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## Lisbon slow ahead on ship safety laws

By Justin Stares

**T**HE Portuguese European Union presidency has put the brakes on the adoption of three new maritime safety laws, Lloyd's List understands.

Lisbon, which oversees the Brussels agenda for the rest of the year, has given no commitment to send texts already agreed by ministers to translators for fear of upsetting the European Commission and the European Parliament.

EU transport ministers have approved their version of proposed laws on vessel traffic monitoring, port state control and accident investigation – agreements which would normally now be translated and sent to the parliament for adoption. But in what looks likely to be a cliffhanger, Portugal is understood to have held back in the knowledge that doing so would spell the demise of the seven-strong Erika 3 package of legislation.

“They are being diplomatically evasive when asked what their plans are,” said one diplomat.

“But there will have to be a debate on what to do with the package before long.”

At stake are the more controversial proposals in the package – on flag state control and civil liability for shipowners – which the parliament and commission want adopted at the same time.

If Portugal translates the agreements already reached, a strict timetable must be adhered to and the package is broken up. If the presidency doesn't, it risks criticism that it is holding up key maritime safety laws for the sake of diplomatic niceties.

Elsewhere, the presidency is planning to push for an agreement on another directive, on classification societies. This proposal contains plans for mutual recognition of equipment certification: a potentially costly idea for classification societies, which are lobbying national governments in an attempt to water it down. Attempts by Euro MPs to amend the proposal to introduce a cap on liability have so far been rejected.

Work on a fifth directive, on passenger liability, is also expected to progress under the Portuguese, with the possibility of an agreement before the year end.

This leaves the flag state control directive, disliked by many member states, which the Portuguese have said they will discuss “if there is time”. There has been no mention of examining the civil liability directive.

### Pirates make \$1.5m ransom demand

By David Osler

**S**OMALI pirates holding a Danish-owned general cargoship hijacked last month are now demanding a \$1.5m ransom for the release of the vessel and its crew.

**Danica White** — with five seafarers on board — was seized on June 2 about 240 nautical miles off the Somali coast.

The vessel was on route to Mombasa in Kenya, laden with around 1,000 tonnes of construction material.

Andrew Mwangura of the Seafarers' Assistance Programme in Mombasa told Agence France Presse at the weekend that a demand for \$1.5m had been received.

In London, sources at the International Maritime Bureau — an industry antipiracy watchdog — indicated that negotiations have been going on for some weeks.

But representatives of the Danica White's management company, Copenhagen-based H Folmer & Co, were yesterday unavailable for comment.

Somali pirates are known to be holding two South Korean-owned and one Taiwanese-owned vessels, while a Panama-flagged vessel was recently reported missing in Somali waters.

IMB statistics show there were 15 attacks on vessels in or near Somalia between January and June this year, already exceeding the total 10 seen in the whole of 2006.

Most of the pirate gangs are linked to local warlords and hold ships and crews to ransom to raise finance for their associated militias.

Moreover, the violence appears to be worsening, with one Taiwanese seafarer murdered last month after the owners of his ship refused to meet pirates' demands.

An IMB spokesman said: “We are very concerned about the general situation. There have been a number of reports of suspicious craft very far out to sea, which would not be typical in the monsoon season.” Masters are advised to be careful and to report all suspicious sightings.

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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>AILSA CRAIG</i>	floating production tanker	PAN	LR	103,702	171,914	1974	Had fire while under repair at Perama Jul 16. Extinguished same day. Two dead, one seriously injured.
<i>ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT</i>	passenger	BHS	RI	12,449	2,004	1996	Sustained bow-thruster damage and cancelled departure from Kiel Jul 14. Arrived Hamburg Jul 17, ETC end July.
<i>FU CHANG NO.7</i>	fishing	GNQ	—	478	—	1977	Reported Jul 17 drifting semi-submerged in lat 33 41.48S, long 33 10.30E. Abandoned due to leak in engine-room. All 25 crew rescued by sistership.
<i>JIN HUA XIA 158</i>	general	CHN	—	2,000	—	—	In collision with <i>Da Tang 19</i> , in fog, near Changdao County, Shandong Province Jul 19. Sank. Two crew missing.
<i>KLAZINA-C.</i>	general	GBR	GL	5,629	7,600	2007	Reported total loss of main engine, 15 miles north-east of Riviere-au-Renard, Quebec, in lat 49 10.5N, long 64 07.37W, Jul 14.
<i>LAWIT</i>	passenger	IDN	KI	6,022	1,413	1986	Had fire on No.3 deck at Tanjung Emas, Semarang, Jul 18. Awaiting drydock.
<i>LIQUID BEAUTY</i>	chem/oil tanker	NIS	NV	8,450	12,956	2006	Had fire on deck while anchored off Pointe aux Trembles, in lat 45 38.38N, long 73 28.30W, Jul 11.
<i>MAKRAN</i>	general	PAK	LR	16,199	23,490	1979	Returned to New Mangalore Jul 13 due to steering problem and inclement weather. Sailed Jul 17 after survey/repairs.
<i>MUNSTERLAND</i>	ro-ro	DEU	GL	1,859	572	1986	Reported Jul 17 under tow off Borkum, due engine problems. Repairs being effected while under towage.
<i>NO.15 KUMJIN</i>	general	KOR	—	699	2,094	1980	In collision with Aro Forest off Mokpo, Jul 19. Sank in 61 metres. All eight crew rescued. Some oil leaking.
<i>PACIFIC STAR</i>	passenger	GBR	RI	35,265	5,630	1981	Reported Jul 15 to have sustained severe weather damage after leaving Auckland Jul 10. Currently in Port Vila with damaged bow, windows and doors. Passengers to be flown home.
<i>PACIFIC VENUS</i>	passenger	JPN	NK	26,518	4,202	1998	Windshiel broken by large swell between Keihin and Takamatsu Jul 15. Automatic pilot and radar inoperable due water ingress. Arrived Osaka Jul 17. To proceed to Aioi for repairs.
<i>SILVER</i>	general	KHM	—	2,515	3,840	1968	Grounded at Akbas Point, in lat 40 13.203N, long 26 30.158E, Jul 18. Refloated by tug Jul 19 and anchored at Gelibolu Point.
<i>STAR HERO</i>	crude oil tanker	DMA	LR	83,273	148,341	1991	Grounded due to a blackout at Km 135, Suez Canal, Jul 17. Refloated by S.C.A. tugs same day and towed to Great Bitter Lake for inspection. At anchor Jul 19.
<i>TRANSMODAL</i>	container	ARG	ABS	3,491	6,000	1991	Reported with engine-room fire in lat 26 48S, long 47 48W, 46 miles from Itajai, Jul 15. Sixteen crew rescued by <i>Quinn J. Tug</i> on scene. Fire extinguished.

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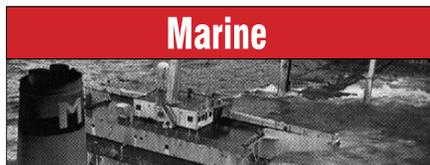
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## ACACIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Piraeus, Jul 12 -- Roll on roll off *Acacia* is still in port at Piraeus and there have been no further developments in its situation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

## ACTIVE (Marshall Islands)

London, Jul 13 -- Crude oil tanker *A Dragon*, ex *Active*, arrived Port Louis Jul 6 and sailed the same day.

## AFRIC STAR (Liberia)

Kiel, Jul 19 -- Refrigerated general cargo *Afric Star* (11590 gt, built 1990) had a fire on board off Cuxhaven this morning. Rescue vessel *Hermann Helms* on scene. Smoke escaped from the machine room at the smoke stack and the ship has a list to port.

London, Jul 19 -- Following received from Bremen MRCC, timed 1050, UTC: The fire on refrigerated general cargo *Afric Star* is now out. A Coast Guard rescue vessel was alerted but was not required. Vessel was outbound River Elbe.

## AILSA CRAIG (Panama)

Piraeus, Jul 16 -- A large fire broke out on board floating production tanker *Ailsa Craig* (103702 gt, built 1974) this morning while the vessel was under repair at Perama. Eight vehicles and 24 firefighters rushed to the scene, along with paramedics. The fire was brought under control at about 1200 hrs. Two workers were reported dead and another in serious condition. A search is continuing for any other workers who may be trapped on board. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated Jul 16, states: floating production tanker *Ailsa Craig* caught fire while undergoing repairs at Perama today, killing at least two workers, authorities said. A third man was feared trapped. The victims were aged 23 and 57. The blaze broke out about 1030 hrs (0730, UTC) and was extinguished about 90 minutes later. An overheated lamp is suspected as a likely cause of the fire, which was preceded by an explosion.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two men were killed yesterday when floating production tanker *Ailsa Craig* undergoing repairs caught on fire in Perama, authorities said. The two men were killed when a fire broke out during welding work on the hull of the tanker at the Perama docks at about 1040 hrs. None of the 90 workers completing repair work on board the ship's deck were hurt. More than two dozen firefighters and rescuers and eight fire trucks were involved in the fight to extinguish the blaze, according to authorities. An overheated lamp is suspected as a likely cause of the fire, which was

preceded by an explosion. Port authorities arrested the ship's master, the technician in charge of safety on the vessel and the supervisor in charge of the crew on which the two dead men worked. The coast guard has also launched a preliminary investigation into the incident while experts are expected to complete their report on the accident in coming days. The General Confederation of Greek Labor (GSEE), the country's largest union group, called for the punishment of those responsible and improved safety measures. The complete lack of checks of safety measures and the abolishment of employers' records in the sector have led to today's tragic event. GSEE said. The dockworkers' union will hold a 24-hour local strike today in protest against working conditions they say are unsafe.

## ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT (Bahamas)

Kiel, Jul 16 -- Passenger (cruise) *Alexander von Humboldt* (12449 gt, built 1996) sustained bowthruster damage and had to cancel its scheduled departure from Kiel for a Baltic cruise on Jul 14. The ship has to wait for a repair dock facility in Hamburg as there is no dock space available in Kiel or Rendsburg. If everything goes well the ship will then start its next cruise from Kiel on Jul 28. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Alexander von Humboldt* had arrived Kiel 1000, Jul 14 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was still in port at 0428, UTC, today.)

Kiel, Jul 17 -- Passenger (cruise) *Alexander von Humboldt* is to depart from Kiel at 1530 hrs, today (time the pilot is ordered) and proceed via the Kiel Canal to Blohm & Voss in Hamburg, where a floating dock is now available for repairs to the damaged bow thruster. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Jul 18 -- Passenger (cruise) *Alexander von Humboldt*, after having passed Kiel Canal afternoon of Jul 17, entered Blohm & Voss drydock, Hamburg. -- Correspondent.

## ALGOVILLE (Canada)

London, Jul 19 -- Bulker *Algoville* remains in port at Hamilton, Ontario.

## ALKESTIS (Malta)

Dakar, Jul 19 -- General cargo *Alkestis* (11491 gt, built 1981) had a crane accident at Dakar port 1815, Jul 14 and as a result three persons were killed and six injured. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Alkestis* was in lat 14 29 12N, long 17 30 07W, at 2308, UTC, Jul 17, speed 10.5 knots, course 205 degrees, bound Santos.)

## ALKISTIS (Panama)

Dakar, Jul 19 -- General cargo *Alkistis* arrived last week and repairs expected to be completed by end of July. -- Lloyd's Agents.

## AMADEO (Panama)

Bucharest, Jul 13 -- Sea trials of product tanker *Amadeo* have been postponed to Jul 14-15. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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Bucharest, Jul 16 -- Product tanker *Amadeo* sailed Constantza 1920, local time, Jul 15, for sea trials. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **APL AMAZONITE (Singapore)**

New York, Jul 12 -- Container carrier *APL Amazonite* (49716 gt, built 1993) lost two containers last night. The containers have been recovered but the cargo is in the water. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *APL Amazonite* was in lat 38 43 07.44N, long 74 03 52.92W, at 0731, UTC, Jul 13, proceeding on a course of 194.7 deg at 19.3 knots.)

#### **ARCA (Belgium)**

London, Jul 12 -- Following received from Coastguard Milford Haven, timed 1530, UTC: Trawler (All types) *Arca* is about to sink. All crew have been safely rescued and taken to Waterford. Vessel was in lat 51 41.63N, long 06 03.79W at 1346, UTC.

London, Jul 13 -- Following received from Coastguard Milford Haven MRSC, timed 0613, UTC: Trawler (All types) *Arca* sank in approximately 100 metres depth in lat 51 47.48N, long 05 52.41W.

#### **ARCADIA PROGRESS (India)**

London, Jul 14 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0955, UTC: Bulker *Arcadia Progress*: Debunkering process is almost complete and salvors are progressing with regard to stabilising the vessel.

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1104, UTC: Bulker *Arcadia Progress* is still aground and stable. Salvors are making preparations to refloat the vessel.

#### **ARKLOW FAME (Republic of Ireland)**

London, Jul 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Arklow Fame* was still moored at Dublin at 0817, UTC, today.

#### **ARO FOREST (South Korea)**

See *No.15 Kumjin*.

#### **ATLANTIC SEAHUNTER (Canada)**

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 12, states: Clearwater Seafoods Income Fund has accepted a \$46 million settlement with the Taiwan shipyard constructing its clam vessel (fishing (general) *Atlantic Seahunter*) that capsized last month. The Halifax-based trust said it opted for a cash settlement rather than wait for the vessel to be repaired and delivered at a future date. "The settlement will cover construction costs and enable both the yard and Clearwater to put this unfortunate accident behind us and focus on future opportunities," Colin MacDonald, the fund's CEO said in a release late today.

#### **BEWA (NIS)**

Poznan, Jul 16 -- According to the agent of general cargo *Bewa* the vessel sailed (from Szczecin) 1430 yesterday for Karlshamn. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BLUE WATER PRINCESS 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Jul 13 -- Philippine Coast Guard divers who entered the wreck of ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1* this morning recovered three more bodies. The death toll is expected to rise as the divers said that they saw many dead bodies inside. There are conflicting reports on the number of deaths from the tragedy, however. The Philippine military's Southern Luzon Command put the death toll at 15. "New recoveries for today are three dead. They are two old people and one child. The total since yesterday is 15 dead," Col Rhoderick Parayno, Southern Luzon Command spokesman, said. The Philippine Coast Guard, on the other hand, reported today that the recovered bodies from inside the vessel brought the death toll to 11. Authorities likewise could not agree on the number of survivors, the Coast Guard as of Thursday evening placed the number of survivors at 116 while the Office of Civil Defence said that 126 had been rescued. Accurate figures are hard to come by as the vessel did not carry an accurate manifest. Blue Magic Ferries, the vessel's owner and operator, said that the ferry was carrying 23 crewmen, 60 passengers and 32 drivers of cargo trucks being transported in the ship's cargo hold. The Coast Guard resumed the search and rescue operation at dawn today after calling it off yesterday evening. Turbulent waters, however, were hampering the search for more survivors. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo ordered authorities to investigate the sinking of *Blue Water Princess 1*, her spokesman Ignacio Bunye said today. "The President instructed the Department of Transportation and the Philippine Coast Guard to look into the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the private ferry bound for Masbate," Bunye said. Bunye added that the President also instructed the Transportation Department to issue a "stern reminder" to all sea vessels to follow the weather forecasts and assure the safety and welfare of passengers at all times. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 15 -- Rescuers from the Philippine Coast Guard, the Maritime Industry Authority, the Philippine Army and the Philippine Navy called off search and retrieval operations at the site of the ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1* accident off San Francisco town in Quezon province this afternoon. Officials said no more bodies could be recovered from the site where the vessel ran aground before dawn Thursday (Jul 12). At least 11 people died when the roll-on/roll-off vessel listed to one side as it sought safe haven from bad weather. No one is certain how many passengers were on board but divers, after first saying there many bodies trapped in the submerged vessel, found nothing on resuming the search at dawn today. At least 124 people were rescued and five people were formally listed as missing.

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: Divers yesterday did not find any bodies trapped inside ro-ro

ferry *Blue Water Princess 1*, the military said, ending a three-day search for victims. The vessel lies half-submerged some 500 metres from the shore, but stormy weather had prevented divers from reaching its cabins earlier. Divers started the search dive at 0600 hrs, the military's Southern Luzon Command said. They entered the cabin and cargo vehicles of the sunken ship. No casualties inside, adding that search and retrieval operations would be called off. Admiral Damian Carlos, Coast Guard commandant also ruled out the possibility of oil leaking from the vessel, which was reportedly carrying about 8,000 liters of fuel when it sank. There was also no sign of oil spill. There was only a small amount of oil sheen that might have come from rolling cargos aboard the vessel, he said. Just the same, Carlos said, the Coast Guard's Marine Environmental Protection Unit is in the area to continue monitoring. Yesterday's dive had been organized to put an end to speculation that there could be more victims inside, following initial confusion over the number of people that had been onboard at the time of the disaster. Carlos said that while a Board of Marine Inquiry has been formed to investigate the incident, it would not hold hearings yet since the Coast Guard was still focusing on operations at the site. The vessel's captain, Virgilio Retardo, described what happened as an accident and denied there was miscalculation on his part. Investigators have ruled passenger overloading as the cause of the sinking. Coast Guard officials said initial findings showed the *Blue Water Princess 1* appeared to have complied with safety standards, but they stressed they would still look into a report that the vessel's cargo had not been properly stowed.

Manila, Jul 16 -- Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) safety investigators have cleared the master of ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1* of responsibility in the sinking on Jul 12. The captain did the right thing in heading for shore, Arnie Santiago, head of the MARINA safety enforcement unit said. More passengers would have died, if the ship had remained in deeper waters, he added. Capt. Virgilio Retardo, master of the *Blue Water Princess 1*, said the vessel encountered strong winds and rough waves as it approached the coast of Quezon province in southern Luzon island. "I didn't think the ship could handle it so I steered the ship towards shore but we ran aground and listed to starboard then sank," he said. While Capt. Retardo may have escaped administrative sanctions from the MARINA, which has the power to revoke his licence, he still has to face the Philippine Coast Guard's Special Board of Marine Inquiry (SBMI). The SBMI is the official body tasked with investigating maritime casualties in the Philippines. While the board does not have judicial powers, its findings are usually used as a basis for filing criminal and civil cases against involved parties. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 18 -- The Philippine Coast Guard has ordered the owners of the sunken ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1* to refloat the vessel and empty its tanks of fuel. *Blue Water Princess 1* was carrying about 8,000 litres of diesel when it capsized and the Coast Guard wants these removed to prevent the occurrence of an oil spill in the surrounding waters. The Coast Guard also said that the vessel should be refloated to enable investigators to examine the vessel to determine the exact cause of its sinking. *Blue Water Princess 1* is resting on the sea bed a few hundred metres from shore near Bondoc Point. The vessel is owned by AC-Joy Express Liner and operated by Blue Magic Ferries. Reports from the Maritime Industry Authority indicate that the owner of *Blue Water Princess 1* has declared the vessel a total constructive loss. This means that the owner has opted to collect on its hull insurance since the cost of raising and repairing the vessel exceeds its book value. Responsibility for raising the ship will now lie with the hull insurer. - Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 19 -- Ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1* is still in the same position with no salvage operations noted as yet. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**BORELLY (U.K.)**

Maassluis, Jul 13 -- General cargo *Borelly* is still at Ridderkerk. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**BUTUAN BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Jul 17 -- Understand that Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1* is still under investigation and that no repairs have commenced as yet. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CALA PALMA (Italy)**

Bremen, Jul 16 -- Understand from Lloyd Werft Bremerhaven, the shipyard where refrigerated general cargo *Cala Palma* is lying at present, that repairs will certainly not be finished before the end of October 2007. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**CAPO NOLI (Malta)**

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 0315, UTC: On Jul 7, when bulker *Capo Noli* (14454 gt, built 1981) was discharging in Sydney, the emergency stop on No.3 crane failed to activate and the crane continued swinging and contacted No.2 crane. The contact was described as "not a hard contact". (Note -- *Capo Noli* arrived at Sydney on Jul 6.)

**CARMEN DEL MAR (Canary Islands)**

See "Spain" under "Port State Control".

**CELIA (Finland)**

London, Jul 17 -- Following received from Tallinn JRCC, dated today, states: General cargo *Celia* (851 gt, built 1986) was in collision with Estonian pleasure yacht *Vikan* off Tallinn at 0100, local time, today. The yacht sank, crew rescued. *Celia* had no casualties. Police detected alcohol in the blood of the yacht's crew. Estonian Maritime Agency are investigating the incident.

London, Jul 17 -- Following received from Tallinn RCC, dated today: The collision between general cargo *Celia* and yacht *Vikan* occurred in approximate position lat 59 29.5N, long 24 31.5E.

**CMA CGM FIDELIO (FIS)**

London, Jul 14 -- Container Carrier *CMA CGM Fidelio* arrived Port Klang Jul 7 and sailed Jul 8.

**CSK FORTUNE (Hong Kong)**

See *MSC Heidi*.

**CUYAHOGA (Canada)**

Troy, Michigan, Jul 12 -- Bulker *Cuyahoga* arrived Owen Sound with a cargo of salt at the Great Lakes Elevator at 1250, Wednesday (Jul 11). The vessel appeared to have difficulty getting alongside the dock until it offloaded enough cargo to pull forward. About ten or fifteen minutes into unloading, the vessel had hydraulic problems and had to shut down while repairs were made. *Cuyahoga* unloaded and departed shortly after 0600 today. - Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

**DA TANG 19 (China)**

London, Jul 19 -- Two seafarers are missing after general cargo *Da Tang 19*, 1,700 gt, Tianjin for Shanghai, cargo 5,000 tonnes steel and general cargo *Jin Hua Xia 158*, 2,000 gt, Guangzhou for Haimiao, Bo Hai Bay, cargo potters clay, collided this morning in the waters near Changdao County, Shandong Province. *Da Tang 19* collided with *Jin Hua Xia 158* in thick fog with visibility of less than 20 metres, according to Yantai Maritime Safety Administration, which received the first report of the incident from *Da Tang 19* at 0632, local time, today. The Anhui-registered *Jin Hua Xia 158* sank following the collision, and 13 of its crew fell into the sea. Eleven of the 13 crew members were rescued by the Zhejiang-registered *Da Tang 19* crew, who had seen water entering the vessel's bow. According to the spokesperson of Yantai Maritime Safety Administration, 11 ships and a helicopter are still searching for the two missing crew at the moment. *Jin Hua Xia 158* had already disappeared from the sea surface, while seamen from *Da Tang 19* were still helping the rescue team on the spot, said the spokesperson.

**DENDANG (Indonesia)**

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, received from LaSalle, Quebec, dateline Jakarta, Jul 16, states: PT Tambang Timah could sustain a loss of up to Rp 14.48 billion (US\$1.5 million) from the sinking of dredger *Dendang* off the Riau Islands last Sunday (Jul 8). "The book value of the dredger is about Rp 14.48 billion," said corporate secretary Prasetyo B. Saksono, as quoted by news portal Detik.com, but he said that the loss would likely be minimised as the vessel, which sank while undergoing a regular overhaul, was insured by the Marine Hull insurance company. Prasetyo said that the ship sank after

running into rough seas on Jul 8. By Jul 2, the dredger had produced 300 tons of tin ore since the start of the year, and was expected to produce around 295 tons in the second semester. However, Tambang Timah was optimistic that the vessel's sinking would not affect its total production of tin ore this year.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated Jul 13, states: One person died when dredger *Dendang* owned by Indonesia's PT Timah Tbk used in offshore tin mining sank in bad weather off Sumatra island, but the accident will not affect tin output, the company said today. *Dendang* was floating for a week of annual maintenance when it was swamped by high winds and waves on Jul 8 in the Kundur sea, said company spokesman Prasetyo. Thirteen people on the vessel were rescued, but one later died before reaching the shore and two others are still missing. "Maintenance on dredges is regularly carried out every year by floating them for one to two weeks during good weather between April and October," Prasetyo said. "What happened on the day was a weather anomaly outside the company's forecast," he said. The stricken vessel, one of the company's 15 dredges, had so far this year produced 300 tonnes of tin-in-concentrate by Jul 2. It was expected to produce 295 tonnes in the second half of this year.

**DENDEN (Eritrea)**

London, Jul 14 -- Salvage experts, marine engineers, divers and oil pollution experts have arrived at Mangalore bringing with them marine engineering equipment, for retrieving general cargo *Denden* which had sunk in the rough seas of Tannirbavi recently. Despite carrying 140 tonnes of furnace oil and 1,500 litres of marine diesel, much to the relief of the officials and the public, the freighter has not yet shown any signs of pollution. Marine engineers are expected to arrive today. Equipment for removing the oil from the tanks of the freighter have been stored at Tannirbavi.

