents off the volcanic island for the accident. "I felt the vessel, which had been on a normal course, slip to the right because of sea currents," NET quoted him as saying. "I gave the order for a full turn left. But there was not enough time for the ship to respond." The master was indicted along with five other crew members on blanket charges of causing a shipwreck through negligence, breaching international shipping safety regulations and polluting the environment, the Cyclades islands public prosecution office said. Efforts to search the vessel for the missing passengers were set to resume tomorrow, with the help of a remote-controlled undersea probe that will be used to examine the vessel more than 100 metres below the surface.

Athens, Apr 9 — Experts struggled today to disperse an oil spill along the coast of the Greek island of Santorini caused by the sinking of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* as a search took place to try and locate two missing French passengers. "Efforts to clean up the oil spill caused by the shipwreck are continuing with a 1,700-tonne dock assisting in the transfusion," said an official at Greece's Merchant Marine Ministry. "We are awaiting the arrival of a specialised deep sea vessel tomorrow, to help in the search for the two missing passengers," the official said. — Reuters.

London, Apr 10 — Greece's merchant marine minister said today that human error contributed to the sinking of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* off a resort island in the Aegean Sea last week, forcing the evacuation of nearly 1,600 people. Six crew members of the vessel, including the captain and chief mate, have been charged with negligence. The captain has told investigators that he was caught unawares by a sea current that swept his vessel onto the well-marked and charted rocks, minutes before it was due to dock. Today, Merchant Marine Minister Manolis Kefaloyiannis said that "most definitely there was human error" involved in the accident, without elaborating. "Our attention is now focused on the question of the environment ... and, of course, to find the missing two," Kefaloyiannis said. The submarine was to take footage of the position of the vessel, which lies an estimated 230-430 feet beneath the surface on a steep incline and determine its stability before divers are allowed to enter the wreck. More than 50 tons of the vessel's fuel leaked after the sinking, some of which has washed ashore. Workers collected oil from a pebble beach near the port today, while trucks were siphoning oil from the island's harbour. Ships were also facilitating the clean-up, while floating booms were deployed to contain the spillage.

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated Apr 10, states: Clean-up crews

struggled to avert an oil spill today after a sunken passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* leaked dozens of tons of oil off Santorini. Greek engineers expressed hope they could prevent an environmental disaster as crews fought to syphon up fuel from the vessel. Vassilis Mamaloukas, an environmental engineer leading the clean-up, said the spill was largely contained but the oil remained a threat to the resort. "We still have to be very careful. If the weather changes we will have to reconsider the whole operation," said Mamaloukas. "I do not expect a major leakage from the vessel, so from that point of view I am still reasonably optimistic," he said, adding that about 3.5 miles of shoreline had been affected, far from the island's famed black-sand beaches. An unmanned submarine examined wreckage of the ship today, but found no sign of the missing passengers, Frenchman Jean-Christophe Allain, 45, and his daughter, Maud, 16, or the vessel's voyage data recorder. Footage from the submarine will help the clean-up crew position a hose to pump fuel out of the vessel's tanks, thought to contain up to 400 tons of oil and lubricants. Merchant Marine Minister Manolis Kefaloyiannis said the slick was under control and his spokesman, Andreas Theofilou, said the oil was unlikely to spread. "There are three rings of floating booms in position with a total length of 1.5 kilometres, and the clean-up boats are working all day," Theofilou said. By late today, some 50 tons of diesel fuel had been syphoned from the sea. The ship had settled at an average depth of 425 feet, said Giorgos Chronis, head of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, which provided the robot submarine and the oceanographic ship for the operation. "The fuel leakage is not great," he said, adding that it was still too dangerous for divers to enter the wreck. He said the decision on pumping out the fuel "concerns the shipowning company, which will decide with the insurers whether that would be in their interest."

Nicosia, Apr 11 — The Cypriot owners of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* said the vessel was fully insured and would have no immediate impact on company profits, as the company's shares fell sharply. Shares in Cyprus-based Louis Plc were down 13.7 percent in early today trade on the Cyprus bourse, the first day of trading since the disaster, which coincided with a long Easter break. Two French nationals, a father and daughter among 1,156 passengers, are still missing. Louis acquired *Sea Diamond* in 2006 for \$35 million. The group has another 12 vessels operating mainly in the Mediterranean. Expressing regret at the incident, the company did not specify how much *Sea Diamond* was insured for. Louis said the vessel was also insured in the event of pollution, now a worry for Greek authorities. Special cleaning vessels have been battling an oil spill on the Santorini coastline, trying to pump the remaining fuel from the ship's tanks to avoid an environmental disaster before

the busy summer season goes into "full swing". *Sea Diamond's* itinerary had been taken over by other vessels in the Louis fleet from Apr 9, the company said. — Reuters.

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Human error was to blame for the sinking of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* off Santorini, the Cyprus-based company that operates the vessel said today, confirming government suspicions. The vessel sank after slamming into well-marked rocks last Thursday (Apr 5). The master and five other crew members have been charged with negligence. "The incident was a result of human error — but so are 75% of all accidents at sea," said Giorgos Koubenis, a representative of Louis Cruise Lines. It was the first time the company had commented on the probable cause of the accident. Also today, Merchant Marine Minister Manolis Kefaloyiannis said he had ordered efforts to stem an oil leak from the sunken vessel to be intensified. A remote-controlled submersible continued to search the hull to try and identify the source of the fuel leak, which has already spilled more than 100 tons of oil into the sea near the Athinios port. The effort was hampered by the vessel's unstable position; the 10-storey high *Sea Diamond* is face-down on an undersea slope, with most of the hull more than 100 metres below the surface. Some 400 tons of oil are still inside the vessel, threatening environmental damage at the onset of the busy summer season. "Santorini must return to the way it was before the accident," Kefaloyiannis said. "The (pollution) situation is under control for the moment. The safety net around the site is being expanded." Meanwhile, the Greek sea captains' association spoke out in defence of the accused crew members. "Once again, the master has been made a scapegoat and has been blamed even before his account (of the event) was heard," the Masters and Mates Union of the Greek Merchant Marine said in a statement.

#### SEA PARK (Panama)

Durres, Apr 5 — General cargo *Sea Park*: The situation remains the same. Vessel is berthed at Durres Shipyard with a minimum number of crew. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SEA WORLD NO.101 (South Korea)

London, Apr 6 — Fishing (general) *Sea World No.101* arrived Stanley Harbour Apr 2.

#### SEASPAN 162 (Canada)

London, Apr 6 — Barge *Seaspan 162* (858 gt, built 1963) while being towed by the tug *Westcoaster* (9 gt), struck a rock in lat 50 24N, long 125 22W, Hemming Bay, Nodales Channel, BC, at 1503, Apr 2.

#### SEASPAN NAVIGATOR (Canada)

London, Apr 10 — Tug *Seaspan Navigator* (148 gt, built 1970) while towing the barge *Seaspan 640* had a fouled propeller near Port Alice, BC at 0609, Apr 4.

**SHAH BADAR-I**

Chittagong, Apr 12 — Vessel *Shah Badar-I* is still lying in the same position. According to the vessel's agent, the vessel is expected to enter dry dock by the end of this month. — Lloyd's Agents.

**SHANG DIAN OIL 1221**

Antwerp, Apr 12 — About 45.33 tonnes of fuel oil leaked into the Huangpu River at about 2130, Apr 9, due to an error by a crew member of vessel *Shang Dian Oil 1221* while the vessel was receiving the oil at WUSONG on the Huangpu River, upstream from Shanghai. The MSA quickly organised clean-up operations. The pollution is now under control and almost cleaned up. The crew member has been arrested and may face a penalty claim. — "DPS Teamhead Surveyors."

**SHARK (Lebanon)**

Beirut, Apr 10 — General cargo *Shark* is still lying sunk and under arrest at Beirut. — Lloyd's Agents.

**SILVER LAKES (Belize)**

London, Apr 7 — Bulker with container capacity *Silver Lakes* arrived St. Petersburg Apr 3.

**SKARPOE (Cyprus)**

Klaipeda, Apr 5 — General cargo *Skarpoe* was drydocked at Klaipeda and repairs commenced on Apr 1. The steel repairs are expected to be completed Apr 12-13. If hull repainting and internal work are also carried out at Klaipeda, an additional two to three weeks will be required. — Lloyd's Agents.

**SKURIN (Faroe Islands)**

Trondheim, Apr 11 — Local newspaper reports that general cargo *Skurin* (534 gt, built 1975) had engine trouble about 24 nautical miles north-west of Kristiansund at around midnight. Water ingress reported. Very strong wind in the area, up to 50 knots, wave height 6-8 metres. Supply vessel *Normand Master* was nearby and at about 0800, this morning, commenced towing *Skurin* towards Kristiansund where it is expected to arrive at about 1400, today. — Lloyd's Agents.

Copenhagen, Apr 12 — Reported that around midnight yesterday, the Faroese general cargo *Skurin* requested assistance in the Atlantic Ocean, after her crew of four discovered a leak into the engine-room. They started the pumps, but feared that they could not keep up with the ingress of water. Some hours later the supply vessel *Normand Master* made contact with the coaster and managed to establish a tow line and took *Skurin* in tow. The vessels are proceeding to Kristiansund N, the original destination of *Skurin*. Their ETA is 1300 hrs, today. The weather was quite bad at the time of the accident, with waves up to 12 to 15 metres and stormy winds. — Correspondent.

**SOLAR 1 (Philippines)**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: The recovery of 9,000

litres of oil has concluded clean-up operations, following the sinking of non specific tanker *Solar 1* on Aug 11, last year. Mark Phibbs, Sonsub's Director for Special Operations, said the recovery operation took 21 days and that no oil was released or spilled into the environment during the operation. Initially, the estimated cost of the recovery operation was \$6 million but Phibbs said it would be much less, as not much oil was left of the 2.1 million litres carried by *Solar 1*. "There is no more oil left in *Solar 1*; either it is gone through the initial sinking, in weeks that followed or through the recovery operation we conducted," Phibbs said, adding that the oil they had recovered filled only half of the shuttle cylinder used to collect the oil. "The fact that a minimal amount of oil has been found is not unexpected. Oil recovery experts have repeatedly said it was possible that *Solar 1* was already empty. The operation confirms this," Petron Health, Safety and Environment Manager Carlos Tan said. Phibbs said that the vessel was stable with no sign of movement and would eventually become an artificial reef.

**SPAR LYRA (NIS)**

London, Apr 12 — A US Coast Guard press release, dated Apr 11, states: US Coast Guard Sector San Francisco is investigating the grounding of bulker *Spar Lyra* (32474 gt, built 2005) in the San Joaquin River. The vessel was fully-loaded with petroleum coke when it broke free from its moorings at the Pittsburg Tesoro Refinery pier at approximately 1400 today. The vessel is now soft aground on Brown's Island in New York Slough of the San Joaquin River. There has been no pollution and the vessel's fuel tanks are being constantly monitored for signs of discharge. With tugs alongside to assist manoeuvring, the vessel will attempt to refloat at approximately 2000 hrs, then moor again at the Pittsburg Tesoro pier. A Coast Guard captain of the port order has been issued to the vessel, requiring an underwater hull survey. The hull survey must be approved by the vessel's Class Society and the captain of the port order must be rescinded prior to the vessel getting under way. The cause of the incident is not yet known and is being investigated by the Coast Guard.

London, Apr 12 — Following received from Coast Guard San Francisco, timed 1103, UTC: Bulker *Spar Lyra* was refloated at 2130, local time, Apr 11, and rescued to the pier. A tug is still standing by the vessel, as the pier reportedly sustained damage.

