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Italia Marittima pays compensation

By Sandra Tsui

LINER operator Italia Marittima has paid Yuan1.65m (\$218,000) in compensation to the owner and family of a seafarer on board a fishing vessel which sank after colliding with the containership LT Unica in January.

The 5,652 teu LT Unica, built in 2001, was alleged to have collided with the fishing vessel, the Zhe Jiao Yu 6027, off Taizhou in China's Zhejiang province on January 9. The trawler capsized and one of the six people on board is still missing and believed to be dead.

The owner of the fishing boat and the family of the missing seafarer originally

filed lawsuits against the shipping line, demanding compensation of Yuan2.3m and Yuan700,000 respectively.

However, in an out-of-court settlement agreed after six months of negotiations Italia Marittima agreed to pay a total of Yuan1.65m.

Chinese officials accused the crew of the boxship of fleeing the scene of the collision. It was only after the Taizhou Maritime Safety Administration singled out the LT Unica as the most likely suspect and sent investigators on board the ships that the master, Manzoni-Mario, admitted that the LT Unica was involved in the collision.

A spokeswoman for Italia Marittima told Lloyd's List that it was still uncertain which ship was to blame for the collision because Chinese authorities had refused to share any evidence with the carrier.

The shipping line's insurers suggested an out-of-court settlement in an effort to save the time and cost of a trial. It is understood that the master is now working on another vessel.

LT Unica is one of the three post-panamax 5,652 teu container vessels built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries for Italia Marittima after Taiwan's Evergreen Marine took over the shipping line in 1998.

Ukraine gets tough on ballast procedures

By James Brewer

SHIPOWNERS have been warned of a crackdown in Ukraine over ballast procedures, which could leave them open to massive fines.

Managers of the American P&I Club, who have expertise in shipping in the area, have said that port authorities, particularly those in the Crimea, are increasingly penalising owners.

The Ukrainian State Inspection for Protection of the Black Sea is said to have adopted an aggressive policy over ballasting, resulting in fines ranging from \$40,000 to \$60,000 in various cases.

The liability mutual has urged its shipowner members to ensure that masters of vessels entering Ukrainian ports reduce their exposure to fines.

The inspection service has made it compulsory for vessels to change their ballast in the Black Sea, so ballast water should preferably be taken in places where the water is visually clean, said club managers.

They advised: A vessel representative should be onboard during sampling to ensure that the inspectors do not take samples from the ballast pipe flange in the engine room. Such samples could be rusty or soiled.

Samples should be drawn directly from the open deck manhole of the ballast tank and not from surface liquid, which may bear patches of oily film, nor from the bottom of the tank.

Samples should ideally be taken from mid-levels of the tank where the water is likely to be cleanest.

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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>ALPHA ACTION</i>	bulker	GRC	NV	77,211	150,790	1994	In collision with c.c. <i>Wan Hai 307</i> in lat 34 37.4N, long 139 30.7E, Jul 27. Damage to forecastle. Drifting; salvage vessel proceeding. Bow wedged near stern of <i>Wan Hai 307</i> . Separated Jul 28. In lat 34 41.7N, long 139 52.6E, Jul 27.
<i>AYU-5</i>	landing craft	IDN	—	402	—	2003	Sank at Pisang island, Maluku, in heavy seas Jul 20. Five of the 6 crew rescued.
<i>BAO XING</i>	bulker	HKG	CS	12,827	20,309	1990	In collision with container carrier <i>Maersk Kimi</i> in lat 01 30.5N, long 102 59.5E, Jul 30. 1.5m gash in forepeak above waterline. Safely anchored awaiting survey.
<i>HANDAL SAKTI I</i>	general	IDN	—	647	1,170	1969	Sank in Makassar Strait, SE Sulawesi, Jul 22 after being hit by 4 to 6 metre waves causing leakage & water ingress to aft section.
<i>HD1</i>	passenger/ro-ro	BHS	NV	2,357	169	1998	In collision with ferry <i>Condor Express</i> in Elizabeth Harbour Jul 28. Serious damage; holed. Moored at Victoria Pier for damage assesment. ETD Aug 4.
<i>MAERSK KIMI</i>	container	NLD	LR	80,942	88,686	1998	In collision with bulker <i>Bao Xing</i> in lat 01 30.5N, long 102 59.5E, Jul 30. 1.5m gash in forepeak above waterline. Safely anchored awaiting survey. Proceeding Singapore for repairs.
<i>MULTI TRADER</i>	general	KHM	—	721	1,010	1977	Sank at Mangalia, in lat 43 51N, long 28 40E, Jul 26. Crew rescued.
<i>RIANDA</i>	fishing	USA	—	175	—	1967	Sank near Fish Island Jul 26, spilling more than 100 gallons of diesel fuel into harbour, after taking on water and listing 35 deg. Fuel to be removed before salvage.
<i>TIGRIS LEADER</i>	vehicle carrier	SGP	NK	30,572	11,430	1983	Had engine failure 2 miles off Cape Town Jul 30. Tug on scene & holding vessel about 20 nautical miles off the coast for repairs. Repairs completed and departed.
<i>TIRAN</i>	general	BGD	—	1,600	—	—	Capsized in Sandwip channel, Bay of Bengal, Jul 25 in heavy weather. Salvage operation to commence shortly.
<i>VENUS SEVEN</i>	general	PAN	NK	4,030	4,999	2001	Disabled in lat 30 34.7N, long 130 29.6E, Jul 30 due generator problems. Tug proceeding from Nagasaki; ETA Jul 31.
<i>WAN HAN 307</i>	container	SGP	CR	25,836	34,026	2002	In collision with bulker <i>Alpha Action</i> in lat 34 35N, long 139 18E, Jul 27. Drifting, stern cracked, water in engine-room. Listing 15 deg. Oil spill. In 34 41.7N, long 139 52.6E, Jul 27. Separated Jul 28. Being towed. At Tateyama anchorage.
<i>YILDIRIM K.</i>	general	TUR	BV	2,430	3,564	1977	Grounded Selvi Burnu in lat 41 09N, long 29 04E, Jul 30. Refloated Jul 31 and anchored at Buyukdere awaiting formalities.

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AL BARAKAT 1 (Bolivia)

London, Aug 1 -- Understand that chemical tanker *Al Barakat 1* has now been broken up at Chittagong.

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT (Bahamas)

Kiel, Jul 28 -- Passenger (cruise) *Alexander von Humboldt* returned to Blohm & Voss shipyard after encountering new machinery problems during the evening of Jul 27. The vessel reached Brunsbuttel locks, en route to Kiel, at 1800 hrs, but turned around after having reaching Brunsbuttel inner harbour and left the Kiel Canal, sailing towards Hamburg.

London, Jul 29 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS passenger (cruise) *Alexander von Humboldt* was reported moored at Hamburg at 0531, UTC, today.

Kiel, Jul 30 -- Passenger (cruise) *Alexander von Humboldt* was back in the floating dock 16 of Blohm & Voss in Hamburg on Jul 30 with welding works at the stern in progress. -- Correspondent.

ALPHA ACTION (Greece)

London, Jul 27 -- Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 0730, UTC: At 0200, Greece time, today, bulker *Alpha Action* (77211 gt, built 1994), Nagoya for Huasco, reported it had been involved in a hard collision with Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* (25836 gt, built 2002), in lat 34 35N, long 139 18E. Both vessels are damaged. *Alpha Action* in the forecastle area and *Wan Hai 307* in the area of the engine-room. Understood *Alpha Action* will be returning to Japan. (Note -- *Alpha Action* sailed from Nagoya on Jul 26. *Wan Hai 307* sailed from Yokohama on Jul 26, destination Hong Kong.)

Yokohama, Jul 27 -- The bow of bulker *Alpha Action* came into contact with the stern of container carrier *Wan Hai 307*, Yokohama for Hong Kong, in lat 34 37.4N, long 139 30.7E, at 0200, Jul 27. Both vessels are drifting eastwards. A salvage vessel arranged by the owners of *Alpha Action* is expected to arrive on scene at 1300 hrs. *Wan Hai 307* sustained cracking to the stern, resulting in water ingress into the engine-room. The vessel has a 15-deg list to starboard. An oil spill has been reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated Jul 27, states: A collision between bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* off Japan has reportedly left the bow of *Alpha Action* wedged near the stern of *Wan Hai 307*. According to a Japanese Coast Guard source *Wan Hai 307* has sustained significant damage to the hull and some containers as a result of the collision. Early reports from Japan indicated that the vessels were stuck together and adrift. Nippon Salvage

and Fukuda Salvage have been called upon to conduct the salvage operation with attempts to separate the vessels set to begin tomorrow morning.

London, Jul 28 -- Following received from Japan Coast Guard timed 2335, UTC, Jul 27: At 0600, local time, today (Jul 28) bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* were still adrift and together in lat 34 41.7N, long 139 52.6E.

London, Jul 28 -- Following navigation warning issued at 0925, JST, today: Bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* adrift in lat 34 42.1N, long 140 00.4E, at 0900, JST, today.

London, Jul 29 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* adrift in lat 35 04.8N, long 140 54.3E, at 2300, UTC, Jul 28.

London, Jul 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* locked in a T-bone shape were separated yesterday, with no danger that they will sink, the Japan Coast Guard said. Japanese salvage ships completed work to separate them at around 1700 yesterday some 90 km east-north-east of Cape Nojima on the Boso Peninsula in Chiba Prefecture, the coast guard said. No more oil has leaked from *Wan Hai 307* since an initial spill that occurred when it was struck by *Alpha Action*. With its engine compartment flooded, the disabled *Wan Hai 307* was being towed by a Japanese boat, the coast guard said. *Alpha Action* was undergoing inspection. The Japanese port where the two ships will receive repairs has not been decided yet. The coast guard plans to question both masters over the collision.

London, Jul 30 -- Following notice to mariners issued today: Drifting disabled ships (bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307*) removed.

London, Jul 30 -- Understand salvage services were rendered to Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* by Nippon Salvage Co Ltd under Lloyd's Open Form dated Jul 27.

London, Aug 1 -- The Japanese coastguard launched an investigation yesterday into Friday's (Jul 27) collision between the NYK-chartered bulker *Alpha Action* and Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* near Oshima. This came as salvors on board *Wan Hai 307* removed the first 12 boxes from the stern area around the accommodation block using a floating crane. *Wan Hai Lines* vice-president Leo Huang told Lloyd's List yesterday that it was unclear how many containers would need to be removed to allow a full damage assessment to be carried out. But he added that the engine-room and accommodation block area is badly damaged. Mr Huang said the company had no idea whether all the boxes onboard would need to be removed. But he added that those boxes being removed by crane had all been damaged in the collision. Mr Huang said once the assessment has been carried out *Wan Hai* will discuss with

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the ship's classification society, Bureau Veritas, where the ship should be repaired. Depending on the seriousness of the damage, he said the ship could be taken to Yokohama or Taiwan Shipbuilding Corporation in Taiwan. But indications are that it could be difficult for a Japanese yard to repair it swiftly. Heisei Shipping Agencies, the agent for Greek company Custom Navigation which owns *Alpha Action*, said it had so far been unable to find a dockyard able to take the vessel. Mitsubishi, Mitsui and IHI said they are all full, a spokesman said. The forepeak tank of *Alpha Action* has been holed in at least two places by the force of the collision with *Wan Hai 307*. It must return for repair before it can leave Japan, the agent said. Both ships were towed to an area around Tateyama following the incident.

Yokohama, Aug 1 -- Bulker *Alpha Action* shifted to Nakanose Anchorage this morning from Tateyama Anchorage. No schedule for repairing operations has been fixed yet. Container Carrier *Wan Hai 307* is still at Tateyama Anchorage and about 50 containers were landed from the vessel onto the barges on Jul 31 and Aug 1. Landing operations will be carried out continuously in future and after maintaining the suitable draft, the vessel is now scheduled to be shifted to Honmoku Pier, in the port of Yokohama, for discharging of all containers. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ANG PANGULO (Philippines)

Manila, Aug 2 -- Yacht *Ang Pangulo* is presently at the Philippine Navy facility and reported that repair is temporarily suspended and waiting for further instructions. -- Lloyd's Agents.

AOTEAROA CHIEF (Hong Kong)

Wellington, Aug 1 -- While stevedores were discharging a container from Bay 23 lower hold, port side, of Container Carrier *Aotearoa Chief* (10352 gt, built 1990) at No.4 berth, Tauranga, on Jul 18, a piece of 'tween deck steel beam was hit and fell down. The beam holed the No.7 double bottom water ballast tank top steel plate with three holes, diameter five to 10 cms. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Aotearoa Chief* arrived Tauranga 0516, Jul 17 and sailed 1045, Jul 21.)

AQUA JEWEL (Greece)

See *Evia Star*.

ATLANTIC SEAHUNTER (Canada)

Taipei, Jul 30 -- Understand from the Kaohsiung Harbour Bureau that the scrapping of fishing (general) *Atlantic Seahunter* commenced at the sinking site on Jul 10. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ATLANTIC TRAVELLER (DIS)

London, Jul 28 -- Passenger ro/ro *Atlantic Traveller* was reported arriving at Haugesund on Jul 27. She departed later the same day, bound for Hantsholm.

AYU 5 (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Jul 27 -- On Jul 26, five surviving crew members of landing

craft *Ayu 5* (402 gt, built 2003) reported that the vessel, bound for Tanah Merah, Papua, had sunk at Pisang Island, Maluku, on Jul 20, after being hit by four metre high waves. The survivors had spent five days adrift. One person, the vessel's master, is missing. The vessel is owned by PT Pelayaran Ayu, Jl. Enggano Raya No. 5W, Tanjung Priok. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BACO-LINER 3 (Liberia)

Flushing, Jul 27 -- Barge container carrier *Baco-Liner 3* (22528 gt, built 1984) sustained engine problems off Hansweert, in the River Scheldt, this morning. Tug *Union 7* came to assist and connected a towing wire to the aftship of *Baco-Liner 3* to prevent her from drifting aground in the strong winds. The problems were solved and at 1250, local time, the vessel was proceeding, with a speed of nine knots, downriver between Hansweert and Terneuzen, bound for Tibury. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Baco-Liner 3* sailed from Antwerp at 0749, local time, today.)

London, Jul 29 -- Barge container carrier *Baco-Liner 3* arrived at Tilbury at 0745 hrs, Jul 28 and sailed at 2248 hrs, same day, bound for Le Havre. (See issue of Jul 30.)

BALTIC ACE (Panama)

London, Jul 2 -- Product tanker *Baltic Ace* arrived at Singapore at 1245 hrs, Jul 20 and departed at 1910 hrs, Jul 23, bound for Cilacap.

BALTICON ANTWERP (Isle of Man)

See *RMS Beeck*.

BALTIYSKIY 201 (Malta)

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: A mechanical failure was yesterday being blamed after general cargo *Baltiyskiy 201* (2264 gt, built 1994) ran aground on the River Tay at Perth. *Baltiyskiy 201* was entering the harbour at 0500 hrs when it veered off course and ran into a sandbank, leaving it stranded just metres from the port. The crew of the ship faced a frustrating wait for high tide when it could be refloated. Early indications were that the ship was not damaged and it did not shed any of its load of timber. There were no other ships due in or out of the harbour yesterday so the incident did not affect business in any other way. (Note -- *Baltiyskiy 201* sailed Riga Jul 22 and passed Skaw 0620, Jul 26 bound Perth.)

Grangemouth, Aug 2 -- General cargo *Baltiyskiy 201* grounded at 0500, Aug 1, while entering Perth harbour, apparently due to mechanical failure. The vessel was refloated on the evening tide at 1720 hrs, with the assistance of harbour tugs, and berthed at 1740 hrs. Lloyds Register and MCA surveyors attended the vessel and no apparent damage was found. The MCA surveyor was satisfied with vessel and crew, and the Lloyds Register surveyor issued a Condition of Class for an underwater inspection within the next six months. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BANGA BIRAJ (Bangladesh)

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated Aug 1, states: A mobile court fined three officials of Container Carrier *Banga Biraj* (8350 gt, built 1982) Tk 2.25 lakh as the vessel was discharging oily sludge at Chittagong port channel yesterday. It is the highest penalty awarded for polluting the environment at Chittagong port channel so far. Sources said the court in a three-hour drive found that Bangladeshi flag carrier, which arrived from Singapore yesterday and anchored at jetty no 13, was discharging the sludge. The court held Chief Engineer Mostafa Anwar, Master Captain AKM Alamgir and Chief Officer Captain Md Shahjalal of the vessel responsible for the massive pollution and fined them Tk 1 lakh, Tk 75000 and Tk 50000 respectively. Soon the owning company of the vessel started collecting the sludge at the behest of the court to make the channel pollution-free, sources said. The court also directed the company to take disciplinary actions against the officials responsible.

BANGLAR SHOURABH (Bangladesh)

Chittagong, Aug 2 -- According to the owners of crude oil tanker *Banglar Shourabh*, the vessel is still at dry dock under repairs which are expected to be complete at the end of this month. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BAO XING (Hong Kong)

See *Maersk Kimi*.

BBC ECUADOR (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jul 27 -- General cargo *BBC Ecuador* was reported arriving at Callao at 0605 hrs, Jul 26.