**DON PEDRO (Canary Islands)**

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 12, states: Fuel oil leaking from Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* reached the coast of Ibiza today, forcing authorities to close several beaches to tourists, island officials said. About 150 tonnes of fuel oil are leaking from *Don Pedro*, which sank yesterday. Local television showed small patches of oil on the island's southernmost beaches, and police turned away tourists from the well-known Talamanca beach. "A large part of the fuel has evaporated, and another part has got to the sand and is being cleaned up," Ibiza's Mayoress Lourdes Acosta said. Only about 500 yards of the island's 11 miles of sandy beach beachfront has been affected, government officials said.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Spanish maritime crews in Ibiza were cleaning up three beaches popular with tourists on today, after inspectors discovered sunken Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* had leaked 10 tons

of fuel nearby. Workers have since sealed off the vessel to prevent further leakage. Cleanup crews from across Spain were dispatched to the Balearic island. Three Ibiza beaches, Talamanca, Ses Figueretes and Platja de Bossa, were closed while crews worked to clean the spill.

London, Jul 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Authorities said today they had discovered new two fuel leaks off the island of Ibiza, where three beaches remained closed to the public after a midweek oil spill. Maritime rescue services director Pilar Tejo said a further leak of hydraulic oil had also emerged from roll on roll off *Don Pedro*, which sank Wednesday (Jul 11) after hitting a rocky offshore outcrop while transporting 100 tonnes of fuel oil and 50 of diesel. Tejo added that a new slick some 50 metres long was closing in on an area of natural parkland, although protective booms were in place and said that a private firm had been tasked with the urgent extraction of oil remaining on board *Don Pedro*, which was also carrying trucks and other cargo. The accident saw authorities close two beaches on Thursday as a result of the pollution seeping from the vessel and then declare a third off-limits yesterday while divers plugged holes in the hull of the vessel, resting some 15 metres below the surface. Late yesterday, Spanish Transport Minister Magdalena Alvarez insisted the situation was under control with a trio of leaks plugged and calculated the beaches affected "should be cleaned up within days." Alvarez added she believed tourism would not be affected on the island. A regional government statement also yesterday had described the situation as under control after the divers plugged the initial leaks and 145 volunteers helped to shift some five tonnes of fuel which had reached the shoreline. Specialist response vessels had cleared a further 25 tonnes at sea.

Madrid, Jul 15 -- A sunken vessel leaking fuel and oil into the sea near an Ibiza nature reserve will be sealed tomorrow, a Spanish government minister said. Clean-up crews have been at work since Wednesday (Jul 11) when Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* sank off the port of Ibiza, releasing 150 tons of fuel oil. The oil slick had not passed absorbent barriers put in place to protect the Ses Salines nature reserve, Public Works Minister Magdalena Alvarez said at a news conference today. Earlier, Environment Minister Cristina Narbona had said the oil had reached the sea waters of Ses Salines, a resting point for migratory birds between Africa and Europe whose reed-fringed salt marshes boast a year-round flamingo population. "The reserve comprises land and sea, obviously there is pollution in the sea, we are trying to make sure it doesn't get to the beaches of the reserve," Narbona said. A spokesman for the Public Works Ministry could not explain the apparent contradiction late today. No-one at the Environment Ministry was available for comment. Divers inspecting the ship yesterday found new leaks, from which fuel and

hydraulic oil were escaping into the sea. Crews were working to clean up fuel and oil from the leaks directly from the sea and removing polluted sand from beaches. Authorities have contracted a Dutch salvage vessel to remove the remaining fuel from the sunken vessel. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: Fuel leaks from sunken Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* off the Spanish tourist island of Ibiza have dropped off sharply and two beaches closed because of the spill could re-open soon, authorities said Monday (Jul 16). "There is less and less fuel. Now there is practically nothing coming out," Transport Minister Magdalena Alvarez told reporters after flying over the affected area by aircraft. Floating barriers set up after the vessel sank off the port of Ibiza on Wednesday have prevented fuel from reaching the beaches of Ses Salines, a nature reserve and stopover for migratory birds, she added. A private firm would begin plugging the vessel's four remaining leaks of fuel and hydraulic oil on Monday. Clean-up crews have removed over 30 tonnes of oil from the sea and three beaches in the south of the island, Platja d'en Bossa, Ses Figueretes and Talamanca, closed to the public since the weekend. Some 300 people were today still working on the clean-up and two of the three beaches could re-open shortly, the regional government of Ibiza said in a statement.

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated Jul 17, states: One of three beaches on the island of Ibiza closed over an oil spill following the sinking of Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* was reopened today, officials said. There was no risk for swimmers at the Playa d'en Bossa beach, officials explained. Two other beaches on eastern Ibiza, Talamanca and Figueretes, were also expected to be reopened soon. Officials said divers had managed to seal leaks in the wreck, but environmentalists warned that corrosion could cause more fuel to flow out later on.

London, Jul 19 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Jul 18, states: The management of Svitzer Salvage report that inspection of the sunken Roll On Roll Off *Don Pedro* off Ibiza has been concluded and remaining leakage from the ship has been stopped. Svitzer Salvage will discuss their findings with the owners of *Don Pedro* before the end of this week. In order to prevent further spills Svitzer Salvage will meanwhile monitor and contain any potential leakage. Svitzer Salvage is using salvage masters, divers, and a dive support vessel for the operation. *Don Pedro* sank Jul 11 reportedly carrying about 100 tons of fuel oil and 60 tons of gas oil. First leakage from the vessel was stopped by Spanish authorities. Further leakage found during inspection was consequently sealed by Svitzer Salvage.

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated Jul 18, states: Spanish clean-up crews have removed 47 tonnes of fuel that leaked from roll on roll off *Don Pedro*, which ran aground last week off Ibiza,

the environment ministry said today. The vessel was carrying 100 tonnes of fuel oil and 50 tonnes of diesel when it struck a rocky offshore outcrop and sank on Jul 11 off the port of Ibiza, just as the peak holiday season was getting under way. Leaks from the vessel, which had been sailing from Ibiza to Valencia when it sank, affected five of Ibiza's 220 km of coastline and three of the island's 56 beaches. Two beaches which were closed to the public due to pollution from the leak, Figueretes and Talamanca, remained closed while the third affected beach, Playa d'en Bossa, re-opened yesterday, the ministry said in a statement. Floating barriers set up after the vessel sank have prevented fuel from reaching the beaches of the nature reserve at Ses Salines, a wildlife habitat and a resting point for migratory birds between Africa and Europe, it added.

#### **DORSCH (Canada)**

London, Jul 18 -- Chemical tanker *Dorsch* sailed St. John's Jul 16.

#### **DREAM BEAUTY (Panama)**

Yokohama, Jul 18 -- At 1600 hrs, Jul 15, a fire broke out in cargo hold No.5, of Roll On Roll Off *Dream Beauty* (41662 gt, built 2006), Keihin for Nagoya, in lat 31 14N, long 140 40E. The fire was brought under control by 2219 hrs, by the vessel's automatic foam extinguisher system. The vessel then proceeded to the Irigo Pilot Station, arriving at 0400 hrs, Jul 17, for an investigation into the cause of the fire. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **DS MONTROSE (Bahamas)**

Ponta Delgada, Jul 12 -- Bulker *DS Montrose* has been berthed alongside the quay since Jul 8 to continue the repairs after the sea trials were aborted due to continuous main engine problems. The repairs were considered as completed yesterday and the vessel has proceeded for the necessary sea trials. However, understand that additional main engine troubles were experienced during the sea trials, which again had to be aborted. Understand also that the vessel is presently off Ponta Delgada port limits and it will return to continue with the repairs on the main engine problems at this port. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Jul 15 -- Bulker *DS Montrose*: Understand that temporary repairs and new sea trials were satisfactorily completed while the vessel remained outside Ponta Delgada port limits, thus permitting it to proceed to its next scheduled port, Mobile, where permanent repairs are to be carried out. In the meantime the vessel remains off Ponta Delgada port limits, waiting for the arrival of some spare parts which will allow departure. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **EASTERN ACE (Japan)**

Yokohama, Jul 19 -- After the accident, bulk cement carrier *Eastern Ace* resumed her voyage to her original destination, Oikawa Port and arrived there at 0600 hrs, Jul 11. As the damage to her hull was limited to the

peeling of her bottom paint coating, no repairs were required and she is already back in normal service. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**EMILIA (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Maassluis, Jul 17 -- Container Carrier *Emilia* (6264 gt, built 2006), V2CD, grounded this morning at 0140 hrs "in position Kennedy tunnel". The vessel refloated under its own power and will moor at Scheldekaaien Berth 9A. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Emilia* arrived at Antwerp 1859 hrs, Jul 13.)

Maassluis, Jul 18 -- Container Carrier *Emilia* left the port of Antwerp today, with a possible destination of Felixstowe. More details awaited regarding damages. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

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

London, Jul 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, passenger ro/ro *Empress of the North* was in lat 57 22 53.58N, long 133 47 07.42W, at 0646, UTC, Jul 18, proceeding on a course of 214.2 deg at 4.8 knots.

**ENERGIZER (Netherlands)**

London, Jul 13 -- Understand Container Carrier *Energizer*, Constantza for Italy, with 300 containers, had a blackout in the Dardanelles on Jun 15. A tug belonging to the Turkish Maritime Organisation successfully towed the vessel to a safe anchorage in the Dardanelles. Turkish Maritime Organisation obtained a Turkish Form salvage contract to cover their services. Following the provision of salvage security, *Energizer* proceeded on voyage to Italy. The shipowners declared general average.

**FAIR JEANNE (Canada)**

London, Jul 15 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Fire broke out in the engine-room of Canadian training *Fair Jeanne* (138 gt, built 1981) on Lake Ontario, stranding 26 cadets and six crew members, and U.S. and Canadian vessels were sent to assist, authorities said. The two-masted vessel was about six miles south-east of Ontario's Amherst Island, about 35 miles north-west of Watertown, when the fire erupted yesterday afternoon, said Maritime Coordinator Stephen Cooper of the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Trenton, Ontario. One cadet was flown to Kingston General Hospital for treatment of a head injury and another had a broken leg, he said. Cooper didn't immediately know how much damage the vessel sustained.

London, Jul 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Transport Canada has launched an investigation into what caused an engine fire on board training vessel *Fair Jeanne*, on a training mission in Lake Ontario, which led to the evacuation of 21 young cadets and several crew members. One teenage cadet was airlifted to Kingston General Hospital with minor head injuries after fire broke out in the engine-room of the vessel, said Capt John Harms from HMCS Ontario in Kingston. The cadet had since been released "with a clear bill of health," said Lt. Terri-Leigh

Saunders, public affairs officer for HMCS Ontario. Saunders said the fire broke out on board the vessel about 1640 Friday (Jul 13) while it was sailing seven kilometres off the coast of Amherst Island, which is near Kingston, Ont. The master issued a Mayday (distress) call and vessels from both the US and Canadian Coast Guards responded. All of the cadets are between the ages of 12 and 18 and were evacuated. The "brigantine"-style vessel had been leased by the Canadian Sea Cadets since 1994 for training sessions, said Simon Fuller, whose family owns the boat. Fuller added that the vessel had sailed across the Atlantic Ocean three times and had never experienced any problems. Officials were unsure how long it would take to determine the cause of the fire.

London, Jul 18 -- Training *Fair Jeanne* caught fire in the engine-room when hydraulic oil leaked onto the exhaust pipe at Amherst Island, Kingston, Ontario, at 1620, local time, Jul 14.

**FJORDTANK (Panama)**

Maassluis, Jul 17 -- Chemical tanker *Fjordtank* left Harlingen last night. The vessel's AIS equipment shows that the destination is King's Lynn, UK. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**FLYING DOLPHIN VENUS (Greece)**

Piraeus, Jul 16 -- Hydrofoil *Flying Dolphin Venus* was towed from Aegina to Piraeus Jul 12, where it completed repairs the next day and subsequently sailed for its scheduled voyage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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

See "Germany" under "Port State Control."

**FOREST KING (Panama)**

London, Jul 18 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 0310, UTC: On Jul 4, while wood-chip carrier *Forest King* (38716 gt, built 1991) was being loaded at Portland, Australia, a loader fell onto the vessel as a result of prevailing strong winds. The extreme winds also blew the vessel from the wharf. The vessel was quickly secured/held by two port tugs and the loader was removed from the vessel by two shore cranes. Understood there was no damage to the vessel and she departed on Jul 6, bound for Geelong, where she arrived on Jul 7. The vessel departed from Geelong on Jul 10.

**FORTEZZA (Panama)**

See *MSC Heidi*.

**FR8 VENTURE (Singapore)**

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated Jul 18, states: The master of crude oil tanker *FR8 Venture*, on which two crew died when it was hit by large waves after leaving Orkney, should have delayed sailing, a report has found. The two crewmen died on the vessel in atrocious conditions in the Pentland Firth last November. A Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) report has concluded that the waves should have been expected and sailing

delayed. The Singaporean-registered tanker set sail from Scapa Flow on Nov 11 and was struck by waves. Two crew hit by the waves died of their injuries, and a third was airlifted for hospital treatment. He made a full recovery. The investigation identified safety issues, which included: "The two large waves that were shipped over the bow could not have been considered abnormal and should have been expected in the prevailing weather conditions. The master should have delayed the sailing so that the ship could have been secured for sea in sheltered waters. Having decided to leave the shelter of Scapa Flow before the foredecks were secured for sea, the master's assessment of the position by which the crew should have been clear of the foredeck of the ship allowed little margin for error. This should have prompted an effective plan of action." The report said: "The plan should have prompted the need for precautionary measures, such as considering the option of turning the ship away from the weather, when safe and practicable to do so, to secure the anchors." It added: "The managers of *FR8 Venture* have reviewed and amended their procedures for working on deck in heavy weather." The report said the priority which the master and deck officers should have is to ensure that when the vessel is either arriving or leaving port, the unsecuring or securing should be done as later or early as possible. This is to try and ensure that crew are on deck and exposed to the elements for the least possible time. In light of the actions taken as a result of the accident, the MAIB issued no safety recommendations.

**FREDRIKE OLDENDORFF (Liberia)**

London, Jul 13 -- Understand bulker *Frederike Oldendorff* (26586 gt, built 1997), Canada for India, cargo Canadian yellow peas, sustained engine damage on or about Jun 11. The vessel was towed to Mundra for repairs. Owners have declared general average. (Note -- *Frederike Oldendorff* sailed Vancouver May 1, arrived Singapore 2130, May 27, sailed 2205, May 29, arrived Mundra Jun 13 and reportedly sailed Jun 15. According to Lloyd's MIU *Frederike Oldendorff* was at anchor in lat 22 39 04N, long 69 44 44E, at 1729, UTC, Jul 6.)

**FU CHANG NO.7 (Taiwan)**

London, Jul 17 -- Following notice to mariners issued today: Fishing (general) *Fu Chang No.7* (? 478 gt, built 1977) drifting semi-submerged in lat 33 41.8S, long 33 19.5E. Vessels in area to keep a sharp lookout and to navigate with caution.

London, Jul 17 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 1035, UTC: Fishing *Fu Chang No.7*, BH 2916, was abandoned following leak in engine-room. The vessel's 25 crew were rescued by sistership *Fu Chang No.6* which is now proceeding to Cape Town, ETA not known.

London, Jul 18 -- Following received from Cape Town MRCC, timed 0920, UTC: Fishing *Fu Chang No.6* is due in Cape Town Jul 20 with the crew rescued from fishing *Fu Chang No.7*. No further information has been received regarding *Fu Chang No.7*.

#### GREEN PIONEER (Panama)

Busan, Jul 14 -- After completion of permanent repairs at the premises of Kangnam Corporation, Busan, Combined chemical and oil tank *Green Pioneer* sailed on Jul 12 bound for Oita, Japan. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### HAI NING (Panama)

Yokohama, Jul 19 -- General cargo *Hai Ning* had been accused of professional negligence resulting in collision with the wharf at Amagasaki. She has effected temporary repairs and departed on Jul 17, bound for China. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### HAI TONG 7 (Panama)

London, Jul 12 -- Following navigation warning, timed 0224, UTC, today, states: General cargo *Hai Tong 7* sank in lat 17 05N, long 139 26E. Twenty-two persons missing.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Hai Tong 7* has sunk in rough seas and high winds north-west of Guam. The vessel is said to have gone down yesterday with 12 members of the crew still missing. Ten other people were rescued from the vessel. The bad weather in the area has been blamed on typhoon "Man-yi", which has struck southern Japan, disrupting power supplies, telecommunications and transport links.

London, Jul 13 -- A Coast Guard Honolulu press release, dated Jul 12, states: Ten people were rescued and 12 people remain missing as Coast Guard, Navy and Good Samaritan rescue crews search the Pacific Ocean about 375 miles north-west of Guam. An emergency beacon registered to general cargo *Hai Tong 7* began broadcasting a distress signal at about 1100, Jul 10. About 20 minutes later the emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) signal ceased broadcasting. The Coast Guard issued an urgent marine broadcast asking mariners in the area to assist. The masters of bulker *Ikan Bilis* and container carrier *Horizon Falcon* diverted to the scene. *Horizon Falcon* arrived on scene shortly before noon Jul 11. The master reported an oil slick and debris in position last broadcast by the emergency beacon. A Navy P-3 aircraft and crew from Kadina Air Force Base in Okinawa, a Navy P-3 aircraft and crew from Misawa Naval Air Station in Misawa, Japan; two Coast Guard C-130 aircraft and crews from Barbers Point; and the Coast Guard Cutter *Sequoia* from Guam were sent to respond to the distress. The Navy P-3 crew arrived on scene at the emergency beacon's location and began searching for survivors. The crew spotted several persons wearing orange life jackets or survival suits floating among debris in the water and directed the two Good

Samaritan vessels to their position. *Ikan Bilis* recovered eight people, including two injured persons; and *Horizon Falcon* rescue two persons from the water. *Ikan Bilis*, along with the eight survivors, are en route Guam. *Horizon Falcon* and crew, along with the two survivors, are en route China. The Good Samaritan vessels *Konmax*, *Clipper Lagoon*, *Coral Emerald*, and *R.J. Pfeiffer* continue to search for the remaining crewmembers, along with the Navy and Coast Guard aircrews. *Hai Tong 7* is owned by Fuzhou Haijing Shipping, en route China from Papua-New Guinea. Survivors reported that the cargo began shifting as the vessel made way through 70-mph winds and 24-foot seas. Rescue crews report seeing an oil sheen, but mainly logs and other debris in the area.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two Coast Guard aircraft from Barbers Point are continuing their part of the search today 375 miles north-west of Guam for 12 crew members of general cargo *Hai Tong 7* that sank Tuesday (Jul 10) in high seas and winds from Typhoon "Man-yi". (See issue of Jul 16.)

Honolulu, Jul 13 -- The US Coast Guard reported that ten people were rescued Thursday (Jul 12), and a dozen crew members remain missing at sea after typhoon "Man-Yi" sank tgeneral cargo *Hai Tong 7* approximately 375 miles northwest of Guam. The vessel, owned by Fuzhou Haijing Shipping, was enroute from Papua, New Guinea to China when the vessel encountered 70 mph winds and 24-foot seas shifting the cargo. A US Navy P-3 aircraft from Japan, two US Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Hawaii and US Coast Guard Cutter *Sequoia* from Guam were in the initial response. Four other vessels *Konmax*, *Clipper Lagoon*, *Coral Emerald* and *R.J. Pfeiffer* along with US Navy and US Coast Guard air continue to search for survivors. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: The first bodies from the sinking of general cargo *Hai Tong 7* were recovered yesterday, while three more survivors were found, the US Coast Guard said. Nine crew members were dead or missing. The three bodies were pulled from the water overnight where the vessel went down Tuesday (Jul 10) 375 miles north-west of Guam, officials said yesterday. The number of survivors among the 22-member crew rose to 13, with eight receiving medical attention in the US territory about 3,700 miles south-west of Hawaii. The Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia* arrived on scene yesterday to co-ordinate operations as the air and sea search continued for the remaining six crew missing members. About 100 square miles had been searched. The search effort included US military aircraft based in Japan and passing vessels.

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: The survivors of general cargo *Hai Tong 7* have been describing their experiences after being battered in stormy seas for nearly two days, after their vessel overturned and sank on Tuesday (Jul 10). It could not escape

typhoon "Man-Yi"'s 70-mph winds and 25-foot swells as the vessel, carrying logs, travelled from Papua New Guinea to China. Zhong Jian Lin, the master of the vessel, said he tried to turn it around, but the change in weather was just too rapid. The vessel had threatened to overturn, tipping 55 degrees on its right side. Its' engine continued to work, he said, giving them hope they would make it back to China, but as his crew continued to work against the turbulent conditions, a wall of water hit the vessel, finally flipping it upside down. Most of the 22-member crew were able climb to the bottom of the overturned vessel, fighting through debris and the treacherous seas. It took just three minutes for the vessel to finally go under, he said. Lin was able to grab the hand of a weak sailor, tying his belt on to him. For nearly three days, they drifted with no food and water. Merchant ships that responded to the U.S. Coast Guard's call for help rescued thirteen of them. Eight, including Lin, were taken to Guam for medical treatment. The bodies of three crew members were also recovered while six remain missing. The U.S. Coast Guard out of Hawaii has taken over the search-and-rescue mission, which is going into its sixth day, said Lt. Brian Murphy from the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Honolulu. One crew member remained at the Guam Memorial Hospital yesterday, recovering from being battered by wood debris and the pounding waves.

London, Jul 16 -- A Coast Guard Honolulu press release, dated Jul 15, states: Crewmembers from a Coast Guard Air Station Barber's Point C-130 Hercules search aircraft, and the Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia* have suspended their search for six people still missing from the sunken general cargo *Hai Tong 7*, pending the development of new information. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Good Samaritan rescuers have been vigorously searching for the missing crewmen. The Coast Guards unit's efforts covered an area roughly 10 times the size of Oahu. Rescue crews completed over 14 separate flights, adding up to roughly 82 hours of flight time and surface assets conducted over 100 hours of search patterns.

London, Jul 18 -- Following received from Australia RCC, timed 1510, UTC: One survivor, together with the bodies of two deceased crewmen from general cargo *Hai Tong 7*, has been taken on board bulker *New Leader*, which is proceeding to Hay Point.

#### HARPOON (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 17 -- Understand that general cargo *Harpoon* has been repaired and is now back to her normal trading operations. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### HD1 (Bahamas)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 18 -- Passenger ro/ro *HD1* (2357 gt, built 1998) has a technical problem with one of the engines causing the ferry to be up to one hour late on some sailings. The technical problem has been caused by one of the jets ingesting something on

the approach to Jersey, possibly an entire lobster pot, which has damaged one of the impellers making the fourth engine unserviceable. To repair the problem requires two key things: having all of the spares available and lifting *HDI* from the water to remove the damaged jet. As the damage is very unusual it is taking time to locate a new impeller. The *HDI* will go to Cherbourg next week to remove the jet overnight so as not to disrupt the service any more than is absolutely necessary and will effectively lose only four sailings. All passengers on these disrupted sailings have already been contacted and either refunded or moved to an alternative sailing. As soon as the repair has been completed *HDI* will return to Cherbourg to refit the jet but at present it is not known when this will be. -- Correspondent.

#### HEIN SENIOR (Belgium)

See *LT Trieste*.

#### ICHINACHI KASUGA MARU (Japan)

London, Jul 12 -- Following notice to mariners issued today: Disabled fishing vessel *Ichinachi Kasuga Maru* removed.

#### INFINITY MARINE 1 (Panama)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy".

#### JAHMON (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 13 -- A Coast Guard Fort Myers press release, dated Jul 11, states: The Coast Guard rescued two men off 60-foot tug *Jahmon* (70 gt) that was taking on water two miles west of Pine Island, in north Ft. Myers Beach, (lat 26 28N, long 81 57W) at about 2330 today. Mike Myers, 46, of Cape Coral, Fla, and Harry Register, 50 of Panama City, Fla, contacted the Coast Guard using a VHF radio, Channel 16 at about 2300 hrs reporting that the engine-room flooded and the vessel was beginning to take on water and severely list. The two men had their life jackets on. A rescue boat crew was immediately launched from Coast Guard Station Ft Myers Beach, and arrived on scene at about 2330 hrs. The rescue crew recovered Myers and Register out of the water and transferred the two men to Pine Island Fire and Rescue. The tug was reported to have 300-gallons of fuel on board. An unknown amount of fuel was reported to be in the water. Sea Tow is booming off the vessel to keep the leaking fuel from spreading and will salvage the vessel.