**SPIRIT OF ONTARIO I (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 5 — The drawn out saga of the US-owned fast ferry *Spirit of Ontario I* has finally been concluded, with the Australian-built vessel being sold for \$30m to Germany's F'rde Reederei Deutschland (FRS) and not new start-up UK operator Euroferries. The vessel will be used on FRS services between Spain/Gibraltar and Morocco. The sale reached an almost farcical stage last month when its owner, the

US City of Rochester, in New York State, turned down a \$29.8m bid from new UK start-up operator Euroferries after a "make or break" meeting between the two parties in Nova Scotia. After the meeting Rochester Mayor Bob Duffy said the city was in negotiations with an unnamed European operator who had put in "a credible offer." That offer turned out to be from FRS. At the time Euroferries, headed by former Hoverspeed boss Geoffrey Ede, denied this was the case and announced that it was buying the vessel and would start a new two-vessel service this spring. FRS has already paid a 10% deposit for the ferry, with the remainder due to be handed over at the end of April. Commenting on the sale a spokesman for the City of Rochester said: "FRS has the money in place and an established route."

**STAR FERRY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Apr 12 — Roll on roll off *Star ferry 1* has entered Philippine Trigon Shipyard's dry dock at Cebu. Repairs to the vessel have not yet commenced, as negotiations are continuing between the vessel's owners and the shipyard. — Lloyd's List Correspondent.

**STAR MARINER (South Korea)**

See *Meisheng 3698*.

**STEMAT 63 (Netherlands)**

London, Apr 11 — Understand salvage services were rendered to pontoon *Stemat 63* (549 gt, built 1999) in Central American waters by Societe Maritime de Remorquage et d'Assistance Sarl of Martinique, under Lloyd's Open Form, dated Mar 29.

**STEWART J.CORT (U.S.A.)**

London, Apr 6 — Bulker *Stewart J.Cort* sailed Duluth Mar 27 and subsequently arrived Superior the same day.

**TAHIR KIRAN (Turkey)**

London, Apr 5 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1122, UTC: Bulker *Tahir Kiran* (22354 gt, built 1987), Alexandria for Istanbul, in ballast, grounded north-north-east of Chios Island, in lat 38 10.7N, long 26 01.7E, at approximately 0630, UTC, Apr 5. The vessel is still aground and is trying to refloat by its own means. No pollution or injuries reported.

London, Apr 6 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0800, UTC: Bulker *Tahir Kiran* has refloated and is at anchor off Chios.

London, Apr 7 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1100, UTC: Bulker *Tahir Kiran* was granted a certificate for a single voyage and departed Chios yesterday evening for Tuzla, where it will effect necessary repairs.

London, Apr 8 — Bulker *Tahir Kiran* was reported passing through the Dardanelles at 0315, Apr 7, bound for Tuzla.

Piraeus, Apr 10 — Bulker *Tahir Kiran* ran aground in shallow water south-east of the island of Chios on Apr 5, sustaining a small crack in its forward starboard side. No injuries or pollution

were reported. The vessel refloated by its own power and safely anchored at the port of Chios. Following a class inspection, the vessel sailed for Istanbul. — Lloyd's Agents.

**TAKEKO (Panama)**

Yokohama, Apr 6 — Container Carrier *Takeko* (8957 gt, built 1999), Nagoya for Shanghai, and refrigerated general cargo *Canarian Reefer* (6971 gt, built 1997), bound Peru, were in collision in lat 30 57.1N, long 129 28.6E at 0025, local time, Apr 1. *Takeko* sustained cracking damage to No 6 cargo hold and No 3 fuel tank, resulting in water ingress into the hold and tank and oil spill from the fuel tank. No personal injury reported. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Takeko* sailed Nagoya Mar 30 for Shanghai. *Canarian Reefer* sailed Incheon Mar 30 for Callao.)

**TASMAN COMMANDER (Hong Kong)**

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Wellington firefighters took around five hours to ensure a fire in a cargo vessel (general cargo *Tasman Commander*, 18468 gt, built 1995) was completely extinguished last night. The Fire Service was called to the ship, docked in Wellington's wharf about 2330 yesterday with reports smoke was pouring from the vessel's hold. About eight appliances attended and firefighters unloaded much of the cargo of paper products around the source of the fire. A Fire Service spokesman said today it was believed the fire had begun when metal binding around the compressed paper bales had ignited. The fire was not being treated as suspicious. The spokesman said he understood the vessel only sustained light smoke damage. (Note — *Tasman Commander* sailed Tauranga 1140, Apr 7, for Wellington.)

London, Apr 10 — A press report, dated today, states: Firefighters, stevedores and crew had to unload bales of paper pulp in their search for a fire on general cargo *Tasman Commander* docked in Wellington. The Fire Service was called to *Tasman Commander* at about 2330 Sunday after smoke came from its hold. Firefighters spent almost five hours there, locating the fire source and then ensuring it was completely out. Fire communications shift manager Belinda Beets said the cause of the "smouldering" fire was unknown but was not thought to be suspicious. The South Asia operations manager for operator Tasman Orient, Sushil Sehji, said the ship itself was not damaged but two bales of paper pulp at the bottom of the hold were. Stevedores had smelt smoke while they were loading the ship but had been unable to see the fire. "We had to discharge the cargo on top before we could get to the pulp." The fire was not serious and no one was injured, he said. All the pulp had been unloaded as a precaution and replaced by "clean" cargo. The ship was meant to sail for New Plymouth yesterday but its departure was delayed a few hours.

**THEARESTON (Panama)**

Durban, Apr 10 — Bulker *Theareston* is currently in dry dock undergoing repairs, which will be completed by the end of this week. — Lloyd's Agents.

**TINAI (South Korea)**

Bahrain, Apr 11 — Understand from the agents of general cargo *Tinai* that the vessel is undergoing repairs which are expected to be completed at the end of April. — Lloyd's Agents.

**TIRTA NIAGA I (Indonesia)**

London, Apr 11 — According to Paradip Port Trust product tanker *Tirta Niaga I* is still at Paradip waiting for settlement of dispute with Cargil and customs clearance.

**TRANSBORA (Turkey)**

Novorossiysk, Apr 5 — Efforts to refloat bulker *Transbora* proved unsuccessful and it is expected that the vessel will be scrapped. — Lloyd's Agents.

**TYCHO BRAHE**

Helsingborg, Apr 4 — Roll on roll off *Tycho Brahe* has partly completed repairs and has been back in service since Apr 2, operating at reduced speed with two thrusters. Repairs are continuing and a third thruster is scheduled to be operational on Apr 5, after which the vessel will hopefully resume full service. — Damco Surveys AB.

Helsingborg, Apr 10 — *Tycho Brahe* was back in full service, between Helsingborg and Elsinore, with all four "pods" operational, immediately before the Easter holiday break. — Damco Surveys AB.

**TYSFJORD (Norway)**

London, Apr 5 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: Roll On Roll Off *Tysfjord* (3695 gt, built 1993) had machinery problems, while on passage between Bognes and Lodingen with 15 passengers. The vessel was able to reach its destination with a reduced speed of 4.5 knots.

Narvik, Apr 11 — Roll On Roll Off *Tysfjord* had small main engine problem on Apr 5. Repairs were carried out, en route, by the crew, while another ferry owned by the same company was standing by. The repairs caused a delay of only 10-15 minutes and thereafter the ferry has been in regular trade. — Lloyd's Agents.

**UNICORN ACE (Panama)**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated Apr 4, states: China today thanked India and lauded the bravery displayed by the master of an Indian vessel and his crew, who saved life of 11 Chinese crew members from sunken general cargo *Unicorn Ace* amid darkness and choppy seas. In an official communication sent to the Indian Embassy by the Chinese Embassy in Manila, the Chinese government expressed "greatest gratitude" to India for rescuing the crew of a sinking cargo vessel on Mar 21. Due to strong winds and waves, Panamanian vessel *Unicorn Ace* with 19 Chinese crew members

sank about 90-miles west of Luzon, Philippines. A few hours later, an Indian cargo vessel *Prabhu Yuvika*, passing near the incident location, received the emergency signal. Without hesitation Captain Gurvinder Singh ordered his crew to search for the survivors and successfully rescued 11 of the 19 Chinese crew members, the Indian Embassy in Beijing said in a press release. "Both the rescued Chinese crew members and the embassy are very grateful to the professional and humanitarian performance of Captain Singh and his crew," the communication from the Chinese Embassy in Manila said. "It is their timely and self-giving action that saved 11 human lives. Once again, on behalf of the Chinese government, the Embassy takes this opportunity to express its greatest gratitude to Captain Singh, the whole crew members of *Prabhu Yuvika* and the Indian government," the Chinese side said.

**URFALI CEMAL (Turkey)**

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated Apr 8, states: Ferry *Urfali Cemal* was in collision with general cargo *Adil Kaptan* (472 gt, built 1972) near Salacik on the coast of the Bosphorus at approximately 1440 yesterday, in heavy fog, leaving one man dead with head injuries and another 42 with injuries. Leaving from Eminonu and taking advantage of IDO's (Istanbul Sea Buses) cancellation of all sea journeys, the passengers on the 40-metre ferry were thrown off balance, resulting in one death and 42 injuries. Investigators believe the ferry was over-capacity. The ferry sustained bow damage.

London, Apr 10 - A press report, dated yesterday, states: Due to heavy fog, the Istanbul Strait was closed to vessel traffic on both sides by Turkish Straits Vessel Traffic Services at about 1320, Apr 7. However, general cargo *Adil Kaptan* and ferry *Urfali Cemal* belonging Turyol Cooperative that entered the strait earlier, collided at 1442 hrs. Immediately patrol ship *Kiyi Emniyeti 4* was despatched to the scene and two drowning passengers have been saved. According to the information obtained, one passenger lost his life in the accident.

**VOLGO-BALT 209 (Russia)**

Hamburg, Apr 11 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 209* is still at Cuxhaven awaiting repairs to two ballast tanks. The vessel needs to be discharged before repairs can be carried out. So far, no agreement in respect of the necessary discharge operations has been reached between the parties concerned. — Lloyd's Agents.

**VORNAES II (Panama)**

London, Apr 4 — Information received from Kiel, dated today, states: Tug *Vornaes II* and barge *Iholm II* were still berthed at the North Mole in Kiel's Scheer Harbour, this afternoon. The police finished their investigations at 1630 today. The tug carried out some trials in the harbour basin afterwards and then tied up alongside the barge.

London, Apr 10 — Following received from Kiel, dated today: During the Easter period tug *Vornaes II*, together with its barge *Iholm II*, was allowed to leave Kiel, after some documents were clarified with the Port State Control. It headed for Brunsbuttel via the Kiel Canal.

#### W.D.FAIRWAY (Netherlands)

London, Apr 12 — A press report, dated Apr 11, states: Salvors today successfully helped refloat hopper dredger *W.D.Fairway*. The operation to refloat the dredger began at about 0030 today in an area 17 nautical miles from Tianjin Port, a spokesman with the Tianjin Municipal Maritime Affairs Bureau said. The dredger was grounded in 5.5 metres of mud in waters 11.5 metres deep. Twelve boats were mobilized to ensure the operation, which lasted five and half hours, the spokesman said. Salvors pumped out water from the body of the dredger enabling it to float. A floating crane dragged the dredger out of the water, he said. No oil was spilled in the area, he said.