BELUGA SENSATION (Gibraltar)

London, Jul 31 -- Container Carrier *Beluga Sensation* was reported passing Istanbul into the Black Sea at 1120 hrs, Jul 17. She was next reported arriving at Constantza on Jul 28. She departed on Jul 29, reportedly bound for Varna.

BHATRA BHUM (Indonesia)

London, Jul 27 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Bhatra Bhum* was reported still in port at Singapore at 0444, UTC, today, and Container Carrier *Thor Nexus* was reported stopped at Singapore at 1015, local time, Jul 26, and in port at Singapore at 0440, UTC, today.

Singapore, Aug 1 -- General cargo *Bhatra Bhum* and Container Carrier *Thor Nexus* are still in Singapore waters awaiting respective Class recommendation and approval. Both vessels anchored at Eastern Anchorage. Repairs not affected yet. Some containers on board *Bhatra Bhum* were reported to have sustained damages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BIRTHER THERESA (Isle of Man)

Kiel, Aug 1 -- At 1540 hrs, Jul 30, combined chemical and oil tank *Birthe Theresa* (2094 gt, built 1995) collided with pilings and the quay while berthing in the Steinwerder Harbour in

Hamburg. The vessel was laden with 2,800 tonnes of "parrafie" and was coming from the Northern Elbe. It had a pilot on board when it contacted first the wall of the Arning quay and then some pilings. A section of the quay was damaged. The hull of the ship also sustained some damages. The weather was bad at the time of the incident, although the actual cause of the incident is not yet known. The police have started an investigation. -- Correspondent.

London, Aug 1 -- Following received from managers of Combined chemical and oil tank *Birthe Theresa*: The vessel sustained a 60 - 70 cm long scratch to the starboard bow. There is a slight indent to the shell plating, about 6 cm in diameter, with a depth of 2 cm. No damage to stringers nor bulkhead on board the vessel. The weather condition: Rain showers, ebb current less than one knot, wind - south-south-west force 2, sea - calm. Lloyds Register surveyor has attended the vessel and issued a safety memo. The damage to the jetty is of an extent of 1.5 x 1.0 metres. The damage can be described as scaling off of the outer layer of the concrete at the corner of the jetty.

Hamburg, Aug 2 -- Understand from agents of Combined chemical and oil tank *Birthe Theresa* that the vessel sustained only minor damage. She has already left the port of Hamburg and is en route to Port Jerome. The vessel will only undergo repair during one of the next stays in a dry dock. Also the damage to the quay was reportedly not substantial. Reportedly, one edge of the quay sustained damage measuring 1 x 1.6 m. -- Lloyd's Agents.

BLACK WATCH (Bahamas)

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: At least five Britons are among six passengers from the passenger (cruise) *Black Watch* (28613 gt, built 1972) admitted to hospital in Sweden after showing symptoms of Legionnaires' disease. A spokeswoman for cruise operator Fred Olsen Cruise Lines said the group of elderly holidaymakers had "pneumonia-like symptoms". The passengers from the vessel would be in hospital for the next few days. Swedish officials had taken samples of water from on board the vessel, which was carrying 756 passengers and crew members, to determine if the holidaymakers had caught the illness on board, she said. It was not clear whether the disease was Legionnaires', but the vessel was to be deep-cleaned after all passengers had been disembarked, she added. "At the moment, not only is the infection a bit of a mystery but how it was contracted is as well. Jerker Jonsson, a Stockholm region infectious disease specialist, said that the group was in a "stable condition". But he added, "This is probably a case of Legionnaires' disease." Henrik Cars, port and traffic manager for Stockholm Ports, said the cruise operators had co-operated well and they were now trying to confirm the source of the suspected outbreak. "They will definitely try to find out where it comes from," he said. Before

arriving in Sweden, the vessel had travelled to Estonia and Finland. It had also been scheduled to go to Denmark and Norway, but the company cancelled the last stops as a "precautionary measure". The vessel has now left Stockholm with its remaining passengers and is due back in Dover on Wednesday (Aug 1). Most of the passengers on board are believed to be British and Irish.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two cruise passengers have tested positive for Legionnaires' disease after being taken ill from their vessel in Sweden. The cases were confirmed as passenger (cruise) *Black Watch* docked at Dover last night, two days earlier than planned. A total of seven people complained of flu-like symptoms on Friday (Jul 27) and five were taken to hospital in Stockholm. The vessel itself has so far shown no traces of legionella bacteria. The vessel is being deep cleaned before its next scheduled sailing, tomorrow to Portugal. The 756 passengers, who were mostly British, had stopped at ports in Russia, Estonia, Finland and Sweden before their excursion was cut short. They disembarked at Dover at about 2100, BST, yesterday. Of the five people taken to hospital in Stockholm, one woman remains there but she was not one of the Legionnaires' sufferers. Two people went to hospital in Ashford, Kent, as a precaution last night. Mike Rodwell, from Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, said: "We're investigating with the health protection agency and taking advice on how best to track down the source of this problem. Of course it could have been a shore-based problem or it could have been associated with our vessel." Dr Mathi Chandrakumar, from the Kent Health Protection Unit, has been on board the vessel while it is berthed at Dover. "They've taken all the necessary steps on our advice and I'm satisfied everything is being done," he said. The cleaning operation will involve full chlorination of the water system, and the vessel's shower heads, saunas and swimming pools being sanitised.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two passengers from passenger (cruise) *Black Watch* have been confirmed as having Legionnaires Disease. *Black Watch* left Dover on Jul 15 on a 17-night cruise to Lapland and St Petersburg and was due to arrive back in Dover tomorrow with 756 passengers and 329 crew on board, but was cut short after seven passengers fell ill with "flu-like symptoms" and were taken to a Stockholm hospital. *Black Watch* returned to Dover yesterday. Passengers say they were aware of the illnesses after the ship had visited St Petersburg and that it was possible the waters of the fountains there had made them unwell. Fred Olsen say they regard the health and safety of its passengers and crew as the highest priority and would take all steps necessary to eradicate all trace of any infection that may be found on the ship. However, tests of the ship's water at Stockholm proved negative. The company said it is in regular

contact with Regional and Port Health Authorities regarding the procedures planned in order to ensure that the ship does not represent any risk to the health of passengers or crew. The ship's spas and pools were closed as a precaution and the ship is now undergoing a rigorous programme to eliminate any bugs that might be on board.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) *Black Watch*, on which two passengers were taken ill with Legionnaires' disease, was not the source of the infection, the vessel's operator has said. Two women on board the vessel who tested positive were among seven passengers who fell ill with flu-like symptoms on Friday (Jul 27). They are now doing well in hospital in Stockholm, Sweden, said a spokesman. Swedish authorities took water samples from on-board showers, jacuzzis and pools. The Health Protection Authority is now carrying out cleansing and super-chlorination of the ship at Dover. "The vessel has not been found to be the source of the infection," said Fred Olsen spokeswoman Wendy Hooper-Greenhill.

London, Aug 2 -- Passenger (cruise) *Black Watch* sailed Dover Aug 1.

BLUE OCEAN (Norway)

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Norwegian luxury yacht *Blue Ocean*, 14 metres, ran aground off the Robben reef of Helgoland Jul 28. The vessel's twin rudders broke off, the propellers and hull were seriously damaged and the vessel sustained substantial water ingress. Nearby vessels assisted with pumps and a tow to prevent *Blue Ocean* from sinking.

BOULDER (Netherlands)

London, Jul 31 -- Following received from Coastguard Yarmouth MRCC, timed 1933, UTC: Anchor handling tug/supply *Boulder* (2311 gt, built 1988) struck the forward leg of drill ship *GSF Labrador* (7821 gt, built 1980) in lat 53 36.1N, long 01 08.9E. Minor damage to leg of drill ship and foremast of *Boulder*. Crew assessing damage. *GSF Labrador* stood down at 1800, UTC, today, *Boulder* returning to Great Yarmouth, ETA 0100, Aug 1.

BOW FAVOUR (NIS)

Bahrain, Jul 28 -- Chemical tanker *Bow Favour* is still under repair at Bahrain, with repairs taking longer to complete than anticipated. -- Lloyd's Agents.

CAHAYA ABADI (Indonesia)

See *Wan Hai 215*.

CATHLAMET (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: The master of passenger ro/ro *Cathlamet* that struck the dock in Mukilteo on Jun 1 has been fired for "grossly negligent actions." Washington State Ferries says Capt. Dan Tracy exercised poor judgment while docking the ferry. He is appealing his dismissal. The accident caused \$139,000 in damages to the ferry and \$1 million to

the Mukilteo terminal. There were two minor injuries: A galley worker was struck by a beverage cart and a passenger suffered cuts and bruises when he fell down six stairs. According to a report by the state ferry system, Tracy did not follow procedures in slowing the vessel as it was coming into the dock, he did not follow procedures in operating the vessel and he failed to call the chief mate to the pilothouse when he became ill and needed an emergency break.

CLIPPER KRISTIN (Bahamas)

London, Jul 28 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Clipper Kristin* was reported sailing from Santa Cruz de Tenerife on Jul 26 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0619 hrs, today, she was reported to be in port at Las Palmas.

CLIPPER VICTORIA (NIS)

London, Jul 27 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1457, UTC: Liquid petroleum gas carrier *Clipper Victoria* (9538 gt, built 1976) was contacted by a barge at the Bolivar Road anchorage, lower Mississippi River, at 0949, UTC, Jul 26. The vessel's bulbous bow was punctured below the waterline, and the vessel has a seven-inch hole in the bow ballast tank.

London, Jul 30 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, liquid petroleum gas carrier *Clipper Victoria* was located 84 nautical miles from Gulf Gateway Terminal, in lat 27 48 58.7N, long 94 25 59.63W, at 0557, UTC, today, course 179 deg, speed 13.9 knots.

CONDOR EXPRESS (Bahamas)

See *HDI*.

CSK FORTUNE (Hong Kong)

London, Jul 30 -- Bulker *CSK Fortune* passed Istanbul, in an easterly direction, at 1035 hrs, Jul 24 and passed out of the Black Sea, passing Istanbul in a westerly direction at 1845 hrs, Jul 28.

DAL KALAHARI (Liberia)

London, Jul 28 -- Container Carrier *DAL Kalahari* was reported arriving at Rotterdam at 1020 hrs, Jul 26. She departed at 0435 hrs, Jul 27, bound for Tilbury, where she arrived at 2341 hrs, Jul 27.

London, Jul 30 -- Container Carrier *DAL Kalahari* sailed from Tilbury at 0828 hrs, Jul 29, bound for Bremerhaven.

DENDEN (Eritrea)

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: Efforts to salvage the sunken general cargo *Denden* have been put back until after October. This decision was taken at a meeting of representatives from the district administration, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Coast Guard and maritime engineers, held at the New Mangalore Port Trust building yesterday. At the meeting the representatives of the vessel's

Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Club said that it was potentially dangerous to extract 1,500 litres of marine diesel and 140 metric tonnes of furnace oil from the tanks using external pumps in rough seas. "The sea is yet to calm down and we are here to ensure a safe salvage operation," sources quoting the representatives said. A decision to delay the salvage operation until after October was strengthened with the fact that the quality of sea water had not deteriorated and the fuel tanks were still intact. However, the KSPCB will keep equipment such as oil dispersers, boom lines and adsorbent pads in a state of readiness, in case of emergency.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: The sunken general cargo *Denden* is in the midst of controversy despite 1,500 litres of marine diesel and 140 tonnes of furnace oil, still lying intact in the tanks of the vessel. The Mangalore Customs, withdrawing the earlier concession, has imposed a duty on both 1,500 litres of marine diesel and 140 tonnes of furnace oil in the vessel. The duty thus levied would earn revenue to the tune of about Rs 1 crore to the Mangalore Customs, stated informed sources. M Ajit Kumar Central excise commissioner, who is in-charge of Customs informed that the concession has been withdrawn as the vessel had not sailed to its destination and was now shipwrecked on Tannirubhavi coast. The said duty will be first collected and then would be refunded depending on the process, he added. In an earlier meeting the representatives of the vessel, Indemnity and Protection Club had opposed the collection of duty on marine diesel in a vessel which had already sunk. They believed that the shipwreck itself was a huge loss and the duty would only add to the loss. According to Ajit Kumar the duty will be collected in totality. Further he said the owners of the sunken vessel will be eligible for refunding, following dip in quantity during the salvage operations.

E.R.BERGEN (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jul 31 -- Following received from Coastguard Yarmouth MRCC, timed 0238, UTC: Supply *E.R.Bergen* (2579 gt, built 2006) is reported to have struck the Hemsby buoy in lat 52 41.8N, long 01 46.2E, at 0228, UTC. Suspected rudder damage sustained to vessel, Hemsby buoy sank. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *E.R.Bergen* was in lat 52 45 42N, long 01 50 08E, at 0252, UTC, speed seven knots, course 113 degrees.)

London, Jul 31 -- Following received from Coastguard Yarmouth MRCC, timed 0305, UTC: Supply *E.R.Bergen* is proceeding to Yarmouth roads where vessel will anchor to assess the situation.

London, Jul 31 -- Following received from Coastguard Yarmouth MRCC, timed 0824, UTC: At 0618, UTC, Great Yarmouth Harbour Office reported that supply *E.R.Bergen* was safely anchored off Yarmouth. The vessel has damage to one rudder and her engine. Intentions unknown.

Hull, Aug 2 -- Supply *E.R.Bergen* is currently berthed at Great Yarmouth. Damage assessment has been completed and the vessel will sail at around 1200 hrs, today, for drydocking at Hull, where repairs will be carried out to the damaged propeller. -- Lloyd's Agents.

EASTWIND (Panama)

London, Jul 27 -- General cargo *Eastwind* was reported arriving at Piraeus on Jul 26. (See issue of Jul 23.)

Piraeus, Jul 31 -- General cargo *Eastwind* completed repairs on Jul 23 and left Corfu on the same day. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ESPIRITO SANTO (Brazil)

Kiel, Jul 27 -- Bulker *Espirito Santo* (21733 gt, built 1987) was berthed in Guanara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, Jul 25, with significant bow damage caused by a collision. -- Correspondent.

Rio de Janeiro, Jul 31 -- Bulker *Espirito Santo* is presently anchored at Guanabara Bay. Owners contacted and reported that the vessel did not sustain any bow damage. Vessel's ETA (? ETD) Aug 4/5 to Sao Francisco do Sul from where she will depart for a long voyage. The vessel loaded a large quantity of supplies while berthed in Rio de Janeiro prior to proceeding to anchorage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

EVIA STAR (Greece)

London, Jul 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: Some 850 passengers were safely evacuated from passenger ro/ro *Aqua Jewel* (4300 gt, built 2002) after a minor collision with passenger ro/ro *Evia Star* (1923 gt, built 1980), authorities said today. No one was injured. The passengers disembarked from *Aqua Jewel* at the port of Rafina, 30 kilometres east of Athens shortly before it was due to sail for the Aegean Sea islands of Andros, Tinos and Mykonos, the Merchant Marine Ministry said. About 75 passengers were on board *Evia Star*, and also safely disembarked. "*Evia Star* was reversing into the dock when it scraped the side of *Aqua Jewel*, causing slight damage to the side of *Aqua Jewel*. The damage is currently being repaired and most of the passengers have already been placed on other ferries," a spokeswoman for the ministry said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

Piraeus, Jul 31 -- During berthing manoeuvres at the port of Rafina on Jul 27, passenger ro/ro *Evia Star* collided, with her loading ramp, into the starboard side of passenger ro/ro *Aqua Jewel*. *Aqua Jewel* sustained a crack approximately five centimetres wide by 1.1m long, 2.3m from the deck and 30m from the stern. *Evia Star* did not sustain damage and proceeded. *Aqua Jewel* effected temporary repairs and after being inspected, sailed same day. -- Lloyd's Agents.

FOREST 1 (St. Kitts-Nevis)

See "Germany" under "Port State Control".

FORTEZZA (Panama)

London, Jul 28 -- Bulker *Fortezza* arrived at Gibraltar at 0144 hrs, Jul 26 and sailed at 1308 hrs, same day, bound for Bridgeport, USA.

FREYA (Hong Kong)

See *Merlion Ace*.

FRYKEN (Netherlands)

London, Jul 30 -- Product tanker *Fryken* sailed from Flushing at 2010 hrs, Jul 25 and was next reported arriving at London at 0144 hrs, Jul 29.