#### JANGHO TRADER (South Korea)

Yokohama, Jul 19 -- At 1500 hrs, Jul 18, after discharging her cargo, general cargo *Jangho Trader* (1219 gt, built 1983), was blown aground at Awano Port, Yamaguchi Prefecture, by westerly winds. The vessel refloated, under her own power, at 0100 hrs, today. There was no water ingress or oil spillage and no injuries to the crew. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### JIN HUA XIA 158 (China)

See *Da Tang 19*.

#### JUPITER 6 (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Indian Supreme Court will tomorrow take up the case of salvage tug *Jupiter 6* that went missing two years ago with 10 Indians and three Ukrainian crew members on board. The vessel has been missing since Aug 8, 2005, after it reportedly sank off the Namibian coast. The vessel's agent, Pelmar Shipping, confirmed its disappearance about two months later. The case, filed through a PIL on behalf of the families of the missing Indians with the help of the Chennai-based Sailors Helpline, is listed before the Supreme Court for tomorrow. The relatives are now hoping to at least start the process of finding out what happened to the 10 Indian crewmen. The families of the 10 Indians on board *Jupiter 6* have also approached External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee, as well as MPs Suresh Kurup, K.S. Manoj, K. Chandran Pillai and N.K. Premachandran for assistance in their search.

#### KLAZINA-C. (U.K.)

London, Jul 18 -- General cargo *Klazina-C.* (5629 gt, built 2007), east bound, reported a total loss of the main engine, 15 miles north-east of Riviere-au-Renard, Quebec, in lat 49 10.05N, long 64 07.37W, at 9547, local time, Jul 14.

#### KOTA GEMAR (Hong Kong)

London, Jul 18 -- Container Carrier *Kota Gemar* according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, in lat 22 14 39.72N, long 114 7 20.4E, 3.3 nautical miles from Hong Kong, at 1355, Jul 17. (See issue of Jul 10.)

#### LA CONCHA

London, Jul 12 -- Underdredger *La Concha* has been refloated under Lloyd's Open Form, dated Jun 21, by Titan Maritime (UK) Ltd. Salvors are also trying to recover equipment lost overboard when the dredger ran aground. (See issue of Jun 19.)

#### LADY HAMMOND (United Arab Emirates)

Karachi, Jul 19 -- The local Port Authorities have advised that tug *Lady Hammond* has moved from berth No.17 East Wharf, to berth number 21 East Wharf, for repairs. These repairs are still in operation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### LAURA (U.S.A.)

See *Massachusetts*.

#### LAWIT (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Jul 18 -- A fire was reported on No.3 deck of passenger (cruise) *Lawit* (6022 gt, built 1986) at Tanjung Emas port, Semarang, at 1115, local time, today. The vessel is serving the Semarang - Pontianak route. No injuries reported. It is reported that the fire was probably caused by a short circuit, but the cause is yet to be confirmed -- Lloyd's Agents.

Jakarta, Jul 19 -- Passenger (cruise) *Lawit* is still berthed at Tanjung Emas

Port, Semarang, for dry-docking. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### LEGEND II (Comoros)

London, Jul 13 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0900, UTC: General cargo *Legend II* (1805 gt, built 1971), in ballast, reported a fire on board (in the engine-room) in lat 39 54.8N, long 18 34.9E, at approximately 0200, local time, this morning. Most of the crew have left the vessel, with two persons remaining on board. Vessel is currently adrift with a tug from Brindisi on scene. The Greek owners of the vessel have sent a tug from Greece which has not yet arrived on scene.

London, Jul 13 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1900, UTC: General cargo *Legend II* is now in tow of Italian tug *Asmara* bound for Brindisi, where ETA 2200, UTC. (See issue of Jul 16.)

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0930, UTC: General cargo *Legend II* arrived Brindisi 0205, local time, Jul 14.

#### LIQUID BEAUTY (NIS)

London, Jul 18 -- An inspector from Transport Canada, Marine Safety, reported a fire on the deck of Combined chemical and oil tank *Liquid Beauty* (8450 gt, built 2006) anchored off Pointe aux Trembles, Port of Montreal, Quebec, in lat 45 38.38N, long 73 28.30W, at 1630, local time, Jul 11. (Note -- *Liquid Beauty* sailed Ghent Jun 28, arrived Montreal about Jul 10 and sailed about Jul 11.)

#### LT TRIESTE (Italy)

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0940, UTC: Container Carrier *LT Trieste* (38395 gt, built 1993) and fishing (general) *Hein Senior* (102 gt, built 2000) were reported at 0240, UTC, to have been involved in a minor collision in lat 53 47N, long 06 03E. *LT Trieste* is now proceeding to Felixstowe and *Hein Senior* is now safely in the port of Lauwersoog. No injuries reported.

#### MAKRAN (Pakistan)

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Makran* (16199 gt, built 1979) carrying iron ore to Karachi was compelled to return to Mangalore port due to inclement weather and a near tragedy was averted due to timely action of the master of the ship on Friday last (Jul 13). According to sources at New Mangalore Port Trust *Makran*, which left the New Mangalore Port berth yesterday (? Jul 12) after loading iron ore, developed a steering problem which was detected by the vessel's master. Sensing the problem, the master immediately sought suggestions from the Deputy Conservator of the Port, K V Vaswani, who advised him to return to the port. As the vessel had not gone far from the port, it was towed back to the berth. Mercantile Marine Department would look into the steering problem and would make appropriate suggestions, the sources added.

London, Jul 16 -- According to today's New Magapore Port Trust position list general cargo *Makran* was today at berth No.7 under repair, with ETD Jul 17.

Kochi, Jul 18 -- General cargo *Makran* arrived New Mangalore Port on at 0300 hrs, Jul 4, for loading 22,000 tonnes of iron ore fines for the Port of Bin Qasim. The vessel berthed at berth No.6 at 1524 hrs, Jul 9 and completed loading on Jul 13. Pilot boarded the vessel for sailing at 1800 hrs, Jul 13 and at the channel, the vessel experienced steering problems, was towed back to the port and re-berthed at Berth No.8. After completion of survey/ repairs, *Makran* sailed from New Mangalore Port at 2005 hrs, Jul 17. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### MARIA S. (Panama)

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated Jul 17, states: Fish workers have asked the authorities to immediately remove the wrecked container carrier *Maria S.* that sank off the Kochi bar-mouth a fortnight ago. The Kerala Traditional Fish Workers Union has said that the ship is a threat to the lives of fish workers as well as to the canoes as there is a risk of the traditional boats returning from fishing at night colliding with the wrecked vessel. The fish workers have expressed the fear that the vessel might get stuck forever in the underwater dirt in the relatively shallow water. The union has petitioned the State Government, Cochin Port Trust and the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) to take immediate steps to keep the wreckage off the waters. Ahead of launching an agitation, the unions on Saturday (Jul 14) met Fisheries Minister S. Sarma and will be meeting the MMD authorities. The issue was raised in the Assembly last week. Fish workers said that diesel and furnace oil were continually spilling out of the wrecked vessel, though because of the heavy coloured monsoon discharge into the bar-mouth the spillage was not readily visible. A fuel container had recently come off the vessel and washed ashore near Puthuvype. Union leaders said that the MMD, Coast Guard and the port trust were passing on the buck to one another and thus delaying the wreckage removal. If a decision was not made immediately to remove the wreckage, the union would launch an agitation soon. They said their immediate concern was the checking of oil spillage as it posed the risk of destroying the fish stocks. They wanted the authorities to somehow siphon off the oil from the vessel. They claimed that the oil spillage was one of the reasons for the fall in catch by fish workers over the past week. The union leaders said that according to international maritime norms, oil from a wrecked vessel should be removed within two days to prevent spillage into the sea. Removing the vessel would be a huge task and very expensive.

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Cochin Port Trust (CPT) has demanded a bank guarantee of Rs.12 crore and details of the

proposal to remove the sunken container carrier *Maria S.*, before its owner and master can go home. The Port Trust also wants the wreckage removal operations to begin within 30 days. These conditions were stated in a letter issued by the port authorities on Friday (Jul 13) to Erwin Shijaku, president of Shega Group, Albania. The port wants the wreckage to be removed without hampering its operations. The port also wanted to know which agency would remove the wreckage and the mode and scope of the operations. Once these details were furnished along with the bank guarantee, the master and owner of the vessel can go home, Port Trust sources said here yesterday. They were responding to a letter from the vessel's owner expressing a willingness to remove the wreckage. The Port Trust went to the court maintaining that under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 and the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, the owner and the captain of the vessel should arrange for the removal of the wreckage. Meanwhile, the crew of the vessel, 10 Albanian nationals, staged a demonstration yesterday at their hotel on Willingdon Island demanding that they be allowed to go home. They held placards demanding justice from the Indian authorities. Five Indian crew were allowed to go home early this month.

#### MASSACHUSETTS (U.S.A.)

Boston, Mass, Jul 16 -- Ferry *Laura* is still in service, having obtained a waiver from the US Coast Guard to defer repairs until they can arrange shipyard service at a future date. The damages are estimated at approximately US\$10,000. Passenger ro/ro *Massachusetts* has arrived at Fairhaven Shipyard, Fairhaven Massachusetts today, and will undergo repairs for an estimated three weeks time period. Damages are estimated at approximately USD100,000. Damages included electrical and hvac systems, which had recently been repaired following the fire which we had reported on in Jun of last year, as well as steel and fibreglass structural repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### MASTER CAT (Norway)

Kiel, Jul 13 -- Passenger ro/ro *Master Cat* (5619 gt, built 1998) collided with a quay while leaving Hanstholm at 1015, local time, today, for Kristiansand. There were 561 passengers on board. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Master Cat*, bound for Norway with 561 passengers on board, made a wrong manoeuvre and struck the dock it was supposed to be leaving this morning. The ferry was leaving Hanstholm when "human error" caused it to strike the dock instead, according to Svein Olaf Olsen of the vessel's operator, Master Ferries. The company offers discount transport between Hanstholm and Kristiansand, as a cheaper alternative to other established ferry companies. Olsen said damage was "fairly severe," and that it would likely be awhile

before the vessel was seaworthy again. Officials later said the vessel would sail around 1900 hrs, nine hours behind schedule. He said passengers were being offered refunds and could look for another way of getting to Norway.

Aalborg, Jul 16 -- According to Masterferries in Norway the damage to passenger ro/ro *Master Cat* was only minor and the vessel underwent temporary repairs in Hanstholm on Friday before departure. *Master Cat* is scheduled to go to dock in the autumn, where the final repairs will be effected. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### MEUGANG I (Panama)

Bilbao, Jul 17 -- Part containerised general car *Meugang I* is still detained at Santander and the crew is still on board. According to information received the crew have not yet collected their unpaid wages. Understand from the Maritime Authority that they have no news from the owners and if nobody pays the amounts due, the vessel will remain arrested in the port of Santander. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### MFC LIZA (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jul 14 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1050, UTC: Part containerised general car *MFC Liza* (3006 gt, built 1976) is currently not under command in lat 34 32N, long 29 31E due to machinery failure. A tug is scene.

London, Jul 14 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1520, UTC: Part containerised general cargo *MFC Liza* is expected to be taken in tow by general cargo *Ahmad Brence* around 1830, UTC, today, destination a port in Syria.

London, Jul 14 -- According to Lloyds MIU AIS, part containerised general cargo *MFC Liza* was in lat 34 15 55.72N, lat 29 51 30.58E, at 2104, UTC, Jul 14, 116.9 nautical miles from Kas, Turkey, speed 4.2 knots, course 126.8 deg. General cargo *Ahmad Brence* was in lat 34 16 5.33N, long 29 51 20.87E, at 2104, UTC, Jul 14, 116.6 nautical miles from Kas, Turkey, speed 3.3 knots, course 170.9 deg.

London, Jul 15 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1555, UTC: Part containerised general car *MFC Liza* was taken in tow at 2230, UTC, Jul 14, bound Syria.

London, Jul 15 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, part containerised general car *MFC Liza* was located 30.1 nautical miles from Paphos, in lat 34 21 02.04N, long 32 06 45.33E, at 1506, UTC, course 93.8 deg, speed six knots.

Aleppo, Jul 18 -- Our Lattakia office reported that part containerised general cargo *MFC Liza* called Lattakia port Jul 10, discharged cargo and while sailing it had engine trouble and returned to Lattakia where provisional repairs were carried out. It sailed from Lattakia at 0200, Jul 11. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *MFC Liza* subsequently arrived Beirut Jul 12 and sailed same day for Gioia Tauro.)

#### MILLENNIUM (Bahamas)

Leghorn, Jul 19 -- Passenger (cruise) *Millennium* left Civitavecchia port Jul

11, destination unknown. Vessel's ETA Leghorn Jul 27. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MILO (Greece)**

London, Jul 18 -- Bulker *Milo* (17065 gt, built 1984), eastbound, experienced engine problems on Lac St-Pierre, Quebec, in lat 46 15.25N, long 72 42.60W, at 2035, local time, Jul 12.

#### **MINERVA CONCERT (Greece)**

Hamburg, Jul 16 -- According to the agents of crude oil tanker *Minerva Concert* the vessel is still under repair. The repairs are expected to be completed on Jul 27. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MIR DAMAD (Iran)**

Chittagong, Jul 15 -- Container Carrier *Mir Damad's* local Agents B.S. Cargo agency, Chittagong, inform us that repair work is expected to be completed today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MISS ANGELA KAY (U.S.A.)**

London, Jul 13 -- Following received from Coast Guard Portsmouth, Va, timed 1320, UTC: Trawler *Miss Angela Kay* (136 gt, built 1980) reported on fire in lat 29 37.62N, long 88 28.86W, at 0845, UTC, yesterday. The three persons on board were rescued. The vessel was later taken in tow bound Bayou la Batre.

#### **MONALINDA 48 (Philippines)**

Manila, Jul 13 -- Fishing (general) *Monalinda 48* (76 g) sank at 0300 today, while fishing off Palawan island in western Philippines. Manila-based RBL Fishing Corp, owner and operator of the fishing vessel, reported that two of the vessel's 23 crewmen were missing. The rest of the crew were rescued by sister vessels of the *Monalinda 48*. The fishing vessel sank after being buffeted by large waves. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 14 -- The Philippine Coast Guard in an accident report said that crew error may have caused the sinking of the fishing (general) *Monalinda 48* yesterday while fishing off the coast of Agutaya town in Palawan island. In a statement, the Coast Guard said that the vessel was fishing in the area with her sister ships when one fisherman "accidentally dropped" one of fishing net weights, causing the vessel to list and subsequently capsize. Two of the fishing vessels 23 crew were subsequently lost although efforts are still being made to find them. -- Correspondent.

#### **MSC HEIDI (Panama)**

Port Said, Jul 19 -- Container Carrier *MSC Heidi* (94489 gt, built 2006), which entered the Suez Canal with the northbound convoy on Jul 18, went aground at km 40 at 0300 hrs, today. S.C.A tugs succeeded in refloating the vessel at 0340 hrs and *MSC Heidi* resumed her passage in the canal. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Port Said, Jul 19 -- Bulker *CSK Fortune* (88856 gt, built 2003) entered the Suez Canal with the north bound convoy, yesterday, Jul 18. While clearing the Suez Canal at Port Said,

same day, she went aground at the Eastern Branch (east of Port Said) at 1700 hrs. Consequently about 22 vessels were detained in the Suez Canal. The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) are now attempting to clear the 22 vessels through the "Old" Canal channel (through Port Said). The first south bound convoy of today from Port Said was cancelled. SCA tugs are now alongside *CSK Fortune* trying to refloat her. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 19 -- Both northbound and southbound convoys through the Suez Canal have been suspended today after the grounding of transiting vessels. Container Carrier *MSC Heidi*, which had been fourth in yesterday's northbound convoy, went aground at the Km 39, approximately at the end of the canal, while exiting. The rest of the convoy was detained until the vessel was refloated at 0400 this morning and the convoy resumed transit. Another two vessels ran aground while exiting the Canal at about 1010 hrs local time today, namely: Bulker *CSK Fortune*, No.9 in the northbound convoy, grounded at Km 0000. Bulker *Fortezza* (36560 gt, built 1993), No.11 in the northbound convoy, grounded at Km 04.5. The Suez Canal Authority has sent tugs to assist the vessels to refloat and the Northbound convoy has been detained. The SCA plans to redirect accumulated vessels from the Western Branch, Port Said, to clear the convoy. Meanwhile, northbound and southbound convoys have been suspended until the rescue operation is completed.

Port Said, Jul 19 -- Suez Canal Authority tugs succeeded in refloating bulker *CSK Fortune* at 1145 today and she resumed her passage at 1210 hrs to Port Said pilot station for inspection. The 22 vessels which were detained are now starting to clear the canal from the old channel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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

London, Jul 12 -- A Maritime & Coastguard Agency press release, dated today, states: The Secretary of State's Representative for Maritime Salvage and Intervention, Robin Middleton working with the MCA, has taken the decision today to re-beach Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* at high tide this afternoon. The vessel will be beached in shallower waters north of where it was originally sitting. Mr Middleton said, "My decision to re-beach *MSC Napoli* was taken following the refloating of the vessel earlier this week which highlighted the fact that the wreck is in a worse state of deterioration than previously thought, with the crack of the hull being some three metres wide in places. On the basis of these findings the vessel is incapable of being towed."

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* was beached back on a sandbank off Devon after an underwater inspection revealed that it was too badly damaged to be moved any further. The condition of the vessel raises the prospect of it having to be cut up in situ. The vessel was refloated on Monday and moved 500 metres into

deep water so that divers could inspect it thoroughly. It had been hoped it could then be taken clear of the coast, a Unesco world heritage site, and repaired or broken up in port. But the inspection revealed a three-metre gash across the bottom of the ship. A Maritime and Coastguard Agency spokesman said: "It is virtually in two and is being held together by its deck plates." MCA spokesman Toby Stone said *MSC Napoli* was drifting in the wind towards a new position about half a mile off shore steadied by two tugs. Once it settles on the bottom as the tide ebbs, pumps will fill it with water to stabilise it. It will then be the responsibility of the owners, Zodiac Maritime, to dispose of the ship in consultation with the authorities. Options include floating the bow off, lifting the stern section, or cutting the vessel up where it lies.

London, Jul 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Oil from Container Carrier *MSC Napoli*, yesterday, leaked onto Branscombe beach and blackened seabirds, in the latest mishap for a costly six-month-long salvage operation, officials said. A Maritime and Coastguard Agency spokesman said a small amount of residual oil has washed up on the tide line for a stretch of about 200 metres after leaking from the vessel's tanks during complications in salvaging it. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) rescued what it said were heavily oiled birds believed to be guillemots, from the oil slick. More are expected to be hit in the coming days. A sheen of oil could be seen spreading from *MSC Napoli*. Yesterday salvage crews said they were moving the ballast around the vessel to make her é sagi, so the two sections would divide, making it easier to dispose of. A spokesman for heritage protection charity the National Trust said it was devastating to see oil washing ashore at Branscombe Beach. iWe have asked the contractors on site to urgently deal with any oil and we are placing signs alerting the public,î the spokesman said.

London, Jul 15 -- A press report, dated Jul 14, states: People are being warned to stay away from a stretch of beach in Devon due to contamination of the water with diesel fuel from container carrier *MSC Napoli*. The pollution has been observed between Seaton and Branscombe, where the vessel is beached. The advice from East Devon District Council and the National Trust follows reports of oiled birds at Branscombe. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency said the fuel was residual pollution left over from the tanks being pumped out. Agency spokesman Fred Caygill said the pollution was "minimal." He said: "A lot of the oil and diesel has been broken up naturally. Of course it's regrettable but we are going to have a certain amount of pollution from the tanks." He said an expert from agency's counter pollution and control branch was heading to the scene from London and further measures could be taken to control pollution from the *MSC Napoli*. The

RSPB and the National Trust said it was concerned about the affect of oil from the vessel on sea birds. A number of oil-covered birds have been rescued.

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: Explosives could be used to break up Container Carrier *MSC Napoli*. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is in talks with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) about using explosive charges on the vessel. An MCA spokesman said it was a serious option being considered to separate two parts of the hull. Attempts to flex and break the hull during the spring tide today have not been successful. Discussions are taking place between the Royal Navy and the MCA about using the small explosives charges in a controlled operation to help break the hull. day. The MCA and salvors want to break up the wreck and remove it from the beach. People have been warned to stay out of the water between Seaton and Branscombe following some oil pollution from the vessel. An East Devon District Council spokesperson said: "The beaches themselves are still very much open, people just need to take care in the water." The MCA described the pollution as "minimal" and said the fuel was residual pollution left over from the tanks being pumped out. A number of oil-covered birds have been rescued.

London, Jul 16 -- A press release from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, dated today, states: Cutting charges are to be used to separate Container Carrier *MSC Napoli*. On Tuesday (Jul 17) there will be an operation to separate the *MSC Napoli* into two pieces. The operation will be carried out initially to cut the deck plates, with a further operation on Wednesday to cut the longitudinal joists. It is then hoped that this will allow the part of the vessel forward of the accommodation block to be parted from the stern. The operation will be carried out by experts and will be undertaken in a controlled manner. To enable this operation to take place it will be necessary to implement safety restrictions within the immediate area. There will be a 1000 metre exclusion zone placed around the vessel, and navigational warnings will be issued. The public are reminded that some more residual oils may be released when the vessel parts. The contractors appointed by the vessels owners are dealing with the reports of oil coming ashore on beaches. It is inevitable that some oil will be left in the wreck. However, all parties are working together to ensure that the operation minimises damage to the local environment. Officers from Devon and Cornwall Police will close a number of footpaths around Branscombe prior to the cutting charges being detonated on the *MSC Napoli*. Emma Webber, Superintendent (Operations) for the forces' North and East Devon Basic Command Unit (BCU) said, "Public safety is of paramount importance to us and as some of the coastal paths are within the 1000 metre exclusion zone from the vessel we will close them on Tuesday from Midday until after the detonation has taken place.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: Explosives have been used on Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* to try to split it in half so it can be removed from a World Heritage Coast. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), working with the Ministry of Defence (MoD), used the precision explosive charges on *MSC Napoli* which is grounded off Sidmouth, Devon. The Salvage Marine Operations unit of the MoD are helping with the operation to split the vessel, which is expected to take two days. Morgyn Davies, MoD Chief Salvage Officer, said: "The MCA has asked us to employ explosive cutting on *MSC Napoli*. "The ship has a number of structural flaws that require strength members to be cut to release the hull into two parts.

London, Jul 18 -- Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* situation update, Jul 17, from the *MSC Napoli* Response Centre: Cutting charges were detonated on the deck of the vessel at 1310, UTC, today, to separate the ship into two pieces. All the cutting charges were successfully detonated and deck plates have separated, leaving just the vessel's longitudinal joists keeping the vessel in one piece. Tugs are being used to maintain opposing stresses on the structure with the hope that the vessel will finally break in two. If that does not work, it is expected that a second detonation operation, to take place tomorrow, will be needed to cut through the vessel's longitudinal joists. Tugs should then be able to pull the vessel gently in two. There are still no final decisions about the fate of the ship. Once the vessel is in two pieces, the bow will be towed a distance out to sea and anchored, pending further decision. A 1,000 metre exclusion zone was in force for the operation, which included a stretch of the coast path along the top of the cliffs. Footpaths are now reopened, but the exclusion will be in force again tomorrow should the operation be repeated. Counter Pollution experts are on site to monitor the situation, and the authorities are ready to deploy booms or use dispersants if necessary. Today's windy weather and choppy seas have helped the natural break up of pollutant in the sea. A decision will be made after assessment tomorrow whether a second detonation operation is necessary.

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Explosive charges will be used for a second time in an attempt to break up Container Carrier *MSC Napoli*. Tugs have been working to try to pull the ship apart after explosions yesterday, but without success. The deck plates have been separated on the ship. A further detonation will be carried out today to cut the vessel's structural joists.

London, Jul 18 -- Following press release from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, dated today, states: The operation to separate the deck plates of Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* has been successful but two longitudinal remain intact preventing separation of the two halves. Tugs are operating tonight to flex the vessel structure and effect separation. If

separation does not occur tonight then further cutting charges will be used on the vessel on Friday (Jul 20).