#### WEST SAILOR (Malta)

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A fire has broken out in the engine-room of chemical tanker *West Sailor* (3427 gt, built 1981) off the south-west coast of Ireland. The fire started at around 0220 hrs, seven and a half miles north of Brandon Head. The 15-crew members managed to contain the fire but the 95-metre vessel is now believed to be without power. Members of the Coast Guard are at the scene and a crew from the Dublin Fire Brigade are expected on board the vessel this morning. The vessel had earlier unloaded its cargo of sulphuric acid at Aghinish Island, in County Limerick. (Note — *West Sailor* was reported sailing Kristiansand at 2240 hrs, Apr 5, bound for Aghinish Island and according to Lloyds MIU AIS at 1822, UTC, was at Aghinish Island.)

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Coastguard Dublin MRCC, timed 0810, UTC: Chemical tanker *West Sailor* is presently approximately seven miles off Brandon Head. The fire is reported to be under control, but the vessel is still drifting. Understood that the vessel's owners are currently in the process of arranging tug assistance. Two fire fighting teams are on stand-by and are ready to be flown onto the vessel, if needed. The vessel was empty at the time of the fire.

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 1106, UTC: Chemical tanker *West Sailor* is still drifting. The vessel's crew are continuing efforts to restart the engine, and the owners are arranging a tug.

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Efforts were continuing this afternoon to bring ashore chemical tanker *West Sailor*, which caught fire early this morning. The vessel was en route from Shannon to Belgium when it got into trouble north of Brandon Head, Co Kerry. The crew of fifteen managed to contain a

fire in the engine-room but this afternoon the vessel was still adrift in Brandon Bay, three miles offshore. The Fenit lifeboat was on stand-by near the vessel, while arrangements were being made to tow it to a port in mainland Europe.

London, Apr 11 — Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 1745, UTC: Chemical tanker *West Sailor* is currently anchored in lat 52 20N, long 10 08.6W. A lifeboat is on scene and an Irish Navy vessel is proceeding, ETA midnight tonight. Owners are arranging for a tug to go to the scene tomorrow and tow the vessel to Foynes. At present, vessel is in water with a depth of 23-24 metres and its anchor is holding OK.

London, Apr 12 — Following received from Dublin MRCC, timed 1111, UTC: Chemical tanker *West Sailor* is still anchored off Kerry. A tug is presently being arranged to take the vessel in tow.

#### YASAR KAPTAN III (Georgia)

London, Apr 11 — General cargo *Yasar Kaptan III* (3531 gt, built 1977) has been reported with rudder trouble. The vessel has received instructions from the authorities to drop anchor at Karanlik Liman for survey procedure at 0320, local time, today. (Note — *Yasar Kaptan III* sailed Fos Apr 3 for Constantza and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 40 01 34.65N, long 26 17 33.65E, at 0225, UTC, today.)

London, Apr 11 — General cargo *Yasar Kaptan III*: Vessel's survey controls were completed at 1240, local time, today and the vessel received permission to proceed to its destination at 1530, local time.

#### YINHE NO.1 (Cambodia)

See *Eifuku Maru No.7*.



#### SOMALIA

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Rozen* and its six Kenyan and six Sri Lankan crew, seized four weeks ago, are still being held by Somali pirates. However, according to Kenyan Seafarers Programme Co-ordinator Andrew Mwangura, negotiations to secure the release of the crewmen have commenced. Mwangura said he expected that an understanding would be reached in the near future, following talks at Garowe.

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Somali pirates who hijacked the Indian-flagged cargo vessel *Nimatullah* as it was preparing to dock at Mogadiscio port earlier this week are demanding a ransom of \$20,000 before releasing the freighter. Kenya's maritime official said today that the pirates reduced the ransom from \$40,000. "The vessel has been

brought to coast off Haradheere, the well-known pirates' nest in central Somalia," Andrew Mwangura, head of the Kenyan chapter of the Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) said in a statement. The freighter is owned by Issa Bhata, who is based in Dubai. "WFP (World Food Programme) and SAP are very concerned with this second hijacking of a vessel in Somali waters within six weeks, as vessel owners will become very reluctant to transport goods to Somali ports because of that," said Mwangura. "This will endanger the lifeline of food aid by ocean transport, as WFP plans to transport urgently needed food aid for some 850,000 vulnerable population especially the displaced and women and children, in impoverished and war-torn Somalia," he said. "Any disruption in this lifeline will cause immediately hunger among this target group. We appeal for the immediate safe return of the 12 crew of the *Rozen* and the 14 crew of the *Nimatullah*."

London, Apr 7 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Nimatullah* and its 14-member crew were freed by Somali pirates yesterday after a ransom of \$45,000 was paid to them by the vessel's Dubai-based agents, maritime sources here said. The vessel was hijacked by the Somali pirates on Sunday (Apr 1) off the port of Mogadiscio. It was later taken to an unknown area in the southern part of the Somali territorial waters. Basheer Khalid Moosa, who chartered the vessel to Mogadiscio from Dubai, confirmed his agents in Somalia went to the vessel yesterday and paid the ransom. "The pirates had demanded \$50,000 but settled for \$45,000," he said. The *Nimatullah* is currently docked in Mogadiscio port and would set sail for Dubai after clearing the cargo, Moosa said, adding that the crew members were all safe and healthy.

London, Apr 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Pirates have released UN-chartered general cargo *Rozen* and Indian general cargo *Nimatullah* which they captured in the unpatrolled waters off the coast of Somalia, a maritime official said today. Andrew Mwangura of the Seafarers' Assistance Programme said the hijackers freed the *Rozen* yesterday, more than a month after it was seized after delivering 1,800 tonnes of relief food shipped by the UN World Food Programme. "Information reaching us indicates that the *Rozen* has been released and it is expected in Mombasa any time," Mwangura said. "It was released yesterday. We are told that the crew is fine." Mwangura added that the hijackers also freed the *Nimatullah*, an Indian cargo vessel snatched on Apr 1 as it anchored at Mogadiscio port, and its 14-member crew. "We also have information that the *Nimatullah* has been released. It was also released yesterday." The hijackers forced *Nimatullah* to sail to waters off north-eastern Somalia, where it had been held since the weekend. The vessel was ferrying general household goods to Mogadiscio, where Ethiopian forces

have been battling local clan militia opposed to their presence in the war-torn capital.

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Rozen*, which was released last week by Somali pirates after 40 days in captivity, is expected to dock in Mombasa later this week, maritime officials said today. Andrew Mwangura, head of the Kenyan chapter of the Seafarers' Assistance Programme (SAP), said that *Rozen* and its 12-member crew, which was seized off the north-eastern coast of pirate-infested Somalia on Feb 25, was on its way to Mombasa where it is expected to dock on Wednesday (Apr 11).

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: Andrew Mwangura, head of the Kenyan chapter of the Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP), said general cargo *Nimatullah*, seized and then released by Somali pirates last Thursday (Apr 5), had docked in Mogadiscio, where it is expected to offload its cargo before sailing back to Dubai. The vessel, which was seized with 14-member crew while delivering 800 tons of cargo off the Somali coast, was freed after a Dubai-based agent paid an unknown ransom. "After offloading some 800 tons of clothes, food, cosmetics and other items, *Nimatullah* will return to Dubai in two days," said Mwangura.

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Nimatullah*, seized and then released by Somali pirates, docked in Mogadiscio today. Freed by the pirates on Friday (Apr 6), *Nimatullah*, carrying 800 tonnes of clothes, food, cosmetics and other items, was due to offload its cargo and return to Dubai in two days. The 14-member all-Indian crew is reportedly unharmed and contact with the vessel was maintained, through radio, by its Somali representatives, after a ransom was paid. Darshir Sheikh Omar, a Somali businessman based in Dubai, who owns the cargo bound for the Eastern African country, is believed to have paid a ransom of \$40,000 to secure its release. According to its operator, the vessel is expected to return to the United Arab Emirates in twenty days, after unloading its cargo in Mogadiscio. It is expected to sail back to Dubai after refueling and a routine vessel inspection. The unnamed group of pirates had originally demanded \$50,000 for the release of *Nimatullah* but negotiations between the vessel's owners and the pirates resulted in the ransom being reduced to \$40,000.

#### TANZANIA

London, Apr 11 — According to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, an unidentified container ship waiting to enter the port of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania was raided by thieves this past week who broke into six containers without being detected. The vessel was drifting off the port about 23 n.miles east of the channel entrance, in position lat 06

36S, long 39.36E. Duty officers and other crew on board noticed nothing untoward as they drifted during the night while waiting for berthing instructions from Dar es Salaam port control. No suspicious vessels were noticed in the vicinity and nor were they noticed on radar. The next morning however crew found six containers had been broken into and cargo rifled and removed, along with a quantity of vessel's stores. The matter was subsequently reported to both the port control and to the IMB Reporting Centre as is requested by the IMB.



#### ANNA (Lebanon)

Beirut, Apr 10 — General cargo *Anna* is still under arrest at Tripoli, Lebanon. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### ANNIE SIERRA (Cyprus)

Karachi, Apr 6 — Bulker *Annie Sierra* is still at Port Muhammad Bin Qasim, under detention. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### ASIAN ATLAS (Seychelles)

London, Apr 12 — Semi-sub HL vessel *Asian Atlas* (38571 gt, built 1975), S7TY, which arrived at Hong Kong at 0751 hrs, Apr 11, was today reported at South West Lamma Anchorage, Hong Kong, under Bailiff's Office, Admiralty and High Court arrest.

#### CHERYL ANNE (Philippines)

Manila, Apr 10 — Barge *Cheryl Anne* and tug *Jacob 1* are still detained at Surigao, pending a resolution of their case. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### FATEZH (Ukraine)

Reunion, Apr 6 — General cargo *Fatezh* will be released today and sailing is planned for 1200, local time, today. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### GOLDEN TRADER I (Panama)

London, Apr 20 — Roll On Roll Off Container Car *Golden Trader I* arrived at New Mangalore on Mar 28.

#### GRISHA PODOBEDOV (Russia)

Dalian, Apr 5 — Understood no records of general cargo *Grisha Podobedov* under detention in Dalian can be found. It appears that the vessel is not in Dalian now. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### HONG YUAN (Belize)

London, Apr 10 — General cargo *Hong Yuan* (1437 gt, built 1990), V3SC8, which arrived at Hong Kong at 1901, Apr 7, is today reported at South West Lamma Anchorage, Hong Kong, under Bailiff's Office, Admiralty and High Court arrest.

London, Apr 12 — General cargo *Hong Yuan* is today, still reported at Hong Kong. However, it is noted that the vessel is no longer reported to be under arrest.

#### JAVA BASSET

Karachi, Apr 6 — Anchor handling tugs *Java Beagle* and *Java Basset* are still under arrest by the court. Prospects of release are still unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### JAVA BEAGLE (Singapore)

See *Java Basset*.

#### JULIANA (Panama)

Beirut, Apr 10 — General cargo *Juliana* is still under arrest at Tripoli, Lebanon. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### KOEI-3 (Cambodia)

London, Apr 10 — A press report, dated today, states: Cambodian fishing (general) *Koei-3* has been detained in the Sea of Okhotsk by borderguards after pursuit with the use of an An-72 aircraft of the border patrol aviation service for breach of fishery regulations. The vessel was escorted to the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky for an inquiry, an official in the public relations group of the Northeastern coast guard department of Russia's Federal Security Service said today. The vessel violating fishery regulations was spotted yesterday in a fishery area by patrol vessel *Argal*. The vessel, registered at the port of Phnom Penh, tried to shake off the pursuer. However, after an aircraft joined in the pursuit, the fishing vessel stopped and took an inspecting party on board. The inspection revealed a number of breaches of fishery regulations. On the strength of the revealed breaches, legal proceedings on administrative violations have been instituted against the master.