GESTELA MARIS 6 (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 27 -- The Philippine Coast Guard have reported that two Philippine-registered vessels, tug *Gestela Maris 6* (118 gt) and barge *Michael Elis 3* (645 gt) ran aground off the coast of Sorsogon province in southern Luzon island, during the morning of Jul 23. The Coast Guard, which only learned of the accident yesterday, said that *Gestela Maris 6* with *Michael Elis 3* in tow, was on passage from Tabaco port, in Albay province, for Davao, in central Philippines, when they encountered strong waves off the Sorsogon coast. The waves caused a steering malfunction in *Gestela Maris 6* causing it to hit a sandbank. *Michael Elis 3*, which was carrying a construction crane, likewise got caught in the sand. A Coast Guard inspection team which surveyed the vessels, said that there appeared to be no hull damage to either vessel. They are now waiting the onset of the high tide to free themselves. Once refloated they will return to Tabaco port. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 28 -- The Philippine Coast Guard have reported that initial efforts to pull free tug *Gestela Maris 6* and barge *Michael Elis 3* from their grounded position three kilometres off the coast of Sorsogon province failed. Sorsogon Coast Guard Station commander Jostelio Cornelio said that the salvage attempt began at 0200 hrs, today when a salvage tug attempted to free *Gestela Maris 6* from the sandbank on which it was trapped. The effort failed as the depth of the water was not deep enough to refloat the tug which was firmly embedded in the sand. Another attempt will be made tomorrow morning when the tide is highest, Cdr. Cornelio added. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 30 -- Tug *Gestela Maris 6* and barge *Michael Elis 3* were pulled free by a salvage tug at 0600 yesterday. *Gestela Maris 6*, with *Michael Elis 3* in tow, is proceeding under its own power to Sula port, Albay province. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Jul 31 -- Tug *Gestela Maris 6*, with barge *Michael Elis 3* in tow, arrived safely at Sula port in Sorsogon province on Jul 30. The tug is now awaiting instructions from its operator if they are to proceed to Davao to deliver the barge, which is loaded with a cargo crane, or return to Tabaco Port in Albay province. -- Correspondent.

GRUS (Panama)

London, Jul 27 -- Vehicle carrier *Grus* arrived at and sailed from Nagoya on Jul 25.

GSF LABRADOR (Vanuatu)

See *Boulder*.

HANDAL SAKTI I (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Jul 30 -- General cargo *Handal Sakti I* (647 gt, built 1969), YEJI, which sailed from Gresik on Jul 16, for Parepare, south-east Sulawesi, laden with 1,000 tonnes of fertiliser, sank in the Makassar Strait, south-east Sulawesi on Jul 22. The vessel was hit by four to six metre waves causing leakage and water ingress to the aft section. Only one crew member has been rescued. Fifteen are currently missing. The vessel is owned by PT Bahtera Handal Sakti, Surabaya. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HARPOON (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 30 -- Repair work on general cargo vessel *Harpoon* has resumed at the Tsuneshi Heavy Industries (Cebu) Inc. shipyard in Cebu following the arrival of the required spare parts from overseas (not as reported in issue of Jul 18). Work on the vessel had to be temporarily stopped while spare parts were ordered from abroad. Sources at Tsuneshi said that work on the vessel is expected to be completed towards mid-August with sea trials to take place on Aug 20.

HARRY & WAYNE III (Canada)

London, Jul 30 -- Fishing (general) *Harry & Wayne III* (58 gt, built 2002) was reported to have had a fire in the wheelhouse and accommodation while alongside the coal wharf in Grand Bank, in lat 47 06N, long 55 54W at 1322, Jul 28. Fire was extinguished with the assistance of the local fire department.

HAVI (Panama)

Jakarta, Jul 27 -- Bulker *Havi* is presently anchored at Singapore anchorage. The vessel sustained a large breach in its starboard side hull, in way of No 1 cargo hold, and a large dent in its starboard hull abreast of No 5 cargo hold. The vessel will reportedly need about a week for temporary repairs before berthing to discharge its cargo. The discharge is expected to take a week. After discharging, the vessel will undergo permanent repairs, expected to take another week. Thereafter, it will reload the cargo and resume its voyage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HDI (Bahamas)

London, Jul 27 -- Passenger ro/ro *HDI* sailed from Cherbourg on Jul 23.

London, Jul 30 -- A press report, dated Jul 28, states: Engine problems with passenger ro/ro *HDI* have caused a delay in the introduction of a car ferry link to Alderney. However, HD Ferries will operate to Cherbourg from Aug 6 via Guernsey. The planned service to Alderney will not operate in the foreseeable future because of a damaged water jet on the vessel that is affecting sailing times. The damaged jet has been removed and transported to the UK for a thorough examination. The company says it is still awaiting a detailed report on the actual cause of

the failure but says it is unlikely that the repair can be completed within the next six weeks.

London, Jul 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: HD Ferries are out of action after their passenger ro/ro *HDI* (2357 gt, built 1998) sustained serious damage when it was in collision with ferry *Condor Express* (5005 gt, built 1996) in Elizabeth Harbour on Saturday (Jul 28) night. Economic Affairs Minister Philip Ozouf was this morning expected to finalise arrangements to call in the Marine Accident Investigations Board (MAIB) to investigate due to the seriousness of the incident. Jersey Harbours issued a statement to say that while *HDI* was turning to berth at the Elizabeth West Berth it collided with the bow of *Condor Express*, which was secured to the east berth. According to reports, the two vessels came into contact five times during the incident. *HDI* was holed and is now moored at the Victoria Pier where an assessment of the damage is being carried out. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *HDI* and *Condor Express* are both stationary at St. Helier at 2110, today.)

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated Jul 30, states: Condor Ferries say they are taking the contact between the two main ferry companies in Jersey over the weekend very seriously. An investigation is underway. The incident happened on Saturday when the HD Ferries passenger ro/ro *HDI* struck the Condor Ferries ferry *Condor Express* that was already docked. *HDI* had several holes in it and cancelled its sailings. *Condor Express* was slightly scratched and continued with its service.

London, Jul 31 -- The HD Ferries passenger ro/ro *HDI*, holed in a collision with ferry *Condor Express* at the weekend, is scheduled to resume sailing on Saturday (Aug 4). The company's managing director Chris Howe-Davies this morning said 'It will take more than a couple of dents and a broken water jet to stop us. We are not leaving this route,' he said. The vessel is being repaired by specialist welders at the Victoria Pier and Mr Howe-Davies said they were working around the clock to ensure that the repairs are completed on time to resume sailing at 0700 on Saturday.

HENG SHAN HAI (China)

London, Jul 27 -- Container Carrier *Maersk Rosario* was reported arriving at Montevideo on Jul 26, sailing later the same day. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS at 1409 hrs, Jul 21, bulker *Heng Shan Hai* was in lat 34 09S, long 58 56W, on a course of 250 degs, at a speed seven knots.

Buenos Aires, Jul 30 -- On Jul 19 Container Carrier *Maersk Rosario*, sailing downstream, collided with bulker *Heng Shan Hai*, anchored at Km 82, Parana de Las Palmas. *Heng Shan Hai* sustained structural damage in way of bow/port area. Corresponding repairs have commenced on Jul 22 at Rosario and they are expected to complete on Aug 1. No casualties or fuel spillages were reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

HENNY (Netherlands)

London, Jul 27 -- General cargo *Henny* sailed from Antwerp on Jul 25.

HOHEWEG (Germany)

Kiel, Jul 31 -- The search for the missing skipper of fishing (general) *Hoheweg* by the police of Bremen was stopped on Jul 30. The body could not be found in the superstructure, crew's quarters and the machine room which have now been searched. Several tons of oil sludge, oil, diesel fuel and sand had to be removed to get access to the rooms. Slices had to be cut into the port side of the hull through which the sand was pushed out with a high pressure water lance. At the same time policemen extracted sand from the upper regions of the wreck with shovels. Specially trained dogs were used in vain to find remains of the captain. After the completion of the police search, experts will continue the works on the wreck. They will then also search the fish holds which are still filled up with sediment. The possibility of finding the skipper there are close to zero. -- Correspondent.

HOSHO MARU NO.31 (Japan)

London, Jul 29 -- A press report, dated Jul 28, states: Three people are missing and one injured after a fire broke out on a fishing boat (fishing (general) *Hosho Maru No.31*, 163 gt, built 1982) off Hokkaido, yesterday, according to the First Regional Coast Guard Headquarters in Otaru in the prefecture. The fire occurred on board the squid-fishing boat with seven crew members, out of Mutsu, Aomori Prefecture, about 75 kilometres west of Teuri Island, Hokkaido, at about 0900 hrs. The headquarters dispatched five patrol boats and airplanes to the accident scene while five consort ships tried to help the crew members. According to the headquarters, three crew members were missing. One crew member, who suffered burns over much of his body, was rescued by a helicopter. Three other crew members, who were battling the fire, were rescued by another helicopter without being injured, the headquarters said.

London, Jul 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three people believed to be crew members of fishing (general) *Hosho Maru No.31*, 163 gt, who went missing off Hokkaido on Friday after a fire broke out were found in the boat suffering from with cardiorespiratory arrest, a regional Japan Coast Guard headquarters said yesterday. The First Regional Coast Guard Headquarters in Otaru, Hokkaido, was trying to confirm the identity of the three men who were found on the *Hosho Maru No.31*, which the headquarters brought to Rumoi Port yesterday afternoon. According to the headquarters, contact was lost with the three men on Friday.

ILLAHEE (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 30 -- A press report dated yesterday, states: Traffic was snarled with 90-minute to three-hour waits for boarding the Port Townsend-Keystone ferry when Roll On Roll Off *Illahée* (1490 gt, built 1927) had a steering

problem today. But today looks like smoother sailing. The ferry was taken to Dakota Creek Industries shipyard in Anacortes, where the 80-year-old vessel had recently undergone repair. "In the first voyage, it had what looked a small radial crack in the stern tube," said Marta Coursey, director of communications for Washington State Ferries. The vessel was on the run on a temporary basis.

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Roll on roll off *Illahée* will probably be out of service for weeks after springing a leak on Sunday (Jul 29), which allowed water to stream into the hull at a rate of five gallons per minute. The vessel developed a crack around its stern tube, Marta Coursey, communications director for Washington State Ferries, said yesterday. The leak occurred on the vessel's first voyage after having been in dry dock undergoing repairs ordered by the Coast Guard. Coursey described the crack as "small" but said it was letting in water at the rate of about five gallons a minute. "We immediately took the vessel out of service," she said. Ferry officials believe the crack was the result of stress on the vessel from having been placed in dry dock, a procedure that sometimes triggers leaks in new vessels, too, Coursey said. The vessel was taken to a shipyard for more work and is not likely to return to service until mid-August or later. The vessel was in dry dock in part to undergo removal of concrete ferry workers had placed in spaces in the hull.

ISE MARU NO.136 (Japan)

See *Tokuyo Maru No.18*.

ISTANA V (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Jul 30 -- It is reported that a fire broke out on product tanker *Istana V* (1221 gt, built 1971), YCST, at 0700 hrs, Jul 29, while she was discharging at Tanjung Perak, Surabaya. The vessel had loaded her cargo of "CPO" in Samarinda. There were no reported injuries. -- Lloyd's Agents.

IYANOUGH (U.S.A.)

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Ferry *Iyanough* (563 gt, built 2006), the new passenger ferry between Hyannis and Nantucket, was temporarily taken out of service yesterday after problems with on board batteries. The vessel returned to Hyannis after the problem was first noticed on the 1100 hrs trip to the island, according to Wayne Lamson, Steamship Authority general manager. The cause of a problem that tripped a low voltage breaker was unclear, but the vessel was back in service by 1630 hrs after its batteries were recharged, said Lamson, who added the vessel missed two round trips.

IYO MARU (Japan)

See *Xiang Tong*.

IZU (Japan)

See *Yuan Tong*.

JANGHO TRADER (South Korea)

Yokohama, Jul 27 -- General cargo *Jangho Trader* was refloated at 0010 hrs, Jul 19 and proceeded to Senzaki Port, Yamaguchi Prefecture, at 1333 hrs, same day. She has already set off from Senzaki Port presumably. -- Lloyd's Agents.

JOANNA V (Greece)

See *Saint Nicholas*.

JRS CANIS (Cyprus)

Kiel, Aug 2 -- Container carrier *JRS Canis* (7545 gt, built 2006) dragged an anchor of unknown origin when raising its own starboard anchor at Twielenfleth roads on Aug 1. The anchor, which stuck fast in the vessel's anchors, will have to be removed at Hamburg. -- Correspondent.

KATJA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Ponta Delgada, Jul 29 -- General cargo *Katja* (6382 gt, built 2000) has been put alongside the quay, inner port of Ponta Delgada, today for turbo-charger damage repairs. The estimated time for the completion of the repairs/departure within two days. -- Lloyd's Agents. Note -- *Katja* sailed Fos Jul 19, arrived Ceuta 1434, Jul 21 and sailed 1935 same day for Camden, NJ.)

Ponta Delgada, Aug 1 -- Repairs to general cargo *Katja* have been completed and following satisfactory sea trials the vessel left Ponta Delgada at 2300, local time, Jul 31, bound for Camden, UK. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KYOEI MARU NO.22 (Japan)

See *Seiyo Star*.

LADY HAMMOND (United Arab Emirates)

Karachi, Jul 27 -- Tug *Lady Hammond* is still under repair at the same berth, No. 21 East Wharf, Karachi. -- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Jul 24.)

LAWIT (Indonesia)

Jakarta, Aug 1 -- Passenger (cruise) *Lawit* is still berthed at Tanjung Emas Port, Semarang, for dry-docking. -- Lloyd's Agents.

LEGEND II (Comoros)

London, Jul 27 -- General cargo *Legend II* was reported arriving at Piraeus on Jul 25.

LIDA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Wellington, Aug 1 -- General cargo *Lida* (992 gt, built 1974) struck the wharf at Port Chalmers Jul 24. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Lida* was subsequently reported on Lloyd's MIU AIS in lat 45 16 03S, long 171 26 37E, at 0037, UTC, Jul 26, speed 11.1 knots, course 45.2 degrees.)

LILLIAN (Belize)

See "Republic of Ireland" under "Port State Control".

MAERSK KIMI (Netherlands)

London, Jul 31-- Following received from Malaysia MRCC, timed 0130, UTC: Container Carrier *Maersk Kimi*, PDHO, (80942 gt, built 1998), Colombo

for Singapore, and bulker *Bao Xing*, VRCU9, (12827 gt, built 1990), Karachi for Singapore, were in collision in lat 01 30.5N, long 102 59.5E, at 2335, local time, Jul 30. There were no injuries. Both vessels sustained a 1.5 metre gash in forepeak tank seven metres above the waterline. Both vessels are now safely anchored awaiting survey which should take place around 1200, local time, today. Following survey both vessels are then expected to proceed to Singapore for repairs.

London, Aug 1 -- Following received from Malaysia MRCC, timed 1147, UTC: Container carrier *Maersk Kimi* is now proceeding to Singapore. Bulker *Bao Xing* is still anchored, undergoing an inspection which is expected to be completed tonight. Following inspection, the vessel will sail for China.

London, Aug 2 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Maersk Kimi* was at anchor in lat 01 16 37N, long 103 53 58E, at 0012, UTC, today and bulker *Bao Xing* was in lat 01 14 47N, long 104 01 47E, at 1707, UTC, Aug 1, speed 13.5 knots, course 77.5 degrees.

MAERSK NEUCHATEL (Cyprus)

London, Jul 28 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Maersk Neuchatel* was still aground in lat 05 38 15.12N, long 00 01 38.22E, at 1714, UTC, Jul 27.

London, Jul 29 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS Container Carrier *Maersk Neuchatel* was still aground in lat 05 38 15.12N, long 00 01 38.22E, at 1910, UTC, today.

London, Jul 30 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, container carrier *Maersk Neuchatel* was still aground in lat 05 38 15.78N, long 00 01 38.94E, as of 1544, UTC, today. (See issue of Jul 31.)

London, Aug 1 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, container carrier *Maersk Neuchatel* was still aground in lat 05 38 15.78N, long 00 01 38.94E, as of 1739, UTC, Jul 31.

MAKRAN (Pakistan)

Kochi, Aug 2 -- Confirm the extent of damage that occurred to general cargo *Makran* is as follows:- Ship's starboard unit valve block was malfunctioning, this has been serviced and re-fitted. There is no damage caused. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MARIA S. (Panama)

Kochi, Jul 27 -- Understand that the owners of Container Carrier *Maria S.* have assured the Kochi Port Trust that they are exploring the possibilities of refloating the vessel as early as possible. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated Jul 30, states: The Kerala High Court today granted permission to the owner of Container Carrier *Maria S.*, which sank off the Kochi coast, to remove the wreckage and salvage the vessel. Justice S. Siri Jagan, however, ordered that the owner and master of the vessel should not leave the country until the investigation into the case registered against them, was over. The directive was passed on a writ petition filed by

the owner of the vessel, Ervin Shijaku. The petitioner challenged the notice issued by the Cochin Port Trust seeking a bank a guarantee of Rs.12 crore as a security for removing the wreckage. When the petition came up, counsel for the Centre submitted a criminal case was registered against the owner and the master for entering Indian waters without valid permission and insurance. He submitted that the owner and the captain should not be allowed to leave the country. The petition filed by the port trust seeking a directive for not allowing the owner and the master to leave the country is pending before the court. According to it, the voyage of *Maria S.* was illegal.

MARINA (Greece)

Piraeus, Aug 2 -- Passenger ro/ro *Marina* has completed repairs and is leaving Piraeus today for her scheduled voyage to Paros island. The shipowners refused to disclose any information regarding the extent of damage and the exact date of the completion of repairs. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MELDERSKIN (Norway)

Oslo, Jul 30 -- Roll On Roll Off *Melderskin* completed repairs on Jul 12 and returned to ferry duties on Jul 13. At the moment it is serving the Bruravik - Brimnes connection. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MELWILL (Tuvalu)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

MERLION ACE (Singapore)

Yokohama, Jul 30 -- There was a light collision at 1840 hrs, Jul 28, between vehicle carrier *Merlion Ace* (33546 gt, built 1984), Mizushima for Kanda and general cargo *Freya* (5601 gt, built 1994), lying at anchor in Mizushima, in lat 34 26.2N, long 133 44.6E. *Merlion Ace* only sustained scratches on her port side, while *Freya* reported denting damage to her port bow bulwark. No injuries were reported. Both vessels have resumed their respective voyages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

MICHAEL ELIS 3 (Philippines)

See *Gestela Maris 6*.