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: Coastguards believe more explosives will probably have to be detonated tomorrow to split beached container carrier *MSC Napoli*. Explosions were triggered on the vessel, off Branscombe, on Tuesday (Jul 17) and again at 1304 UTC, yesterday, but an inspection revealed the vessel remained intact, although it was "hanging on by a thread". Tugs positioned at the bow and stern will continue attempts to pull the container ship apart. The operation is being carried out by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the Ministry of Defence. (MoD). MCA spokesman Paul Coley said that all the explosives had gone off successfully, but more cutting charges would be used tomorrow "in all probability" in a bid to obtain a clean break around the front of the accommodation tower. The aim is to break the stern section away from the remainder of the vessel along the line of a huge crack running round the hull. Mr Coley said: "It is still holding together, but very much weaker. It could be hanging on by a thread." Once the forward section of the vessel is separated the plan is to tow it into deeper water and anchor it. Divers will assess its structure and sites will be identified where it could be towed for recycling - this could be either in Europe or the UK. The stern section, including the accommodation block, will be left where it is and will be cut up and recycled. That operation could take about a month. An extended exclusion zone on the shore and cliffs at Branscombe was enforced ahead of the explosion, amid fears of debris damage, but the footpaths were later reopened by the police. The 1,000 metre exclusion zone around the ship remains in place and if the decision is taken to trigger more explosives today, footpaths will be closed again for the public's safety.

London, Jul 19 -- Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* situation update, Jul 18, from the *MSC Napoli* Response Centre: Cutting charges have been detonated for a second day in attempt to separate the vessel. Today's charges were designed to break the longitudinal joists which have been holding the ship together. Four of the six joists have been broken. Tugs will continue to pull the vessel in opposing directions to flex its structure in the hope that it will break the weakened joists. If this does not split the vessel, then it is likely that more cutting charges will be needed. Today's exclusion zone was extended as a precaution. Contractors employed by the ship's insurers are responding to and cleaning where appropriate all reports of pollution from the ship. The MCA and International Tanker Operators Federation (ITOPF) are in contact with the owners and contractors to ensure the correct actions are taken to clean the relatively small amount of oil pollution which is washing up on the beaches. In addition the on-site

pollution ship *Union Beaver* is engaged in dispersant spraying to reduce and mitigate any pollution from the ship. It has not been possible to boom the ship yet due to conditions around the vessel, however once *MSC Napoli* is in two pieces a boom will be put in place around the stern. The rivers Brit, Axe and Sid, have been boomed.

#### MSC OSLO (Marshall Islands)

Kiel, Jul 16 -- On Jul 11 tug *Multratug 7* salvaged the anchor of Container Carrier *MSC Oslo* (32630 gt, built 1989), not from Container Carrier *MSC Turchia* as before reported. *MSC Oslo* which had to carry out an emergency anchoring after machine blackout after which the anchor chain broke and was lost. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *MSC Oslo* arrived Antwerp 0102, Jul 4 and sailed 0830, Jul 5.)

#### MSC TURCHIA (Liberia)

See *MSC Oslo*.

#### MUNSTERLAND (Germany)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 17 -- Roll On Roll Off *Munsterland* (1859 gt, built 1986) was seen being towed off Borkum over the weekend to Eemshaven. -- Correspondent.

Maassluis, Jul 17 -- Roll On Roll Off *Munsterland* has engine problems, however, it is currently sailing its normal ferry route only twice a day between Eemshaven and the island of Borkum together with tug *Gruno IV*. When it is not sailing it is being repaired. Expectancies are that repairs will be finished at the end of this week. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Kiel, Jul 17 -- Roll On Roll Off *Munsterland* sustained machine problems on the way to Borkum on Jul 16. As it seemed best to deliver the passengers there before carrying out repairs the tug *Gruno 4* from Delfzijl was called and helped the vessel to the island before returning to Eemshaven. On Jul 17 the vessel was replaced on this route by the *Groningerland* and remained berthed in Eemshaven for repairs. -- Correspondent.

Kiel, Jul 18 -- Roll On Roll Off *Munsterland* was put back into service without repairs having been carried out. The vessel is now regularly accompanied by the Dutch tug *Gruno IV*. The schedule thus cannot be kept upright as the vessel has ongoing manoeuvring problems. -- Correspondent.

#### NATISSA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Kiel, Jul 13 -- General cargo *Natissa* (1554 gt, built 1995) had rudder failure 15 kilometres south of Lyon and drifted against a bridge at Vienne where it came to rest rectangular to the river underneath the bridge, blocking the river Rhone, at about 2200, local time, Jul 11. The vessel had a cargo of 1500 tons of cement. The crew of seven remained on board. Ten vessels were caught and had to wait for passage. The vessel will probably not be salvaged before Jul 16. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Natissa* was last reported arriving Fos Jul 10.)

#### NEFTERUDOVOZ-54M (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 19 -- Combined ore and oil carrier *Nefterudovoz-54M* (2615 gt, built 1985), Astrakhan for Enzeli, Iran, with metal structures, grounded near Cape Bekdash, Caspian Sea, at 0200 hrs, today. As a result of running aground the vessel sustained a hole in the vicinity of cargo tank No.1 into which water ingressed. The water is being pumped out by the ships pumps. The vessel cannot be removed from the sandbar independently, so tugs will be sent from Krasnovodsk (Turkmenia). Co-ordination of the incident is by MSKTS Astrakhan. -- Correspondent.

#### NINA (Netherlands)

London, Jul 16 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Nina* is still in port at Valletta.

#### NO.15 KUMJIN (South Korea)

Busan, Jul 19 -- At approximately 0700 hrs, today, general cargo *No.15 Kumjin* (699 gt, built 1980), Daesan to Okke, loaded with 1,800 tons of cokes, collided with combined chemical and oil tank *Aro Forest* (3240 gt, built 1992), "Yeocheon" to Incheon, off Mokpo, South Korea. As a result, *No.15 Kumjin* sank. Seven out of her eight crew members were rescued, one is still missing. Marine police vessels and *Aro Forest* are searching for the missing crew member. It is reported that some oil has leaked from *No.15 Kumjin*. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Busan, Jul 19 -- The remaining crewmember from general cargo *No.15 Kumjin* was safely rescued by the marine police boat this afternoon and sent to a hospital. The vessel is sunk in some 61 metres of water, but with her bow appearing above the waterline over some 5-6 metres. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### ORCHID SUN (South Korea)

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Four Filipino crewmen were rescued Friday (Jul 13) after bulker *Orchid Sun* sank Thursday in waters off Oman. They were immediately taken to Khoula Hospital in Muscat.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: The body of a Filipino seaman who went missing along with other crewmen of bulker *Orchid Sun* was found along the shores of Oman, ABS-CBN News reported yesterday. This was confirmed by Orient Hope Agency in Manila, which identified the seaman as Elbert Binabon. Binabon's family has been informed that Omani authorities have found the seaman. Authorities, meanwhile, are still searching near the Omani shoreline for the bodies of other missing crew members. They stopped search operations at the site where the vessel sank last Thursday (Jul 12). ABS-CBN Middle East News Bureau quoted authorities as saying that the vessel capsized after it encountered big waves. One of the 10 rescued crew members said that the vessel was on its way to Fujian when the incident occurred. He said that the crewmen did

not notice that the waves were already able to significantly damage the vessel. When we saw the damaged part of the ship, it was already filled with seawater. Our pumps were unable to siphon the water, he said. He added that they tried to get to land but it was already too late.

#### OTAPAN (Mexico)

Maassluis, Jul 13 -- Chemical tanker *Otapan* is still in port at Rotterdam. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### PACIFIC STAR (U.K.)

London, Jul 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hundreds of New Zealanders have been forced to wait for flights out of Vanuatu because the vessel they had been travelling on, passenger (cruise) *Pacific Star* (35265 gt, built 1981), has sustained storm damage, leaving it unable to return to Auckland. The 1,200 passengers from the P&O vessel are still in Port Vila, after the liner sailed through gale-force winds and swells of up to 10 metres shortly after leaving Auckland on Tuesday (Jul 10). During the storm, 50-knot winds, with gusts up to 70 knots, damaged the vessel's bow and some of its windows and external doors, as well as satellite equipment. P&O spokeswoman Sandy Olsen said the bow was being repaired in Port Vila, after which the vessel would sail to Brisbane, without passengers, for a thorough inspection. "The ship can sail but we want to inspect it thoroughly, so we are taking it to Brisbane." She could not estimate the cost to repair the damage. "We have not even looked at that yet. At this stage we are focused on the passengers." With commercial flights heavily booked out due to the holidays, and a local sporting event, P&O had booked charter flights from Vanuatu, Noumea and Fiji. "The passengers will leave on charter flights over the next few days," Ms Olsen said. Passengers became so ill during last week's storm that they were given free doctors' visits and \$100 vouchers. Conditions were so bad the ship had to cancel a planned stopover in Lifou, New Caledonia, instead heading straight for Port Vila for its scheduled Friday night stopover. The company yesterday announced it was cancelling the rest of the cruise so that the *Pacific Star* could go in to dry dock in Brisbane for a thorough inspection. It had been scheduled to return to Auckland on Wednesday. MetService duty forecaster Allister Gorman said the first official warning of "storm-force winds" -- winds over 50 knots -- was issued at 1100 Monday. "It would only be a few times a year that we would actually have to issue a warning of this type of strength for the Hauraki Gulf area." Ms Olsen said that, while it might have been uncomfortable, at no time were passengers in danger. Captain Ivan Jerman had more than 35 years' experience at sea, she said. "The safety and the comfort of passengers would always be the master's first priority and the master would not have departed Auckland if he had any concern whatsoever. The weather, it

would seem, took a turn for the worse in quite a short space of time on the Tuesday." Ms Olsen said the vessel had sought shelter behind Great Barrier Island initially but because of the intensity of the storm had headed out to sea. "In these sorts of circumstances apparently it is often safer to head to sea and you can ride the waves rather than be buffeted closer to the shore. And he slowed the ship down and he took the course of least resistance." The Auckland Harbour-master said the *Pacific Star* left the port about 1600 Tuesday in winds of about 20-25 knots. The port was closed about two hours later when winds reached 40 knots. P&O said passengers will be given a full refund, as well as a 25% credit on their next cruise. They were also offered a complimentary telephone call or internet time to contact family as a result of the cancellation. The company is still assessing how long it will take to repair the vessel. It will contact passengers if future cruises are in jeopardy.

Sydney, Jul 17 -- P&O Cruises has cancelled a New Zealand cruise after the passenger (cruise) *Pacific Star* was damaged off Auckland in particularly heavy weather and 10-metre seas last Tuesday (Jul 10). She will sail from Port Vila to Brisbane tomorrow (Jul 18) for inspection and repairs after her bow, windows and satellite equipment were damaged. The cruise due to leave Auckland tomorrow was cancelled. "We are extremely disappointed at having to cancel the current cruise and next scheduled cruise and apologise to our passengers," P&O Cruises Australia chief executive Ann Sherry said yesterday. "However, we have made this decision with the best interests of our passengers' comfort and safety in mind."

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated Jul 17, states: Cruise operator P&O has defended its decision to allow passenger (cruise) *Pacific Star* to leave New Zealand last week, despite the vessel ending up stranded in Vanuatu after being damaged in bad weather. The vessel was battered by gale force winds and 10-metre waves just hours after it left Auckland. The damaged vessel remains in Port Vila and some passengers are still waiting for flights home. P&O spokeswoman Sandy Olsen has told Radio Australia's Pacific Beat programme that the vessel set off from Auckland with the very best of intentions. "Well the captain is very experienced. He has more than 35 years at sea and the safety and comfort of passengers is always the captain's first priority and he departed Auckland based on his fair assessment of the forecast. He would not have departed Auckland if he had any concern about passenger safety."

**PACIFIC VENUS (Japan)**

Yokohama, Jul 18 -- At 1135 hrs, Jul 15, Keihin for Takamatsu, a large swell caused damage/breakage to the windshield of passenger (cruise) *Pacific Venus* (26518 gt, built 1998). As a result of seawater ingress her automatic pilot and radar became

unusable. The vessel proceeded to Osaka, arriving on Jul 17. She will sail to Aioi for the necessary repairs. There were no reported injuries in this incident. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**PADOVA (Panama)**

London, Jul 13 -- Understand refrigerated general cargo *Padova*, cargo frozen squid, broadcast a distress call May 11 following a fire in its auxiliary engine-room. A member of the crew had been badly burnt in the incident. Various craft responded to the call for assistance and the fire was finally extinguished later the same day. *Padova* was then towed by refrigerated general cargo *Frio Sevastopolis* to Busan. The shipowners declared general average.

**PASHA BULKER (Panama)**

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

**PENG ZHONG (China)**

Antwerp, Jul 13 -- Bulker *Peng Zhong* (25891 gt, built 1990) and bulker *Yin Peng* (25891 gt, built 1989) were in collision at a terminal at Huanghua port on Jul 9. The two vessels were loading alongside the terminal, about 30 metres away from each other. *Yin Peng* had pumped out most of its ballast water, ready for cargo operations when a sudden storm blew in, causing one of *Yin Peng's* mooring billets to break. As a result, the vessel came into contact with *Peng Zhong*. -- DPS Teamhead Surveyors.

**PERTH (U.K.)**

London, Jul 13 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Perth* was at Hamburg at 0920, UTC, today, with reported restricted manoeuvrability.

**PRIAM (Singapore)**

London Jul 14 -- Part containerised general car *Priam* sailed Newcastle (AUS) Jul 12.

**PRINCESS OF THE OCEAN (Philippines)**

Manila, Jul 12 -- The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has agreed to a request by the owner and operator of passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* to allow second-hand spares to be used to replace worn-out parts in the vessel's three generators. *Princess of the Ocean*, owned and operated by Cebu-based Sulpicio Lines, is currently undergoing repairs at the FF Cruz Shipyard in Iloilo province in central Philippines. The MARINA had earlier suspended the vessel's safety certificate after it stalled in mid-voyage on Jun 29. A MARINA inspection team had determined that the use of second-hand spare parts in the ship's four generators had caused three of the generators to breakdown on its last voyage. The vessel was towed to FF Cruz shipyard for repairs and the MARINA had initially told the owners to use only new spare parts in repairing her malfunctioning generators. The regulatory agency relented, however, when it was found that no new spares were available in

the Philippines. Importing the spares would take months forcing the vessel to be laid up for a considerable period. The vessel will still have to pass MARINA-supervised sea trials before its safety certificate can be restored. -- Correspondent.

**QUEEN OF OAK BAY (Canada)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 14 -- Roll On Roll Off *Queen of Oak Bay* (6969 gt, built 1981), sailing from West Vancouver to Nanaimo, was taken out of service due to a mechanical problem. The line of cars waiting to board the ferry from Horseshoe Bay was almost a kilometre long yesterday evening. BC Ferries has pulled a ferry from the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale route to help out in Nanaimo, causing cancellations on that route in the evening. On Friday morning, BC Ferries took *Queen of Oak Bay* out of service, after a mechanical problem in the vessel's gearbox was detected on its 0830 hrs run to Horseshoe Bay. The vessel did finish that sailing, but it may take up to seven days to repair it, said Deborah Marshall, the corporation's media relations director. Passengers should expect delays in ferry service to Nanaimo over the weekend, she said. -- Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jul 17 -- Roll on roll off *Queen of Oak Bay* returned to service Jul 17. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**QUEEN OF THE NORTH (Canada)**

London, Jul 19 -- A judge has told passengers who survived the sinking of passenger ro/ro *Queen of the North* they'll have to go back to the drawing board before they can launch a class-action lawsuit against the ferry company. B.C. Supreme Court Justice David Tysoe has ruled the application for the class-action suit as it stands has deficiencies. Tysoe said in the ruling released this week that Vancouver Island resident Maria Kotai is not a suitable plaintiff to represent the 53 passengers who survived last year's sinking on the northern B.C. coast. Kotai and her husband are claiming more than \$90,000 in property lost when the B.C. Ferries vessel ran aground on Gil Island after missing a course change. The proposed class action named B.C. Ferries and three fired employees who were in control of the ship at the time of the accident. Tysoe ruled a class-action suit makes sense because there are a number of common issues in the sinking. He pointed to several problems in the current application, most critically the fact that the value of Kotais' claims far outstrips those of the other passengers. The international Athens Convention covering damage claims for marine accidents limits the carrier's liability. The Kotais are challenging that, claiming recklessness by the bridge crew justifies lifting the payout ceiling. Tysoe agreed with the defendants' lawyers that this puts the Kotais in a conflict of interest with other passengers who may not want to pay for a drawn-out proceeding with little or no benefit to them. The judge also called for other changes, such as a

representative plaintiff for non-B.C. residents and for a subclass covering dependants of passengers.

#### **QUEEN OF VANCOUVER (Canada)**

London, Jul 15 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Another B.C. Ferries vessel has been pulled from service, meaning delays for passengers hoping to cross from the one of its major routes. B.C. Ferries spokeswoman Deborah Marshall says an internal mechanical failure on a main engine has led the company to pull the Roll On Roll Off *Queen of Vancouver* (9357 gt, built 1962) from its Vancouver route. Engineers are expected to determine the problem and how long it will take to repair once the engine has cooled down. Several sailings between Victoria and Vancouver have been cancelled as a result of the problem.

Vancouver, Jul 17 -- Roll on roll off *Queen of Vancouver* returned to service Jul 15. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **REEF AZANIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: General cargo *Reef Azania* (2173 gt, built 1985) has been missing in the Indian Ocean since early this month, maritime officials said yesterday. *Reef Azania*, which was sailing from Zanzibar through Seychelles to Comoros before returning back, disappeared nearly two weeks ago, said Abdallah Mohamed, a maritime official in Zanzibar. The vessel has 14 crew members including eight Zanzibaris. "Rescuers continue searching for *Reef Azania*, which has been missing for the past 15 days," Mohamed said. Zanzibar Marine Services Director Abdallah Juma said authorities have failed to establish contacts with the vessel. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Reef Azania* was last reported in lat 25 21 40N, long 57 24 05E, at 2052, UTC, Jun 19, speed 7.9 knots, course 139 degrees.)

London, Jul 19 -- Following notice to mariners broadcast at 1200, UTC, Jul 17: General cargo *Reef Azania* overdue to Seychelles. Last known position lat 16 50.6N, long 59 32.9E, at Jun 24. Vessels in vicinity requested to keep sharp lookout, assist if possible. Reports to MRCC La Reunion.

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: Relatives of the crew of Seychelles-bound general cargo *Reef Azania* that disappeared after it left Dubai have said that they have been kept in the dark about the status of the search. *Reef Azania* sailed Dubai Jun 18 and was expected to arrive at Mahe on Jul 1 before continuing on to the Comoros Islands. The company that manages the vessels, Zambezi Shipping, allegedly lost contact with *Reef Azania* on Jun 24. Noel Choong, head of the International Maritime Bureau's (IMB) Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, however, said the centre was contacted by Zambezi Shipping on Tuesday (Jul 17) telling them that the ship "may have sunk". It is unlikely, he added, that the incident is a case of piracy since contact with

the ship was lost 500 nautical miles off Somalia. "That area is too far from the shore to have a pirate presence," he said. "Therefore we have stopped investigating the incident and notified the appropriate authorities in the area," Choong said. The Rescue Centre on Reunion Island is carrying out a search operation for the vessel or survivors, an official there confirmed. "We have been in contact with search and rescue authorities in the Arabian Sea and Seychelles," he said.

#### **ROBERTSON II (Canada)**

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: Salvage crews managed to pull training *Robertson II* upright for the second time last night, bringing the vessel the closest it has come to being refloated since it ran aground on Jul 1. The vessel hit a reef near the entrance to Saturna Island's Winter Cove on Jul 1. "She's upright again, her mast is fairly vertical," said Humphrey Killam, a friend of the vessel's owner Roy Boudreau, at around 2100 hrs. Using air bags for flotation, the crew was able to shift the vessel down the reef so it was accessible to lower tides. Killam said they would try to position the vessel well enough that it could survive another tide and, with any luck, be accessible to repair crews in the morning. Earlier yesterday, a tug using a winch pulled the vessel upright for the first time, but then the tug's anchor let go under the pressure and *Robertson II* slumped onto its side again. The rear masts were removed yesterday to make the vessel less top heavy. Once the vessel is upright and stable, divers will patch a hole in its side and bilge pumps will start pumping out water. Killam was trying to arrange for barges to run alongside *Robertson II* to stabilise it for transport to a repair facility.

#### **RONGA (Cambodia)**

London, Jul 14 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0955, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* remains aground. Salvors are waiting for weather improvement before salvage can continue.

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1108, UTC: Bulker *Ronga* is still aground and stable.

#### **RUSSEL B. MURRAY (U.S.A.)**

London, Jul 14 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The US Coast Guard is investigating why tug *Russel B. Murray* (197 gt, built 1952) ran aground today and started spilling oil. The 104-foot towing vessel owned by Express Marine Incorporated, ran aground near the Newport News Small Boat Harbour. It happened at the near the northern end of the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel. As a result of the grounding, the vessel was taking on water through a 6-inch hole in their engine-room. The crew tried to stop the flooding with onboard bilge pumps and help from CG Station Portsmouth personnel. Oil pollution has resulted from the grounding and pollution response contractors are on scene to contain and mitigate the spill.

Personnel from Sector Hampton Roads Investigations and Inspections Divisions are on scene to oversee all response measures. The vessel owners are working with pollution response contractors, divers and the Coast Guard to lighter the fuel that is contained within the vessel fuel tanks to eliminate the pollution threat. Once the pollution threat is eliminated, divers will inspect the hull for damage and make temporary repairs so that the vessel can be transferred to a shipyard for permanent repairs.

London, Jul 15 -- The U.S. Coast Guard has completed its response to the grounding of tug *Russel B. Murray*, which ran aground near the north island of the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel at about 0800, Friday (Jul 13). The tug refloated without assistance Friday afternoon, and was towed alongside a barge anchored nearby. The tug was leaking fuel oil from underwater cracks in a fuel tank and was flooding at an estimated rate of 100 gallons per minute through a hole in the engine-room. The tug's crew and Coast Guard personnel, assisted by divers, were able to patch the holes by Friday evening. A boom placed around the vessels captured about 100 gallons of leaking fuel, which was removed by a pollution contractor hired by the tug's owner. An unrecoverable oil sheen, about one-quarter mile long by 200 yards wide, was observed by a Coast Guard helicopter Friday afternoon in the vicinity of the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge. The sheen had dissipated and evaporated by yesterday morning. Crews worked through the night to remove more than 36,000 gallons of fuel and oily water from the tug. The damaged tug was towed, with a Coast Guard escort, to a shipyard in Norfolk for repairs. The tug arrived safely at 1300, yesterday and was immediately surrounded by oil containment boom as a precaution. Coast Guard investigators are continuing their investigation with interviews of the crew later today.

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

Aalborg, Jul 16 -- General cargo *Salmo* is still repairing in Frederikshavn. The repairyard expects completion in the beginning of August. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SAMSUN MERIEL (Panama)**

London, Jul 18 -- Bulker *Samsun Meriel* arrived Singapore Jul 13.

#### **SAMUDRIKA 10 (India)**

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Coast Guard today found the bodies of three missing crew members of the ONGC anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* taking the toll in the incident to four. "The bodies were recovered from the same spot where the first body was found yesterday. Under these circumstances, the chances any survivors among the eight missing crew now appear extremely bleak," Commandant Kalpit Dikshit, the chief staff officer (operations), said. The search for the remaining four missing crew members is continuing, Dikshit said.

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated Jul 14, states: The bodies of the master of the sunken ONGC anchor handling tug/supply *Samudrika 10* and another crew member, who is yet to be identified, were found near Daman, taking the toll in the tragedy to six. "Two bodies have been recovered near Daman, in Gujarat since last night. One the body was of Captain Gurbachan Singh. The second body could not be identified yet as it was in a mutilated condition. We were informed about it by ONGC," Chief Staff Officer (Operations) Commandant Kalpit Dikshit told the media. The bodies were sighted by villagers. While the Captain's body was found stuck between rocks last night, the other one was lying near the beach this morning. "Now the search is on to locate the remaining two missing crew. With the number of bodies recovered increasing to six, chances of any survivors among the two missing crew now appears extremely bleak," Dikshit said.

### SANGWIN (Italy)

Zeebrugge, Jul 18 -- Roll On Roll Off Container Car *Sangwin* (32266 gt, built 1980) passed Wandelaar pilot station 1516, local time, passed Flushing Roads 1745, local time, and reported engine trouble 1748, local time. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Zeebrugge, Jul 18 -- Roll On Roll Off Container Car *Sangwin* returned to Flushing roads at 1812, local time, where arrived 1855, local time. Heaved up anchor at 2215, local time. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Terneuzen, Jul 18 -- Tug *Multratug 7*, 52 tons BP, at salvage station Flushing, responded immediately and successfully connected to Roll On Roll Off Container Car *Sangwin* at 1805, local time. Tug *Barracuda* connected at the stern and vessel brought safely to anchorage at 1900, local time. During main engine repairs *Multratug 7* stays connected to vessel until further notice. -- Multraship Salvage.

### SEA GLORY (Mongolia)

London, Jul 14 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 0955, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still lying in the same position. Salvage team are devising a salvage plan.