#### LAMA (Belize)

Beirut, Apr 10 — General cargo *Lama* is still lying sunk and under arrest at Beirut. — Lloyd's Agents.

#### NYZDAN (North Korea)

Karachi, Apr 6 — General cargo *Nyzdan* sailed from Karachi on Mar 27, bound for Jebel Ali (where arrived on Apr 4). — Lloyd's Agents.

#### SUNGAI JULAN 1 (Malaysia)

Manila, Apr 10 — The Philippine Bureau of Customs has ordered the confiscation of the Malaysian-registered tug *Sungai Julan 1*. The decision was taken on Apr 3, by Bureau of Customs Director Edward Baltazar, after several months of public hearings which determined that the vessel and its crew had illegally sold fuel oil while docked at Poro Point Port in La Union province. The decision, however, cannot be immediately executed as it will require the approval of the Commissioner of Customs. "I expect a decision from the Customs Commissioner within a month," Mr. Baltazar said. "If this is affirmed the tug becomes the property of the Philippine government and will be disposed through public auction. The proceeds will then revert to the national treasury," Mr Baltazar added. Under Philippine law, a vessel used in smuggling activities can be seized and forfeited by the Bureau of Customs.



“The vessel unlawfully imported oil in commercial quantities. As such, the crew as well as the other persons involved in the unlawful act employed fraud,” Baltazar said in his decision. The tug’s master Muhammad Tahir and chief engineer Ronald Sitompol, both Indonesians, are facing criminal charges of smuggling before the Department of Justice. The two are still with the vessel, which is under the custody of the Bureau of Customs at Poro Point. The rest of the ten-man crew have been allowed to return home. — Lloyd’s List Correspondent.

**THEODORE 1 (Indonesia)**

Manila, Apr 10 — Indonesian-registered tug *Theodore 1* (149 gt) built Samarinda, Indonesia, 2003, was arrested and detained by the Indonesian Navy for alleged log smuggling. *Theodore 1*, towing a barge loaded with 5,416 cubic metres of timber, was intercepted by the patrol vessel *KRI Panana 817* near Buru island in Maluku province last week. *Theodore 1* was proceeding to Belawan in North Sumatra from Papua New Guinea, when it was arrested by the patrol vessel. Officials said that the timber, which has a market value of US\$442,000, was being moved without the required transport and forestry permits. *Theodore 1* and its’ barge were escorted to the Eastern Fleets Command Headquarters in Surabaya where they remain under detention. *Theodore 1* is owned and operated by PT Surya Maritim Shippindo. — Lloyd’s List Correspondent

**Pipeline Accidents**



**RIVER LAUCESE, LATVIA**

London, Apr 5 — Latvia’s largest river had a narrow escape from its second major oil spill in a fortnight today as an illegal tap in a major pipeline burst, the Latvian environment agency announced. The tap, in the main oil pipeline running from Russia to the Baltic coast, burst in the early hours of this morning. By the time it was closed, over five tons of diesel had spilled into the ground, an agency press release said. The damaged section of the pipeline lay adjacent to a drainage ditch feeding into the River Laucese, which in turn feeds into Latvia’s largest river, the Daugava. “The Daugava was saved from oil pollution by a small blockage in the ditch, probably created by accident as a nearby pond was being dug,” the press release said.

**URENGOY PIPELINE, SIBERIA**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated Apr 9, states: The Urengoy-Centre-2 gas pipeline has burst for a second time approximately 200 metres from the repaired section of the same gas pipeline damaged in a similar accident on Apr 3, the press service of

the regional branch of the Ministry for Emergency Situations told ITAR-TASS today. The pipeline was shut down once again, and gas has been supplied via a reserve branch. There was no fire as a result of the accident.

**Pollution**



**HUANGPU RIVER, CHINA**

London, Apr 10 — A press report, dated Apr 11, states: A mistake by staff at Zhabei Power Plant Monday night (Apr 9) led to the release of 45 tons of fuel into the Huangpu River, authorities said yesterday. The Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration said the pollution was brought under control yesterday morning. The administration said the spill took place at about 2100 hrs on Monday at a dock at Zhabei Power Plant. The accident was blamed on operators who failed to cut off fuel to a tanker vessel once its storage tanks were full. Maritime authorities said they called in 14 clean-up ships to handle the emergency. Three nearby tap water factories along the river, the Wusong, Zhabei and Lingqiao tap-water mills, were told to supervise water sources after the accident to watch out for possible contamination. Maritime authorities said the spill was contained at 0800, yesterday. Clean-up vessels were still cruising the river yesterday. Authorities said the vessels will now focus on floating waste at a nearby dock. They said it would take some time to remove the oil and waste.

**MINA ABDULLA, KUWAIT**

London, Apr 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Kuwait’s Minister of Oil Sheikh Ali Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah said yesterday that the oil leak from Mina Abdulla Refinery had been brought under control. Upon receiving information on the accident, Sheikh Ali moved to the site of the leak and checked the efforts to control it. He said that an investigation panel would be formed to find the causes of the accident. The leaked quantity of oil was not much and efforts were being made to clean the site of leakage, he pointed out. Meanwhile, Board Chairman and Managing Director of Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) Sami Al-Rushaid said his company was working with the Public Authority of Environment to remove the traces of dozens of barrels of oil that leaked from storage tanks of the refinery to the nearby beach sea waters of Arabian Gulf. Efforts will also be made to prevent occurrence of similar accidents in the future, Al-Rushaid added. The leakage resulted from “an operational fault” but did not affect the production of the refinery, the KNPC said earlier in the day. The accident was limited but the company alerted the special teams out of concern for the environment, he said,

affirming that the accident would not affect crude production or exports. He stressed that the teams were working to clear up the contaminated spots on the beach.

**VIETNAM**

London, Apr 6 — An oil spill has covered some canals in the southern province of Ca Mau, the Ca Mau Department of Fisheries have reported. Meanwhile, local authorities of coastal districts in Ca Mau have not been informed about the impacts of oil spill to aquaculture yet. In the southern province of Bac Lieu, local people collected more than 6 tonnes of oil along 54 km of coast by Apr 5, said Deputy Director of the Bac Lieu Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Khu Le. In another southern province, Soc Trang, residents of Vinh Chau District also collected more than 1.2 tonnes of oil on Apr 5. Tran Van Thanh, Deputy Director of the Soc Trang Department of Natural Resources and Environment, said that under the influence of oil spill, many crabs and fishes died on the sand banks of Vinh Hai commune, Vinh Chau district. In Dong Hai District, fishermen also saw many dead oysters on warps.

**Weather & Navigation**



**TROPICAL CYCLONE “CLIFF”**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Fiji is being battered today by Cyclone “Cliff”, which has already claimed one life. The fierce storm was over the Lau Islands in eastern Fiji this morning, after passing over the northern island of Vanua Levu overnight. Weather forecasters are warning of gusts of up to 120 kilometres per hour, with destructive winds near the cyclone’s centre. Widespread rain over all of Fiji is occurring and a woman was killed while trying to cross a bridge near Nadi. Hundreds of people are in evacuation centres in Vanua Levu.

London, Apr 6 — A press report, dated yesterday, states: Tropical Cyclone “Cliff” caused extensive damage to crops in the Lau Group. Commissioner Eastern, Tomasi Tui, all Agriculture Officers on Cicia, Vanuabalavu, Moala and Lakeba have been asked to report on damage in their areas by this morning. He said the only damage reports they had received were that the school at Cicia had been flooded and some islands reported damage to temporary kitchen sheds. Mr Tui said other reports showed minor damage. Fiji Red Cross Emergency Response Teams in the North remain on standby. Disaster coordinator Vuli Gauna said the teams were unable to get into the affected areas because of the number of landslides that restricted and in some places, cut off, access. “No ground assessments are possible as yet because

of these landslides," Mr Gauna said. He said they were concerned about the inaccessibility of the Udu and Tunuloa areas and hoped they would be able to gain access by today.

London, Apr 6 — Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: Tropical cyclone "Cliff" near lat 26.0S, long 171.8W, at 0600, UTC, today. Movement for the past six hours 125 degrees at 22 knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles. Maximum sustained winds 40 knots with gusts 50 knots. Forecast position lat 29.0S, long 167.4W at 1800, UTC, today. Maximum sustained winds 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots.

### TROPICAL CYCLONE "JAYA"

London, Apr 5 — A cyclone has killed three people in Madagascar weeks after 80 others died when an earlier storm hit the Indian Ocean island, officials said today. Prime Minister Charles Rabemananjara said Cyclone "Jaya" struck northern Madagascar today, flattening homes and destroying plantations, and he launched a one-month fund raising drive to help the victims. "Half Sambava town was devastated," said one local official. Last week, Madagascar appealed for \$242 million to help tens of thousands of residents uprooted by Cyclone "Indlala", which killed 80 people when it hit on Mar 15.

### TURKEY

Istanbul, Apr 10 — Vessel traffic in the Turkish Straits was suspended in both directions at 0850 today due to fog. — TurkishStraits.com

### TYPHOON "KONG-REY"

London, Apr 5 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Kong-Rey" near lat 24.1N, long 150.2E, at 0600, UTC, Apr 5. Movement past six hours 070 deg at 22 knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 40 knots with gusts to 50 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 150 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 130 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 100 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 1800, UTC: Position lat 25.8N, long 154.9E. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Extratropical.

### UNITED STATES

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Another spring snowstorm spread across the upper Midwest today, closing schools and grounding more than 200 airline flights. North Dakota had already measured 7 inches, and up to 10 inches was possible in Wisconsin, the National Weather Service said. More than 200 flights were cancelled at O'Hare International Airport because of poor visibility, said aviation spokeswoman Wendy Abrams. The airport also had delays that were about 60 to 90 minutes on inbound and outbound flights. Delays at Midway Airport were about 20 to 30 minutes, she said.

## Natural Disasters



### REUNION

St. Denis, Reunion, Apr 8 — A volcano on the Indian Ocean island of Reunion which has been spewing out lava and ash for nearly a week appeared to be calming down today, the local government said. The Piton de la Fournaise volcano on the French island first erupted on Monday (Apr 2), sending lava 500 metres into the air. The island's prefecture said the intensity of the eruptions had decreased over the last 48 hours and continued to do so today. The lava flows cut off a road that passes the foot of the volcano and 200 families living in the village of Tremblet, 3 km from the lava flow, were on high alert after a brief evacuation on Friday. The prefecture said a large part of the south-east of Reunion was covered with a thin layer of ash but tests showed that the level of sulphur dioxide in the air was much lower than the tolerable amount for people in fragile health. — Reuters.

Reunion, Apr 11 — The volcanic activity on Reunion has not had any effect on ports or shipping on Reunion. The ports are on the west coast but the volcano is on the other side of the island (east coast) and a mountain is in between. Therefore the ports are safe. — Lloyd's Agents.

### SOUTH PACIFIC

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: There has been another earthquake in the Pacific, but it is not as big as the one which sent a tsunami slamming into areas of the Solomon Islands. The Loyalty Islands region of New Caledonia has been "rattled" with a magnitude-6.8 quake. There are no reports of damage or injury and no tsunami warning has been issued.