MILLENNIUM (Bahamas)

London, Jul 30 -- Press reports state: Dated Jul 20: Passenger (cruise) *Millennium* is on the way to Barcelona. Celebrity Cruises said the ship has left Palermo and is on target to be in place for the Jul 24 sailing from the port. Dated Jul 27: *Millennium* returned to service as planned. (Note -- *Millennium* arrived Barcelona Jul 23, from Palermo, and sailed Jul 24 for Nice.)

MILO (Greece)

London, Jul 27 -- Bulker *Milo* arrived at Aviles on Jul 26 from Montreal.

London, Jul 28 -- Bulker *Milo* sailed from Aviles at 0035 hrs, Jul 27 and is ETA Nordenham Jul 29.

MILTIADES (Jamaica)

See *White Mist*.

MSC HEIDI (Panama)

London, Jul 27 -- Container Carrier *MSC Heidi* was reported arriving at Valencia at 1015 hrs, Jul 23. She departed at 2150 hrs, Jul 25 and at 1254 hrs, Jul 26, she was reported passing through the Straits of Gibraltar, bound for Bremerhaven, where ETA Jul 29.

London, Jul 30 -- Container Carrier *MSC Heidi* arrived at Bremerhaven at 1800 hrs, Jul 29.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Jul 31 -- Container Carrier *MSC Napoli* situation update, Jul 27, from the *MSC Napoli* Response Centre: The bow has been holding well at anchor. Salvors have been on board and an emergency towing bridal has been rigged. Poor weather has delayed the possibility of further work. The intention is still to tow the vessel to a port for recycling and disposal. Invitation to tender for disposal of the stern has been advertised. The condition of the stern is stable. Yesterday's overflight reported a slight sheen coming from both sections. There was some sheen reported also off Beer Head. On shore, contractors are responding to oil at Seaton and emulsified oil at Branscombe. East Devon District Council is assisting with the beach clean up operation this weekend. In Dorset, Charmouth and West Bay have some oil which contractors are responding to.

London, Jul 31 -- Belfast shipyard Harland and Wolff is close to landing the contract to dismantle the bow section of Container Carrier *MSC Napoli*. Lloyd's List understands a formal announcement could be made in the next day or two, with the yard now in the process of finalising terms and conditions. If Harland and Wolff is successful in winning the demolition contract, it would mark the first time that the company has undertaken this type of work. The yard was only recently granted a waste management licence. The bow section could be towed to Belfast as early as next week. The more badly damaged aft section, including the accommodation block, is still resting on the seabed and may have to be broken up in situ.

MULTI TRADER (Cambodia)

Bucharest, Jul 27 -- General cargo *Multi Trader* (721 gt, built 1977) reportedly loaded with 1,002 tonnes of bagged construction materials bound for discharge at Constantza, sank in Mangalia at 2125 hrs, Jul 26, in position lat 43 51N, long 28 40E. All seven crew members (two Turkish nationals, one Ukrainian and four Georgian nationals) were safely rescued by the Search and Rescue Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Control, Constantza (SAROPPRC). The vessel's agents will be dealing with their repatriation. The owners representatives are expected to attend the site and evaluate the situation. No attempts to refloat the vessel have yet commenced. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Bucharest, Jul 30 -- Salvage of general cargo *Multi Trader* has not

commenced yet, the shipowners' representatives having apparently not yet attended at the site. Understand that the antipollution actions taken by the Romanian authorities after the vessel's sinking were successfully finalised on Jul 28, but the area remains under surveillance. The vessel's crewmembers were interviewed by the investigation officers of the Romanian Naval Authority and they are presently in a hotel in Mangalia, waiting to be repatriated. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NAUTICA JOHOR BAHRU (Malaysia)

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: The launch of product tanker *Nautica Johor Bahru* (3388 gt, built 2007) was delayed yesterday when the excavators used to push the vessel into the water gave up after 90 minutes. It was disappointing for E.A. Technique (M) Sdn Bhd, for *Nautica Johor Bahru* was the biggest seagoing petroleum tanker it had ever built. E.A. Technique managing director Datuk Abdul Hak Mohd Amin said the problem could be due to the soft ground beneath the tanker. The land beneath the ship became soggy and the slipway sank due to the weight, he said yesterday. The slipway was utilised previously and there was no problem, he said, adding that the rain for the past few days was the main cause. He added that they would try again this morning.

NAVISON LOGGER (Panama)

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

NEW CARISSA (Panama)

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated Jul 31, states: A federal oil spill fund has been tapped for \$15.5 million to buy nesting habitat for marbled murrelets, a threatened sea bird harmed by the 1999 grounding of wood-chip carrier *New Carissa*, officials said today. The 3,851 acres in the northern Coast Range, where logging was already restricted to protect nesting trees for the birds, was bought from Forest Capital Partners and Plum Creek Timber Co and turned over to the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the US Fish and Wildlife Service said in a statement. A third of the land is currently used by marbled murrelets for nesting, a third will be managed to promote the large trees favoured by murrelets for nesting and a third will be managed for timber to pay for the project, the agency said. *New Carissa* ran aground at the entrance to Coos Bay on Feb 4, 1999, and spilled 25,000-140,000 gallons of fuel oil. The vessel broke apart while being towed off the beach. The bow drifted north and ran aground near Waldport before being towed out to sea and sunk.

NINA (Netherlands)

London, Jul 31 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Nina* is still in port at Valletta.

London, Aug 2 -- General cargo *Nina* sailed from Valletta at 0930 hrs, Aug 1.

NORDIC VIKING (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Jul 26 -- Fishing (general) *Nordic Viking*, owned by Northern Seiners, Inc., grounded in Prince William Sound, Saint Matthew Bay, Alaska, Jul 24. The grounding caused one of the vessel's nine fuel oil tanks to be compromised allowing an oil spill to take place. In addition the engine-room was reported as flooded. The vessel has been dewatered and temporary patches installed over the grounding damage. Response personnel from the Alaska Chadux Corporation, in coordination with the U. S. Coast Guard marine Safety Unit Valdez and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation are reported to be involved with the clean up. Currently the vessel is awaiting tugs to arrive on scene and tow the vessel to Seward Shipyard, Seward, AK. The ETA is currently 1200, local time, Jul 28. The shipyard reports that the vessel will be docked immediately upon arrival. Reportedly, the owner believes that the vessel will be a total loss. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 27 -- A press release from Coast Guard Juneau, dated Jul 26, states: The owner of fishing *Nordic Viking*, in conjunction with response personnel from the Alaska Chadux Corporation, Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Valdez, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation are continuing to work on final plans to tow the stricken vessel to Seward and complete spill clean-up efforts. The fishing vessel, which ran hard aground late Saturday evening (Jul 21) breaching one of its nine fuel tanks releasing an estimated 3500 gallons of diesel, was freed from the beach late Tuesday evening after response crews safely transferred 12,113 gallons of diesel off the vessel into awaiting barges. The engine space and fuel tank have been patched and currently the owner is making final arrangements to have the anchored vessel towed to Seward, Alaska. Response crews arrived on scene early Sunday afternoon to assess and control the extent of pollution from the vessel. Light, scattered sheening remained in some areas near St. Mathews Bay and Olsen Bay as of Wednesday afternoon. Efforts to collect that sheening were not feasible. Shoreline assessment teams are evaluating these areas for any impact, which will dictate any additional response measures necessary. These teams are comprised of trained monitors from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, NOAA, the Coast Guard, US Forest Service and experts hired by the owners. To date, there has been no discernable impact to wildlife and monitoring actions of potentially affected wildlife populations continue. The cause of the grounding remains under investigation.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Fishing (general) *Nordic Viking*, which grounded last Saturday (Jul 21) between Valdez and Cordova, has departed Port Gravina enroute to Seward. Tug *Redoubt* from Homer arrived on Friday to tow the

vessel after final plans were approved by the owner, the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Valdez, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Response crews safely transferred 12,113 gallons of diesel fuel off of the vessel, and it is transiting with temporary repairs and a minimal quantity of diesel and oils on board. The vessel should arrive in Seward late Saturday night, where it is tentatively planning to conduct repairs. Response crews have continued to evaluate the water and beaches in the area for any impact to the environment or wildlife. Shoreline assessment teams comprised of specialists from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Forest Service, NOAA, the Coast Guard and industry found two areas of remaining sheen that were targeted for further evaluation. The assessment teams determined both locations to be best left to naturally dissipate after review determined that clean-up efforts would do more harm than good. There were no discernable impacts to wildlife during the incident. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reopened the fishing grounds that had been closed since Sunday due to the sheening. The cause of the grounding remains under investigation by the Coast Guard.

NORDSKOTT (Norway)

Sandnes, Jul 28 -- At 0600 hrs, today, 20 nautical miles north-east of Harstad, Roll On Roll Off *Nordskott* (4578 gt, built 1979) had fire break out in the engine. A fire-brigade crew was flown out by helicopter and extinguished the fire after about one hour. There were no injuries to the crew of nine, but the vessel is damaged and will be towed to Harstad for repairs later today. The vessel is currently in lat 68 59.50N, long 17 17.28E. A rescue vessel is in the area. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 29 -- Following received from Bodo RCC, timed 0500, UTC: Roll On Roll Off *Nordskott* arrived Harstad 0730, UTC, yesterday, in tow of a search and rescue vessel. The fire was caused by a fuel pipe leak which sprayed diesel over a hot manifold. Damage was minor and mainly electrical.

Trondheim, Aug 1 -- Harstad Port Authority informs that there was a fire in the engine-room of Roll On Roll Off *Nordskott* on Saturday (Jul 28) morning, outside Dyroy, about 20 nautical miles from Harstad, northern Norway. The fire was put out by the crew, later assisted by professional firemen. *Nordskott* was then towed by *Nordfjell* to Harstad, where arrived at 1300 hrs, same day. The vessel's general cargo was discharged at Harstad. *Nordskott* will be towed to a yard for repairs. Estimated date of sailing from Harstad is Aug 5. -- Lloyd's Agents.

NORTHERN DIVINITY (Liberia)

See "South Africa" under "Weather & Navigation".

NORTHERN VICTOR (U.S.A.)

See "Dutch Harbour Area, Alaska, United States" under "Pollution".

PACIFIC STAR (U.K.)

Brisbane, Jul 27 -- Passenger (cruise) *Pacific Star* has completed repairs and will be departing Brisbane at 1900 hrs, Jul 28, on a cruise, with the first port being Mystery Island. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 31 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, passenger (cruise) *Pacific Star* was in lat 22 17 06.6S, long 166 25 27E, at 0636, UTC, Jul 31, proceeding on a course of 255 deg at 9.8 knots.

PANAM SERENA (Bahamas)

Piraeus, Jul 31 -- Chemical tanker *Panam Serena* is still under repair at Keratsini. Estimated time for the completion of repairs unknown. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PARAMUSHIR (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Aug 1 -- General cargo *Paramushir* (4795 gt, built 1971), owner Sakhalin Sea Steam Navigation, is currently without steering due to a coil being trapped in its propellers, in lat 42 35N, long 133 52E, Soviet Bay, Sea of Japan. Rescue vessel *Yuriy Orlenko* is en route to the area. -- Correspondent.

PASHA BULKER (Panama)

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation".

PATER NOSTER (Norway)

Trondheim, Aug 1 -- On Jun 13 fishing (general) *Pater Noster* was released from all investigations and was taken in tow from Tromso at 0930, hrs, today, bound for Daafford. Understand from the surveyor that the vessel is now deleted from the Norwegian Fishingboat Register. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- The report in issue of Jun 28, stating that the vessel had already left Tromso, was erroneous.)

PHILIPPOS K. (Greece)

Piraeus, Aug 2 -- General cargo *Philippos K.* is anchored off Perama. According to the vessel's agents repairs are probably not economical due to the extent of the damages sustained by the fire. The shipowners refused to disclose any information regarding their intentions at this stage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

PIONEER BAY (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Jul 28 -- General cargo *Pioneer Bay* was reported arriving at Antwerp at 1608 hrs, Jul 25. She departed at 0122 hrs, Jul 27, bound for Nuuk, Greenland.

PRIDE (Turkey)

London, Jul 28 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS combined bulk and oil carrier *Pride* was in lat 34 43 35S, long 57 50 45W, at 1645, UTC, Jul 21.

London, Jul 28 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS combined bulk and oil carrier *Pride* was in lat 30 50 32S, long 48 32 03W, at 2149, UTC, today, speed 11.4 knots, course 41.8 degrees.

PRINCESS OF THE OCEAN (Philippines)

Manila, Jul 30 -- Repairs to passenger ro/ro *Princess of the Ocean* have been completed and the vessel is now back servicing its regular route between Cebu and Cagayan de Oro. -- Correspondent.

RAJAPURI (Bangladesh)

London, Jul 27 -- A press report, dated Jul 26, states: The Ganga pollution monitoring committee will assess the damage caused by the fly ash-laden general cargo *Rajapuri* lying in the depths of the Hooghly. It is a very serious incident and some of the committee members will visit the area tomorrow to take stock of the situation, said Biswajit Mukherjee, the convener of the high-court appointed committee. The department of environment had last evening directed the state pollution control board to collect samples of the water from the point where the vessel sank near Budge Budge on Tuesday (Jul 24). We carried out a preliminary survey yesterday and detailed sampling is continuing today, said Debal Roy, a secretary of the board. A three-storey-tall lump of solidified fly ash is now lying submerged. The team of engineers and divers working to remove the vessel has not made much headway in the last 24 hours. The divers were sent to study how the vessel is positioned and how strong the layer of fly ash is. Yesterday's efforts were a trial run of the procedure to get the vessel out of water. Now we are planning things in detail so that nothing goes wrong and we can complete the operation at the earliest, said a Calcutta Port Trust official. The CESC, from whose plants the Bangladeshi cargo vessel was ferrying the fly ash, expressed concern, but said the material has not been listed as hazardous by the Union ministry of environment and forests. We go by the guidelines of the ministry, said Sanjay Chakraborty, the chief general manager (generation).

RED SETO (Panama)

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Suez Canal was blocked for three hours today by bulker *Red Seto* (40030 gt, built 2002) which broke down, an official of the canal's authority said. He said that traffic was halted when *Red Seto*, loaded with 41,000 tonnes of goods, had mechanical problems near Suez on its way south to the Red Sea. Tugs were sent to move the ship, as a line of at least eight other vessels built up behind the *Red Seto*. (Note -- *Red Seto*, Quebec for Qingdao, passed Gibraltar at 1943 hrs, Jul 21.)

Port Said, Jul 29 -- Bulker *Red Seto* went aground at 1400 hrs, Jul 28, at km 124 in the Suez Canal, while she was transiting the Canal with the southbound convoy. S.C.A tugs refloated the vessel at 1900 hrs and she resumed her passage and cleared the Canal from Suez at 2200 hrs, the same day. -- Lloyd's Agents.

REEF AZANIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Aug 1 -- Following notice to mariners issued at 0530, UTC, Jul 31: General cargo *Reef Azania* reported missing since Jun 24 enroute to Seychelles from Dubai. Vessels transiting in area to keep sharp lookout.

RIANDA (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 27 -- Fishing (general) *Rianda* (175 gt, built 1967) sank near Fish Island last night, spilling more than 100 gallons of diesel fuel into the harbour. No one was on board the 87-foot fishing vessel when it sank around midnight last night, according to the Coast Guard. This morning, the Coast Guard is continuing to oversee the clean-up of the fuel that spilled into the water. Frank Corp., a private contracting company, placed containment boom in the harbour, placed absorbent boom on the vessel, and plugged the vessel's vents. Fire Department dispatchers said they got a call that the *Rianda* was taking on water and listing 35 degrees at 2057 hrs. A fire engine, a ladder truck and a boat responded to the scene. Coast Guard pollution investigators were also immediately dispatched to the scene after the New Bedford police notified Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England about 2130 hrs. The New Bedford Fire Department and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection also responded. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Plans are under way to raise and salvage wooden fishing (general) *Rianda* that sank last week and remains submerged near Fish Island. The Coast Guard is making arrangements with Frank Corp Environmental Services to raise *Rianda*, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Lauren Downs. "We have to raise it safely to remove the fuel" and prevent harbour pollution, she said. Once the fuel has been removed, the owner will be responsible for salvaging the vessel. Conrad Roy of Tucker-Roy Marine Towing and Salvage said he was submitting paperwork to the Coast Guard for the salvage operation. *Rianda* sank on Jul 26, spilling about 100 gallons of diesel fuel into the harbour, according to the Coast Guard. Frank Corp. plugged the vessel's vents and placed a floating boom around the vessel to contain the fuel. The cause of the sinking is under investigation. Alan E. Curtis, who recently purchased the vessel, said he was preparing *Rianda* for a scalloping trip the day the vessel sank. "Everything was wrapped up in the boat," he said of the uninsured vessel. He estimated the sunken vessel has 3,000 gallons of diesel on board.