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1107, UTC: General cargo *Sea Glory* is still lying in the same position. Salvage plans have not yet been finalised.

### SEA SHELL (Georgia)

London, Jul 13 -- Part containerised general car *Sea Shell* (1811 gt, built 1978), on voyage from Tuzla to Alicante, had engine trouble during Dardanelles passage at front of Uzunburun Lighthouse at 1645, local time, yesterday. Vessel solved the engine problem and proceeded to destination, Alicante, "1348, local time," today.

### SHAH BADAR-I

Chittagong, Jul 18 -- The owner's agents of vessel *Shah Badar-I*, High Shipping, Chittagong, have informed

us that the vessel's situation remains unchanged, due to a lack of available funds for repairs. The owners have yet to decide whether they will scrap the vessel. They are currently attempting to sell the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

### SHUJAA 3 (Panama)

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from Mumbai MRCC, timed 1106, UTC: General cargo *Shujaa 3* is still aground and debunkering operations are continuing.

### SILVER (Cambodia)

Istanbul, Jul 18 -- General cargo *Silver* (2515 gt, built 1968) grounded at Akbas Point at 1000, today. Traffic will be open. -- TurkishStraits.Com

London, Jul 18 -- General cargo *Silver*, Alexandria for Tekirdag, ran aground in lat 40 13.203N, long 26 30.158E, at 0950, local time, today.

London, Jul 18 -- Following the grounding of general cargo *Silver* patrol vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 10* and tug *Sonduren 3* were immediately sent to the area by Canakkale VTS.

Istanbul, Jul 19 -- General cargo *Silver* refloated at 0545 hrs, today and is now anchored at Gelibolu Point. -- TurkishStraits.Com

London, Jul 19 -- Salvage assistance agreement was signed between the master of general cargo *Silver* and tug *Sonduren 4* at 2130 yesterday and subsequently operations were started. At the same time, tug *Kurtarma 1* was sent to the place of incident. As a result of salvage operation *Silver* was refloated at 0545 today and proceeded to Cove of Gallipoli for survey.

### SOUTHERN CROSS (Italy)

Brisbane, Jul 17 -- General cargo *Southern Cross* is currently loading cargo, having received new lashing gear from China and is hopeful of leaving tomorrow (Jul 18) or Thursday (Jul 19) bound for Noumea. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Brisbane, Jul 19 -- General cargo *Southern Cross* has sailed from Brisbane, bound for Noumea. -- Lloyd's Agents.

### SPT VICTORY (U.S.A.)

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 14 -- A compressor malfunction was the apparent cause of a fire late yesterday aboard the supply *SPT Victory* (282 gt, built 1981). Freeport (Texas), and Oyster Creek firefighters responded to the blaze aboard the 150-foot vessel at 2130 hrs and it was contained 20 minutes later, Freeport Fire Department Lt. Mike Jaster said. The vessel was docked at Top Coat Inc. under the Quintana Bridge off FM 1495 at the Intracoastal Waterway. It started with a compressor on deck and spread to the starboard side, he said. "We got it knocked down pretty quickly." The fire might have caused some damage to the ship's engine-room, he said. Crews continued to spray water on the 30-foot-tall vessel to prevent flare-ups. There apparently were no workers on board at the time of the blaze, Jaster said. Oyster Creek assisted Freeport at the scene. -- Correspondent.

### STAR HERO (Dominica)

Port Said, Jul 17 -- Crude oil tanker *Star Hero* (83273 gt, built 1991), which entered the Suez Canal Jul 17 with the northbound convoy, went aground in the canal, at Km 135. Suez Canal Authority tugs are now trying to refloat the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 17 -- Crude oil tanker *Star Hero*, forming part of today's northbound convoy in the Suez Canal, experienced a blackout at 1015 this morning and has blocked the rest of the convoy. *Star Hero* was tenth in the convoy when it experienced the blackout at the Km 135. Only four vessels behind *Star Hero* were made fast in their location in the canal. Twenty vessels in the Ordinary Group, northbound convoy, were still waiting at Suez anchorage for transit. The first southbound convoy is still anchored at Great Bitter Lake and the second southbound convoy is moored at Ballah Loop. Suez Canal Authority tug *Baraka* is intended to tow the vessel to Great Bitter Lake in order to clear the canal for navigation.

Port Said, Jul 17 -- Crude oil tanker *Star Hero* went aground due to blackout at 0900 hrs, today. S.C.A tugs succeeded in refloating her at 1300 hrs. She was towed to the Great Bitter Lakes for inspection. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS crude oil tanker *Star Hero* was stationary in lat 30 21 18N, long 32 23 08E, at 0036, UTC, today.

London, Jul 18 -- The Suez Canal Authority has declared the canal completely clear for navigation following the problems experienced yesterday (involving crude oil tanker *Star Hero*). Convoys from Jul 17 will resume/transit the canal as follows: Southbound convoys, Jul 17: All vessels delayed in the canal on Jul 17 are expected to resume transit as follows: First southbound convoy of Jul 17, located in Great Bitter Lake: First vessel expected to exit the canal at around 0400 today. Second southbound convoy of Jul 17, moored at Ballah Loop, expected to resume transit at 0430 today. This convoy is expected to start exiting the canal in a separate convoy. Northbound convoy, Jul 17: The northbound convoy of Jul 17 consisted of two groups: First group: Fifteen vessels. Second group: Twenty-four vessels. The last vessel in the second group entered the canal at 2255, Jul 17. The last vessel of the above northbound convoy is expected to clear the canal at 0800 today.

London, Jul 19 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS crude oil tanker *Star Hero* was still anchored in lat 30 21 24N, long 32 23 13E, at 0243, UTC, today.

### STELLAR FOREST (Panama)

Buenos Aires, Jul 17 -- Understand wood-chip carrier *Stellar Forest* (30157 gt, built 1997) ran aground during downstream navigation, loaded with 32,642 tonnes of soya, draught 10.32 metres, bound for Gibraltar, on the starboard side margin of km 339 of Parana River, close to San Nicolas port, obstructing channel navigation, at 0205, local time, today. So far, no

refloating manoeuvres have been performed. It is currently awaiting the arrival of two tugs for assistance. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Buenos Aires, Jul 18 -- Wood-chip carrier *Stellar Forest* was refloated at 0905, local time, Jul 18, with the assistance of three tugs. The vessel is now proceeding to Ramallo, where an inspection will be carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SUN FLOWER COBALT (Japan)**

Yokohama, Jul 19 -- Ferry *Sun Flower Cobalt* was repaired at Onomichi Dockyard in Hiroshima Prefecture and returned to regular service on Jul 17. Non specific tanker *Yushin Maru* is still undergoing repairs at Sanwa Dock, Hiroshima. These are reportedly to be completed today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **SUPER SHUTTLE FERRY 10 (Philippines)**

Manila, Jul 13 -- Tug *Gothong Tug No. 2* reached stranded ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* at 1830, local time, Thursday (Jul 12). Towing lines are currently being laid between the vessels after which *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* will be towed to Liloan port in Leyte province, ferry captain Peregrino Colis said. Capt. Colis also reported that early Thursday evening, 71 passengers were successfully transferred to the passenger ferry *Maharlika*. *Maharlika* is now en route to Liloan port. Earlier during the day, efforts to transfer the ferry passengers to a small wooden hulled ferry were abandoned because of rough seas. Capt Colis said 10 drivers have opted to remain with their vehicles. *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* is transporting several vehicles in its cargo hold. The vessel had been forced to anchor off Sumilon island in central Philippines when its engine broke down at around 1230 on Wednesday. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 13 -- Ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* arrived at Liloan port in Leyte province in tow at around noon today. The vessel was originally scheduled to be towed back to its port of origin at Lipatan in Surigao province after it broke down on Wednesday (Jul 11) but shippers convinced the vessel's operator to have the vessel towed to its destination port at Liloan so that its cargo of perishables could be unloaded. Upon reaching Liloan, the vessel offloaded 10 trucks loaded with fruits and vegetables. The consignees refused to accept the cargo, however, when it was discovered that the bulk had spoiled during the long voyage. On instructions from the vessel's operator, the trucks were reloaded on the vessel and are expected to be brought back to Lipatan port. Marine engineers are now inspecting the vessel's engine to determine if afloat repairs can be carried out while it is docked at Liloan port. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 16 -- Ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* is now undergoing repairs at Liloan port in Leyte province, after marine engineers determined it would be better to undertake afloat repairs at the port rather than tow the ferry back to its homeport in Lipatan, Surigao.

Repairmen are draining the engine of water-contaminated fuel oil which caused the vessel to stall on Jul 11 while travelling between Surigao and Leyte. The engine will be cleaned after draining and is expected to be in running condition by today. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 18 -- Ferry *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* underwent sea trials today at Liloan harbour in Leyte province, under the supervision of a Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) inspection team. The sea trials are part of a safety survey conducted by MARINA on the vessel to determine its seaworthiness and compliance with safety regulations. *Super Shuttle Ferry 10* master, Peregrino Celis said the sea trials went smoothly. "We expect to get the vessel's safety certificate restored by Friday (Jul 20) after which we can resume regular operations," he said. -- Correspondent.

#### **TAKAHISA MARU (Japan)**

Yokohama, Jul 17 -- A collision occurred at 0400 hrs, Jul 12, in lat 34 02N, long 129 42E between combined chemical and oil tank *Woo Hyeon* (2362 gt, built 2003), Tokuyama for China and fishing (general) *Takahisa Maru* (20 gt), proceeding from fishing grounds to Katsumoto, Nagasaki Prefecture. *Takahisa Maru* sustained damage to her bow. *Woo Hyeon* sustained damage to a hand rail. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TAMGOUT (Algeria)**

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control."

#### **THORFINN**

Honolulu, Jul 16 -- Passenger (cruise) *Thorfinn* was refloated on Sunday, Jul 15. Currently, temporary repairs (patches) are being effected to the side shell and the vessel is to be towed to Manila for drydocking and permanent repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TRANS-1 (Bangladesh)**

Khulna, Jul 17 -- Understand from Mongla Harbour-master and the owners of barge *Trans-1* that salvage operations commenced Jul 15 and are expected to be completed within the next 15 days. The owners said that arrangements are being made to recover the barge after cutting it into two parts. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **TRANSMODAL (Argentina)**

London, Jul 17 -- Following navigation warning issued at 0200, UTC, Jul 16; Container Carrier *Transmodal* (3491 gt, built 1991) on fire in lat 26 48S, long 47 48.7W, at 1656, UTC, Jul 15. Vessels in vicinity requested to keep a sharp lookout, assist if possible. Reports to any coastal radio station. (Note -- *Transmodal* was due in Buenos Aires Jul 19.)

London, Jul 17 -- Understand 16 crew members of Container carrier *Transmodal* were rescued by bulker *Quinn J.*

Santos, Jul 18 -- Following information received from Itajai: Container Carrier *Transmodal*, no cargo on board, 16 crew, had a fire in

the engine-room 46 miles from Port of Itajai at about 1730, local time, Jul 15, and asked for help by radio. Bulker *Quinn J.*, en route from Paranagua to Buenos Aires, attended the call and rescued all of the crew, who were transported to Port of Itajai by boat, arriving there at 2300, local time, Jul 15. There were no injuries and no oil leak. A tug boat of Petrobras remains alongside *Transmodal*, still at same position of the casualty, to make arrangements in case of oil leak and new fire but, as informed, the situation remains unchanged, no fire and no oil leak. Harbour Master / Owner Representatives and Surveyors would board vessel today for general inspection to prepare for towing to Buenos Aires. An inquiry was opened by Itajai Port Captancy, crew members started their deposition yesterday and should be completed next Friday (Jul 20). Cause of fire still unknown. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)**

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control".

#### **VERNAL GRACE (Panama)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 12 -- A massive effort is being launched by the Kolkata Port Trust to pull out Combined chemical and oil tank *Vernal Grace* (4510 gt, built 1985) stuck in the bank of the Hooghly river at Kulpi, about 45 nautical miles from the Kolkata Dock System (KDS). The vessel is carrying 3,570 tonnes of crude palm oil loaded in the port of Penang. The crew, all Indonesians, as well as the master, a Korean, are safe. A few days ago, the vessel, while proceeding towards Budge Budge jetty under KDS, drifted into the bank due to poor visibility caused by heavy rains and engine failure. The vessel, according to Kolkata port sources, did not have the required number of anchors on board, as a result the drifting could not be stopped. With each subsequent tide in the river, the vessel only drifted further to the land. The initial attempt to pull the vessel out during the high tide did not succeed. Subsequently, as the tide ebbed, the effort had to be abandoned. The tide will start becoming high again from Thursday morning and will continue until Jul 16. The port authorities would like to take advantage of the situation to pull the vessel out and are accordingly mobilising high capacity tugs and other rivercraft and equipment. iWE have, however, told the agent of the ship, and through him the owners, to be in touch with a reputed salvage company, "Capt A. Bagchi, Director of Marine, Kolkata Port Trust, said. If our effort fails, the help of the salvage company will be needed." -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Vernal Grace* sailed Penang Jun 22.)

#### **VERTIGO (Jamaica)**

London, Jul 16 -- Following received from the operators of bulker *Vertigo*, dated today: *Vertigo* is presently under repair at Masan. The repairs are expected to be completed within the first 10 days of August, after which the vessel will proceed to Nanjing.

**VIRANA**

Yokohama, Jul 19 -- Roll On Roll Off *Virana* had problems in lat 28 16N, long 139 55E, 130 miles west of Ogasawara. The vessel had proceeded southward to avoid a typhoon. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**VIRANA (NIS)**

Yokohamas, Jul 19 -- Roll On Roll Off *Virana* (41905 gt, built 1979), Nagoya for Osaka, became unnavigable Jul 17 due to troubles involving its helm. It was towed by two tugs to Osaka port this morning. Survey will be conducted at Osaka. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Virana* sailed Nagoya Jul 13 for Osaka)

**VOLGO-DON 109 (Russia)**

Portsmouth, UK, Jul 15 -- General cargo *Volgo-Don 109* (4021 gt, built 1969), owned by Volga Steam Navigation, cargo 4450 tons of sulphur, ran aground at the 2913 km mark, River Volga at 0400, local time, yesterday. Eleven hours later at 1500 hrs it was towed off the sandbar without damage and any fuel leakage. - Correspondent.

**WAHAI STAR (Indonesia)**

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Six more survivors were found yesterday as search and rescue teams battled rough seas two days after vessel *Wahai Star* sank, killing at least two, officials said. She was carrying about 60 people when she encountered engine difficulties as she plied her regular route between the islands of Buru and Ambon, the capital of Maluku province. Two children were found dead Wednesday (Jul 11) along with 29 survivors and another six were found yesterday, said Tumorang Hutasoit, the head of Ambon port administration. Karim Tuanaya, a senior port official, said the number of people believed to be on board had been revised down from 70 to 60 but was still being verified. Some 90 search and rescue personnel headed out on two ships early yesterday to the location where the boat was believed to have sunk, Tuanaya said. Officials at the port in Ambon, about 2,300 km east of the capital Jakarta, received radio reports that the ship ran into trouble in bad weather before dawn on Wednesday.

Jakarta, Jul 13 -- Passenger vessel *Wahai Star*, 148 gt, call sign YB 9002, owned by PT Lintas Samudera Pertiwi, on voyage from Buru Island to Mabon, Maluku, had engine break down after encountering three-metre-high waves at 0500, local time, Jul 11. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Jakarta, Jul 16 -- A local press report, dated Jul 15, states: As of yesterday, a search was still under way to find survivors and missing passengers from passenger vessel *Wahai Star* that sank in rough seas in Maluku province. Two more survivors have been found from vessel, which went down after suffering engine trouble in rough seas with some 60 passengers on board. To date, 44 people had been rescued and the death toll had risen to 14. "Two more people were found alive and are now being

treated at Namlea Hospital on Buru Island. We have found nine more bodies," maritime policeman G. Tutupari told reporters in Ambon, AFP reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**WEST LARISSA (Cyprus)**

London, Jul 18 -- Drill platform *West Larissa* arrived Singapore Jul 13.

**WHITE SEA (Liberia)**

London, Jul 12 -- Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1225, UTC: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* (57082 gt, built 1991), New Jersey for Singapore, cargo approximately 500,000 barrels of low sulphur fuel oil, ran aground off Ambrose light in lat 40 32.35N, long 74 01.26W, at 0630, EST today. Vessel is still aground with tugs trying to refloat it.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* ran aground in Lower New York Bay, off Coney Island, this morning. Authorities say *White Sea* was outbound from the Ambrose Channel and ran aground just before 0800 hrs. They say the tanker, believed to be carrying low-sulphur fuel, ran aground between buoys 12 and 16. It is now "lifting" hard to starboard. The Coast Guard was responding to help right the tanker, and says *White Sea* ran aground after they lost steering control in the Ambrose Channel. The Coast Guard says the tanks are intact and that none of the fuel has leaked into the water. A containment boom has been deployed as a precaution. There are two private tugs and a Coast Guard rescue boat from Station Sandy Hook on the scene, trying to free the tanker. There is no estimate on when the ship will be freed.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea*, carrying more than 450,000 barrels of oil, ran aground today off Coney Island, but no spill was reported. Something went wrong with the steering system on the ship at about 0630 hrs, causing *White Sea* to turn off course and run into the sandy bottom of Ambrose Channel, said Coast Guard spokesman Chief Bob Laura. The tanker deployed a boom meant to contain any spills, but none occurred, Laura said. Three tugs were trying to help the vessel. All vessels leaving the Port of New York and New Jersey to head to open sea must take the route, Laura said. There were no reports of any injuries.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea*, carrying about 23 million gallons of diesel oil, ran aground at 0630, local time, Thursday (Jul 12) off New York City's Coney Island. No oil spill or injuries were reported. The Coast Guard was lightening the vessel's load and planned to nudge it off the sand Thursday evening, when the tide rose again. The Coast Guard set up a security zone around the vessel, but shipping traffic was not blocked, Coast Guard spokesman Chief Bob Laura said.

London, Jul 12 -- A United States Coast Guard press release, dated today, states: The US Coast Guard is monitoring combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* that ran aground on a hard, sandy bottom in the Ambrose Channel about four miles north of Sandy Hook N.J. at 0630 today. The 800-foot doubled-hulled vessel was travelling outbound from Bayonne, N.J. with 556,000 barrels of low sulfur fuel oil en route to Singapore when it lost steering and ran aground just outside the shipping channel. *White Sea*, owned by the Tanker Pacific Company on a time charter to Westport Shipping, has sustained hull breaches in the fore port peak tank and the No.1 port ballast tank. There are no reports of product in the water. Its crew deployed an oil containment boom around the vessel as a precaution. There have been no reports of injuries. A Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook 25-foot rescue boat has established a safety zone around the vessel. A Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City Dolphin helicopter conducted an overhead assessment and has verified that no oil has leaked into the water. The Bayonne, N.J. based Coast Guard Cutter *Katherine Walker* is on also on scene. Three tugs from McAllister towing are on scene. Coast Guard Sector New York Marine Inspectors and Investigators are on board the vessel and have initiated an investigation into the grounding. A salvage plan is being developed to lighten the vessel and to refloat it safely off the sandy bottom. The next high tide is at 2100. Once the vessel is freed, it will be taken to a nearby anchorage for a close examination if its hull and steering gear. A Captain of the Port Order is prohibiting the vessel from departing until a satisfactory inspection by the vessel's classification society. The seas are reported as calm.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 12, states: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea*, carrying 455,000 barrels (19 million gallons) of low-sulfur fuel, oil ran aground at the entrance to New York harbour, the U.S. Coast Guard said. There has been no breach in the ship, Coast Guard spokesman Bob Laura said. The vessel is on a sandy bottom in Ambrose Channel, between Coney Island, which is part of Brooklyn, and Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Shipping in and out of New York's main port isn't affected. Oil containment booms surround the tanker, and three tugs are on the scene. The owner of the vessel, Singapore-based Tanker Pacific Management, also said there is nothing leaking from the vessel. "There is some damage, however, to the outer hull at the forepart of the vessel," Captain Anil Singh, the company's director of fleet operations, said in an e-mailed statement.

London, Jul 13 -- A Coast Guard New York press release, timed 2130, Jul 12, states: Crews are expected to begin lightering 110,000 barrels of low sulphur fuel oil from the grounded combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* to Bouchard Barge *B-230* at 2200 hrs. Lightering operations are expected

to take about 10 to 12 hours. Officials anticipate refloating the ship about 2000 tomorrow during high tide. Capt. Robert R.O'Brien, Coast Guard Captain of the Port of New York and New Jersey approved the salvage plan which calls for additional barges should more product need to be lightered from *White Sea* to refloat it. A dive survey is scheduled for first light to assess the condition of the ship's hull. The Bayonne, N.J.-based Coast Guard cutter *Penobscot Bay* relieved the cutter *Katherine Walker*, in enforcing a 500 yard security zone around the tanker. *White Sea* was en route to Singapore from Bayonne, N.J. with 556,000 barrels of low sulphur fuel oil when it lost steering and ran aground four miles north of Sandy Hook, N.J. at 0630 today just outside the Ambrose shipping channel. The ship's crew immediately deployed oil containment boom as a precaution. The ship sustained breaches to two ballast water tanks, but the product compartments inside the double-hulled ship remain intact. The location of the grounded ship caused no delays to other incoming and departing shipping. The Sector New York Vessel Traffic Service is constantly monitoring the impact of this vessel grounding to inbound and outbound traffic, advising mariners to proceed with caution. The U.S. Coast Guard deployed several assets to monitor the grounding. A Station Sandy Hook rescue boat established a safety zone around the ship and an Air Station Atlantic City helicopter conducted an overflight pollution assessment. *Katherine Walker* arrived on scene and was prepared to deploy additional oil containment boom if necessary. *White Sea* is owned by the Singapore-based Tanker Pacific Management on a time charter to United Arab Emirates-based Westport Shipping Services. Its local agent is Atlantic Shipping Company. The seas are reported as calm, two-to-four foot seas and north-westerly winds at 10-15 knots.

London, Jul 13 -- Following received from Coast Guard Boston, MA, timed 1152, UTC: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* is still aground. A refloating attempt will be made at high tide this evening.

London, Jul 14 -- A press report, dated today, states: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* was re-floated yesterday evening, officials said. *White Sea* was then pulled to the nearby Stapleton anchorage, where it must be inspected for hull damage before it heads out to sea again. The U.S. Coast Guard spent about 12 hours lightening the vessel's load before it pushed off during high tide last night, from waters between Brooklyn's Coney Island and Sandy Hook National Park in New Jersey. Something went wrong with the steering system on the vessel at about 0630, Jul 12, causing *White Sea* to turn off course and run into the sandy bottom of Ambrose Channel, said Coast Guard spokesman Chief Bob Laura. No

one was injured. The tanker deployed a containment boom as a precaution, and the Coast Guard's Atlantic Strike Team was on standby in case of any environmental issues. It also set up a security zone around the vessel, but traffic departing from the Port of New York and New Jersey was unimpeded, Laura said.

London, Jul 16 -- A press release issued by the U.S.Coast Guard New York, dated Jul 13, states: Three tugs safely pulled the grounded combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* from the Ambrose shipping channel's sandy bottom at 1820 hrs, today during high tide after 121,000 barrels of the 556,000 barrels of low sulphur fuel oil cargo was lightered to Bouchard Barge *B-230* earlier today. There were no reports of fuel product in the water. Lightering operations started shortly after 1400 hrs, today and ended shortly after 1600 hrs. *White Sea* proceeded under its own power with three tugs assisting it to Stapleton Anchorage, off Staten Island, where it arrived at approximately 2030 hrs. While at Stapleton, divers will conduct another hull survey. The U.S. Coast Guard continues its investigation and has issued a Captain of the Port Order prohibiting the vessel from departing until a satisfactory inspection by the her classification society. "Several factors contributed to this successful outcome," said Lt. J.G. Kathryn Campagnini, Coast Guard Sector New York Command Duty Officer. "The sandy bottom, the ship's double-hull design, and the mild sea state were key in helping avert a potential spill. After lightering the 120,000 barrels of fuel to enhance buoyancy, three tugs successfully assisted in refloating the *White Sea*." The vessel sustained breaches to two ballast water tanks, but the product compartments inside the double-hulled ship remain intact. *White Sea* is owned by the Singapore-based Tanker Pacific Management on a time charter to United Arab Emirates-based Westport Shipping Services. The seas are reported as calm, two-to-four foot seas and northwesterly winds at 10-15 knots. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 2338 hrs, Jul 15, *White Sea* was stationary in lat 40 36.50N, long 74 03.17W.)