London, Apr 6 — A press report, dated today, states: The Federal Government fears the death toll from the Solomon Islands tsunami may rise substantially. More than 30 people are so far thought to have been killed after an earthquake and tsunami on Monday (Apr 2). But the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Greg Hunt, says it is now believed that up to 100 people are still missing. Meanwhile relief efforts are gathering pace in the country's devastated Western Province. Aircraft are now flying in and out of Gizo airport, significantly opening up the flow of people and supplies from the national capital Honiara.

## Political & Civil Unrest



### IRAQ

London, Apr 5 — A bomb struck an oil pipeline today, cutting off supplies and

causing a huge fire in southern Iraq near the border with Kuwait, an official said. The pipeline carries oil from surrounding fields to storage tanks in Basra for export to the Gulf region, according to the official with the South Oil Co. However, he said the tanks were full and export supplies had not yet been affected. The official said the explosion occurred about midnight and the fire raged for hours before it was extinguished in the afternoon. He said oil had stopped flowing from the fields to the storage tanks but supplies were sufficient and exports were not affected. The attack occurred just north of Safwan near the border with Kuwait, the official said, adding that he expected the fire to be extinguished later today.

### SRI LANKA

Colombo, Apr 6 — Sri Lanka government forces and Tamil Tigers clashed at sea off the island's northwest coast today, with the navy claiming it sank a rebel suicide boat and the insurgents claiming they sank a navy inshore patrol craft. The clash, near the coastal town of Kalpitiya, around 80 miles north of the capital, Colombo, is the latest in a rash of land and sea battles plaguing a new chapter in the island's two-decade civil war. "Naval inshore patrol craft detected five Tiger boats and confronted them," said Navy spokesman Commander D.K.P. Dassanayake. "During the confrontation, one suicide boat exploded. There was a huge explosion. You can't even find any debris," he added. "There were two Tigers on board. The other Tiger boats fled." The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam said only three of their vessels were involved in the clash and had returned to base safely. "Our inshore patrol craft were patrolling as usual, and three navy patrol craft approached us and there was a short clash," said Tiger military spokesman Rasiiah Ilanthiraiyan. — Reuters.

## Labour Disputes



### CHINA

London, Apr 10 — A press report, dated today, states: Several hundred workers at a major southern Chinese port have ended a strike after securing a pay raise and receiving clearance to organize a union, news reports said yesterday. Crane operators at the Yantian International Container Terminals, or YICT, near the southern town of Shenzhen stopped working from Friday (Apr 6) evening to the early hours of Sunday. It is not known how many workers went on strike and the port was still assessing how badly the strike affected its operations. Hong Kong's Wen Wei Po newspaper said more than 300 workers went on strike. Citing anonymous sources, it reported that management agreed to raise wages by 3%.

**FORTUNA I (Latvia)**

Dublin, Apr 4 — General cargo *Fortuna I*, loaded with steel rebar: Situation remains unchanged. — Lloyd's Agents.

**FRANCE**

London, Apr 12 — A press report, dated today, states: A strike today by air traffic controllers at Paris' two main airports was expected to cause widespread delays, France's civil air authority said. As many as one in three flights at Charles de Gaulle airport and one in two at Orly could face delays or cancellation, the DGAC warned. Air France, which was forced to cancel several short and medium-haul flights from Orly, said it had taken steps to ensure that all passengers reach their destinations. Long-haul flights and traffic to and from Charles de Gaulle should be unaffected, it added. Workers belonging to two unions are protesting plans to merge air traffic control operations for the Paris region at one site separate from the airports.

**HUNGARY**

London, Apr 5 — Around 10,000 people would be stranded in Hungary until Saturday (Apr 7) after a strike by ground services staff forced the cancellation of over 150 flights from Budapest Airport, a spokesman said today. Domokos Szollar said that only flights operated by the Hungarian airline Malev and budget carrier SkyEurope were expected to be unaffected by the action, as they have their own ground handling services. Szollar had earlier said he did not expect cancellations. The air workers union LDFSZ said that employees of ground services firm Celebi would strike from 1230, UTC, today until the same time on Saturday.

London, Apr 6 — Unions of ground handling crews at Ferihegy Airport began a two-day strike yesterday afternoon that is expected to cause big delays and a number of flight cancellations today and tomorrow. Six flights were cancelled last night and delays affected some 40 flights, airport spokesman Domokos Szollar said, adding that 150-160 flights could be cancelled or delayed. Sky Europe and Malév flights are not affected, as these airlines have their own ground handling services. Airlines serviced by Malev ground crews are also unaffected. These are: Aeroflot, AerLingus, Air Berlin, Air France, Austrian Airlines, CSA, EgyptAir, Finnair, Hainan, KLM, LOT, SAS and Tarom. The affected airlines include Aerosvit, Alitalia, British Airways, Delta Airlines, EasyJet, Germanwings, Jet2, Lufthansa, Luxair, Norwegian Air, Pulkovo Airlines, SmartWings, Sterling, Swiss, Travel Service and Turkish Airlines.

**INDIA**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated Apr 3, states: Despite government warnings of stern action against striking truckers, the owners' association have decided to continue their agitation, which entered its third

day today. The chairman of the co-ordination committee of the Lorry, Tankers, Containers Owners' Association, R. Ramachandran, said that until the 10% increase in vehicle tax was reduced, there was no question of calling off the strike. They said movement of essential commodities from other states had not been affected. About 25 lorries were seized in Ernakulam district today from Angamally, Kothamangalam and Tripunithura, RTO P Prabhakaran said. Yesterday, 40 lorries were seized. Eleven of the seized vehicles were being used to transport Aviation Turbine Fuel to Nedumbassery Airport and no shortage of fuel had been reported, he said. Seventy-three loads of diesel and petrol had been transported from IOC, HPCL and BPCL pumping stations, he said. The movement of containers to and from Kochi port continued to be affected for the third day. Port Chairman N. Ramachandran said if the strike continued, the port would suffer, as cargoes would be diverted to other ports.

London, Apr 5 — The statewide lorry strike, which entered the fifth day today, has seriously affected the cargo movement at the Cochin port. The Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal (RGCT) is the most hit part of the port and, according to official sources, at least 2,000 container boxes are kept on the terminal waiting for container trucks. Suresh Joseph, general manager, India Gateway Terminals Private Limited (IGTPL), which operates the terminal, told Business Standard that for the last five days the working of the terminal had been paralysed and no container was moving in or out of the terminal since Apr 1. On an average, 250 container boxes are brought to the terminal for export to various destinations and around 500 containers are being handled on a daily basis. In view of the strike continuing indefinitely, he said, cargo would be diverted to other ports like Tuticorin and Mangalore. Cochin port is facing serious competition from these ports as they, especially Tuticorin, are offering attractive discounts on port handling charges in order to attract more cargo. Port sources said that bulk cargo movement would also be affected if the strike continues. At present, the port has bulk cargo of products like potash, timber logs and industrial pipes that have to be moved out of the stockyards of the port. It will be difficult to berth new bulk cargo vessels unless the current stock is cleared. If the strike continues for a couple of days more, the port will be the most hit area as it is the gateway to Kerala and other neighbouring industrial zones like Coimbatore. Meanwhile, a large number of containers are kept at the railway marshalling yard also for want of trucks to transport them to the port. Various commercial chambers and trade organisations too are in troubled situation since they fear their overseas orders might get cancelled.

London, Apr 6 — The five-day old strike by lorry owners in the State was called off following talks between

Minister for Transport Mathew T. Thomas and representatives of lorry owners led by P.E. Ramachandran, chairman of Lorry Owners Coordination Committee, said last night. Mr. Thomas told mediapersons that the Government had made its stance clear on the three major demands made by the lorry owners. One of the demands was for extension of the deadline to fix speed governors. As per the Supreme Court directive, speed governors were to be fixed by Apr 15. The Minister said he could not extend any assurance on that count and as such there would be no change in the deadline. On the demand by the lorry owners that speed governors should be made mandatory for carriages from other States, Minister has assured that the issue would be taken up with legal consultants.

Kochi, Apr 7 — The truck owners strike ended Apr 5 and normalcy was restored with effect from yesterday. — Lloyd's Agents.

**ISRAEL**

London, Apr 10 — Haifa port workers face hefty court fines over strike involvement. Israel's Haifa Labour Court has ruled today that all Haifa port workers involved in strikes or sanctions will be punished with heavy fines, news reports said. Each Haifa port worker will be liable to a fine of approximately \$243 for every hour of involvement in a strike or sanction. After twelve hours of striking the fine will go up to \$364 per hour per worker. Last Friday (Apr 6) the court had ordered port workers to stop interfering with the running of operations in the port. Haifa port management claimed that despite the warning, employees continued to seriously disrupt port operations. The Labour Court's ruling to fine workers comes on the back of a petition by the port management asking the Labour Court to rule that the workers and the Histadrut Labour Federation in the Haifa region were in contempt of court for disobeying the previous court ruling. Following the latest court decision, the Histadrut Labour Federation has ordered all port employees back to work. Haifa port directors are satisfied with the court decision, hoping that the port would return to its normal working schedule.

**JAPANESE AIRLINE PERSONNEL**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A one-day strike by All Nippon Airways (ANA) crew members caused the cancellation of about 15 percent of the airline's domestic flights, ANA said. Negotiations between the airline and the unions broke down early today. The unions are demanding better working conditions and inspections of Bombardier aircraft of the kind involved in a recent accident. ANA said the strike had led to the cancellation of 136 domestic flights, affecting about 6,500 passengers. It said another 42 domestic flights were expected to be delayed, affecting about 2,200 passengers. ANA's international flights were operating normally. A spokesman

for ANA said: 'Once the unions enter a strike, it usually goes on for 24 hours.' He added: 'It won't be lifted at least until midnight (1500, UTC).' The airline will resume its normal operations after the strike, the spokesman said. The unions are demanding better training programmes for crew members. They are also demanding better inspections of Canadian-made Bombardier DHC-8 aircraft after one of ANA's 13 DHC-8s had a problem with its landing gear last month. The front wheel failed to deploy and the aircraft skidded down the runway on its nose upon landing at Kochi airport in the southwest. Nobody was injured. ANA temporarily stopped using the planes while they were inspected and they are now back in operation. A spokeswoman for ANA, Keiko Ninomiya, said the airline has not yet responded to the unions' demands about the DHC-8s.

**TRINIDAD**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated Apr 4, states: Workers at Port of Spain have brought the port to a standstill with all operations currently shut down. Container and crane operations at the port were halted on Monday, Apr 2, after workers stopped work to protest at the slow pace of negotiations between the port authority and the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union (SWWTU) to settle an outstanding collective agreement. Workers in other divisions of the port followed the actions of employees in the container division and crane operators, resulting in a complete shutdown. Workers were still refusing to resume operations as of today. The workers' action has crippled the port's daily operations, leaving many business owners counting their losses as they have been unable to clear any goods from the port since Monday.

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Work resumed on a small scale at Port of Spain port yesterday, following an agreement in good faith between the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Union (SWWTU) and the Port Authority. A SWWTU spokesman said work had resumed at the port and full operations should be restored today. He said that the Port Authority had made a wage offer of 15% for the contract period 2005 to 2008 and that the union had countered with a wage offer of 18% for the same period. This proposal is being considered by the Port Authority. The spokesman said that, in the meantime, operations had resumed at the port's container division and other departments should be fully functional by today. He also said there was an agreement in principle to begin payment of the new wages by May 1 and complete backpay owed to workers by Jul 31. Authority general manager Chris Mendez confirmed the wage offer made to the union. He said the authority also made a commitment to the SWWTU that it would settle any outstanding arrears of salaries and wages in a suitable time frame. Mendez was hopeful that, in light of the progress made at the meeting with the

SWWTU Tuesday, operations at the port should return to normal by today. However, there were signs yesterday that the union's attempts to reach an agreement with the Port Authority did not meet the approval of some workers. TT Hauliers Association secretary Curtis Seepersad said the work stoppage had severely affected its members' operations at the port as well. He said the longer containers remained at the port, the more additional fees would have to be paid and it was possible that the hauliers' clients might pass some of those costs on to them.