RIG DELIVERER (Panama)

See "Seawave Maritime S.A."

RMS BEECK (Antigua & Barbuda)

Maassluis, Jul 26 -- General cargo *RMS Beeck* (1995 gt, built 1995) in collision with general cargo *Balticon*

Antwerp (4185 gt, built 2002) while entering Boudewijn Locks at about 1835, today. Damage is unknown. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Jul 28 -- General cargo *RMS Beeck* was reported departing from Antwerp at 1936 hrs, Jul 26, bound for Warrenpoint, where ETA Jul 30. General cargo *Balticon Antwerp* was reported sailing from Antwerp at 0920 hrs, Jul 27, bound for Lisbon.

ROBERTSON II (Canada)

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated Jul 27, states: About a dozen people will attempt to free the 130-foot training *Robertson II* from a reef near Saturna Island this weekend. The group will travel with equipment from Sidney, Pender Island and the Lower Mainland to the wreck in an effort to get it off the rocks. This afternoon, the group was trying to locate a small barge that would carry a trailer and compressor to the site, said Humphrey Killam, spokesman for the salvage crew and friend of the ship's owner, Roy Boudreau. Previous attempts to refloat the vessel failed because of inadequate equipment. *Robertson II* is resting on its starboard side, where seawater flows in and out of a hole, with each tide. The last attempt to refloat the schooner a week ago failed because of an insufficient number of air bags, which are used to support the vessel once the water surrounds it, but that problem has been rectified and Killam believes there are ample air bags on hand to get the schooner afloat. The crew must get the vessel upright to patch the hole in its side, before the schooner can be towed to a facility for repair and restoration. Transport Canada is monitoring the situation, said spokeswoman Kirsten Goodnough today. "We don't consider (the wreck) to be a navigational or environmental hazard at this point. Should it become one, we could take action, but as it sits right now it's status quo."

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands)

Bremen, Jul 30 -- A fire broke out on board the passenger (cruise) *Rotterdam* at a wooden extension on deck, which had been used by the crew for changing clothes. The fire also damaged rooms adjacent to this extension in the superstructure of the vessel. It appears to have been a minor accident. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SAINT NICHOLAS (Malta)

Piraeus, Jul 30 -- During the morning of Jul 27, while crude oil tanker *Saint Nicholas* (57301 gt, built 2002) was discharging at the Hellenic Petroleum installations of Thessaloniki, general cargo *Joanna V* (2138 gt, built 1982) while departing from Thessaloniki port, leaned on the mooring lines of *Saint Nicholas* resulting in three out of seven lines being broken. The Port Authority directed *Joanna V* to the roads and noted damages to her bow above the waterline. The Port Authority prohibited departure of *Joanna V* pending issuance of a class maintain certificate. The discharge of *Saint Nicholas* was interrupted while she moored again safely. -- Correspondent.

London, Jul 31 -- Crude oil tanker *Saint Nicholas* arrived Yuzhny Jul 31.

SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Aug 1 -- Operations at the island of Santorini to remove oil stemming from the sinking earlier this year of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* are being scaled down after what is being called a positive outcome of the clean-up. Shoreline response work was completed on Jul 19 and a new inspection by the coast guard, local authorities and a senior representative of the International Tanker Owners' Pollution Fund found no remaining oil in any of the shoreline areas. It is estimated that some 300 tonnes of the 410 tonnes on board the vessel have been recovered. According to ITOPF adviser Michael O'Brien, the 16-week shoreline clean-up involved removing oiled debris and rubbish from the shores, removing layers of freshly-deposited oil, selectively removing oil-saturated sand and pebbles, steam-cleaning rocks and cliffs and sea-water flushing of sand and pebbles. As the wreck, which lies at a depth of about 130 m, continues to leak small amounts of oil, an inflatable boom is being kept above it to catch oil as it rises to the surface. A small team will remain on site and will be making daily rounds, using a skimming vessel to gather floating oil. UK-based London Overseas Consultants, a firm that was appointed to provide specialist marine engineering services after the accident, has concluded that there are very limited options for hastening removal of further oil trapped in the wreck. Any deposits that may have accumulated in machinery spaces could be partly removed by hot tapping but would not yield significant results nor prevent the gradual migration of oil through the accommodation sections. However, LOC said it has concluded that tapping the main internal fuel oil tanks is not feasible, while the removal of oil wedges accumulated in the accommodation is seen as practically impossible. Attempts to remove oil from the fuel tanks or other spaces could worsen the rate of leakage and jeopardise any contractors involved, causing "a real threat to the environment."

SEA PARK (Panama)

Durres, Aug 1 -- General cargo *Sea Park* remains in the same position. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SEA RICHES (Liberia)

London, Jul 30 -- Bulker *Sea Riches* arrived at Singapore at 1900 hrs, Jul 28 and sailed at 1250 hrs, Jul 29, bound for Suez.

SEI-17 (U.S.A.)

London, Jul 31 -- A Coast Guard Boston press release, dated Jul 29, states: The Coast Guard responded to reports that 180-foot barge *SEI-17* sank in Quincy Shipyard, Quincy, Mass, with no one on board, spilling an unknown amount of diesel fuel into the water at about 2045, today. "Assets from Station Point Allerton arrived on

scene shortly after the Coast Guard received notification and we dispatched a petty officer from Sector Boston to investigate the situation," said Ensign Shelly Wyman, of Sector Boston's incident management branch. Shipyard personnel deployed fuel-containment boom and contacted Cyn Environmental, a private contracting company, to continue containment and clean-up efforts. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated Jul 30, states: The Coast Guard estimated that less than 200 gallons of diesel fuel leaked when a barge (*SEI-17*) sank at the former Fore River Shipyard. The 180-foot barge began taking on water at about 1700 yesterday. Personnel on shore used pumps in an attempt to keep the ship upright, but it sank about about three hours later, Petty Officer Lauren Downs said. Owned by Sterling Marine, which has an office at the shipyard, the barge had a crane on board when it went down, Downs said. The fuel spilled from a 250-gallon drum that floated free of the vessel, she said. Containment booms were deployed, and Cyn Environmental Services was called in to clean up the spill. The cause of the sinking remained under investigation today.

Boston, MA, Aug 2 -- Understand from Sterling Marine that barge *SEI-17* is still submerged. Plans and efforts are underway for its raising. Plan for raising barge is to use a combination of dewatering pumps while pumping air into the barge to bring it to the surface. There is a crane on the barge. Expected date of refloating is next week (probably Aug 8) Extent of damage is unknown at this time. Intention on repairs is unknown at this time and will be determined upon inspection after barge has been raised. Pollution clean-up has been accomplished/completed at this time. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SEIYO STAR (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Aug 2 -- General cargo *Seiyo Star* (2363 gt, built 2004), Dalian for Tokyo, ran over the nets of fishing (general) *Kyouei Maru No.22* (5 gt), which was fishing with a consort vessel, about 2.1 km south-east of Yuri Shima at 1027, Aug 1. *Kyouei Maru No.22* overturned as a result of the incident, and the skipper and one crew member were injured. *Kyouei Maru No.22* was towed to Kaminada by its consort vessel. *Seiyo Star* berthed at Matsuyama. -- Lloyd's Agents.

SICHEM MAYA (Marshall Islands)

Port Said, Jul 29 -- While entering Port Said harbour, at 1730 hrs, Jul 28, product tanker *Sichem Maya* (10948 gt, built 1988) experienced a sudden engine black out. S.C.A tugs succeeded in mooring her to the inner harbour. The vessel will now enter the Canal with today's southbound convoy, after conducting a sea trial. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 30 -- Following received from the Singapore based managers of product tanker *Sichem Maya*, dated

today: *Sichem Maya* encountered a problem with its CPP system, due to a failure of a solenoid valve in the system (on Jul 28). Therefore the engine was stopped manually. A replacement of valve was fitted and the CPP system satisfactorily tested. The vessel is now proceeding in the convoy bound for the Suez canal.

London, Aug 1 -- Product tanker *Sichem Maya* transited the Suez Canal, with the southbound convoy of Jul 30.

SOUND MASTER (Sweden)

Kiel, Jul 26 -- While tug *Sound Master* (199 gt, built 1958) was manoeuvring in Trelleborg harbour on Jul 20, her engine failed to go astern, which resulted in a collision with three small plastic fishing vessels, *TG Saga*, *Flipper* and *Anita*, which were tied up at the pier. All three vessels got loose and drifted out in the harbour. The vessels were brought back by the sea rescue boat. *Sound Master* was detained in the port pending repairs to malfunctioning hydraulic and electrical systems. *TG Saga* sustained a large crack to her starboard bow. The port side of *Flipper* was totally impressed and most likely to be considered as total loss. *Anita* sustained only small damage. The fishing vessels will go to a yard at Simrishamn for repair. The hull of *Sound Master* was undamaged, the machinery was repaired in Trelleborg and on Jul 22 the Swedish Maritime came on board, tested the manoeuvring system and found no reason why the vessel should not continue her voyage. - Correspondent.

STAR PROVIDENCE (Panama)

See *Thor Merchant*.

STENA SEAFARER (Bermuda)

London, Jul 27 -- passenger ro/ro *Stena Seafarer* (10957 gt, built 1975) entered Cammell Laird No. 7 dry dock Jul 23, for a three week drydock period. Yesterday Radio Merseyside news was reporting that there had been a fire on board.

London, Jul 27 -- A press report dated today states: An investigation is underway to establish the cause of a blaze on board a car ferry moored in dry dock at the former Cammell Laird shipyard on Thursday night. A storage area beneath the car-loading bay was gutted during the fire, which broke out just after 2300 hrs. Six fire engines, including the force's chemical incident team were called to the scene. No one was injured.

TAKAHISA MARU (Japan)

Yokohama, Jul 27 -- Fishing *Takahisa Maru* and Combined chemical and oil tank *Woo Hyeon* both resumed their voyage on Jul 12. -- Lloyd's Agents.

THOR MERCHANT (Thailand)

Singapore, Aug 1 -- General cargo *Thor Merchant* (13251 gt, built 1982) was in collision with bulker with container capacity *Star Providence* (27226 gt, built 1985) off Horsburgh lighthouse, Jul 24. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Thor Merchant* is stationary at

Pasir Gudang at 1413, today. *Star Providence* arrived Singapore at 1000 hrs, Jul 28.)

THOR NEXUS (Thailand)

See *Bhatra Bhum*.

TIGRIS LEADER (Singapore)

London, Jul 30 -- Wallem Shipmanagement Ltd, Hong Kong, report that vehicle carrier *Tigris Leader* (30572 gt, built 1983) had engine failure two miles off Cape Town, today. Tug *Smit Amandla* is presently on scene and will tow vessel to Cape Town. All crew are well accounted for and vessel otherwise is undamaged. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Tigris Leader* was not under command in lat 33 58 51.59S, long 18 17 38.44E, at 1819, UTC, today.)

London, Jul 31 -- The NYK-operated car carrier vehicle carrier *Tigris Leader* lost engine power off the Cape Peninsular last night. As the vessel's engines failed and it began to drift down towards the rocky coast between Camps Bay and Llandudno, an emergency call for assistance went out. Fortunately *SMIT Amandla* was on standby in Cape Town harbour, not too distant, and within 20 minutes the powerful tug was at sea and heading at full speed for the stricken vessel. The tug managed to secure a line to the larger vessel. Yesterday *Tigris Leader*, which has a capacity of 3,150 motor vehicles, remained at sea off the coast while engineers made repairs to the vessel's engines, ahead of its planned voyage to Durban where it was originally due Aug 2.

Cape Town, Aug 2 -- After experiencing main engine problems, vehicle carrier *Tigris Leader* was towed clear of the coast by salvage tug *Smit Amandla*. The tug held the vessel about 20 nautical miles off the coast (off Cape Peninsular) for repairs to be conducted. Upon completion of the repairs, the vessel departed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TIRAN (Bangladesh)

Karachi, Jul 29 -- Lighterage vessel *Tiran*, owner Bulk Trade International, capsized in the Sandwip channel of the Bay of Bengal during bad weather am Jul 25. *Tiran*, loaded 1,435 tonnes of cement clinkers from bulker *Pan Express* anchored at Chittagong outer anchorage, and left for Meghna Ghat area in Dhaka to deliver the cement clinkers to Holcim Cement Limited at around 0600 hrs, but encountered rough weather while crossing the Swandip channel and sank. Bimol Babu, the representative of the owner of *Tiran* said that all 13 seamen have already been rescued. -- Correspondent.

Chittagong, Jul 30 -- Bulk Shipping Lines, Dhaka, owners of the lighter vessel *Tiran* have advised that the vessel trades under the Bangladesh flag and is 1600 gt and 830 nt. As the vessel is an inland coaster vessel, she is has no call sign, IMO number or registered deadweight. The owners have stated that salvage operations are expected to commence shortly. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TOKUYO MARU NO.18 (Japan)

Yokohama, Jul 27 -- Liquid petroleum gas carrier *Tokuyo Maru No.18* (698 gt, built 1990), Yokkaichi for Chiba and general cargo *Ise Maru No.136*, Yokosuka for Toba, were in collision eight miles from Iro Saki at 1010, Jul 26. No water ingress or oil spill was reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TORM SIGNE (Singapore)

Bremen, Jul 27 -- Product tanker *Torm Signe* arrived at Bremerhaven at 1430 hrs, Jul 26, from Guanabara Bay. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TPC ARIRANG (South Korea)

London, Jul 30 -- Bulker *TPC Arirang*, which sailed from Bahia Blanca on Jun 28, arrived at Singapore at 2051 hrs, Jul 29.

TRANS-1 (Bangladesh)

Chittagong, Aug 1 -- The Mongla Port Authority harbour-master and the owner of barge *Trans-1* have advised that salvage operations are still continuing at Alpha-15, Mongla Outer Anchorage. Once the barge has successfully been cut into two parts, the forward part is expected to be salvaged within four/five days. Salvage of the aft section will then be undertaken. On completion of salvage, the owner will determine whether the barge can be repaired or not. -- Lloyd's Agents.

TT MARGAUX (Bahamas)

See "South Africa" under "Weather & Navigation".

VENUS SEVEN (Panama)

Yokohama, Aug 1 -- On Jul 30, general cargo *Venus Seven* (4030 gt, built 2001), Taiwan for Takuma, became disabled in lat 30 34.7N, long 130 29.6E, as a result of generator problems. The generator could not be repaired and the vessel requested assistance. A tug proceeded from Nagasaki, liaising with the vessel on Jul 31. -- Lloyd's Agents. (Note -- *Venus Seven* was reported sailing from Keelung on Jul 26 and was ETA Osaka on Jul 31.)

VERNAL GRACE (Panama)

London, Aug 1 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Vernal Grace* arrived at Singapore at 1305 hrs, Jul 27 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS the vessel is currently still at Singapore, at West Petroleum "A" Anchorage.

VICTUS (Netherlands)

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Dutch inland barge *Victus* (2414 gt, built 2006), 104.9 metres, crashed into a house at Grou op de Wal on the island De Burd, Netherlands, at 0430, Jul 27 after the master fell asleep at the bridge.

W.D.FAIRWAY (Netherlands)

Tianjin, Jul 31 -- Hopper dredger *W.D.Fairway* has been released by the Tianjin Maritime Court under LOI (? letter of indemnity) in amount of US\$18 million provided by Citibank Beijing at 1000, local time, Jul 28. The vessel has left Shanhaiguan in tow of

tug *Fairmount Expedition* for Netherlands via Singapore or Thailand. The main damaged part has not yet been repaired. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WAN HAI 215 (Singapore)

Jakarta, Jul 27 -- Container Carrier *Wan Hai 215* (17138 gt, built 1993) and general cargo *Cahaya Abadi*, YHSO, 953 gt, built 1986, ex *Bintan Santika*, port of registry Pulau Batam, were in collision while manoeuvring to come alongside at Tanjung Priok port, Jakarta, during the afternoon of Jul 19. *Wan Hai 215* was slightly dented at its forepart, while *Cahaya Abadi* sustained damage to its starboard side. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 30 -- Container Carrier *Wan Hai 215* was reported arriving at Surabaya on Jul 22 and sailing Jul 23, bound for Taichung.

WAN HAI 307 (Singapore)

See *Alpha Action*.

WHITE MIST (Panama)

London, Jul 28 -- A press report, dated Jul 26, states: Bulker *White Mist* and bulker *Miltiades* collided in the Panama Canal, causing no casualties or economic losses, Panama Canal's administration confirmed yesterday. The two vessels were in head-on collision early Tuesday (Jul 24) in the Gamboa region on the Panama Canal. Bows of the vessels were slightly damaged. There were no casualties or economic losses as a result of the accident, and workers have already started to repair the vessels, according to the administration, which will further investigate the accident. (Note - According to Lloyd's MIU AIS both vessels were at anchor at Cristobal at 0020, UTC, today.)