London, Jul 18 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* was at anchor in lat 40 36 35N, long 74 03 10W, at 0617, UTC, today.

London, Jul 18 Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1325, UTC: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* is still at anchorage undergoing inspections.

#### **WILSON TRENT (Cyprus)**

London, Jul 14 -- Bulker *Wilson Trent* sailed Gdynia Jul 12 and arrived Klaipeda Jul 13.

#### **WOO HYEON (South Korea)**

See *Takahisa Maru*.

#### **YAXING 6 (China)**

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: A rescue vessel towed Chinese cargo *Yaxing 6*, length 82 metres, Fuzhou for Shanghai, with 140 containers and 15 crew on board, back to port after the ship broke down and began drifting in heavy seas, 30 nautical miles northeast of Wenzhou, said the Ministry of Communications today. *Yaxing 6* broke down in the path of typhoon "Man-Yi" at 0119 today in the East China Sea. The ship was in a "dangerous" situation in very heavy seas with waves six metres high, about 330 nautical miles from the centre of the typhoon. A rescue vessel arrived at the site at 0600 hrs and began towing the ship back to port. The ship reached Leqing port, Wenzhou, at 1630 hrs.

#### **YIN PENG (China)**

See *Peng Zhong*.

#### **YOUNG LADY (Isle of Man)**

London, Jul 16 -- The Marine Accident Investigation Branch is investigating whether the Blenheim Shipping UK crude oil tanker *Young Lady* (56204 gt, built 2000) was involved in an accident which closed a gas pipeline and cut North Sea oil and gas output, a Department for Transport spokesman said. The Central Area Transmission System (CATS) gas pipeline, which brings gas into Britain from a cluster of North Sea oil and gas fields, was shut on Jul 1 after the concrete coating protecting it was damaged in late June. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch is looking into whether *Young Lady* dragged its anchor over the pipeline in stormy seas off the coast of northeast England late last month. Blenheim Shipping UK declined to comment on Friday. Port authorities at Teesside have reported seeing a large vessel being tossed about by force 8 (gale) winds in the bay where the CATS pipeline comes to shore. The closure of the CATS pipeline by operator BP has prevented gas from the fields connected to it from getting to Britain and had a knock on effect on oil production in the area because some of the fields need to export gas to get oil out. BP is still assessing the damage but has warned that it could be several weeks before it can reopen the pipe.

London, Jul 17 -- Crude oil tanker *Young Lady* dragged its anchor off Teesport, UK, in a force eight gale, late on Jun 25. Significant resulting damage is alleged to have been done to the adjacent Central Area Transmission System (CATS) gas pipeline, which is now understood to have been shut down. Teesport Control was immediately alerted that the vessel was dragging its anchor and, later, that it might have passed over the pipeline. The owners and managers of the *Young Lady* are continuing to extend their full co-operation to the MAIB.

#### **YUSHIN MARU (Japan)**

See *Sun Flower Cobalt*.

## Piracy



### SOMALIA

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated Jul 17, states: A Panama-flagged cargo vessel has gone missing in Somalia's "pirate-infested" waters, a Kenyan maritime official said today. General cargo *Infinity Marine 1* (2981 gt, built 1984) disappeared some 37 nautical miles off the northeastern village of Ras Hafun in late June, said Andrew Mwangura of the Kenyan branch of the Seafarers' Assistance Programme. "The last time the ship made contact was on June 26. So far, we do not have any information about the crew," he told AFP. The vessel, sailing from the United Arab Emirates, was carrying general cargo including food stuffs, iron sheet, generators, batteries, white wood and light vehicles. Four vessels - one from Taiwan, another from Denmark and two from South Korea - are already currently in the hands of pirates off the coast of war-torn Somalia.

## Port State Control



### BELGIUM

Zeebrugge, Jul 17 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Tamgout* was released on Jul 10. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

### GERMANY

Kiel, Jul 12 -- General cargo *Forest 1*, which is currently detained in Emden, is offered for sale by its Russian owners for one to two million Euro. -- Correspondent.

### PORTUGAL

Ponta Delgada, Jul 17 -- Bulker *Trinity Sierra* is still berthed alongside the quay in the inner port of Ponta Delgada under detention by Port State Control and arrested by order of local Judicial Court for local debts. Understand the vessel is also under repairs account of main engine problems. -- Lloyd's Agents.

### SPAIN

London, Jul 16 -- Passenger ro/ro *Carmen del Mar* arrived Ibiza Jul 14 and sailed Jul 15.

## Seizures & Arrests



### BLUE STAR (Panama)

Maassluis, Jul 13 -- Bulker *Blue Star* is currently under arrest at Rotterdam.

-- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Blue Star* arrived Rotterdam Jul 2.)

### CALIBUR (Malta)

Zeebrugge, Jul 17 -- Roll on roll off *Calibur* (9737 gt, built 1976) was arrested at Zeebrugge on Jul 10 and released on Jul 12. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Calibur* sailed Zeebrugge Jul 12.)

### DA LI (Singapore)

Chittagong, Jul 18 -- The local agents of Container Carrier *Da Li* (11982 gt, built 1990), Seacon Shipping Lines Ltd., have advised that the vessel has been under attachment at Jetty No.NCT-2, Chittagong, since Jul 16. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Da Li* sailed from Colombo on Jul 10, bound for Chittagong.)

### OCEAN ALERT (Panama)

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 12, states: The Spanish Civil Guard has intercepted research *Ocean Alert* (1455 gt, built 1969), operated by a US company, amid a row over treasure from a shipwreck. The guard had been ordered by a Spanish judge to seize the vessel as soon as it left the British colony of Gibraltar. Gibraltar officials and Odyssey Marine Exploration, which owns the ship, said Spain had boarded the vessel illegally as it was in international waters. In May, Odyssey said it had found \$500 million (£253 million) in coins from a 17th Century wreck somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean. Madrid suspects the sunken galleon may either have been Spanish or have gone down in Spanish waters. The salvaged booty, which included half a million silver coins and hundreds of gold objects, has already been flown back to the US. After leaving Gibraltar, *Ocean Alert* was picked up at about 0700, UTC, today off Europa Point and sent to the Spanish port of Algeciras to be searched, the Civil Guard said. The guard was investigating a possible "offence against Spanish historic heritage", it said in a statement. Odyssey said the boarding was illegal and said the Civil Guard threatened to use force if the vessel's master did not follow orders. It said Spain had earlier promised the vessel would be searched at sea. "At this point, Odyssey is assuming that the action on the part of the Guardia Civil is a miscommunication between Spanish authorities," the Florida-based company said in a statement. A spokesman for the governor of Gibraltar said the vessel was in international waters at the time it was seized. A lawyer for Odyssey, Allen von Spiegelfeld, said that Spain had not sought permission to board the vessel from officials in Panama, where it is registered. "The owners of the vessel have contacted the Panamanian maritime authorities protesting the seizure on international waters," Mr von Spiegelfeld said. Spain has launched legal action over the treasure and the wreck. Some experts believe the wreck to be the *Merchant Royal*, an English ship carrying stolen Spanish treasure which sank in 1641. US coin

expert Dr Lane Brunner has said there is evidence the shipwreck was found off England's Cornish coast. Odyssey has kept the location of its find secret, citing security and legal reasons.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 12, states: Spanish Civil Guards today heightened "a battle" over a \$500 million treasure of gold and silver coins from a shipwreck when they seized a vessel belonging to a Tampa, Fla.,-based company. Research *Ocean Alert* (1455 gt, built 1969) was seized around 0900 hrs, three miles off the southeastern coast of Spain and taken to the nearby port of Algeciras to be searched, the Civil Guard said. The Civil Guard acted on an order of a Spanish judge who in June instructed police to seize two vessels of Odyssey Marine Exploration if they left Gibraltar and entered Spanish waters. Odyssey, a treasure hunting company, said it had found the Colonial-era shipwreck on May 18, and the coins have been flown to the United States from Gibraltar. Spain filed claims last month in a U.S. federal court over Odyssey's find, arguing that if the shipwrecked vessel was Spanish or was removed from its waters, the treasure belongs to Spain. Odyssey insists the shipwreck was outside any country's territorial waters, but has not given its exact location or the ship's name. According to a release from the company, Odyssey has provided a 109-page affidavit to authorities in the Spanish Federal government, the Junta de Andalucia, the United Kingdom, Gibraltar and the United States detailing Odyssey's activities concerning the discovery. "We always attempt to work with appropriate governments on shipwreck projects in which they may have an interest and look forward to addressing any issues of claims or legal jurisdiction related to the (shipwreck site) in the proper venue, which is U.S. Federal Court," Odyssey co-founder Greg Stemm said in a news release. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS at 0853 hrs, today *Ocean Alert* was reported in port at Algeciras.)

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated Jul 14, states: The Spanish Civil Guard have been searching research *Ocean Alert* which they escorted into Algeciras on Thursday (Jul 12), to the anger of the British who consider the vessel was boarded in international and not Spanish waters. The search of ledgers and computers on the vessel, comes on the orders of the instruction judge in La Linea, and is to try and find evidence as to the source of the 500,000 coins found by the salvage company, it is believed from a Spanish galleon found in international waters last May. Odyssey lawyer, Josè Luis Goði, said that the authorities would not find what they are looking for, and said that all the vessels movements had already been communicated to both the Guardia Civil and the Coastguard authorities. The crew of the vessel are meanwhile staying at a hotel in Algeciras as the legal proceedings continue. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 2358 hrs, Jul 15, *Ocean Alert* was still at Algeciras.)

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: The debate over recently-discovered sunken treasure continues in the Kingdom of Spain, but Tampa-based research *Ocean Alert* is now free to get back to work. On Tuesday (Jul 17), the Spanish government cleared the *Ocean Alert* to leave the port of Algeciras. The vessel, which is owned by Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. of Tampa, was seized off the coast of Gibraltar last week after Spanish officials insisted it was sailing in their waters. The controversy between the two sides began in May, when Odyssey discovered a load of silver and gold coins on the ocean floor. The treasure find is said to be the richest ever discovered, \$500-million worth, to be exact. Days later, though Kingdom of Spain fought that claim and began filing lawsuits of its own, saying the treasure belonged to the E.U. country. James Goold, the legal counsel for the Kingdom of Spain, explained in May, "if the ship were carrying property of the Kingdom of Spain that property would remain the property of Spain." Since then, the debate has been raging. In June, a Spanish judge issued an order to the government police there, called la Guardia Civil, ordering them to seize any Odyssey-owned vessel that entered Spanish waters. Two of the company's boats had been floating near Gibraltar at the time that the *Ocean Alert* was seized. Odyssey said in a press release that the boats were in internationally-recognized international waters. "We were confident that an inspection by the Guardia Civil would not reveal any evidence of alleged activities in the area as we have always acted legally and have consistently communicated our movements in the area to the Guardia Civil and marine traffic authorities," said Greg Stemm, co-founder of Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. in a press release Tuesday. "We are pleased to have the ship released so we can put it back to work on other shipwreck projects." Despite that, the company said, officers from Spain's Guardia Civil made good on that judge's threat. Spanish guards boarded and seized one of the company's vessels about three miles off the coast of Gibraltar.

**SHIREEN S. (U.K.)**

Maassluis, Jul 13 -- Tug *Shireen S.* is still under arrest at Rotterdam. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**TALING (Netherlands)**

Maassluis, Jul 13 -- Pontoon *Taling* is still under arrest at Dordrecht. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.



**Pipeline Accidents**

**MEXICO**

Mexico City, Jul 12 -- Up to 1,200 companies in Mexico have stopped

production because of problems with the supply of natural gas following a rash of pipeline explosions caused by rebels, an industrial group said today. The leftist Popular Revolutionary Army, or EPR, has claimed responsibility for four attacks to state monopoly Pemex's pipelines carrying natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, crude oil and gasoline over the past week. "There are more than a thousand, nearly 1,200 companies, that have been greatly hurt because of the lack of (gas) supply," industrial group Canacintra's head Victor Manuel Lopez told Reuters. Automakers like Honda Motor, Nissan Motor Co. and General Motors are among the companies hurt by the blasts, he said. Industrial hubs in central states like Aguascalientes, Guanajuato, Jalisco and Queretaro are the most affected by the gas shortage, Lopez said. Pemex said today it had restoring natural gas supply to the central city of Queretaro and hoped to restore supply in Jalisco and the city of Guadalajara by midnight. It said it expects to have supplies fully restored by the end of the week. "Workers at Petroleos Mexicanos connected a bypass to the Mexico-Guadalajara natural gas duct and began tests," the company said in a statement. Mexico has deployed soldiers and federal police to protect Pemex's oil wells and pipelines from further attacks. Mexico's top glass maker, Vitro, said yesterday it had halted operations at two of its plants, meaning \$800,000 less in earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) per day. -- Reuters.

**UNITED KINGDOM, NORTH SEA**

London, Jul 13 -- Britain is investigating whether the oil tanker *Young Lady* was involved in an accident which closed a gas pipeline and cut North Sea oil and gas output, a Department for Transport spokesman said today. The Central Area Transmission System (CATS) gas pipeline, which brings gas into Britain from a cluster of North Sea oil and gas fields, was shut on Jul 1 after the concrete coating protecting it was damaged in late June. The government's Marine Accident Investigation Branch is looking into whether the UK-registered *Young Lady* dragged its anchor over the pipeline as it bobbed around in stormy seas off the coast of north-east England late last month. The tanker's registered owner, Blenheim Shipping UK, declined to comment today. Port authorities at Teesside have reported seeing a large vessel being tossed about by Force 8 winds in the bay where the CATS pipeline comes to shore. The closure of the CATS pipeline by operator BP has prevented gas from the fields connected to it from getting to Britain and had a knock on effect on oil production in the area because some of the fields need to export gas to get oil out. BP is still assessing the damage but has warned that it could be several weeks before it can reopen the pipe. -- Reuters.



**Pollution**

**FELIXSTOWE, SUFFOLK, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Jul 13 -- An investigation was underway last night after hundreds of litres of oil leaked into the water at Felixstowe port. Operations to contain and recover the oil took place yesterday after the slick was spotted just after midnight. The leakage - which disrupted operations at the port yesterday morning - had initially raised fears for wading birds and wildlife in the area. The alarm was raised by crew members of the container vessel *Maersk Brisbane*, who spotted the oil in the water nearby. Early estimates were that 200 litres were spilled into the water and specialist teams were sent to contain and recover the slick. The oil had been contained and was largely dispersed by mid-afternoon, according to port officials. Paul Davey, port spokesman, said: "The oil was spotted just after midnight by the pilot and the crew of *Maersk Brisbane*. The *Maersk Brisbane* was delayed sailing and a couple of vessels were delayed berthing but it did not cause too much of a disturbance - we worked around it. We used booms to contain the oil and the majority was recovered quite quickly, using scoops and skimmers. The appropriate authorities were informed of the incident and an investigation is underway into the cause. The Environment Agency was believed to be taking the lead role in the investigation, working with local harbour authorities. Chris Durdin, regional spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), said there were a relatively low number of wading birds at this time of year." Last night, a spokeswoman for shipping firm Maersk said it was looking into the circumstances of the incident.



**Weather & Navigation**

**AUSTRALIA**

London, Jul 19 -- A Svitzer Salvage report states: The salvage operations involving bulker *Pasha Bulker* were successfully completed by the hand-over of the vessel from Svitzer Salvage back to its owners at 1700, local time, Jul 14. The vessel continues to be prepared for its trip to a repairyard with involvement of Svitzer Salvage personnel and salvage equipment.

**BANGLADESH**

Chittagong, Jul 15 -- As per Chittagong Meteorological Department,

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cautionary signal number three has been hoisted to Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla port due to depression formed in North Bay of Bengal. All fishing boats and Trawlers have been asked to remain nearer to coastal areas from yesterday. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Chittagong, Jul 19 -- Meteorological Department, Chittagong, state that cautionary signal No.3 still continuing. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### CHINA

London, Jul 15 -- Chinese residents along the Huaihe River have been urged to gear up for their second tough combat against floods in a week as the receding flood water on some branches started rising again yesterday after torrential rains. The upper-reach Nanwan Water Dam and Shishankou Reservoir have got an average rainfall of 150 mm and 315 mm respectively on Friday (Jul 13), resulting a twist in the ongoing combat against the worst flooding on the Huaihe River since 1954. The water level on the crucial Wangjiaba Hydrological Station may soon surge above the danger line as more rains have been forecast in the next few days, said Cheng Dianlong, deputy director of the Office of the Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. The headquarters issued an emergency notice yesterday to all local governments along the Huaihe River, requiring them to surmount fatigue, remain high alert and carry forward the spirit fostered in battling the 1998 Yangtze River flooding which killed more than 3,000 people and inflicted about 100 billion yuan (about 13 billion U.S. dollars) in economic losses. The notice urged them to take all adverse situations into consideration to reinforce preventive measures, continue to put the human first and safeguard the lives and assets of the people by arranging for relocation in advance. Along the Yangtze River, Guizhou, Hunan and Hubei provinces and Chongqing Municipality have been stricken by floodwater as heavy rainfall had lifted up the water levels of some branches. The Pipazui and Zhengjiahe Hydrological Stations on the tributary Fuhe River have both registered their highest water levels in history. Landslides triggered by mountain torrents killed six and caused three missing in Zhijin County of Guizhou Province, affected more than 673,000 people in Chongqing and inflicted the municipality 182 million yuan in direct economic losses.

#### HURRICANE "COSME"

London, Jul 17 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Cosme": Storm centre located near lat 15.1N, long 132.7W, at 0900, UTC, Jul 17. Position accurate to within 30 nautical miles. Present movement towards the west-north-west, or 295 deg, at eight knots. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots with gusts to 65 knots. Radius of 50-knot winds nil north-east quadrant, 35 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 20

nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 90 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 75 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 30 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 12-foot seas 150 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 90 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 80 nautical miles north-east quadrant and 60 nautical miles south-east quadrant. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jul 18: Position lat 15.7N, long 136.1W. Maximum sustained winds 45 knots with gusts to 55 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 45 nautical miles.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: The first major storm to threaten Hawaii this year, Hurricane "Cosme", is expected to weaken to a tropical storm as it reaches the islands Friday night (Jul 20) but could bring considerable rainfall and gusty winds, especially for Big Island residents. Though it is too early to predict the hurricane's effect on the state, officials say winds could reach a speed of 45 mph as it passes near the southern tip of the Big Island. The National Weather Service expects to issue a hurricane watch or warning by tomorrow and warns residents to be prepared in any case for the hurricane season. The eye of Hurricane "Cosme" disappeared yesterday afternoon in an indication that the system will likely weaken, but forecasters say it could still pose a threat, with storms across the state expected this weekend. It started out as a tropical storm early yesterday morning but was upgraded to a hurricane after its winds intensified to about 75 to 80 mph. Hurricane "Cosme" was about 1,600 miles southeast of the Hawaiian Islands yesterday and created breezy tradewinds for the state. The tradewinds are expected to continue until Friday, while clouds and rainfall should decrease today. But National Weather Service officials predict "Cosme" will be about 1,000 miles away by tomorrow morning, prompting either a hurricane watch or warning. The hurricane is expected to weaken as it hits cooler waters and approaches the southern tip of the Big Island on Friday night and into Saturday with winds reaching a maximum of 45 mph.

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Cosme" will likely weaken to a tropical depression, bringing less rain and weaker winds than earlier anticipated, on a course that could take it near the southern tip of the Big Island as early as Friday night (Jul 20). The impact, if the storm stays on its current track, should still be the biggest on Big Island residents, with winds up to 30 mph. The rest of the state, especially islands' windward sides, should experience an increase in rainfall on Saturday. "Cosme" weakened from a hurricane to a tropical storm Monday night, which means better weekend weather than forecasters expected earlier, but it could be disappointing for those hoping "Cosme" would help alleviate the summer drought.

#### QATAR

Dubai, Jul 16 -- Al Shaheen Terminal was closed at 0800 today due to bad

weather. The terminal will remain closed until further notice. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### TYPHOON "MAN-YI"

Tokyo, Jul 13 -- A powerful typhoon struck the southern Japanese islands of Okinawa today, pounding them with torrential rains and high winds before heading north towards the nation's main islands. Up to 500 mm of rain was expected to fall on some parts of Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu by tomorrow morning, further battering areas already hit by heavy rains and flooding earlier this week, and more than 8,000 people were advised to evacuate. Hundreds of flights were cancelled and some 100,000 people left without electricity as Typhoon "Man-Yi" bore down on the Okinawa island chain some 1,600 km southwest of Tokyo. Eight people were injured, though none seriously. "Man-Yi" passed near the Okinawa city of Naha and was around 80 km west of Yonaguni island as of 1400 hrs (0500, UTC), moving north at 20 km an hour, Japan's Meteorological Agency said. It had winds at its centre of 162 km an hour and gusts of up to 234 km an hour, slightly weaker than previously. "This storm is moving rather slowly, which means that rain will fall for quite some time, especially in places like Kyushu," an agency official said. "Rain is the biggest worry with this storm. Given the rain that has already fallen in Kyushu, the chance of damage is high." More than 300 flights to and from Okinawa were cancelled, NHK public television said. The storm, classified as a category 4 typhoon by British-based Web site Tropical Storm Risk, was expected to increase the activity of the annual rainy season front and pound much of Japan with heavy rain over an extended holiday weekend. Kyushu, where one man died earlier this week when he was swept away by a flooded river, braced for more rain and flooding. A landslide cut one section of a road and people slogged through knee-high water in eastern Kyushu. "We had really heavy rain and thunderstorms at dawn," one woman told NHK at an evacuation centre in the Kyushu city of Saito, a rural area where swollen rivers began to spill over their banks to flood rice fields. The storm could make landfall on Kyushu sometime tomorrow, though the Meteorological Agency said the possibility was low. It is currently predicted to turn eastward, after which it will pick up speed and rapidly weaken, brushing close to Tokyo on Monday (Jul 16), a national holiday. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 13 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Man-Yi" in lat 27 25N, long 127 40E, at 0600, UTC, Jul 13. Present movement towards the north at 14 knots. Maximum winds 90 knots. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Jul 14: Position lat 31 40N, long 130 30E. Maximum winds 80 knots.

Tokyo, Jul 14 -- A strong typhoon lashed southern Japan with high winds and heavy rain today, injuring dozens

and prompting calls for thousands of homes to be evacuated. "Man-yi" struck the southernmost main island of Kyushu after storming through the islands of Okinawa yesterday, moving north-east at 30 km per hour, the Meteorological Agency said. With winds blowing at up to 216 km per hour forecasters expected 500 mm of rain to fall on some parts of Kyushu by the end of the day. Forty-four people had already been injured, including a 72-year-old woman caught in a landslide next to her house, the Kyodo news agency said. One man died after being found lying by a riverbank. Local officials advised around 8,000 households to evacuate as they warned of flooding and landslides. Train services in Kyushu were halted, highways closed and more than 590 flights cancelled. (See issue of Jul 16.)

London, Jul 14 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today, states: Typhoon "Man-yi" near lat 30.4N, long 129.2E at 0000, today. Movement for the past six hours 40 degrees at 15 knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles. Maximum sustained winds 90 knots, gusts 110 knots. Forecast position lat 32.4N, long 132.0E at 1200, UTC, today. Maximum sustained winds 75 knots, gusts 90 knots. Forecast position lat 33.9N, long 135.6E at 0000, Jul 15. Maximum sustained winds 65 knots, gusts 80 knots.

London, Jul 15 -- Typhoon "Man-Yi" caused the deaths of three people, injured scores and disrupted air and rail transport as it moved along the Japanese coast, reports said. The typhoon was downgraded to a tropical storm as it headed toward Tokyo. "Man-Yi" had passed by the capital and was 70 kilometres south-east of Katsura City, Chiba prefecture as of 1555, local time, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The storm was moving east at 55 kilometres per hour, travelling out to the ocean. The U.S. Navy Joint Typhoon Warning Center Web site said "Man-Yi" had been downgraded as sustained wind speeds earlier today fell to 111 kph, after yesterday gusting to nearly 300 kph. Parts of Japan's eastern seaboard may still receive as much as 200 millimeters of rain, raising the possibility of floods, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Japan Airlines Corp., the country's biggest airline, and All Nippon Airways Co., the largest domestic carrier, said they cancelled 253 flights scheduled for today. The total number of cancellations topped 650 flights, affecting more than 60,000 passengers, Kyodo said.

London, Jul 15 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office dated today, states: Tropical storm "Man-yi" downgraded from typhoon to tropical storm near lat 34.4N, long 140.3E at 0600, today. Movement for the past six hours 75 degrees at 25 knots. Maximum sustained winds 45 knots, gusts 55 knots. Forecast position lat 35.6N, long 145.7E at 1800, UTC. Maximum sustained winds 40 knots, gusts 50 knots.