London, Apr 6 — The port of Port of Spain will be open for business tomorrow. The directive was issued by the Port Authority yesterday, in order to clear the backlog created as a result of the three-day shutdown by crane operators earlier this week. Furthermore, port rent on all containers "with planned delivery during the shutdown period, will not be charged rent," chairman of the authority, Derek Hudson, confirmed yesterday. The waiver of port rent is favourable news, manufacturers, suppliers and other members of the business community responded, adding that this cost would not be passed on to consumers. However, port rent is but one of the charges which importers and exporters have concerns about, as demurrage and other shipping related fees still loom. Asked whether the authority would seek to also have these charges waived, Hudson said: "I don't want to say up front what will be waived or not waived, except to say that with all the stakeholders, we will have conversations with them over the challenges they faced during the last work stoppage." Crane operators brought the country's main port to a complete standstill on Monday (Apr 2), protesting the slow pace of collective agreement negotiations and other industrial issues. After marathon meetings held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the bargaining unit for the workers, the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union, and its president, Michael Annisette, proposed an 18% wage increase, while management has offered 15%. This is the closest both parties had reached, Hudson said, and with meetings over the next week, he said it was hoped that a resolution could be arrived at. "There's a commitment here that once we bring this to closure, new salaries for workers will be paid by May 1 and any arrears owed to workers as a result of this agreement being closed will be paid on or before Jul 31," Hudson said.

surge tank at the BP refinery was brought under control by company firefighters. The fire was reported about 1300 hrs and declared out at about 1730 hrs, BP spokesman Neil Geary said. Lightning is believed to have ignited hydrocarbons that rise to the top of water stored in the storm surge tank, which collects excess water from rain and plant activities. About 75 BP personnel fought the blaze near the center of the two-square-mile refinery, the third-largest in the world when at full capacity, Geary said. No injuries were reported and production was unaffected.



**ABORTED TAKE-OFF, COOKTOWN AIRPORT, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Queensland Premier Peter Beattie was left stranded in Cape York after the government jet broke down during take-off. The State Government's new Hawker XP850 suddenly lost power a third of the way down the runway while taking off at Cooktown airport bound for Brisbane. The Courier-Mail's photographer Bruce Long, who was one of nine people aboard, said the aircraft's two pilots acted quickly to abort the take-off after it lost power. He said the cause of the problem was later found to be an electrical fault. A replacement aircraft had to be flown from Brisbane to Cooktown, north of Cairns, late today to pick up the Premier's party.

**AIRCRAFT HIJACKED, ANKARA, TURKEY**

London, Apr 10 — A hijacker forced a Turkish aircraft carrying passengers to land in the country's capital. The passenger hijacked the commercial aircraft which was travelling from south-east Turkey to Istanbul. A Turkish television network said the hijacker had asked to be taken to Iran. The Pegasus Airline aircraft, which was carrying 175 passengers, landed in the capital Ankara. Turkish Journalist Ergin Bulut said there had initially been some confusion as to whether the hijacker was a man or a woman. He said police had negotiated with the hijacker who was reported to be armed with explosives. The man then surrendered to the authorities and was arrested.

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: A man hijacked a Turkish Pegasus airline Boeing 737-800 carrying 180 passengers and crew yesterday but gave himself up to authorities after it landed in Ankara, television channels reported. Anti-terrorist police took the man away from the jet at Ankara airport, the Anatolia news agency said. News reports said the man had wanted the aircraft to go



**REFINERY, TEXAS CITY, UNITED STATES**

London, Apr 5 — A fire caused by a lightning strike yesterday on a storm

to Iran. The Boeing was carrying 174 passengers and six crew and was flying between Istanbul and Diyarbakir when it was taken over, the reports said. The hijacker was a Turk named Mehmet Gokcingol aged about 40, a transport ministry official, Ibrahim Sahin, was quoted as saying by Turkish media.

#### **AIRCRAFT MISSING ON A FLIGHT FROM NAMIBIA TO NORTHERN CAPE**

London, Apr 10 — Searchers have not yet found any sign of the light aircraft which went missing on Sunday (Apr 8) en route from Keetmanshoop in Namibia to Upington in the Northern Cape, said the SA Search and Rescue Organisation (Sasar). The search was suspended at 1820, today, said spokesperson Santjie White. The pilots and spotters in the four search planes, which were in the air on and off throughout the day, spent the evening being debriefed and plotting their search area for tomorrow. The area was “incredibly big and remote,” said White. Even if the pilot, Charles Wooler, had made a forced landing just 80 kilometres from Upington he would be difficult to find as there were no people on a lot of the farms, she said. The search planes were covering the entire route, but the primary search area was in South Africa, said White.

#### **CRASH INTO LAKE POWELL, UNITED STATES**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: The wreckage of a small Cirrus SR22 aircraft that crashed in Lake Powell last month was being removed yesterday by recovery crews from two Utah companies. Kevin Schneider, spokesman for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, said divers from American Fork-based Cross Marine Projects and Deep Blue Marine Inc of Salt Lake City, had secured a recovery line around the aircraft and were starting to pull it out of Good Hope Bay.

#### **CRASH INTO SEA OFF NASSAU, BAHAMAS**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Two men from Fort Myers died in a small plane crash 20 miles north of Nassau in the Bahamas, the Coast Guard reported this morning. Frank Watchus and Ernest Coleman were found dead in the water near the plane wreckage at about 2000 hrs, yesterday, said Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer Johnson of the Miami Coast Guard station. “They were heading from Nassau to the Fort Lauderdale International Airport,” Johnson said shortly after 0730 hrs, today. A helicopter crew from the Clearwater station found the two men, she said. Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration contacted search and rescue co-ordinators in Miami after the plane was lost on radar and could no longer be reached by radio. The plane was a single engine turbo prop. It was not clear who was piloting the plane.

#### **CRASH, ANDREWS-MURPHY AIRPORT AREA, CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, UNITED STATES**

London, Apr 9 — Officials said two people are dead after an early morning aircraft crash in western North Carolina. Kathleen Bergen, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said preliminary reports indicate a single-engine aircraft, carrying three people, hit power lines just after midnight, today, while approaching Andrews-Murphy Airport, in Cherokee County. The aircraft had been travelling from Orlando Executive Airport, in Florida. Bergen said the aircraft is registered to Damien O'Neill, of Franklin, North Carolina. Authorities have not identified the two people killed in the crash. The third passenger was being treated at Erlanger Medical Centre in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

London, Apr 10 — Piper PA-32RT-300 (Lance II) N21423 crashed near Andrews, North Carolina, at 0417, Apr 9, while on a flight from Orlando, Florida, to Andrews. The aircraft was destroyed. Two of the three persons on board were killed and the third was seriously injured.

#### **CRASH, ARGYLL, SCOTLAND**

London, Apr 10 - The wreckage of a light aircraft has been discovered on farmland in Argyll, police have confirmed. The debris was discovered scattered over a hillside nine miles south of Oban just after 1500, BST. A coastguard helicopter based at Stornoway has been sent to the crash site. Police said there appeared to be fatalities. A light aircraft is believed have been reported overdue after failing to arrive at a small airfield, near Braintree, in Essex.

#### **CRASH, NGORONGORO DISTRICT, TANZANIA**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: A twin engine Cessna 150 aircraft that Kenya notified Tanzania as missing over the past weekend (Mar 31-Apr 1), has been found ditched in a remote village in the Ngorongoro district in northern Tanzania. Reports from Arusha said that both the pilot and the trainee pilot had been injured. Arusha Regional Police Commander Matei Basilio told local media that the Kenyan government had earlier informed the authorities in northern Tanzania of the disappearance of the aircraft with a Kenyan registration of 5YAZW. The aircraft crash-landed in the village of Wosiwosi in the afternoon on Sunday, according to the reports.

#### **CRASH, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES**

London, Apr 4 — A press report, dated today, states: Three people were killed after a small dual-engine Piper PA-30 aircraft crashed in a field in southern Talbot County, Maryland, this morning, authorities said. Preliminary reports indicated that three people were on board the aircraft and that all three died, said Paul Schlamm, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board. The aircraft was flying from

White Plains, NY, to Pinehurst, NC, authorities said. It was registered in Greenwich, Conn. According to reports, air traffic controllers at Patuxent River Naval Air Station in southern Maryland, about 35 miles south-west of the crash scene, had the plane on radar screens at 0936 hrs, when they saw it descend rapidly. Radio contact was also lost at that time, said John Romer, a base spokesman. The base notified authorities, who found debris scattered over a wide area at the muddy scene, about six miles north of the Cambridge-Dorchester Airport.

London, Apr 5 — Three people were killed yesterday when a twin-engine private aircraft crashed in a Talbot County soybean field about two miles north of the Choptank River, federal authorities said. The aircraft took off from Westchester County Airport in New York, heading for Pinehurst, NC, according to a flight plan filed with the Federal Aviation Administration. The names of the pilot and passengers were not released, but the aircraft is registered to Gregory D. Doppke of Greenwich, Conn, an FAA spokesman said. “Preliminary information indicates that three were on board and there were three fatalities,” said Paul Schlamm, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board. “Investigators from our regional office in New Jersey will lead the investigation.” According to the FAA, radar operators at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, who routinely monitor air traffic in the region, lost radar and radio contact with the aircraft about 0930 hrs. Emergency teams in Dorchester and Talbot counties and nearby Coast Guard stations began searching the Choptank before turning their attention to an area two miles north of the river, said Sgt. Arthur Betts, a Maryland State Police spokesman. “There was no fire involved, but the pilot on board was killed by the impact,” said Betts. The aircraft, a Piper PA-30 Comanche that seats up to four, is a stalwart among private plane owners and pilots, said Jim Peters, an FAA spokesman. “This plane was built in 1967, but there were no preliminary indications of any problems with the aircraft,” Peters said.

#### **CRASH, TOYAMA, JAPAN**

London, Apr 11 — Police today rescued eight people stranded in the snow-covered mountains of Toyama City following a helicopter crash Monday (Apr 9) evening, while recovering the bodies of the pilot and one passenger, both of whom were later confirmed dead. The eight survivors - three crew members and five passengers - sustained injuries, but none were life-threatening, the police said. It is thought that the helicopter may have crashed because its rear rotor became stuck in the snow. The survivors were rescued about 14 hours after the chopper crashed at around 1620, Monday, shortly after it had taken off from a heliport near the Suishogoya lodge at the 2,900-metre



point on 2,986-metre Mt Suishodake in the Northern Japan Alps, the police said.