Balboa, Jul 31 -- Bulker *Miltiades* is still at Gamboa moorings and is presently being patched up to enable the vessel to move to a more accessible location where repairs can be completed. Understand the intention is presently to move the vessel to the Braswell dry dock/repair berth on the Pacific side of the Panama Canal to complete permanent repairs and understand the work could take several weeks. The move from Gamboa moorings to the dry dock could take place on Aug 2-3. Bulker *White Mist* moved back to the Atlantic side of the Canal on Jul 27. The vessel docked at Cristobal pier No 6 on 28 Jul, where it is presently moored and undergoing temporary repairs under Class supervision. Understand the vessel will proceed to its discharge port in China after temporary repairs are completed and this could take another seven to 10 days. The results of the official Canal inquiry should be published in about four to five months. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WHITE SEA (Liberia)

London, Jul 26 -- Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1529, UTC: Combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* is still at the anchorage and has commenced lightering operations.

London, Jul 27 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, combined bulk and oil carrier

White Sea was located stationary off New York in lat 40 36 37.62N, long 74 03 06.96W, at 1341, UTC, today.

London, Jul 29 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, combined bulk and oil carrier *White Sea* was in lat 37 49 02N, long 73 59 66W, at 0330, UTC, today, speed 10 knots, course 181.5 degrees, bound Freeport.

WILSON EXPRESS (NIS)

Kiel, Aug 2 -- Approximately six weeks after arriving at Kiel for a new crankshaft, general cargo *Wilson Express*, is still at Kiel's North harbour. Apparently finding a new crankshaft is proving difficult. -- Correspondent.

WILSON MUUGA (Cyprus)

Beirut, Jul 30 -- Bulker *Karim*, ex *Wilson Muuga*, remains under repairs on dry-dock. Expect completion in two weeks time. -- Lloyd's Agents.

WISTERIA (Cyprus)

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: One of the ferries which covers the Nador to Almeria route is out of commission, after it hit a disused loading bay as it was coming in to dock in Almeria this morning. Europa Press reports that the accident caused a breach in the hull and damage to 20 of the cars on board the ferry. None of the 188 passengers or crew members were injured.

London, Jul 31 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 2100, UTC: Almeria MRCC report passenger ro/ro *Wisteria* (13505 gt, built 1978) from Nador, made contact with a dock at Almeria at 0344, UTC, this morning. Minor damage to the vessel and a metal fender.

WOO HYEON (South Korea)

See *Takahisa Maru*.

XIANG TONG (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Aug 2 -- General cargo *Xiang Tong* (499 gt, built 1985), Amagasaki for China, ran over the nets of fishing (general) *Iyo Maru* (5 gt), which was fishing with a consort vessel, in lat 33 49.2N, long 132 30.5E, at 0840, Aug 1. *Iyo Maru* overturned as a result of the incident, and its skipper was reportedly drowned. *Iyo Maru* was towed to Matsumae by its consort vessel. *Xiang Tong* berthed at Matsuyama. -- Lloyd's Agents.

YILDIRIM K. (Turkey)

Istanbul, Jul 30 -- General cargo *Yildirim K.* (2430 gt, built 1977) grounded Selvi Burnu Point (lat 41 09N, long 29 04E) at 0455, local time today. -- TurkishStraits.com. (Note -- *Yildirim K.* passed Dardanelles 2110, Jul 28 for Constantza.)

London, Jul 30 -- Following received from Ankara MRCC, timed 0345, UTC: General cargo *Yildirim K.* is still aground.

London, Jul 30 -- General cargo *Yildirim K.*, Aliaga for Constantza, in ballast, due to rudder failure, as per master's declaration, ran aground in front of Umuryeri, at approximately 0450 today. Fast rescue vessel *Kiyi Emniyeti 8* and tug *Kurtarma 3* were

immediately sent to the scene by Istanbul VTS. There is no life risk for the 13 crew members on board. The vessel has 20 tonnes of diesel oil and 700 litres of lubricating oil. As a result of observations and underwater surveys no pollution reported.

London, Jul 31 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Yildirim K.* was stationary in lat 41 08 41N, long 29 04 11E, at 0047, UTC, today.

Istanbul, Jul 31 -- General cargo *Yildirim K.* is presently anchored at Buyukdere. Once the necessary formalities are completed, the vessel will sail for Constantza. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 31 -- A salvage assistance agreement was signed between the master of general cargo *Yildirim K.* and tug *Kurtarma 3* at approximately 0130, today and salvage operations started. Vessel was refloated 0650 same day and secured.

YOUNG LADY (Isle of Man)

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Divers have now completed a detailed visual inspection of the CATS (Central Area Transmission System) pipeline at the location where a large vessel (crude oil tanker *Young Lady*) dragged its anchor causing damage to the pipeline's protective concrete coating. The diver inspection followed extensive preparatory work by BP to ensure the activity could be carried out safely and efficiently. A large section of the damaged concrete coating was removed to enable the inspection of the pipeline. The diving work was conducted from a dive support vessel, which was secured at short notice following wide scale industry co-operation. Following a comprehensive engineering assessment of the inspection data, it has been determined that the pipeline has sustained damage and a permanent repair will be required before the pipeline is safe to start up. A metal sleeve will be installed to strengthen and protect the affected area of pipeline. Design and fabrication of the sleeve is already underway and it is expected that the system will restart during September. BP will advise when this work has been completed and the pipeline has been returned to service.

YUAN TONG (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Jul 27 -- While dredger *Yuan Tong* (1783 gt, built 1993) was manoeuvring to berth at No 1 Pier, Naoetsu, it came into contact with research *Izu* (3680 gt, built 1997), which was berthed at No 2 Pier, at 0823, Jul 27. *Yuan Tong* sustained damage to the port bow. *Izu* sustained damage to the bulwark. No water ingress or oil spill were reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Jul 30 -- Research *Izu* was reported arriving at Yokohama on Jul 28.

YUKO (Netherlands Antilles)

London, Jul 28 -- General cargo *Yuko* sailed from Bremerhaven at 1015 hrs, Jul 26.

London, Jul 31 -- General cargo *Yuko* arrived at Gothenburg at 0510 hrs, Jul 29.

ZIM HAIFA (Israel)

London, Jul 26 -- Container Carrier *Zim Haifa* has sustained at least US\$3M in damage, not including the cargo stowed within those 100 containers.

Port State Control



BELGIUM

Antwerp, Jul 31 -- General cargo *Melwill* (2987 gt, built 2006), which arrived at Antwerp on Jul 27; Departure suspended due detentions. -- Lloyd's Agents.

GERMANY

Emden, Aug 1 -- General cargo *Forest I* is still under detention. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

London, Jul 27 -- An auction date has been set for the sale of general cargo *Lillian* which has been detained at New Ross port since May. It will be sold at New Ross on Aug 8. The sale of the ship was ordered by the High Court after an application by the International Transport Federation, the union representing the crew, who claimed not to have received wages for several months. ITF Inspector Ken Fleming said he was now satisfied that the crew would be paid their wages. Mr Fleming said the crew of eight Russians would be going home next Wednesday (Aug 1).

UNITED STATES

London, Jul 27 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulker *Navision Logger* was located stationary at Houston as of 1431, UTC, today.

Seizures & Arrests



ABDI BABA (Comoros)

London, Aug 2 -- Court of Brindisi, notice of ship's sale: Comoros fishing (general) *Abdi Baba*, D6BH6, 165 gt, 49 nt, will be sold at the price of auction of Euro one 600,000 at 1200, Oct 1. Every increased offers will be equal or greater then Euro 10,000.

ALBATROS (Cambodia)

Trieste, Jul 28 -- Roll On Roll Off *Albatros* is still under arrest at Trieste, situation unchanged. -- Lloyd's Agents.

ALTRANS (Slovakia)

London, Jul 28 -- General cargo *Altrans* sailed from Beirut on Jul 14 and was next reported passing through

the Dardanelles, in an easterly direction, at 0345 hrs, Jul 18.

ATHENA (Greece)

London, Jul 27 -- A report in today's edition of "Newsfront" states: During the second half of July, bulker *Athena* (34636 gt, built 1979) was seized by the Hellenic Mutual War Risks Association (Bermuda) Ltd., in pursuance of two claims of Euros 602,500 and Euros 422,300, against the registered owners: Sea Trade Maritime Corp. (Note -- *Athena* arrived at Piraeus on Jun 28 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 1436, BST, today, was reported to be still in port at Piraeus.)

London, Jul 27 -- A report in today's edition of "Newsfront" states: Bulker *Athena* is to be sold at auction on Sep 5. The vessel, which is currently lying at Salamina, has a "start-up" price of Euros 4.4 million.

CARMEN DEL MAR (Canary Islands)

London, Aug 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Development Ministry has ordered passenger ro/ro *Carmen del Mar* (6367 gt, built 1970), which covers the route between Denia and Ibiza, to remain in port after its owners, Iscomar, failed to inform the Maritime Authorities that the vessel had hit a marker buoy when it was setting off from Ibiza early yesterday. The Alicante newspaper, Informacion, reported that the vessel is to remain in Ibiza until a new order comes allowing it to leave.

DA LI (Singapore)

Chittagong, Jul 31 -- The local agents of Container Carrier *Da Li* (11982 gt, built 1990), Seacon Shipping Lines Ltd., have advised that the vessel has been shifted to Chittagong outer anchorage, where she is still lying under attachment. -- Lloyd's Agents.

DEBBIE ONE (Bolivia)

London, Jul 31 -- General cargo *Debbie One* seized in the Miami River on Jan 8, 2002, after a quantity of cocaine was found on board, sailed from Miami on/about Jul 20, under the new name of *Lady Bernadette III* and flying the Cook Islands flag.

HAYRI REIS OGULLARI (Comoros)

London, Aug 2 -- Court of Brindisi, notice of ship's sale: Comoros fishing (general) *Hayri Reis Ogullari*, D6BH7, 208 gt, 61 nt, will be sold at the price of auction of Euro one million at 1200, Oct 1. Every increased offers will be equal or greater then Euro 10,000.

LAMO (PANAMA)

Cape Town, Aug 1 -- Bulker *Lamo* has been renamed *Amul* and she departed from Walvis Bay at 1716 hrs, Jul 29, on a single voyage to breakers in Alang, India. -- Lloyd's Agents.

RIG DELIVERER (Panama)

Durban, Jul 31 -- Understand that anchor handling tug/supply *Rig Deliverer* is still under arrest at Maydon Wharf, Durban. -- Lloyd's Agents.

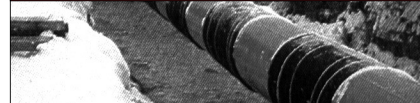
SEA EAGLE II (Malta)

St. Petersburg, Jul 30 -- Roll On Roll Off *Sea Eagle II* arrived at St. Petersburg on Jul 23, from Zeebrugge. - Lloyd's Agents.

TALING (Netherlands)

Maassluis, Jul 30 -- Pontoon *Taling* has been renamed *Ersai 2* and was released this afternoon. *Ersai 2* is scheduled to depart on Jul 31, accompanied by tug *Watergeus*, bound for St. Petersburg. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Pipeline Accidents



BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 30 -- An oil pipeline which ruptured in Brisbane's south over the weekend, forcing the evacuation of 500 homes, has been described as an "environmental disaster waiting to happen". Santos Ltd has begun an investigation into the cause of the leak in part of the Moonie to Brisbane pipeline. The company said today that about 205 cu m of crude oil and water had been removed from the site at Algester in Brisbane. The pipeline had been shut down and a section isolated, with the majority of surface oil recovered and storm water drains cleaned, the company said. Oil would be trucked while the pipeline was repaired. "The production impact of the incident is not material for Santos," the company said. "Santos maintains appropriate insurance coverage for these types of incidents." Residents were allowed to return to their homes on Saturday (Jul 28) evening, and the clean-up is being overseen by the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency.

GUDDIVANICHINTA, PAKISTAN

London, Jul 30 -- Leakage of gas from GAIL pipeline was reported tonight between Narsapur and Allavaram and no damage was done to property or human life. According to official sources, the leakage was reported around 2000 hrs with huge noise coming out from a pipeline Guddivanichinta village and matter was reported to GAIL officials in Allavaram.

KAZAKHSTAN

Astana, Aug 1 -- Workers planned to restart today a small oil pipeline in Kazakhstan that had been shut down earlier this week after being damaged by fire, state oil and gas company KazMunaiGas said. Kazakhstan's pipeline operator on Monday (Jul 30) shut the Uzen-Atyrau pipeline, which is linked to the bigger Atyrau-Samara pipeline shipping 300,000 barrels per day to Russia, after a fire broke out during maintenance work. "The pipeline will be put back into operation today," a spokeswoman for

KazMunaiGas said. The Atyrau-Samara pipeline was not affected. -- Reuters.

NORTHWEST RUSSIA

London, Jul 26 -- The fire sparked by a blast that hit a gas pipeline near Severnaya thermal power plant outside the town of Lavriki in the Leningrad region has not affected gas exports, Lentransgaz, the operator of the pipeline, has reported. "All gas export contracts are being fulfilled," the company said, adding that gas supplies to consumers have been running smoothly.

TEESIDE, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jul 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: BG Group Plc, a UK-based oil and gas producer, said production of natural gas and condensate will fall this quarter because of the closing of the CATS pipeline in the North Sea. The company's gas and condensate production has been reduced by 80,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day by the closing of the Central Area Transmission System, BG Chief Financial Officer Ashley Almanza told reporters on a conference call today. Operations at CATS, which carries gas to the Teesside sub-terminal, were halted on July 1, after its operator, BP Plc, discovered damage to the pipe's concrete covering, possibly caused by a ship's anchor. Its closing forced the shutdown of several installations that feed the CATS pipe, including some BG production. BG's production of oil and gas fell about three percent in the second quarter to 590,000 barrels a day, the Reading, UK-based company said in a statement today.

VANCOUVER AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Jul 27 -- Crews contending with the clean-up of an oil spill in a quiet Vancouver suburb will be working for weeks to alleviate the damage caused by the 1,400 barrels of crude that sprayed over homes and into a nearby inlet. Kinder Morgan Canada, the North American energy company that owns the punctured pipeline, said in a statement yesterday that booming has contained oil in the marine area, shoreline monitoring is ongoing and contaminated soil is being removed. The line burst while a private contractor, Cusano Contracting, was conducting roadwork that included the installation of storm sewers. Kinder Morgan provided the city with drawings showing the location of the pipeline. Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan said that there is some discrepancy about who is responsible for the spill. "The contractor followed instructions from Kinder Morgan but something went wrong in that process," he said. "Either the line was misidentified on the map or the construction crew didn't properly identify the location of the line." An investigation is under way to determine who should assume responsibility for the spill and the

cost of cleanup. Damage costs have not yet been determined but Corrigan said it will be in the millions.



Pollution

CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH

See *Banga Biraj* under "Marine".

DUTCH HARBOUR AREA, ALASKA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Icicle Seafoods Inc. has agreed to pay a \$900,000 civil fine for pollution violations on fish factory *Northern Victor* (8409 gt, built 1945). Icicle failed to clean up a seafloor offal pile, fish heads, guts and other waste, dumped from the ship in Udagak Bay near Dutch Harbour, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency alleged. The company also was accused of other violations, including discharge of seafood waste over annual limits specified in Icicle's federal pollution permit and failing to monitor effects of the dumping. Cleanup of the waste pile was a chore Icicle was required to perform after the company acquired the vessel in 1999. Under its permit, Icicle was supposed to clean up the pile by September 2002 but failed to do so, the EPA alleged. Icicle has conducted dredging in Udagak Bay to remove the waste pile satisfactorily, according to federal court papers. The dredging wrapped up in March. The \$900,000 settlement agreement is not yet final. Federal authorities have put the proposed settlement out for public comment until Aug 10. Don Giles, Icicle's president, said the company inherited the waste pile when it took over the vessel. The company had a deadline to clean it up and didn't get it done, he said. "We probably didn't handle it as well as we should have," Giles said. Icicle, based in Seattle, is one of the largest fish-processing companies operating in Alaska.

GULF OF MEXICO

London, Jul 29 -- A Coast Guard Venice, La, press release, dated today, states: The Coast Guard Sector New Orleans is responding to an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico from a well head located approximately 60 miles south of Venice, La. The spill of crude oil was discovered around 0800 this morning and resulted in a two mile by eight mile heavy sheen. It is believed that the spill occurred when an unidentified vessel struck a discharge pipeline coming from the well owned by Boise de Arc of Houston. The source of the spill was secured at 1245 hrs and it is believed that no additional oil is being discharged. Clean up efforts continue. The Coast Guard sector New Orleans, along with O'Briens Oil Pollution Services, Inc, and Clean Gulf Associates, acting on behalf of Boise de Arc, are working to mitigate environmental impacts and prevent the

oil from reaching shore. As of 1500 today the spill was located approximately eight miles from the east bank of Plaquemines Parish. An investigation into the exact cause of the spill is underway.

London, Jul 29 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 2225, UTC: Cause of spill is still under investigation and the amount of oil spilled is not known at the moment.

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated Jul 30, states; A vessel apparently struck a pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday, leaving behind an 80-barrel oil spill that spread out into about two miles by eight miles in size, the Coast Guard said. By this morning the oil had dissipated in the hot and humid conditions, said Lt. Cmdr. Cheri Ben-Iesau, a senior investigating officer. Crews managed to clean up only about two gallons of oil before it dissipated, she said. The spill was located about eight miles from the east bank of Plaquemines Parish. No shoreline damage had been reported. The Coast Guard said authorities believed an unidentified vessel struck the pipeline, which was linked with an offshore well. The Coast Guard, along with two cleanup companies acting on behalf of the well's owner, were working to break up the spill, officials said. The Coast Guard was searching for the yet-to-be-identified vessel involved in the accident.