## UNITED STATES

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: Coffeyville Resources LLC in Coffeyville, Kan, estimates that 1,700 bbl of crude oil and a small amount of oil from the refinery's sewer system were swept away by Verdigris River flood waters. During Jun 30-Jul 1, heavy rains caused the Verdigris River to overflow its banks and protective levees, flooding Coffeyville. The river crested more than 10 ft above flood stage, setting a record for the river. About 2,000 citizens and more than 200 homes were affected. The 100,000 b/cd refinery, under 4-6 ft of water on Jul 3, was shut down and evacuated. Workers were able to return to some administrative offices and warehouses on Jul 4. Refinery management entered into an Administrative Order on Consent with the US Environmental Protection Agency to respond to the spill. The order describes Coffeyville's commitment to conduct a timely cleanup of oil-impacted areas. EPA conducted monitoring for volatile organic compounds in flood waters in Coffeyville and downstream, but has not indicated the presence of these compounds at a "level of concern," refinery officials said.

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Dozens of flights are delayed this morning due to heavy rains, thunderstorms and limited visibility. Departures from Kennedy International Airport and Newark International Airport are delayed by 60 minutes. Flights bound for LaGuardia are also not allowed to depart until after 0945 hrs, and are delayed an average of one hour and 25 minutes. Arrivals at Kennedy International Airport were postponed until after 0900 hrs. No airport-wide delays have been posted at Westchester County Airport as of 0900, but some flights to Chicago and Philadelphia have been canceled or delayed. Travelers are advised to check with airlines for more specific information.



## JAPAN

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: A strong earthquake jolted northwestern Japan this morning and caused buildings in the capital Tokyo to sway. The Meteorological Agency said small tsunamis as high as 20 inches were believed to have hit coasts in the area. Three nuclear reactors in the region automatically stopped, and an electrical fire was reported at one, public broadcaster NHK said. Black smoke was seen billowing from the reactor as the fire burned. The quake had a magnitude of 6.7, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was centred off the coast of the prefecture of

Niigata, the Meteorological Agency said in a statement. The Meteorological Agency issued tsunami warnings along the coasts of Niigata and warned of small tsunamis along other coasts, but no significant damage was expected and the warnings were later lifted. Several bullet train services linking Tokyo to northern Japan were suspended, NHK said. Niigata Airport, which had suspended flights shortly after the quake, resumed services, Kyodo said.

## MOUNT GAMKONORA, INDONESIA

London, Jul 11 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hundreds more Indonesians fled the slopes of a smouldering Indonesian volcano as it threw out smoke and ash for the third consecutive day, police and residents said today. Vulcanologists warned yesterday that an eruption of Mount Gamkonora, located on the island of Halmahera, some 2,700 km north-east of Jakarta, may be imminent. "As of this morning, a total of 8,621 people from eight villages have fled to safer areas," said Risnu Malau, a policeman in Jailolo, a town some 35 km away. He said most local police had been dispatched to the slopes to help local authorities deal with the displaced. A witness in Jailolo said that a thick column of smoke could still be seen rising from the volcano's crater, but at a lower height than yesterday, when vulcanologists said it soared 3,000 metres into the air. Spot fires were visible yesterday and the crater spat burning material up to 15 metres into the air.

London, Jul 12 -- A press report, dated today, states: Activity at a smouldering Indonesian volcano appeared to ease slightly today as hundreds more people were evacuated from its slopes, geologists and officials said. Mount Gamkonora, on Halmahera island in North Maluku province, has been spewing rocks, ash and smoke into the air since Monday (Jul 9) and experts fear an eruption could be imminent. "In the first six hours of today, we have registered only one earthquake due to an eruption and another due to the release of smoke," said Saud Simatupang, from Indonesia's vulcanology office headquarters in Bandung. "There are indications that the energy level is weakening," he said, adding however that heavy cloud obscured the volcano's peak, making visual observation difficult. White smoke could only be seen drifting some 200 metres above the crater, he said. A further 1,100 people were evacuated from 11 villages to safe shelters overnight, Sulaiman, an information officer for North Maluku, said from the capital Ternate. He said some 9,758 people, or nearly 2,000 families, were sheltering at three designated safe areas, up from more than 8,600 a day earlier. Evacuation operations were ongoing, he added.

Jakarta, Jul 13 -- An Indonesian volcano resumed shooting out flaming rocks today, while thousands more people fled the mountain in the remote east of the country as ash clouds

showered nearby villages, an official said. After a quiet spell, a series of volcanic earthquakes jolted the area around Mount Gamkonora, which started emitting towering columns of ash and smoke last week, said Saut Simatupang, head of Indonesia's Vulcanological Survey. The flaming material spitting from the volcano, which towers above the island of Halmahera in North Maluku province, indicates magma is close to the crater's surface, officials say. "After 18 hours of no activity, we have spotted five consecutive volcanic quakes this morning," Simatupang said by telephone from his office in the city of Bandung on Java island. The alert status on the volcano remains at a maximum of four and officials fear the mountain is building up for a bigger eruption. Clouds of smoke and ash had also grown thicker again, obscuring the volcano. Simatupang said he received reports of 13 villages being covered in a thin shower of volcanic ash, forcing thousands more people to move into crowded makeshift shelters, or to stay with friends and relatives in neighbouring districts. "Strong winds have carried clouds of volcanic ash in a radius of 15 kilometres from the crater's rim and it's heading northwards, posing a health hazard to many," he said. Around 2,450 families or 12,500 people had been evacuated, many suffering respiratory problems, he said. -- Reuters.

drilled in the pipeline and burning off," he said. Local rights group the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) called for the closure of the pipeline, which had been attacked twice in May by protesters in the same area, forcing Shell to halt up to 170,000 barrels per day. MOSOP said the pipeline fires were started by local youths angry with the company over what they said were unfulfilled promises of jobs and benefits. -- Reuters.

## Labour Disputes



### CHILE

Santiago, Jul 10 -- Chile's Codelco suspended copper production for an entire day at one of its four mining divisions today and curbed operations at another plant following violent protests by striking workers. The disturbances were the most serious yet in a two-week stand-off between Codelco, the world's biggest copper miner, and subcontracted workers who are demanding improved pay and conditions. Codelco, which provides the world with more than 10 percent of its copper, stopped extracting minerals at its El Teniente division in central Chile after protesters wrecked trucks carrying copper from the mine and hurled stones at buses transporting workers to their shifts. Chilean television showed the trucks strewn across a road with their tyres deflated and wind screens smashed. Piles of copper cathodes were still strapped to the trailers. Extraction resumed in the afternoon and a Codelco spokesman said the situation had returned to "complete normality". The division continued producing copper throughout the stoppage, but only because it was using existing mineral stock. El Teniente, 65 miles south of Santiago, is the second-largest of Codelco's four mining divisions and home to the world's biggest underground copper mine. The division produced nearly 420,000 tonnes of copper last year, around 23 percent of Codelco's total output. Codelco, which produces some 1.8 million tonnes of refined copper a year, said output remained suspended at its Andina division, 50 miles north of Santiago, after a transport worker was seriously injured in disturbances yesterday. It said the worker suffered a fractured cheek and impaired hearing and vision after being hit by a rock thrown at the bus he was travelling in. Codelco spokesman Antonio Varas said Andina's operations would remain suspended until tomorrow morning, and possibly for longer if the violence continues to jeopardize worker safety. "The midnight shift isn't going up (to the mine) for safety reasons," he told Reuters. "The mine will remain paralysed at least until tomorrow morning when we'll assess the

situation." Andina is the third-largest of Codelco's divisions and produced 248,000 tonnes of refined copper in 2006 -- some 14 percent of Codelco's total. The violence comes 15 days after subcontracted workers at Codelco launched what they describe as a nationwide strike. The workers are not employed directly by state-owned Codelco but perform tasks like earth clearing, catering, truck driving and cleaning at Codelco mines. They say they want their salaries brought more into line with the company's unionised staff, who have enjoyed pay raises and bonuses as the copper price has soared in recent years, boosting Codelco profit. Codelco says it cannot meet the main demands of the subcontracted workers because it is not their direct employer. The company held talks with leaders of the strike today and, in a statement issued by Codelco, both sides in the dispute condemned this week's violence. Codelco said less than 10 percent of the 30,000 subcontracted workers at its facilities were involved in the protests. The trouble at Codelco comes at the same time as a strike by workers at one of Chile's largest privately owned copper mines, Collahuasi, in the extreme north of Chile. Workers at the plant extended their strike into a second day today but a union source said the two sides were due to meet in the evening for the first time since the action started, offering hope of a resolution. Collahuasi, majority-owned by industry heavyweights Xstrata Plc and Anglo American, produces around eight percent of Chile's copper. The Collahuasi strike prompted a spike in the price of copper in international markets yesterday but prices subsided today. -- Reuters. (See issue of Jul 11.)

Santiago, Jul 13 -- Workers agreed to end a strike at one of Chile's biggest copper mines today but heavy snowfall compounded a labour dispute at another, helping prop up prices for the metal on international markets. More than 600 workers at Collahuasi, a privately owned mine in the extreme north of Chile that accounts for around eight percent of the country's copper output, voted to accept a management offer and return to work. The vote ended a five-day stoppage and sent the price of copper into negative territory in London after a firm start. Managers at Collahuasi said they had agreed to a 4 percent real-term pay rise and improved bonuses to reflect the current price of copper. -- Reuters.

Santiago, Jul 17 -- Striking workers besieged a copper mine owned by Chile's Codelco and President Michelle Bachelet called for an end to violence today as a stoppage by subcontracted workers moved into its twenty-third day. The workers have been on strike since Jun 25 in a bid to obtain more money from Codelco. Striking workers have blockaded roads and stopped buses transporting staff to Codelco mines and occasionally, the protests have turned violent. Codelco suspended all activities at its Andina division last week after a bus driver was seriously injured during disturbances linked to

## Political & Civil Unrest



### LIBERIA

London, Jul 14 -- Port operations were disrupted on Monday (Jul 9) when police raided port offices while investigating allegations that port security guards were stealing petrol. A fight broke out leaving more than 30 people injured and work at the harbour was disrupted before order was restored. Both sides blamed the other for the ensuing battle. A number of arrests were reported but could not be confirmed. Normal port operations resumed later in the day.

### NIGERIA

Abuja, Jul 17 -- An oil pipeline feeding Shell's Bonny export terminal in southern Nigeria is burning in six separate places but there is no impact on production, a company spokesman said on Tuesday (Jul 17). Precious Okolobo said Shell became aware of the fires on the Trans-Niger pipeline in early June and had been negotiating with local communities in the Ogoni area to try and gain access to the sites. "We have been denied access. We are deeply concerned about this situation and we are asking for access so that we can go in and fight these fires," Okolobo said. "Production has been continuing but a little bit of oil has been pouring out from the six holes that have been

the strike. The stoppage at Andina, high in the central Chilean Andes, was compounded by heavy snow which cut the division off from the valleys below. Speaking late today, Codelco Chief Executive Jose Pablo Arellano said operations were returning to normal. "I would say that production at Andina is at about three-quarters of normal production," he told reporters. This week, the protests have spread to Salvador, the smallest of Codelco's four mining divisions. A Codelco source said today there had been "very serious violence" at the plant and that striking workers were blockading it, refusing to let workers enter. Despite the protests, Codelco says its overall production has been largely unaffected. Crucially, the strike has had virtually no impact at the giant Codelco Norte division, which last year accounted for 56 percent of the company's output. The worst hit divisions are Codelco's smallest. Andina accounted for just over 14 percent of company output last year while Salvador contributed less than five percent. The striking workers are not employed directly by state-owned Codelco but perform tasks like earth clearing, catering, truck driving and cleaning at Codelco mines. They say they want their salaries brought more into line with the company's unionised staff, who have enjoyed pay raises and bonuses as the copper price has soared in recent years, boosting Codelco profit. Codelco says it cannot meet the main demands of the subcontracted workers because it is not their direct employer. In all, there are nearly 30,000 subcontracted workers at Codelco compared to around 18,000 unionised staff. It remains unclear how many subcontractors have joined the strike. Cristian Cuevas, one of the main leaders of the strike, said he and his supporters were waiting for a call from Codelco to resume talks, which ended without agreement last week. "We will return to work only when part of our salary, social and union proposals are accepted," he told Reuters. President Bachelet has urged dialogue between the sides. Talking to reporters today, she said further violence would strike a blow "against the workers' own cause, against all workers and against Chile". -- Reuters.

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Striking contract workers halted production yesterday at a mine operated by Chilean state-owned copper giant Cobre de Chile, or Codelco, the company and union leaders said. The strikers blocked roads to the El Salvador division in northern Chile, Codelco's smallest, but union leader Luis Garrido promised similar blockades at other mines, all of which have seen protests during the three-week-old strike

#### **ELWOOD (Panama)**

Maassluis, Jul 13 -- General cargo *Cote Aranza*, ex *Elwood*, is still under detention at Bolnes. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **ITALY**

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Alitalia SpA flights are

being disrupted by a 24-hour strike by the SDL trade union, airline officials said, who were unable to provide any numbers on cancellations. The SDL union represents workers in ground services as well as flight staff, with high representation among flight attendants, they said. According to reports, the SDL contests an agreement signed a few weeks ago by other unions, which included details on pension arrangements. The airline may provide further details on the impact of the strike later today.

#### **IVORY COAST**

Abidjan, Jul 12 -- A 72-hour strike by customs officers halted cocoa exports from Ivory Coast's ports today, but union members said services would resume tomorrow. The stoppage over wages and working conditions came at a traditionally slow period for cocoa shipments from the world's biggest exporter, as the small April-September mid crop trickles in. "The customs officers are on strike ... we're buying cocoa, but we can't export it at the moment," the sales director of an Abidjan-based exporting company said. Customs officials said the stoppage had begun yesterday. According to a statement from the customs union the strikers are also demanding the release of colleagues arrested in the wake of a toxic waste spill in Abidjan port last year. -- Reuters.

Abidjan, Jul 13 -- Customs officers in Ivory Coast today ended a 72-hour strike over pay and resumed the register of cocoa exports at the country's ports, officials and exporters said. "This morning, we were told that the customs strike is over," the sales director of a European export company based in Abidjan said. -- Reuters.

#### **SOUTH AFRICA**

Johannesburg, Jul 11 -- Employers and unions hope a strike by some 260,000 South African metal and engineering workers that entered its third day today may be called off after employers made a fresh wage offer. Both parties declined to say how much had been offered. Solidarity trade union, which represents about 25,000 workers in the sector, said its members had returned to work today after receiving the improved offer. The National Union of Metal Workers, which represents the majority of the workers in the sector, said it was consulting its members and would make an announcement later in the day. The Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (SEIFSA), which represents most of the nearly 9,000 firms affected by the strike, also said an end to the industrial action was near. "We are hoping to see an end to the strike because during the last few days, negotiation teams have been exploring various settlement options, and have come up with proposed offers that the unions and employers are considering," said Brian Angus, executive director of SEIFSA. The unions went on strike on Monday (Jul 9) after wage talks became deadlocked when firms offered

a 7.3-7.8% wage increase against union demands for 10%. The strike has not affected top producers in the country. Africa's biggest steel maker Mittal Steel South Africa, and Highveld Steel & Vanadium, South Africa's second largest, were unaffected as the firms negotiate directly with their workers. However, Anglo American has been affected by the strike as workers at its Scaw Metals unit have largely stayed away. Angus said that even if the strike is affecting only downstream sector, "if the dispute is not resolved within the next few days, it might start affecting the larger sectors." He said some sectors, such as the motor industry, may be affected because most of the companies depend on spares supplied by these smaller firms and do not keep large stocks. -- Reuters.

Johannesburg, Jul 12 -- South Africa's main metalworkers' union has agreed to call off a four-day strike that has crippled much of the country's metal and engineering sector, the union said today. The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) said the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (SEIFSA) had agreed to raise salaries in the sector by nine percent for the lowest paid and 8 percent for more skilled workers from July. SEIFSA represents most of the nearly 9,000 firms affected by the strike, which started on Monday (Jul 9). The agreement also involves share ownership and a new job grade structure, NUMSA said. NUMSA said the deal was agreed in principle and would probably be signed tomorrow, with some 260,000 striking workers expected to return to work on Monday (Jul 16). Solidarity union agreed to call off the strike yesterday after employers raised their wage offer. The strike has not affected top producers in the country. Africa's biggest steel maker Mittal Steel South Africa, and Highveld Steel & Vanadium, South Africa's second largest, were unaffected as the firms negotiate directly with their workers. But Anglo American has been hit with workers at its Scaw Metals unit staying away. Unions had also said workers at Bell Equipment joined the strike. The employers' group earlier said the strike had been affecting only downstream sectors, but if it was not resolved within the next few days it could start hitting larger sectors, such as the motor and mining industries. -- Reuters.

#### **UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated today, states: Negotiators for a clerical union and some of the world's largest shipping lines and terminal operators kept working past a strike deadline Monday (Jul 16) to try to reach a contract deal and avert a possible shutdown of Los Angeles, the nation's largest port complex. The union's strike deadline passed at 1201, Monday, but negotiations continued. Workers remained on the job, with no disruption to port operations. John Fageaux Jr., president of the office clerical unit of Local 63, a division of the International

Longshore and Warehouse Union, said the 750 clerks would strike if talks collapsed with employers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach collapsed. "We're in the process of presenting our last, best and final offer," he said. It could take several hours for the employers to review the offer after it is submitted. Steve Berry, lead negotiator for the 14 marine terminal operators and other firms who employ the office clerks, wouldn't predict a timetable. "We're working hard. We just keep going," he said. The 15,000-member ILWU has indicated that longshoremen would honor picket lines if the clerks strike. That would effectively shut down loading and unloading operations at the neighbouring ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The port complex accounts for 40 percent of all the cargo container traffic coming into the United States. A work stoppage could create ripple effects throughout many industries that depend on timely movement of cargo. It also would come as the ports enter their busy pre-holiday season, when shippers depend on the facilities to handle imports. The clerks work at marine terminals and handle bookings for the export of cargo and other transport documents. Under their most recent contract, full-time, port clerical workers earned about \$37.50 an hour, or \$78,000 a year. They also receive a pension, health care benefits free of premiums, and 20 paid holidays a year. Berry said Monday that employers' latest offer included raises that over the life of a three-year contract would bump the employees' hourly pay to \$39.50; the union is seeking increases that would equal \$53 per hour by the last year of the contract.

## Fires & Explosions



### MARINA, LINDENHURST, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated Jul 17, states: A Lindenhurst man was sentenced to two to six years in prison today for setting ablaze a marina as revenge for being fired from his job there. Alfredo Bartos, 70, pleaded guilty to third degree arson last month for setting a fire at Kydd's Marine Center in Lindenhurst January that caused an estimated \$2 million in damage. Bartos was fired from his maintenance job there shortly before Christmas last year. Suffolk Assistant District Attorney Peter Timmons said Bartos used "his last 10 dollars" to buy gasoline, which he used to douse the marina, and then ignited it.

### REFINERY, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

London, Jul 15 -- The fire that broke out at fuel giant Engen's Durban refinery in early June would cost R20-million to repair, a spokesperson said on Thursday (Jul 12). Herb Payne said

that the repairs would take three to six weeks to effect. Speaking in a telephone interview, he said the fire was caused by a defect in a pipe junction. "We expect to be back at full production sometime in August," he added. South African Petroleum Industries Association (Sapia), of which Engen is a member, said last week that the fire damage should not significantly affect the country's fuel supplies. Sapia director Connel Ngcukana said at the time that Engen had imported more refined fuel than it required to supply South Africa during a planned maintenance shutdown, in case there were problems with the start-up. The fire occurred during the start-up process, and was extinguished on July 3.



### AIRCRAFT ON FIRE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 12 -- Piper PA-31-350 N105GC, operated by Baercraft Leasing LLC, pilot reported losing engine cowling and an inability to maintain altitude. Pilot landed and the aircraft burned at Orlando, Florida, at 1610, local time, Jul 11. The aircraft was destroyed.

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 12, states: A Piper PA-31-350 (N105GC) ignited yesterday near Florida's Orlando International Airport shortly after its pilot was forced to make an emergency landing. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman told the Orlando Sentinel the pilot, who was the only person on the small aircraft, was able to exit the aircraft unharmed as the fire spread. The FAA representative said the aircraft had been traveling from Melbourne to Orlando when it was forced to land. An Orange County Sheriff's Office spokesman confirmed the aircraft's emergency landing caused no serious damage or injuries in the area. The Sentinel said a portion of an engine covering on the aircraft may have fallen off mid-flight, forcing the pilot to land the aircraft immediately.

### CONTROL TOWER, MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated Jul 11, states: Fire broke out today at a private control tower under construction at Miami International Airport, injuring one worker. Hot roofing tar spilled from a pot and ignited, Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue spokeswoman Laverne Guillen said. One worker suffered minor burns and was taken to a hospital, she said. The fire appeared to be confined to the domed upper deck of the tower, which is part of a costly construction project at the airport.

### CRASH, BALLYNACALLY AREA, IRISH REPUBLIC

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: The wreckage of a helicopter that crashed in Co Clare yesterday, killing one man and seriously injuring another, has been removed for examination into the cause of the incident. The men were conducting an aerial survey for Bord Gais of land close to the Galway to Shannon gas pipeline when the helicopter crashed into a field near the village of Ballynacally, about 10 miles from Ennis Gardaí last night named the dead man as Frederick Balcombe, of Townsparks, Skerries Co Dublin. The pilot survived the impact with serious injuries. He is recovering at University College Hospital, Galway. The helicopter has been removed to the Air Accident Investigation Unit's facility in Gormanstown, Co Meath for further investigation.

### CRASH, BENCHMARK AREA, MONTANA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 17 -- Bell UH-1H N667HP crashed near Benchmark, Montana, at 1520, Jul 16. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The one person on board suffered minor injuries.

### CRASH, CORAL HARBOUR, NUNAVUT, CANADA

London, Jul, 15 -- The federal Transportation Safety Board is trying to find out how a helicopter carrying researchers crashed near a Nunavut community on Thursday (Jul 12). The RCMP in Coral Harbour, about 700 kilometres west of Iqaluit on Southampton Island, said no one was seriously injured in the accident, but the pilot and two passengers were flown to Winnipeg for medical checkups. The Bell 206 long-range helicopter made a hard landing in a bog about 25 kilometres north-west of Coral Harbour. (CBC) Cpl. Chris Coles said ground search-and-rescue teams set out to find the crashed helicopter, but the passengers and pilot were picked up by a Kenn Borek Twin Otter airplane before the search crews arrived. The Bell 206 long-range helicopter made a hard landing at about 1300, ET in a bog about 25 kilometres north-west of Coral Harbour. The aircraft was seriously damaged as a result, safety board spokesman Peter Hildebrandt told CBC News. The aircraft was owned by Universal Helicopters and was being contracted out for geophysical surveys by researchers with the Polar Continental Shelf Project.

London, Jul 16 -- The Universal Helicopters Newfoundland Bell 206L-4, C-FLIA, on a geophysical survey flight was approaching to land in the vicinity of Coral Harbour, Nunavut, when the engine suddenly lost power. The helicopter landed hard in a bog and sustained substantial damage at 1315, CDT, Jul 12. RCC Trenton was advised. The pilot and two passengers were picked up and taken to Coral Harbour and were then evacuated to Winnipeg with minor injuries.

**CRASH, CULIACAN, MEXICO**

London, Jul 18 -- North American T39A, XA-TFL, owned and operated by Jet Paqueteria of Mexico City, on a domestic cargo flight, was destroyed during a loss of control during take-off roll from Runway 02 at Culiacan Airport, at 0940, CDT, Jul 5. The two commercial pilots and a mechanic on board the aircraft were fatally injured. Two Mexican soldiers and four Mexican civilians were also killed on the ground.

**CRASH, EL CAJON AREA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 16 -- A press report, dated Jul 15, states: A sheriff's helicopter on routine patrol spotted the wreckage of a small, private airplane, and the bodies of two Navy members were recovered today, authorities said. Officials did not know when the crash occurred at the rural site and said they did not know the model of the plane. The wreck was spotted about noon yesterday. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

London, Jul 16 -- Piper PA-28-181, N38137, operated by National Air College Inc., crashed under unknown circumstances in hilly terrain north of San Diego, California, at 2000, Jul 14. The two persons on board were killed. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

**CRASH, GARDNER AREA, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 16 -- Piper PA-28-161, N4337P, operated by Piper 37P LLC., struck trees and crashed into a swampy area eight miles from Gardner, Massachusetts, at 1950, local time, Jul 14. The aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, LAUREL AREA, IOWA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 17 -- Air Tractor AT-402A N203DM crashed near Laurel, Iowa, at 2030, Jul 16. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. The one person on board was killed.