### **CRASH, YOGYAKARTA AIRPORT, INDONESIA**

London, Apr 8 — A press report, dated Apr 7, states: A Garuda Boeing 737 was travelling at 410 kmh, nearly double normal landing speed, when it slammed into Yogyakarta Airport's runway last month, bouncing, bursting into flames and killing 21 people, the crash investigators' report says. The confidential report, which Indonesian authorities are trying to suppress, points towards pilot error as the cause of the crash. Aviation experts confirmed speed and flap warnings would have been sounding in the cockpit and the pilot should have aborted the landing and "gone around". The preliminary report of Indonesia's Transport Safety Committee also reveals that: Yogyakarta's runway does not meet international safety standards. Its safety run-off is only a quarter the recommended length; The pilots reported a fault in the reverse thrust of one of the engines shortly before take-off; Cockpit data recordings revealed no mechanical problems before the landing; The weather was calm, contradicting the pilot's claims of a massive down draught; There is no evidence of the pilots arguing in the cockpit before the crash and fire engines and rescue vehicles were unable to reach the crash site quickly and were not properly equipped. The Indonesian Transport Minister, Hatta Radjasa, has tried to block the release of the "preliminary factual aircraft accident report", insisting that Australian authorities should threaten the families of the five Australian victims with up to two years' jail if they disseminate it. It is clear that, having ruled out mechanical faults, investigators are focusing on pilot error and possible charges against Captain Marwoto Komar and his co-pilot, Gagam Rohman. Psychiatrists have been brought into the investigation to analyse why Captain Komar ignored equipment warnings and continued the landing. The report also raises the prospect that the inadequate safety run-off at Yogyakarta Airport and the failure of emergency services to respond quickly could have contributed to the crash and the number of fatalities. Under international safety specifications, the safety run-off at the end of the runway should be 240 metres with a minimum distance of 90 metres. Yogyakarta's safety area is only 60 metres.

Jakarta, Apr 11 — An Indonesian airliner that crashed at Yogyakarta airport last month killing 21 people came down too fast and at a sharp angle, preliminary results from a crash investigation showed today. The chief of the country's Transport Safety Commission said the Garuda Indonesia operated Boeing 737-400 bounced and skidded off the runway before bursting into flames. "When the plane was about to land, it looked too high over

the runway coming down with a quite high speed," said Tatang Kurniadi. "After touching the ground, the plane bounced twice and around exit delta the front wheel broke causing the plane to slide with the shock strut exposed," he said. Exit delta refers to a point on the runway. "This caused friction between metal and the runway igniting sparks," he told a news conference. The commission's statement said flight GA 200 approached the runway at a 40 degree angle. Kurniadi said the investigation had not yet reached a conclusion so could not apportion blame. The final report will take more than two months more to complete and it would only be issued publicly after parties related to the flight had received a copy, he said. — Reuters.

### **EMERGENCY LANDING, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

London, Apr 11 — A Cessna aircraft on a training flight made an emergency landing at one of Melbourne's most exclusive golf clubs, when its engine failed today. The two people, who were on board the training flight were uninjured and the aircraft was not damaged. Metropolitan Fire Brigade spokesman Trevor Woodward, says the plane landed on the 12th fairway of the Capital Golf Course at Heatherton, in Melbourne's south-east at about 1220 hrs. The Cessna 152 is owned by the Royal Victorian Aero Club.

### **EMERGENCY LANDING, NEW DELHI, INDIA**

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: An Air India aircraft made an emergency landing today and has blocked one of two runways at New Delhi's international airport, delaying air traffic, officials said. The Airbus A310, flying from Shanghai and Bangkok, made the emergency landing around 0700, local time, after problems with its landing gear, they said. "The runway is expected to be cleared by 1500 hrs," said Maushumi Chakravarty, spokeswoman for the civil aviation ministry. The passengers disembarked safely onto the runway after the landing but as the aircraft was being towed away its front wheel collapsed, leaving the its tail jutting out onto the runway near one end. Only one runway was in use and passengers faced delays of several hours, officials said. However, a spokesman for Indira Gandhi International Airport said officials hoped to land aircraft on the remaining length of runway until the stranded A310 was removed.

### **EMERGENCY LANDING, PERTH, AUSTRALIA**

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: An aircraft has made a safe landing on part of its belly at Perth Domestic Airport after its landing gear failed. The plane circled in the air to lighten its fuel load before the pilot attempted the landing on the airport's cross runway shortly after 1700, AWST. The pilot managed to get

the landing gear down but the rear part collapsed when it hit the tarmac, leaving the nose in the air and the back end of the aircraft's belly touching the runway. A spokeswoman from the airport says the aircraft was a private regional operator and was carrying nine passengers and the pilot. She said that no one was injured in during the landing but that the cross runway would be closed for several hours. She added that the airport would not release the name of the airline or where the plane was travelling from until an investigation was carried out.

### **EMERGENCY LANDING, WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated Apr 4, states: Mechanical difficulties forced an aircraft with 53 passengers and crew to make an emergency landing this morning at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport in Pennsylvania. Airport Director Barry Centini said the flight took off from the runway in Avoca around 0700 hrs. Shortly after the Delta connector flight was in the sky, the pilot detected possible malfunctions with the aircraft's steering, landing gear and nose gear, Centini said. The crew notified airport officials that the Atlantic Southeast Airlines aircraft, bound for a connection to Orlando, Fla, would have to turn around. The landing gear was down when the aircraft returned to the runway, Centini said. Emergency responders were called to the scene as a precaution. Aside from the unexpected circumstances causing it, Centini described the landing as uneventful and "without incident." Centini said the airline is transporting the passengers to Philadelphia by bus to catch another flight, while the aircraft undergoes maintenance.

### **GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT, CYPRUS**

London, Apr 6 — A press report, dated today, states: A Cyprus Airways aircraft that has been grounded for the last ten days will be up and running in around a month, according to the national carrier. During a routine inspection, a small crack was identified in the structural part of the wing of the aircraft. Cyprus Airways have stated that the fault is not worrying, but they had no option but to ground the Airbus A320. "The sensitivity of a crack in such an area necessitates the grounding of the aircraft," Cyprus Airways Head of Operations Giorgos Mavrokostas told the Cyprus Mail yesterday. According to Mavrokostas, Airbus had carried out a stress analysis of the problem and were trying, with Cyprus Airways technicians, to solve it. "We are in communication with Airbus in order to correct the problem of the aircraft. Engineers from Airbus did come and examine the plane and they have taken all the evidence with them to define the repair," he said. "It is

expected that it will take two three weeks to define it and about one week to carry out the repair," he added.

#### **INCIDENT AT VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA**

London, Apr 9 — A press report, dated today, states: A Jet Airways aircraft carrying Indian Minister Shriprakash Jaiswal and others from New Delhi to Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, developed a fire in one of its engines shortly after landing and after all on board had disembarked at Lal Bahadul Shastri Airport today. Jaiswal is the Union Minister for the State for Home. The incident occurred at 1214, local time, today, airport officials said. Central Industrial Security Force personnel, India's police force, surrounded the aircraft and with the help of two fire engines, doused the flames within seven minutes. A team of engineers repaired the engine of the aircraft, which left for Khajuraho at 1258 hrs. Jet Airways manager Anirudh Kumar Singh said the fire in the engine was due to "heating."

#### **INCIDENT AT YELLOWKNIFE, CANADA**

London, Apr 5 — An Air Tindi Ltd Cessna 208B Grand Caravan, C-FKAY, had completed loading cargo and was taxiing to the runway when it struck a parked forklift on the company ramp at Yellowknife at 1100 yesterday. Damage was sustained to the leading edge horn of the left horizontal stabiliser. The lower skin and end cap of the elevator were also cut and deformed. The aircraft was removed from service for repairs.

### Port Conditions



#### **AUSTRALIA**

London, Apr 11 — A press report, dated today, states: Coal authorities in Newcastle say they expect a new quota system will soon begin to reduce the number of ships queuing off the coast. More than 72 ships are now queued outside the port of Newcastle awaiting loading with coal which is mostly due to be shipped to Asian power stations. Permission for the new quota system

was granted last month by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, in a bid to reduce the amount of time ships are forced to wait to enter the port. Port Waratah Coal Services now says it expects the queue for call will begin to improve in the coming weeks. The Australian government is threatening to take over the regulation of ports from the states to help reduce the long delays. But federal opposition leader Kevin Rudd says a national infrastructure audit is needed, which would outline the responsibilities that need to be shouldered separately by the federal and state governments and export companies. He says the audit would identify "what is up to scratch and what is not in terms of power generation, in terms of port infrastructure, in terms of our national highway network".

#### **BANGLADESH**

London, Apr 5 — A press report, dated today, states: On enforcement of some measures taken by the caretaker government, the outer anchorage of Chittagong port is now free of congestion, because container vessels are no longer required to wait there before berthing. Sources said the vessels have been directly entering the channel for berthing, for the last five days, after the container handling has been accelerated. As a result, berthing space for more vessels has been created at the terminal. Previously, vessels had to face delays of at least seven to fifteen days at the outer anchorage due to lack of such berthing capacity. According to the sources, during the "political turmoil that resulted in non-functionality of the port", the number of container vessels waiting at the outer anchorage rose to 40-45. The norm would be for 10-15 vessels to be waiting at the outer anchorage. Vessels at the Chittagong Container Terminal (CCT) are no longer allowed to wait to load export cargo, following the introduction of a new "cut-off time for their arrivals" came into effect on Apr 1. Vessels without cranes are now required to leave the terminal after loading whatever of the cargo is available at the terminal. Accordingly, many ships are leaving the terminal within 48 hours of their arrival. The cargo is permitted to enter the terminal "for a period of 48 hours on anchorage of a ship at the general berth". The

ships at the general berths have been asked to leave the terminal within 72 hours. As a result, the turnaround time of vessels has reduced drastically. "I have been observing long queue of ships at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port for long time. This is the first time I have heard that the outer anchorage is free from waiting ships," a high official of the Department of Shipping said. Handling of vessels at the port hit a record high of 81 in March. Earlier, this rate was 45-50 a month. The pace in container handling at the terminal is now at a pace with that at other regional ports, observed a shipping agent. "We need to keep it up as it would drastically reduce the cost of business," he added. "The business community is happy as the port operation is now faster than ever before," said Amirul Haque, chairman of the standing committees on port and shipping, constituted by FBCCI and Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCCI). "The taskforce that was formed by the joint forces to improve the port situation deserves the credit for it being free from congestion, which is first-ever in a span of 15 years," Haque said. The measures taken by this taskforce are yielding positive results. The handover of operation of Chittagong Container Terminal (CCT) to a private company, Saif Powertec Limited, is one of such measures. The port authority has also started a process to handover the operation of all general berths to private operators, sources in the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) said. Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) will enforce a reduced 24-hour cut-off time for the vessels berthing at CCT from today. The new cut-off time is aimed at bringing down the average turn around time of vessels at the country's premier seaport. Under the new cut-off time, no vessel will be allowed to stay at Chittagong Container Terminal (CCT) for more than 24 hours after delivering containers, sources said. Earlier, the cut-off time was 48 hours. However, the cut-off time for vessels berthing at other jetties within the port will remain unchanged.

#### **FRANCE**

London, Apr 11 — Piers B & C at Lavera Terminal (DPP+CPP) will be unavailable due to maintenance works from 0700, Apr 17 until 1800, Apr 18.