LEBANON

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

MICHIGAN MARINA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 26 -- A press report, dated today, states: The all clear has been given by the DEQ after a fuel spill at a Northern Michigan marina. The spill happened just before 2200 last night at the Harbour West Marina along the shores of Grand Traverse Bay in Leelanau County. Witnesses on the scene say a boat somehow had diesel fuel and oil in its bilge when the owner pumped it out, what was described as a significant amount of fuel made its way into the surrounding water. The DEQ says the spill has been contained and no further steps need to be taken at this time.



AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: The New South Wales Opposition wants the Government to explain why it has failed to produce a report detailing how bulker *Pasha Bulker* became wedged on Nobbys Beach at Newcastle. The damaged freighter started its journey to Asia yesterday under the tow of a large salvage tug. Opposition ports spokesman Duncan Gay says there is

no good excuse for the delay in producing the report. "The *Pasha Bulker* left yesterday and there was only one thing that the minister Joe Tripodi had to do, and that was to produce the report," he said. "He said it would be produced within a month, well a month is up, and we haven't seen the report." Mr Gay called on the Government to complete its report into the incident as a matter of priority. He said were up to 50 vessels were queued off the Newcastle coast the day the *Pasha Bulker* ran aground. "That kind of bottleneck is unsafe and unacceptable," Mr Gay said. (See issue of Jul 27.)

Sydney, Jul 27 -- The New South Wales opposition yesterday (Jul 27) accused the state's ports minister, Joe Tripodi, of idragging the chain on a report into the bulker *Pasha Bulker* grounding on Nobby's Beach last month. Seizing on comments made by Mr Tripodi a month ago, shadow ports minister Duncan Gay said that New South Wales Maritime's report on the incident was now due. iOne month ago, NSW minister for ports Joe Tripodi said the report into the debacle would be complete by now,î Mr Gay said. iToday, he's saying it won't be released until the end of August. iThat's not good enough, what is he hiding?î The Australian Transport Safety Bureau is also investigating the incident independently of NSW Maritime. The ABC reported on Jul 5 that Mr Tripodi said that he expected to be able to release the NSW Maritime report iwithin about a monthî. Mr Tripodi said this morning that investigations were still continuing. iWhile I would like the report finalised as possible, I encourage NSW Maritime to take the time necessary to conduct a comprehensive investigation and prepare their report,î Mr Tripodi said. iIf there are lessons to be learned from this incident and improvements to be made, then we will make them.î But a spokeswoman for Mr Tripodi said that she was not aware that a date had been given to the finalising of the report. NSW Maritime has interviewed the master of the *Pasha Bulker* and several members of her crew. The investigators have also spoken to the crews of two other vessels, 52,500 dwt *Sea Confidence* and 76,801dwt *Betis* , that both came close to running aground at nearby beaches in the same storm on Jun 8. Mr Gay said the long queue of vessels at Newcastle, 56 at the time, was unsafe and unacceptable. The report will look at circumstances of the grounding, including the warnings that were issued in the lead up to the grounding of the vessel. Mr Tripodi said the investigations would also include examining whether an offence had been committed under NSW marine legislation. It is believed that the report could also focus on why the three vessels, all less than three years old, came to be so close to the beach having been given advanced notice of the storm and why their propellers appeared to be high in the water. Nippon Salvage's *Koyo Maru* yesterday began towing *Pasha Bulker* from

Newcastle to an undisclosed drydock in Asia. Hundreds lined the foreshore as the 76,781 dwt bulker was escorted about five miles offshore to the sound of artillery fire from the historic Fort Scratchley site. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

BANGLADESH

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Eight more people were killed in flooding in three districts of Bangladesh yesterday as the overall flood situation worsened in the country's northern and northeastern districts, local media reported today. Five people drowned in floodwaters in northwestern Sirajganj district, two in northern Jamalpur district and one in northern Sherpur district, private news agency UNB reported. A bulletin of Bangladesh Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC) said yesterday the flood situation in about fifteen districts in the northern, northeastern and central parts of the country continued to deteriorate. It said the country's major rivers were flowing above their danger levels in 19 water-level monitoring stations yesterday morning. The water levels of those rivers marked rise at 37 stations while registered fall in 25. Experts apprehended that the current spell of floods could take a disastrous turn like the one in 1998, which once submerged nearly two-thirds of the country's land, claiming more than 1,000 people's lives. Communication systems suffered serious disruptions as highways, motorways, railway tracks, bridges and culverts have either been submerged or washed away in many regions.

BULGARIA

London, Aug 1 -- Bulgaria's Black Sea port of Varna has been closed because of strong winds today. The speed of the wind in Varna bay reached up to 15 m/s, the Bulgarian National Radio reported. There are no vessels waiting on the roadstead, the port authorities reported.

CHINA

London, Jul 26 -- Flooding in China's far west has killed 32 people, state media said today, while the Yangtze River approached dangerous heights. Heavy rainstorms in Xinjiang in the past 10 days triggered floods that led to the 32 deaths and left three people missing, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Meanwhile, water levels on the Yangtze -- China's longest river and lifeline to tens of millions of people -- rose to 82 feet today, its highest level this year, Xinhua said. The danger level is 90 feet. In Wuhan, the capital of central Hubei province, officials ordered stepped up patrols along nearby Yangtze dikes and sluice gates. Water levels are expected to keep rising for the next several days, Xinhua quoted local officials as saying. The regular level of the river was not given. About 540 miles of dikes in Hunan are saturated by dangerously high waters, Xinhua said. More heavy rains are expected and parts of the province could be hit by a typhoon. In eastern

Jiangsu province, officials expected the Huai River to remain at dangerously high levels for at least 10 days, Xinhua said.

London, Jul 30 -- At least 3,000 ship borne tourists to the Three Gorges have to switch to buses as flood from Yangtze's upper reaches closed down the Three Gorges ship lock today, the local navigation bureau has said. The Yangtze River Three Gorges Navigational Bureau halted two-way traffic at the Three Gorges ship lock at 0800 hrs as water influx into the dam measured an alarming 51,000 cubic metres per second, a result of continuous rainfall in the upper reaches, said Shi Huili, a traffic control officer with the bureau. Wanzhou and Wushan in the Three Gorges Dam area received an average 100 mm of rainfall yesterday, causing the water influx into the dam to soar to 46,000 cubic meters per second at 0200, today. For safety considerations, the national bureau has to close down the ship lock when the water influx exceeds 45,000 cubic meters per second. Shi said the traffic ban will last for about two days. About 170 vessels pass the ship lock every day, including at least 30 passenger vessels carrying tourists to the world's biggest water control facility.

SOUTH AFRICA

London, Jul 27 -- As further cold fronts approach before launching themselves across the southern Cape coast strong winds affected harbour working at Cape Town yesterday. According to the deputy harbourmaster Karl Otto winds gusted to 75 knots at one stage and caused some problems for at least two vessels in port. One was the floating production tanker *TT Margaux* (134468 gt, built 1976) on the Eastern Mole in an exposed position which required three tugs to assist in holding the vessel in position on her berth. The FPSO, which fortunately has its own engine is in port to take supplies and bunkers and attend to a few minor items before heading for Brazil. The giant vessel arrived from West Africa earlier this week. Cape Town also has a couple of oil rigs in port which required some close attention but fortunately there was no drama involving either of them. Another ship that did however need some attention was the Container Carrier *Northern Divinity* (36606 gt, built 1997) which was on berth 603 and also required assistance from the fury of the winds. By late afternoon the winds were reported to be swinging to the west and dropping slightly and port officials were hoping that the worst was over. Although the harbour wasn't closed only a few small vessels were able to sail.

TROPICAL STORM "CHANTAL"

Miami, Jul 31 -- Tropical Storm "Chantal" formed in the north Atlantic today and its sustained winds grew to 50 mph, but it posed no threat to the United States, forecasters said. At 1700 hrs (2100, UTC), "Chantal" was about 235 miles south-southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and moving rapidly

toward the northeast at nearly 26 mph, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Centre in Miami. "Chantal", the third tropical storm of the year, was on a track that would take it near Canada's Newfoundland tomorrow. It was not expected to intensify as it charged into cooler waters. -- Reuters.

TROPICAL STORM "DALILA"

London, Jul 27 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of downgraded tropical depression "Dalila" was located near lat 22.9N, long 117.2W. Movement over the past six hours, 290 degs, at 11 knots. The position is accurate to within 30 nautical miles and is based on the centre being located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots. The maximum significant wave height is 12 feet. At 0600, UTC, Jul 28, the centre is predicted to be near lat 23.8N, long 120.2W, with the maximum sustained winds of 20 knots with gusts to 30 knots.

TROPICAL STORM "ERICK"

London, Aug 2 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical storm "Erick": Storm centre located near lat 13.3N, long 130.0W, at 0900, UTC, Aug 2. Position accurate to within 35 nautical miles. Present movement towards the west, or 275 deg, at 12 knots. Maximum sustained winds 35 knots with gusts to 45 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds and 12-foot seas 75 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 30 nautical miles north-west quadrant, nil elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Aug 3: Position lat 13.5N, long 133.5W. Maximum sustained winds 40 knots with gusts to 50 knots. Radius of 34-knot winds 75 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 50 nautical miles north-west quadrant, nil elsewhere.

TROPICAL STORM "USAGI"

London, Jul 29 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today: At 0600, UTC, today, the centre of tropical storm "Usagi" was located near lat 18.1N, long 144.5E, moving west at 17 knots. Radius of over 30 knot winds: 100 miles. Maximum winds: 35 knots near the centre. At 0600, UTC, the centre is predicted to be near lat 20.8N, long 143.1E with maximum winds of 45 knots near the centre.

London, Jul 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: A tropical storm formed about 620 miles south-east of Tokyo today and approached a remote Japanese island chain, Japan's Meteorological Agency reported. Tropical Storm "Usagi", located near the Northern Mariana Islands, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, was moving west at 19 mph, the agency said in a statement. "Usagi" is expected to hit Japan's Ogasawara island chain tomorrow afternoon, the agency said. The storm was expected to continue travelling north-north-west and pass near Torishima Island, 360 miles south of Tokyo, by Wednesday (Aug 1).

Agency official Toshiyuki Suzuki said it is not yet known where the storm would travel after that.

TYPHOON "USAGI"

London, Jul 30 -- Typhoon "Usagi" is forecast to strike Japan at about 1400, GMT, Aug 2. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Center suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 32.3N, long 132.6 E. "Usagi" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 212 km/h. -- Reuters.

London, Jul 31 -- Typhoon "Usagi" is forecast to strike Japan at about 1800, GMT, Aug 2. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Center suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 32.8N, long 131.0E. -- Reuters. (See issue of Aug 1.)

London, Aug 2 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon "Usagi" near lat 32.0N, long 132.0E, at 0600, UTC, Aug 2. Movement past six hours 330 deg at 16 knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, based on centre located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 90 knots with gusts to 110 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 40 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 45 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 50 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 65 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 70 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 75 nautical miles north-west quadrant and 80 nautical miles north-east quadrant. Radius of 34-knot winds 115 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 120 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 130 nautical miles elsewhere. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Aug 3: Position lat 37.7N, long 133.9E. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots with gusts to 70 knots. Becoming extratropical. Radius of 50-knot winds 50 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 45 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 40 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 95 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 90 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 85 nautical miles elsewhere.

UNITED STATES

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: The summer drought in the Southeast is having impacts on barge movements on the Ohio River system. Water levels are up to two feet below normal on the Cumberland, Tennessee and lower Ohio rivers. The Army Corps of Engineers in mid-July sent a letter to barging companies telling them to maintain a 9-foot draft on the Tennessee River. David Bowling, river forecast manager for the Tennessee Valley Authority, said: "We are operating the main stem of the Tennessee River at the bottom of the summer level, which allows us to comfortably maintain an 11-foot channel. It's important that people know what could happen when they load out." The U.S. Coast Guard has advised operators to load barges to a 9.6-foot draft. An official with Ingram Barge Co. said workers in previous years loaded barges up to 11 feet.

Shippers are forced to "light load" their cargoes, making more trips and spending more on diesel fuel. A barge that normally carries 1,800 tons now must carry 1,600 tons or less. Trips also are getting longer. Low river levels mean narrower navigation channels, forcing boats to manoeuvre more slowly around bends. Tows that normally travel from Nashville, Tenn., to Paducah, Ky., in five days are now taking a week. River transportation analyst Brent Dibner said additional costs can reach more than \$30,000 per towboat for each trip. The Corps has taken action at some locks on the Ohio River earlier than usual. Lock 52 at Paducah, Ky., the highest tonnage lock in the system, began retaining water in May, a month earlier than in a typical year, said Gene Dowell, operations manager for the Corps in Louisville. On Jul 25, a dozen towboats pushing 12 barges each were waiting in line to pass through Lock 52. Mark Mayfield, general manager at Tennessee Valley Towing, said passing through the stretch of the Ohio that includes Lock 52 is taking about two days longer than normal for each round trip. Ingram Barge said it has not increased the per-ton rates for customers.

Natural Disasters



INDONESIA

London, Jul 26 -- A powerful earthquake rocked eastern Indonesia today, sending residents fleeing from swaying buildings and triggering a tsunami warning. However, the alert was quickly lifted after it became clear that no giant waves had been generated. The quake, which had a preliminary magnitude of seven, has not had any impact on shipping or vessel trading in Indonesia waters, except for fishing boats which have been instructed to postpone their activities until next week.

TRINIDAD

London, Jul 26 -- Mud spewing out of the sea 8km off the eastern coast of Trinidad could be a mud volcano that could form a temporary island. Richard Robertson, head of the Caribbean nation's Seismic Research Unit, said the mud was pouring out of an opening or several openings in an underwater hill or mountain at a depth of 12-15m near the Point Radix coast. It's probably looking more and more like a mud volcano, Mr Robertson said. Waves are breaking around it, which suggests that it is just below the water surface so it's only a matter of time when it breaches the surface. "Even if a so-called island is formed, it will eventually submerge because it is made of mud and is loose." Since mud eruptions are not classified as a volcano, the Seismic Research Unit of Trinidad and Tobago does not plan to investigate further but will monitor the

phenomenon. A similar event occurred in 2001 off Erin Bay in the southern region of the oil and gas-producing twin-island nation when a mud volcano rose 1.5m above sea level, creating an island that collapsed after several days. Trinidad's eastern coast is a major area for oil and gas exploration and several companies have flown over the Point Radix coast to determine whether the mud eruption would affect their exploration operations.

London, Aug 1 -- A mud-spewing fissure in the ocean floor has given birth to a tiny Caribbean island, posing a threat to small boats at risk of running aground. The island, breaching a few inches above the surface and stretching 500 feet long, was discovered recently about five miles north-east of Trinidad, said a seismologist at the University of the West Indies in St. Augustine. An advisory has been issued for small boats, which could lose buoyancy because of gas bubbling up from the underwater fissure and get lodged in the mud.