**CRASH, MERCEDES, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 12 -- Bell 47G-2A, N7878, operated by Hendrickson FLG SVC Inc, hit a wire during application and crashed at Mercedes, Texas, at 1824, local time, Jul 11. The aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, NEW RIVER AREA, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated Jul 16, states: Two bodies were found today in the wreckage of a small plane that crashed and burned in the desert near New River. Authorities say the victims are a 23-year-old flight instructor and a student. The two took off in a small Cessna airplane on a flight from Scottsdale to Prescott early yesterday morning, but crashed about 15 minutes later. Searchers were later sent out because the plane never arrived. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is waiting to notify family members before identifying the victims.

The crash site is about six miles east of I-17 near Table Mesa Road in a remote, mountainous area.

London, Jul 17 -- Cessna 182 N2425M crashed in New River County, north of Phoenix, Arizona, at 0929, Jul 16. The aircraft was destroyed. The two persons on board were killed.

**CRASH, NIMKISH LAKE AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

London, Jul 17 -- Cessna 172F C-FBLZ crashed in the vicinity of Nimkish Lake, British Columbia, at 1324, PDT, Jul 14, while on a flight from Port McNeill, BC, to Merritt, BC. One of the three persons on board was killed and the other two were seriously injured.

**CRASH, PASO ROBLES AREA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 16 -- Eurocopter AS 350 B3, N811HP, operated by the California Highway Patrol, while practicing a simulated hydraulic failure, impacted the ground and rolled over, one mile north of Paso Robles, California, at 2020, local time, Jul 13. The aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA**

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two people escaped unscathed when their light plane landed on its underbelly at Perth's busy Jandakot airport. The Cherokee Six, with two people on board, crash landed overnight, Australian Transport Safety Bureau spokesman Julian Walsh said. Mr Walsh said it was unclear if the pilot forgot to lower the landing gear, or if there was a malfunction. "There were no injuries," he said.

**CRASH, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL**

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: A Brazilian airliner has crashed and burst into flames at Brazil's busiest airport, and as many as 200 people are feared dead. Rescue crews said none of the 176 people on board the Airbus A320 were likely to have survived, according to Sao Paulo state Governor Jose Serra. Brazilian news agency Folha quoted the leader of a rescue crew as saying there could be 200 people dead, including casualties on the ground. The plane, flying from Porto Alegre in southern Brazil, lost control on landing at Sao Paulo's Congonhas airport, which is known for slippery runways. The airliner skidded off the rain-soaked landing strip and flew over a bustling avenue just below, slamming into a petrol station and cargo terminal where people were working. Dozens of ambulances raced to the crash site, where the plane's tail hung out from the cargo terminal in flames as firefighters tried to put out the blaze, which spread to a neighbouring building. Government officials said rescue crews had recovered 20 bodies from the site and that at least 12 people were being treated for injuries at nearby hospitals. The plane, operated by Brazil's No 1

airline TAM Linhas Aereas, was carrying 170 passengers and six crew members.

Santos, Jul 18 -- Airbus A320, flight No. JJ-3054, of the Brazilian Company TAM, left the City of Porto Alegre at 1716 yesterday with 176 persons on board, including crew members. It touched the runway of Congonhas Airport, Sao Paulo City, at 1845 hrs and had difficulty braking due to lack of grooves and existence of pools of water on the runway. The pilot lost the control, the aircraft left the runway, crossed an avenue in front of the airport and hit a commercial building of the same company in front of the airport. The aircraft exploded and all people on board died. Also people working in the building and ones passing by the avenue died too. At present at least 200 dead. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 18 -- Airbus A.320-233, PR-MBK, operated by TAM Linhas Aereas, flight 3054, 180 passengers and six crew, was on a regular flight from Porto Alegre to Sao Paulo-Congonhas. The Airbus departed Porto Alegre at 1716, Jul 17. It was raining as the flight approached Sao Paulo. Initial press reports indicate that the pilot executed a go around after attempting to land on runway 35L. A fire department spokesman said that the aircraft cleared the perimeter fence and a busy highway. Failing to gain enough height, it collided with a concrete building, bursting into flames at 1845. All persons on board were killed and three fatalities on the ground. The aircraft was destroyed.

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated today, states: Brazilian officials are investigating what caused a plane to slide off the runway at a Sao Paulo airport and crash on landing, killing up to 200 people. All 186 people aboard the Airbus 320 jet and a number on the ground died in heavy rain on Tuesday (Jul 17) evening. Video footage appears to show the plane travelling along the runway at higher speed than other similar aircraft. The runway, criticised for being too short, had been resurfaced, but not yet fully grooved to help drain rain water. Over 160 bodies have been found in the burned plane. Marco Bolo, the chairman of Tam Airlines (Tam Linhas Aereas SA), confirmed that there were no survivors amongst the 186 passengers and crew on board the Tam flight from the southern city of Porto Alegre. Mr Bolo said three workers in the Tam Airlines building had also been killed and five others were missing. A Brazilian opposition congressman, Julio Redecker, is reported to have been among those on the flight. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has declared three days of national mourning for the victims of what is thought to be Brazil's worst air disaster. As the Airbus 320 jet touched down at Congonhas airport in a downpour it slid on the drenched runway. As the plane careered towards a busy road the pilot tried to take off again, but failed, sending the craft crashing into a fuel depot and cargo warehouse, where it burst into flames. The new video footage is said to show

the final moments of the Tam flight and another similar plane which had arrived earlier. The video shows the first aircraft apparently taking 11 seconds to travel along the runway, while the plane that crashed covers the same distance in three. It disappears out of view and the flash of an explosion can be seen a short time later. According to Brazil's TV Globo, the Brazilian air force, which oversees the country's air traffic control system, believes the footage shows the plane was travelling at excessive speed. Reports spoke of motorists being killed on the road and people jumping out of the windows of the low-rise Tam Airlines building as the plane struck. In February, amid fears that the airport was too close to residential areas and that its runways too short, a federal court briefly banned three types of large jet - the Fokker 100, Boeing 737-800 and Boeing 737-700 - from using the airport. The decision was overturned, but the runway was ordered to be resurfaced. That happened in June, but Brazil's airport authority said work to groove the runway, to help clear rain water, was not scheduled to take place until Jul 28, after the concrete had settled.

#### **CRASH, VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

London, Jul 15 -- A press report, dated today, states: One man is dead and three others injured after their aircraft crashed on Vancouver Island yesterday. The three were heading to Merritt when their plane went down 24 kilometres south-east of Port McNeill. Search and rescue officials, using a Cormorant helicopter and Buffalo aircraft from 19 Wing Comox, used a 59-metre hoist to extract the men from the aircraft. A 22-year-old man was transferred to EHS in Port McNeill, while a 23-year-old man was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Comox. Their condition is unknown. The third man died at the scene.

#### **CRASH, WINNEMUCCA AREA, NEVADA, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 18 -- Air Tractor AT-802A N806MA crashed near Winnemucca, Nevada, at 0241, Jul 17. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was seriously injured.

London, Jul 19 -- A press report, dated Jul 18, states: A firefighting pilot was rescued after his small air tanker crashed in northern Nevada while he battled one of the dozens of wildfires tormenting the West, officials said today. The AT-802A single-engine tanker was fighting a blaze south of Winnemucca when it went down yesterday evening, said Jamie Thompson, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The rescued pilot was pulled from the wreckage by firefighters, treated at a hospital and later released, he said. Officials said the plane was under contract from Minuteman Aerial Applications out of Montana. An investigation team was expected to determine the cause of the crash, Thompson said.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: A US Airways flight was forced to make an emergency landing at Bradley International Airport on Thursday night (Jul 12). The aircraft took off from LaGuardia Airport at 2205. It had to be diverted to Bradley because of hydraulic problems and landed at 2215. A spokesperson for Bradley said the passengers are fine and the airlines is arranging another flight out.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNITED STATES**

London, Jul 14 -- An aircraft of Delta Airlines flying from New York to Seattle made an emergency landing in Chicago late yesterday after the pilot reported smoke in the cabin, ABC News reported, citing the airline spokesman. Delta flight 597 was carrying 181 passengers and crew members when it landed at O'Hare International Airport about 2200 hrs, Delta spokesman Andy McDill said. Mechanics at O'Hare were inspecting the Boeing 757 to determine the problem, McDill said. Passengers were to be flown to Seattle early today on board a different aircraft, he said.

#### **INCIDENT AT SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA**

London, Jul 18 -- A press report, dated today, states: Nine people were injured when a Colombian plane with 54 people on board skidded off the runway on landing and ended up nose-first in the sea in the Caribbean coastal city of Santa Marta, civil aviation authorities have said. The Aerorepublica airliner broke through the fence at the end of the runway at Simon Bolivar airport after landing in driving rain, Civil Aviation said in a statement. Nine people were slightly injured in the accident yesterday, it added. The airliner was evacuated via emergency chutes at the front of the plane, witnesses told local media. One of the passengers, Antonio Jose Valencia, said that the accident happened on the second landing attempt, when the plane touched down mid-way. "The runway was wet, and with all that wind the plane could not stop and went straight before turning on its side with its nose ending up in the water," he added. The plane, an Embraer 190 with a crew of five, took off earlier from Cali.

London, Jul 18 -- Embraer ERJ-190-100IGW, HK-4455, operated by Aero Republica, flight 7330, 54 passengers, five crew, departed Cali on a domestic flight to Santa Marta. Upon landing the aircraft ran off the side of the runway and went down an embankment, coming to rest with the nose in the adjacent water at 1517, Jul 17. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

## Port Conditions



#### **AUSTRALIA**

London, Jul 14 -- Hay Point Coal Terminal Berth No.1 is closed for scheduled maintenance until Jul 23. Some minor delays may occur as a result.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated Jul 16, states: A damaged ship loader belonging to the timber company Auspine will delay the export of some woodchip loads from the port of Portland, in south-west Victoria, this week. In what Auspine is describing as a freak accident, last week a vessel that was being loaded with woodchip moved away from its berth. The company secretary of Auspine, Michael McGlone, says investigations into how the ship loader was damaged are continuing. "Winds were quite strong and it's possible that the ship may not have been properly moored, but investigations will determine that, I mean wind is not uncommon," he said. "There's something you would expect [that] when a ship is secured, irrespective of the wind, that it wouldn't move."

#### **GERMANY**

London, Jul 13 -- A press report, dated today, states: Kiel Canal Authorities have informed that due to damage, the New South Lock at Brunsbuttel is presently out of service. Following temporary repairs, the lock chamber will revert to limited operation, dependant on the tide, this afternoon. After closing the lock chamber for final repairs on Monday (Jul 16), it is likely to be taken back into 24 hours unrestricted service on Tuesday, Jul 17.

London, Jul 17 -- A press report, dated Jul 16, states: The New South Lock Chamber at Brunsbuttel in the Kiel Canal is now back in service. This lock chamber will be out of service for final repairs for a period of approximately four hours on Jul 18.

#### **NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM**

London, Jul 15 -- Inland shipping companies on the River Rhine are once again complaining about serious congestion and handling problems in Antwerp and Rotterdam, leading to delays and losses in the tens of millions of euros. They expect the situation to worsen with the arrival of the container wave due to reach northern Europe, sent over from China before the Jul 1 new taxation deadline. Additional costs for inland shipping are adding up to between Euro 15m (\$19.4m) and Euro 20m or 15% to 30% a year, said Germany's inland shipping association BDB. It anticipates operators will introduce congestion surcharges and companies such as Wincanton and Haeger & Schmidt confirmed they are considering this. There were times when vessels were

shuttling between Rotterdam and Duisburg twice a week, said Werner Kuhlkamp, transport expert at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Duisburg, where Europe's largest inland port is situated. Today, about one trip a week is realistic. Waiting times were up to 72 hours. The congestion problem was not only one of inadequate infrastructure and capacity, Mr Kuhlkamp said. It is also an expression of the market power of terminal operators that prefer seagoing ships. Independent shipping companies which call at several terminals in Rotterdam and Antwerp are right at

the bottom of the ports' pecking order. He called on the European Commission to address the issue, adding: If we come to a fair interplay between shippers, port operators and inland shipping, losses can be avoided. BDB played the same tune -- problems will persist as long as terminals have to pay for delays in handling seagoing ships but not for making inland vessels wait.

**PANAMA CANAL**

Balboa, Jul 13 -- Delays for Panama Canal transits are now running about at two-three days, with increasing tendency due to heavy arrivals. Work

continues at the Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks. Miraflores locks will be operating with lane restrictions until Jul 20. The east lane of the Pedro Miguel locks will be out of service until midnight tonight. The booking system remains at a very high level of utilisation. The booking Slot for Jul 14, offered through auction, was sold to a Panamax container vessel for US\$175,100. -- Thirty-six vessels are due for transit today, 27 are scheduled, with a projected backlog of 48 vessels. Tomorrow, 53 vessels are due, with a projected backlog of 57 vessels. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**Port Delays**

**Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association Jul 26**

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
<b>Australia</b>		
Abbott Point	23-Jul-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 2 vessels arrived; 11 vessels due by 18/8; 1-10 days delay expected.
Dalrymple Bay	23-Jul-2007	Coal: Two vessels loading at berth; 41 vessels arrived; 19 vessels due by 13/8; 7-30 days delay expected; while Berth 4 is under construction, Cape size vessels can only load on Berths 1 and 2 until end 10/07.
Dampier	23-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 2 vessels arrived; 16 vessels due by 5/8; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 6 vessels due by 5/8; 3-6 days delay expected at Dampier.
Geraldton	23-Jul-2007	Iron ore: One vessel at berth; 2 vessels at anchor; 3 vessels due by 25/7.
Gladstone	23-Jul-2007	Coal: 10-15 days delay expected; R.G. Tanna coal terminal: 1 vessel in berth; 19 vessels arrived; 42 vessels due by 11/9; Barney Point: 1 vessel arrived; 7 vessels due by 13/9.
Hay Point	23-Jul-2007	Coal: One vessel loading at berth; 15 vessels arrived; 16 vessels due by 10/8; 7-30 days delay expected.
Newcastle	23-Jul-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 2 vessels loading at berth; 36 vessels arrived; 33 vessels due by 6/8; 13-30 days delay expected; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels loading at berth; 21 vessels arrived; 12 vessels due by 7/8; 18-29 days delay expected.
Port Hedland	23-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Nelson Point: Two vessels loading at berth; 3 vessels arrived; 15 vessels due by 10/8; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island "C" berth): berth closed for refurbishment; (Finucane Island "D" berth): 1 vessel loading at berth; 1 vessel arrived; 7 vessels due by 30/7; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel loading at berth; Koolan Island: 2 vessels due 17/8; 3-8 days delay expected at Port Hedland.
Port Kembla	23-Jul-2007	Coal: One vessel at loading at berth; 1 vessel at anchor; 16 vessels due by 26/8; up to 1 day's delay expected.
Port Walcott	23-Jul-2007	Iron ore: Two vessels loading at berth, 4 vessels arrived; 20 vessels due by 14/8; 3-10 days delay expected.
Whyalla	23-Jul-2007	Iron ore: One vessel loading at anchorage; 1 vessel due 4/8.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	22-July-2007	Six vessels in port of which 4 loading (1 gasoil, 1 coils, 1 debars, 1 lead.), 2 discharging (1 steel billets, 1 copper concentrate); 1 vessel in roads to discharge copper concentrate; 12 vessels due of which 7 to load (1 copper concentrate, 5 coils, 1 ferrosilicii), 5 to discharge (1 equipment, 1 copper concentrate, 1 gasoil, 1 metal, 1 salt).
Varna	22-July-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Balchik: Thirty-one vessels in port operating of which 13 loading (2 bulk clinker, 1 barley, 3 soda, 1 hardboard, 1 containers/equipment, 1 caustic soda, 1 silica sand/bulk chamote, 2 chamote/big bags, 1 kaolin), 9 discharging (6 bulk coal, 1 raw phosphate, 1 steel coils, 1 container), 9 discharging/loading containers; no vessels waiting in roads.
<b>Egypt</b>		
Adabiya	23-July-2007	Three vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier.
Alexandria	23-July-2007	thirty-seven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 31 general cargo, none bulk carriers, 5 tankers, 1 container vessel; 3 vessels at outer anchorage.

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Damietta	23-July-2007	Twenty-nine vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, none tankers, 6 container vessels; 2 vessel at inner anchorage, 5 at outer anchorage.
Dekheila	23-July-2007	Eight vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 1 general cargo, 6 bulk carriers, none tankers, 1 container vessel; 1 vessel at outer anchorage.
Port Said	23-July-2007	Six vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 2 general cargo, 4 container vessels.
Suez	23-July-2007	Eleven vessels at berth (loading/discharging) of which 3 general cargo, 2 passenger vessels; 3 tug boats; 3 vessels dry-docked.
Siez Canal	23-July-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 30 Southbound.
<b>India</b>		
Kolkata	23-July-2007	3 vessels operating at berth 2 vessels loading Containers, 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels working at midstream to discharge (Logs-2, Pulses); 1 vessel waiting order at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel (***) waiting at anchorage to discharge; 6 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 2 vessels waiting to sail; 1 RORO vessel due.
Haldia	23-July-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (POL, Iron Ore-3, Steel), 8 vessels discharging (POL-2, Met Coke-2, Crude, Ammonia Coal, MOP, Coking Coal), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 11 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (4 to discharge, 5 to load, 2 to load and discharge), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load; 6 vessels due (Crude, Coking Coal, Container, POL, PRXLN).
Paradip	23-July-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, Thermal Coal-2, Ch. Ore, Pig Iron), 6 vessels discharging (Lime Stone, N C Coal-2, RPC, Rock Phosphate-2); 23 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 8 to discharge, 15 to load), 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge; 26 vessels due.
Visakhapatnam	23-July-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Thermal Coal, Container, Naphtha), 12 vessels discharging (Steam Coal, Product Tankers, Urea, Ammonia Nitrate, Crude Oil, Coking Coal-3, Alumina Powder, General Cargo, Muriate of Potash, LP Gas ); 10 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 5 to discharge, 5 to load); 38 vessels due ( Iron Ore-9, Containers-2, Feldspar, Granite, C.P. Coke, Food Grains, General Cargo, Petroleum Coke, Urea-4, Sulphur, Coking Coal-3, Containers-r, Caustic Soda, Passengers, Steel Scrap, Methanol, Met Coke, Crude Oil-2, Met Coke, Crude Oil-2, Product Tanker-2, Steel Pipes, Liquid Petroleum Gas ).
Chennai	23-July-2007	20 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading ( Molasses, IOL, Furance Oil, Iron Ore), 9 vessels discharging ( Pulses, Project/Steel Plate, Palm Oil-2, Sulphur, MOP, Urea, Steam Coal, Crude Oil), 7 vessels loading and discharging (Steel Plate/Granite Block., Steel Slab/Project, Project/Granite Block/Steel Coil/Steel Pipes, Containers-4); 6 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 3 to load, 1 to load and discharge), 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 3 to load); 1 vessel under arrest; 7 vessels due (Containers, Project/Steel Pipes, SKO, Trucks/Cars, Containers, Palm Oil).
Tuticorin	23-July-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading ( General Cargo-3, Sugar-2, Granite ), 5 vessels discharging (Urea, Rock Phosphate, Thermal Coal-2, Logs), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 1to discharge, 2 to load).
Cochin	23-July-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading SKO, 1 vessel discharging Crude, 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 17 vessels due ( Crude-2, Domestic Passenger, Containers-9, L. Ammonia, Methanol-2, POL-2).
New Mangalore	23-July-2007	7 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines, POL Product), 5 vessels discharging (Urea, Timber, Iron Ore Fines, Coal, Methonol); 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 1 to discharge, 3 to load); 11 vessels due ( POL Proudce-3, POL Crude-2, Boxes, Lime Stone, Iron Ore Fines-2, Iron Ore (P), Fertiliser).
Mormugao	23-July-2007	1 vessel working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 4 vessel under dry docked; 2 vessels due ( Coking Coal, Containers).
Mumbai	23-July-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Steel/ Project, Sugar in Bags, POL), 7 vessel discharging (Bulk Peas, Steel/Machierny/Project-4, Logs/Pulses, POL); 1 vessel working at midstream and discharging POL; 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 2 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge, 3 vessels waiting berth at anchorage ( 2 to discharge, 1 to load); 25 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 10 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 32 vessels due ( Containers-6, Fertilizer, Oil, General Cargo-24).
J.N.P.T.	23-July-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Motor Sprit, 7 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 2 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	23-July-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Salt, Cement), 12 vessels discharging (Steel Cargo-4, Timber Logs, Chemical, POL-3, Fertilizer, CDSBO); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under repairs; 1 vessel under arrest.

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Ennore	23-July-2007	1 vessel operating at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage and loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels due ( MV Gem of Paradip (Coal), MV Tamil Anna (Coal)).
<b>Israel</b>		
Ashdod	22-July-2007	No labour problems; Ten vessels discharging at berth (7 general cargo, 3 bulk cargo), 4 loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 tanker); 8 vessel waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 4 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (2 bulk cargo, 2 containers); 19 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	22-July-2007	No labour problems; Two vessels discharging general cargo at berth; 2 vessels due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	22-July-2007	No labour problems; Six vessels discharging at berth (5 general cargo, 1 bulk cargo), 10 loading/discharging at berth (5 containers, 5 tankers); 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge general cargo, 3 waiting at anchorage to load/discharge containers; 7 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 19 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
<b>Poland</b>		
Gdansk	23-July-2007	Nine vessels in port operating of which 6 loading at berth (1 coal, 2 general cargo, 3 tankers), 3 discharging at berth (2 bulk cargo, 1 tanker); 12 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 21 vessels due.
Gdynia	23-July-2007	Eight vessels in port operating of which 3 loading at berth (2 bulk cargo, 1 general cargo), 5 discharging at berth (2 grain, 3 general cargo); 17 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 46 vessels due.
<b>Russia</b>		
Novorossiysk	23-July-2007	Fifteen vessels in port operating of which 11 loading (2 brick, 2 natrium sulphate, 2 wheat, 1 steel billets, 1 slabs, 1 barley, 2 D/O), 3 discharging (1 debars, 2 bulk sugar), 1 discharging/loading containers; 6 vessels in roads of which 5 to load (2 wheat, 1 slabs, 1 D/O, 1 copper), 1 to discharge/load containers; 44 vessels due of which 40 to load, 4 to discharge (1 vegetable oil, 1 equipment, 2 debars); Oil terminal: 2 tankers loading at berth (1 crude, 1 diesel oil); 4 tankers in roads, all to load crude; 4 tankers due, all to load (1 crude oil, 2 fuel oil, 1 diesel oil).
<b>Slovenia</b>		
Koper	23-July-2007	Port working normally; Eleven vessels at berth of which 6 loading (5 general cargo/sawn timber, 1 coal), 4 discharging(3 minerals, 1 aluminium products), 1 discharging/loading vehicles; 22 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 10 to load (2 coal, 1 Ro/Ro to load vehicles/paper products, 7 steel products/sawn timber), 5 to discharge (3 grain/minerals, 1 reefer, 1 tanker), 7 to discharge/load (4 containers, 3 vehicles).
<b>Ukraine</b>		
Ilichevsk	23-July-2007	Ten vessels in port operating of which 6 loading (3 steel products, 1 sunflower oil, 1 sulphur, 1 project), 2 discharging (1 manganese ore, 1 billets), 2 discharging/loading containers; 1 vessel in roads to discharge containers; 14 vessels due of which 9 to load (6 steel products, 1 pig iron, 2 sulphur), 1 to discharge nickel ore, 4 to discharge/load containers.
Mariupol	23-July-2007	Nine vessels in port operating, all loading (4 steel, 2 fire-clay, 1 sulphur, 2 coal); 8 vessels in roads, all to load (6 steel, 1 fire-clay, 1 sulphur); 37 vessels due, all to load (23 steel, 5 coal, 5 fire-clay, 4 sulphur).
Odessa	23-July-2007	Thirteen vessels in port operating of which 8 loading (1 wheat, 1 scrap, 6 metal), 3 discharging (1 passenger vessel, 2 baggage), 2 discharging/loading containers; 4 vessels in roads of which 3 to load (1 metal/timber, 1 oil, 1 timber), 1 to discharge/load containers; 56 vessels due of which 25 to load (17 metal, 2 pig iron, 1 timber, 1 oil, 3 scrap, 1 coal), 6 to discharge (2 metal, 1 sugar, 1 bananas, 1 general cargo, 1 equipment), 25 to load/discharge containers.

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