**Port Delays**

**Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association**

<b>Country/Port</b>	<b>Date of report</b>	<b>No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay</b>
<b>Azerbaijan</b>		
Apscheron	16-April-2007	Oil products: Two empty vessels at berth; 1 vessel due 16/4, to discharge crude oil.
Baku	16-April-2007	Oil products: Azertrans terminal: Nobel Avenue: One empty vessel at berth; Sangachal District: port open; no vessels.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	16-April-2007	Six vessels in port of which 3 loading (1 ammonium nitrate, 2 coils), 3 discharging (1 zinc concentrate, 1 equipment, 1 coal); 1 vessels in roads to discharge metal; 6 vessels due of which 3 to load (2 coils, 1 containers), 3 to discharge (1 zinc concentrate, 1 gasoil, 1 metal)
Varna	16-April-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Twenty-two vessels in port operating of which 8 loading (1 hard board, 1 scrap, 3 soda, 1 silica sand, 2 bulk clinker), 9 discharging (1 steel coils, 1 bulk sugar, 1 equipment, 1 raw phosphate, 3 bulk coal, 1 bulk feldspar, 1 containers), 5 discharging/loading (4 containers, 1 equipment); no vessels waiting in roads.
<b>Egypt</b>		
Adabiya	16-April-2007	Two vessels at berth (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	16-April-2007	Thirty-seven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 31 general cargo, 2 bulk carriers, 1 tanker, 2 container vessels, 1 tourist vessel; 10 vessels at inner anchorage, 11 at outer anchorage
Damietta	16-April-2007	Twenty-nine vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 22 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 1 tanker, 5 container vessels; 1 vessel at inner anchorage, 5 at outer anchorage
Dekheila	16-April-2007	Eight vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 1 general cargo, 4 bulk carriers, 1 tanker, 2 container vessels; 3 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	16-April-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 4 container vessels.
Suez	16-April-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 4 general cargo, 2 passenger vessels; 2 tug boats; 3 vessels dry-docked
Suez Canal	16-April-2007	Twenty-seven vessels transiting Northbound, 25 Southbound
<b>Estonia</b>		
Tallinn	16-April-2007	No labour problems. City port: No vessels at berth, none at anchorage; no vessels due, with no delays expected; Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): 1 vessel loading coal at berth; 1 vessel due, with 11 days delay expected; Muuga: no vessels at berth, none at anchorage; no vessels due, with no delays expected
<b>Georgia</b>		
Batumi	16-April-2007	Oil products: One vessel loading fuel oil at berth; 4 vessels due by 26/4, all to load (2 gasoil, 1 naphtha, 1 LPG).
Poti	16-April-2007	Oil products: One vessel due 18/4 to load gasoil.
<b>India</b>		
Kolkata	16-April-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading General Cargo, 6 vessels discharging (Containers-4, Pules, Lubricant Oil ), 1 vessel loading and discharging General Cargo; 2 vessels working at midstream discharging Pules; 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 4 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 2 vessels at shipyard quay; 1 vessel for sailing; 2 vessels due (Containers).
Haldia	16-April-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Steel, Iron Ore, Thermal Coal), 8 vessels discharging ( Crude, Palm Oil, Met Coke, Lime, Steel, POL, LPG), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 5 vessels waiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel waiting berth at anchorage to discharge; 3 vessels due ( Crude, LPG, Thermal Coal).
Paradip	16-April-2007	7 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore, 6 vessels discharging ( High Speed Diesel, Lime Coke, N.C. Coal, Project Cargo); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 1 to load), 2 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 1 to discharge, 1 to load); 32 vessels due.
Visakhapatnam	16-April-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Iron Ore, Steel Cargo-2, Product Tanker, Granite), 11 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-4, Steam Coal, Met Coke, Pet Coke, Crude & Product-2, Ammonia Tanker, Lime Stone); 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels under others reasons; 35 vessels due ( Iron Ore-10, Steel Cargo-2, Pig Iron, Thermal Coal, B F Slag, Sulphur, Muriate of Potash, Coking Coal-6, Containers-3, Steam Coal-2,

## Port Conditions

Chennai	16-April-2007	Petroleum Coke, Styrene Monomer-2, Alumina, Lam Coke, Steel Pipes, Caustic Soda). 17 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Granite Block-2, C. Stone, Iron Ore), 7 vessels discharging ( Steam Coal-4, Sulpher, C. Oil, High Speed Diesel/ Super Kerosene Oil), 6 vessels loading and discharging ( Containers-4, Steel Pipe/Project, Granite Block/Steel Coil); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 6 vessels (***) not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 4 to discharge, 2 to load); 6 vessels due (Logs, IOL, General/Containers, Steam Coal, Containers-2).
Tuticorin	16-April-2007	6 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading ( Sugar, Cement), 3 vessels discharging (Thermal Coal-2, Copper Concentrate), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels repairing works (bunkering); 4 vessels not ready to work at anchorage ( 1 to load, 3 to discharge), 1 vessel awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under arrest.
Cochin	16-April-2007	4 vessels operating at berth discharging (Logs, Liquid Ammonia, Soda Ash, Coal); 16 vessels due ( Crude-2, Domestic Passenger-4, International Cruise, Liquid Bulk).
New Mangalore	16-April-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading ( Iron Ore Fines-3, POL Product-2), 5 vessels discharging ( Fertiliser-2, Timber, POL Product, POL Crude); 4 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 2 to load); 13 vessels due ( POL Crude-2, Iron Ore Fines-2, LPG, POL Product-3, Ammonia, Coal-2, Cr. Palm Oil, Phosphoric Acid).
Mormugao	16-April-2007	3 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading ( Iron Ore, C. P. Coke), 1 vessel discharging Met Coke; 5 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 4 vessel under dry docked; 5 vessels due (Containers, Met Coke, Iron Ore-3).
Mumbai	16-April-2007	19 vessels operating at berth of which 8 vessels loading (Molasses, Project Cargo, Bagged Sugar-4, POL-2), 8 vessels discharging (Palm Oil Products, Steel Plates/Road Equipment/ General Cargo/ Project Cargo-3, MOP, POL-3), 3 vessels loading and discharging (Steel Cargo / Project Cargo/ Automobile Units); 1 vessel working at midstream discharging POL; 1 vessel not ready to work at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels waiting at anchorage (1 to discharge, 2 to load, 1 to load and discharge); 13 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 6 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up ( Berths not required for cargo operations); 37 vessels due (Containers-4, Oil, General Cargo-32).
J.N.P.T.	16-April-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels discharging ( Cement, Edible Oil), 7 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 4 vessels due (Containers).
Kandla	16-April-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-2, Cement, Salt, Naptha, Chemical), 7 vessels discharging (Timber Logs-3, Palm Oil, High Speed Diesel, Chemical), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 6 vessels not ready to work at anchorage ( 4 to load, 2 to discharge); 1 vessel under arrest.
Ennore	16-April-2007	3 vessels due (MV Tamil Anna ( Coal), MV Apj Sri Devi (Coal), MV Good Season ( Coal)
<b>Kazakhstan</b>		
Aktau	16-April-2007	Oil products: One crude oil vessel at berth; 14 vessels in roads, all to load.
<b>Poland</b>		
Gdansk	16-April-2007	Nine vessels in port operating of which 5 loading at berth (1 coal, 2 bulk cargo, 2 general cargo), 4 discharging at berth (1 grain, 3 tankers); 10 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 21 vessels due
Gdynia	16-April-2007	Six vessels in port operating of which 4 loading at berth (1 coal, 2 general cargo, 1 bulk cargo), 2 discharging at berth (1 grain, 1 general cargo); 12 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 47 vessels due
<b>Russia</b>		
Novorossiysk	16-April-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating of which 14 loading, 1 discharging bulk sugar; 3 vessels in roads of which 2 to load (1 bulk urea, 1 steel sheets), 1 to discharge meat products; 62 vessels due of which 56 to load, 3 to discharge (1 steel/vehicles, 1 bananas, 1 citrus), 3 to load/discharge containers; Oil terminal: 4 tankers loading at berth (2 crude, 1 diesel oil, 1 fuel oil); 3 tankers in roads, all to load crude; 3 tankers due, all to load (2 crude oil, 1 fuel oil).
<b>Slovenia</b>		
Koper	16-April-2007	Port working normally; Seven vessels at berth of which 3 loading (2 sawn timber/general cargo, 1 bulk cargo), 4 discharging (1 tanker, 3 bulk cargo); 16 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 4 to load (2 bulk cargo, 1 general cargo/sawn timber, 1 Ro/Ro to load general cargo), 5 to discharge (2 vehicles, 1 tanker, 2 bulk cargo), 7 to discharge/load (4 containers, 3 vehicles)
<b>Spain</b>		
Bilbao	16-April-2007	Twenty-four vessels in port operating (5 tankers, 19 others), of which 5 loading, 11 discharging, 8 loading/discharging.

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**Sri Lanka**

Colombo	16-April-2007	Berthing/unberthing (pilotage) delays being experienced on breakbulk/conventional vessels. Delays to conventional vessels are due to the fact that container/feeder vessels are given priority berthing at breakbulk berths if there is container congestion; conventional cargo vessels at BQ 1 & 2 are facing delays in navigation after commissioning of SAGT 1 & 2 berths (former QEQ 1 & 2); conventional cargo vessels at PVQ 2 (inner berth) are facing berthing and unberthing delays after commissioning of new north pier (formerly known as "oil pier"). Six container/feeder vessels loading at berth, 14 vessels discharging at berth (11 container/feeders, 1 bulk cement, 1 steel, 1 bulk palm oil); 3 container/feeder vessels waiting at anchorage to load, 5 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge (4 container/feeders, 1 bulk maize); 5 vessels dry-docked; 8 container/feeder vessels due, with no delays for general cargo/bagged cargo/containers/feeders expected.
Galle	16-April-2007	One vessel discharging at berth, none awaiting berth.
Trincomalee	16-April-2007	Three vessels loading at berth, 2 discharging at berth; no vessels awaiting berth.

**Turkmenistan**

Aladja	16-April-2007	Oil products: One vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Okarem	16-April-2007	Oil products: Port open. One vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	16-April-2007	Oil products: Four vessels at berth of which 3 loading (1 gasoline, 1 fuel oil, 1 HPG), 1 completed discharging crude oil; 13 vessels in roads, all to load (10 fuel oil, 3 gasoil); 1 vessel due 16/4 to load.

**Ukraine**

Ilichevsk	16-April-2007	Eleven vessels in port operating of which 9 loading (5 steel products, 2 sunflower oil, 1 pig iron, 1 ferronickel), 1 discharging sand, 1 discharging/loading containers; 9 vessels in roads, of which 4 to load (2 steel products, 1 gas, 1 pig iron), 5 to discharge/load containers; 19 vessels due of which 13 to load (5 steel products, 1 sulphur, 2 pellets, 1 iron ore, 2 barley, 1 wheat, 1 pig iron), 2 to discharge ore, 4 to discharge/load containers.
Mariupol	16-April-2007	Ten vessels in port operating, all loading (7 steel, 2 fire-clay, 1 coal); 12 vessels in roads of which 10 to load steel, 1 to discharge equipment, 1 to load/discharge containers/fire-clay; 54 vessels due of which 48 to load (33 steel, 5 coal, 5 fire-clay, 1 kaolin, 1 slag, 1 barley, 2 sunflower beans), 4 to discharge (1 equipment, 1 feldspar, 2 equipment/containers), 2 to discharge/load (1 marble/steel, 1 magnesite/kaolin).
Odessa	16-April-2007	Twenty vessels in port operating of which 12 loading (7 metal, 1 ore, 2 scrap, 1 wheat), 7 discharging (2 passenger vessels, 3 baggage, 1 meat, 1 bananas), 1 discharging/loading containers; 6 vessels in roads of which 1 to load metal, 2 to discharge (1 sugar, 1 metal), 3 to load/discharge (2 containers, 1 citrus/baggage); 69 vessels due of which 34 to load (21 metal, 4 pig iron, 1 scrap, 1 barley, 3 wheat, 1 oil, 3 coal), 7 to discharge (1 metal, 2 bananas, 1 ore, 1 citrus, 1 barley, 1 baggage), 28 to load/discharge containers.

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