Political & Civil Unrest



LEBANON

Beirut, Jul 30 -- A local press report, states: The Lebanese coastline remains heavily polluted from last year's Jiyeh oil spill and cleaning efforts have not achieved the desired result, said two environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on Friday (Jul 27). Their conclusions contrast sharply with reports by other NGOs and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) claiming beaches were safe and the bulk of the spill had been contained. The ominous new information was issued by the NGOs Green Line and Byblos Ecologia on the first anniversary of Israel's bombing of the Jiyeh power plant, which dumped about 15,000 tons of crude oil into the Mediterranean. "The beaches are still very toxic," said Richard Steiner, a conservation specialist from the University of Alaska. "The oil spill is more toxic than other known spills." He concluded that Lebanon's rocky beaches were still heavily polluted, with much oil still embedded in the rocks. While sandy beaches fared better, Steiner said some oil remained under the sand and on the sea bed. Steiner collected samples from 120 kilometres of shoreline. "Lebanon needs a large-scale clean-up to remove all toxins out of the sea," he said. "There has been extensive damage to the seabed, shoreline and sea organisms. Contrary to the UNEP [report], there was significant injury to the Lebanese marine ecosystem." UNEP said in its January report that "oil pollution of the marine environment has been largely contained, and contamination levels

appear generally typical of coastal areas of that part of the Mediterranean." UN Undersecretary General and UNEP executive director Achim Steiner said then that there was "good news with the marine environment appearing to have largely escaped serious long-term damage." Richard Steiner said the ministry had allowed "a suspension of cleaning efforts since February of this year," but a ministry official defended delays in the cleaning. "In February and March, the weather was very rough - in some sites it actually posed a danger to the workers and equipment," Ghada Mitri, a communications officer and development specialist at the ministry, told The Daily Star. "Some partners tried to access the sites to carry out the work, but the risk of accidents forced them to wait out the storms." After February, "the liquid and bulk quantities of fuel were removed," and the next phase, which involves cleaning rocks, "could not start since the rocks were constantly covered with seawater and high waves," Mitri added. Fifi Kallab, president of Byblos Ecologia, bemoaned the fact that sites that had been cleaned were still polluted and solid waste from the clean-up had been placed alongside freshwater sources and public beaches. Kallab laid the blame squarely on the government and the ministry. "What has the ministry done? Where is the transparency and clarity in their operations? The government has totally relinquished its responsibilities. How much of the oil has been removed, and where has it been placed?" she asked. The ministry's Web site includes a chart that tracks the progress of every polluted site on the Lebanese coast, the organization responsible for the clean-up and the amount of oil and pollutants removed. By February, about 6,255 cubic metres of solid waste had been removed. She also accused the government of having deals with contractors at the expense of cleaning efforts and people's safety. Kallab said citizens were still being exposed to hazardous toxins and there was a "lack of any educational and awareness role on behalf of the ministry. Why isn't it warning people of the dangers of the oil spill?" In June, the ministry issued two statements providing details of the cleaning operations and warnings to citizens. Ali Darwish, president of Green Line, also bashed the government and the ministry. "[Prime Minister Fouad] Siniora has never addressed this issue. It doesn't mean anything to him. We hold this government and its leader responsible for this crisis," said Darwish. "Israel is to blame for this disaster, along with the US, which funded and supported the war. The fact that the government did not take any measures and remained silent makes it an accomplice in this crime, and it should be held accountable." Steiner, however, held Israel accountable for the oil spill, stressing that international procedures hold the party that causes an oil spill responsible. "Israel continues to refuse to accept responsibility," said Steiner. "A

reimbursement fund must be established, and the only way to do that is through a Security Council resolution," he added, mentioning that a recent resolution drawn up by France and the US does not oblige Israel to pay compensation for the spill. The ministry will hold a news conference today to discuss the spill and the clean-up. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Labour Disputes



CHILE

Santiago, Jul 30 -- Chile's Codelco, the world's largest copper miner, said today it had reached a provisional agreement with its subcontracted workers aimed at ending their five-week long strike. Codelco Chief Executive Officer Jose Pablo Arellano told a news conference the deal still had to be approved by members of the Confederation of Copper Workers (CTC), which launched the sometimes-violent strike on June 25 in a bid to squeeze more money out of the state-owned company. A source close to the CTC said members would vote on the proposal tomorrow. Arellano said the deal addressed the remaining demands of the striking workers, including a productivity bonus and part-payment for working days lost during the strike. "They are informing their workers' assemblies of these agreements, and the text of a final accord will be signed soon," said Arellano, adding that he expected Codelco to be back at full production shortly. The strike has been closely watched on the world's copper markets, as Codelco accounts for about 11 percent of global copper production. Despite the protests that accompanied the stoppage, Codelco has said its overall production has been largely unaffected. Crucially, the dispute 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 have been Codelco's smallest - - Andina, which accounted for just over 14 percent of company output last year, and Salvador, which contributed less than five percent. Salvador was the only division that remained inoperative as of this evening. Arellano said the company would provide a full assessment of the costs of the strike after the final agreement is signed. Cristian Cuevas, president of the CTC, confirmed to Reuters the deal was under discussion by his members. Earlier, sources close to the negotiations said that under the deal, Codelco would pay the subcontractors a production bonus of 450,000 pesos (\$860) this year. Workers who took part in the 35-day stoppage would be paid for eight of the days on which they did not work, considered by Codelco as force majeure, the sources said. They said Codelco and the CTC had agreed no worker would be sacked as a result

of their actions during the strike unless they are found guilty of breaking the law. -- Reuters.



COLLISION AT HEATHROW AIRPORT, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Aug 1 -- A press report, dated Jul 31, states: Two British Airways planes collided on the tarmac just yards from Terminal 4 when one reversed into the other. The accident happened on Friday (Jul 27) night as BA Boeing 777, G-VIIK, carrying 200 passengers to Washington, DC, reversed from its gate into the path of another BA plane which had just arrived from Zurich and was waiting for permission to dock at its own gate. The port wing of the Boeing plane struck the tail-fin of Airbus A321 G-EUXH causing extensive. One BA insider said the Zurich plane was shunted about 10ft in the collision. There was damage to the flaps of the Boeing's port wing and to the tail-fin of the Airbus. Fire-tenders and emergency crews were scrambled to the scene as an emergency was triggered forcing other flights to abort landings. Passengers were led off both stricken flights. One BA insider said: "The Airbus which had just arrived from Zurich was supposed to straight to its parking stand. There was space. But the despatcher who gives permission for it to proceed wasn't there. So it had to wait on the taxi-way tarmac. As it was waiting, the American-bound Boeing was pushed out of its stand in reverse. The reversing Boeing's port wing hit the back of the Airbus's tale. A BA spokesman said: "We are aware that two British Airways aircraft clipped one another as one pulled onto its stand on arrival at Heathrow and the other left its stand. "The flights involved were the BA719, an Airbus 321, arriving from Zurich with some 100 passengers on board, and the BA293, a Boeing 777, departing for Washington with around 200 passengers on board. "The wing of the B777 appears to have clipped the tail of the A321. Neither aircraft will operate until we are absolutely convinced they are safe to do so. "The fire brigade were called, but this is standard procedure. "There were no injuries. Customers would have been seated with their seat belts on. Furthermore both aircraft would have been moving very slowly at the time, given the fact they were moving onto and off of the stands. "The passengers were disembarked from the aircraft, put up in hotels overnight, and later rebooked onto the next available service." BA said: "We are launching an immediate investigation into what happened.

London, Aug 1 -- Two British Airways planes collided on the tarmac just yards from Terminal 4 when one reversed into the other causing millions

of pounds of damage. The accident happened on Friday (Jul 27) night as a BA Boeing 777 carrying 200 passengers to Washington DC reversed from its gate into the path of another BA aircraft which had just arrived from Zurich and was waiting for permission to dock at its own gate. Horrified passengers felt the full force of the collision as the left wing of the heavier US-bound BA Boeing (G-VIIK) smashed into the tail-fin of the lighter Airbus (G-EUXH) - causing extensive and costly damage to both. One BA insider said the Zurich aircraft was shunted about 10ft in the collision - with the Boeing weighing around three times that of the smaller Airbus. Fire-tenders and emergency crews were scrambled to the scene as an emergency was triggered forcing other flights to abort landings. Passengers were led off both stricken flights.

CRASH NEAR SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

London, Jul 30 -- Robinson R-22 Beta II helicopter, HR-ASO, crashed near San Salvador, Republic of El Salvador, at 1232, UTC, Jul 22. The pilot, the sole occupant of the helicopter, was fatally injured.

CRASH, ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO

London, Jul 27 -- Cessna 182, N6428A, privately operated, crashed short of the runway at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Jul 25. The aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH, CHUTES DES PASSES, QUEBEC, CANADA

London, Jul 31 -- Cessna 185 on floats, C-FZRG, was stalled at a fairly high altitude above the water before landing hard and hitting protruding rocks at Chutes de PASSES, Jul 12. The three occupants sustained minor injuries and the aircraft was substantially damaged.

CRASH, CLONBINANE AREA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two people have died in an aircraft crash north of Melbourne. The wreckage of a twin-engine Rockwell Aero Commander was found by a search helicopter crew in trees near the tiny town of Clonbinane, near Wandong, about 60 km north of Melbourne, at about 2145, AEST, today, Victoria Police spokesman Wayne Wilson said. A search was started in the Wandong-Mount Disappointment area after residents reported hearing a light plane in trouble, followed by an explosion, at about 2020 hrs. There were no other people on board the aircraft. It is believed the aircraft came down near Drag Hill Road, between Clonbinane and Mount Disappointment. A local police unit found the wreckage. Ground units were joined by a police helicopter and a fixed-wing aircraft in the effort to locate the aircraft. The flight is believed to have originated from Essendon Airport and was heading to Shepparton, 180 km north-east of Melbourne.

CRASH, LA TESTE AREA, FRANCE

London, Jul 26 -- A small aircraft crashed today shortly after taking off from an airfield in southwestern France, killing all four people on board, officials said. The aircraft went down in woods near La Teste-de-Buch airfield, outside the town of La Teste. The crash caused a small forest fire that scorched three square kilometres of land before nearly 40 firefighters brought it under control, said Capt. Salem Maizi, the head of the emergency response operations. The cause of the accident was not immediately clear. The four people, aged 38-50, were killed instantly, airfield staff said.

CRASH, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, UNITED STATES

Washington, Jul 26 -- Pilots of a Comair jet that crashed in Kentucky, killing 49 people, failed to recognize obvious signs they were on the wrong runway -- one that was too short for safe takeoff, U.S. investigators said today. The National Transportation Safety Board concluded after a daylong hearing the crew missed visual cues at the Lexington airport -- like runway markings, construction barricades and signs before proceeding down the incorrect path on Aug 27, 2006. The crew also failed to conduct proper pre-flight procedures for Flight 5191 to Atlanta, confirm its position on the runway, and engaged in idle chatter on unrelated matters in violation of federal aviation and company regulations that may have distracted them, investigators said. "There were some things done in that cockpit that should not have been done and some things that weren't done that should have been done," said safety board Vice Chairman Robert Sumwalt, a former airline pilot. "Critical items were missed, vigilance was lost on this flight," Sumwalt said. The pilots thought the Bombardier CL-600 was on the correct runway but did note that the tarmac, which was under construction, was not lighted. They realized something was seriously amiss during their takeoff roll but it was too late to stop. The plane struck a berm and trees in the predawn darkness before exploding in flames. The co-pilot was the lone survivor. Investigators also concluded after fierce debate the lone veteran Federal Aviation Administration controller on duty did not contribute to the crash when he turned his attention to administrative matters after clearing Comair, the only plane operating at the time, for takeoff. He was not required to follow the aircraft movement from that point. Investigators knew quickly after the crash what happened, but they spent the next 11 months trying to figure out why. Debbie Hersman, the lead investigator at the crash scene said the probe was baffling because Capt. Jeffrey Clay and First Officer James Polehinke were experienced, respected by peers and had flown at the airport previously. The crew had enough time off before duty and weather was not a factor. The plane was mechanically sound. Two previous flights departed

uneventfully on the correct runway. The safety board said the crew did not receive proper notice on runway conditions, but said the taxi route was simple and other signs were clearly apparent that the absent notice was a non-factor. Investigators also said they could not determine whether a second controller -- required but not staffed by the FAA -- would have prevented the crash. The pilots' union at Comair said cockpit charts on airport ground configurations may have confused the crew. -- Reuters.

CRASH, LONG DOG LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA

London, Jul 30 -- The Slate Falls Airways float-equipped Cessna U206G, C-GGRW, was taking off from Long Dog Lake in crosswind conditions when the aircraft encountered a strong gust of wind which pushed the aircraft towards the shore line. The pilot aborted the takeoff, but the aircraft struck a submerged rock which tore a hole in the bottom of the left float at 1500, Jul 26. The ELT activated automatically and was shut off by the pilot. The pilot and three passengers exited the aircraft and swam the short distance to the shore. The aircraft eventually overturned and sank in the water.

CRASH, MCCALL AREA, IDAHO, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 27 -- A press report, dated Jul 26, states: A helicopter dropping water on fires in northcentral Idaho crash landed at 2000, Wednesday (Jul 25), injuring its two pilots. The helicopter, a privately owned Bell 214 hired by the US Forest Service to make bucket drops on the 60-square-mile, three-fire East Zone Complex northeast of McCall, damaged its cabin. It now lies on its side in a marshy area between a small lake and timber where the fire is burning. The aircraft did not burn. The pilots were able to extricate themselves from the crash site and walk to safety before being picked up by another helicopter. One of the pilots was treated and released at the hospital in McCall, while the other remains there.

CRASH, MOSCOW AREA, RUSSIA

London, Jul 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: A 43-year-old Russian cargo plane crashed today minutes after taking off from a Moscow airport, killing all seven crew on board, officials said. The An-12 four-engine turboprop belonging to the private Atran carrier went down at 0422 hrs, just after taking off from the Domodedovo airport southeast of Moscow, Russian Emergency Situations spokesman Viktor Beltsov said. The plane slammed into a field, shattering debris over a wide area. There were no injuries on the ground, Beltsov said. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear. Rescue teams have recovered both of the plane's cockpit recorders, which are vital for investigators to determine the reason behind the crash, Beltsov said. He said the plane was carrying nine tons of cargo, well below its maximum payload

of 20 tons. It was bound for Bratsk, in eastern Siberia. Overloading has been a reason behind many crashes of cargo planes in Russia, and experts say that many carriers have routinely forged flight documents to get more cargo on board, neglecting safety. The An-12 was designed in the 1950s and built in big numbers for both military and civilian transport. More than 100 such planes are still in service in Russia and other nations. The plane that crashed was to be discarded later this year, the RIA Novosti news agency reported, quoting aviation authorities.

London, Jul 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three flight recorders have been found at the site, where an Antonov An-12 cargo plane fell shortly after take off at Moscow's Domodedovo airport early today. Experts are examining them, sources at Russia's Federal Air Transportation Agency Rosaviatsia said. Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Viktor Beltsov has reported, that two flight recorders have been found. "They will be sent to a research center for analysis". The bodies of the seven crewmembers have been discovered at the scene, he said. "The plane fell into a forested area. Neither loss of life, or destruction has been reported. The rescue work has been completed," Beltsov said. Earlier reports said that an Antonov An-12, Board Number 93912, on a flight from Moscow to Bratsk with a stopover in Omsk, fell shortly after take off four kilometres from the runway at 0416, local time, today. "The plane's fuel tanks were filled up. The plane caught fire after it fell, sending out flames which scorched the ground near the crash site," a Ministry official earlier said. The crashed plane was manufactured on January 31 1964 and its service life expires on November 14 2007. Its cargo-lifting capacity is 20 tonnes, Rosaviatsia said. "The plane was carrying only ten tonnes of cargo which excludes overloading," a Rosaviatsia official said. The plane was owned by the Atran air company, which specialises in airlifting cargo, he said.

London, Jul 30 -- Antonov 12BP, RA-93912, operator ATRAN-Aviatrans Cargo Airlines transporting nine tons of cargo from Moscow to Komsomol'sk-na-Amure Airport with an intermediate stop at Omsk took off from Domodedovo Airport runway 32C at 0416, Jul 29. It crashed into a forest and burned, about four kilometres from the runway end.

CRASH, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

London, Jul 31 -- Human error is to blame for the worst accident in Brazil's aviation history on Jul 17, the weekly magazine Veja claimed yesterday. Veja based its report on sources that allegedly have had access to the contents of the black box flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder. The contents of recorders currently remain under wraps by the Brazilian Air Force. The sources revealed that the pilots incorrectly adjusted the levers that control the thrust reversal system, causing the engines to work in different directions. This meant that while the left engine helped the aircraft

slow down, the right one forced it to accelerate. That could explain why the airplane swerved to the left as it approached the runway's end at Congonhas International Airport, in Sao Paulo. The analysis of the flight recorders, carried out by the US National Transportation Safety organization, showed that the aircraft did not skid on the runway flooded with rainwater, and the undercarriage brakes worked when it landed, said the report. Brazil's Air Force would not confirm the report by Veja, which contradicts previous explanations of the causes of the disaster. Following the accident, local press and some analysts blamed the recently resurfaced runway for the tragedy.

CRASH, TONASKET AREA, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 31 -- Mooney M-20E N9302M crashed near Tonasket, Washington, at 0421, Jul 29. The aircraft was destroyed. The two persons on board were killed.

CRASH, URALS REGION, UDMURTIYA, RUSSIA

London, Jul 30 -- A press report, dated Jul 29, states: Five people were killed when a private helicopter crashed late yesterday in the western central Russian republic of Udmurtiya, in the Urals region, Russian news agencies reported overnight. "Five bodies were extracted from the helicopter, including pilot Yekimov, and four passengers - two adults, Titov and Belogolovkin, and two children," the Rosaviatsia state agency's spokesperson said as quoted by RIA Novosti. The helicopter hit power cables before falling into a local reservoir and sinking, officials said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, BERMUDA

London, Jul 27 -- Following received from Bermuda RCC, dated today: Bermuda Radio receives advice that an American Airlines flight has declared an emergency with smoke in the cockpit and will make an emergency landing at Bermuda, at 0920, Jul 18. Bermuda Radio initiates the emergency response page for the fire department, the aircraft was observed making a safe landing in Bermuda at approximately 0925 hrs.

EMERGENCY LANDING, EDINBURGH AIRPORT, SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jul 30 -- An aircraft has had to make an emergency landing at Edinburgh Airport. The Flybe Bombardier Q400 had 36 people on board when crew members were forced to shut down one of its two turboprop engines this morning. The airport was put on full emergency alert after the plane's captain put out an emergency call at 0740 BST. The aircraft, which had been travelling from Manchester Airport, landed safely and all on board left the aircraft just before 0800 BST. A Flybe spokeswoman said: "On Monday morning, Flybe flight BE7220 from Manchester to Edinburgh landed without incident at 0750 after

reporting a technical fault with the aircraft. "This resulted in a warning light showing on the control panel. Engineers are investigating the fault and the aircraft is expected to resume its normal flying pattern this afternoon."

EMERGENCY LANDING, JASPER, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 26 -- A cargo aircraft landed safely today after many of its tyres were blown out during take-off, KPRC Local 2 reported. Houston Airport System officials said the Antonov AN-124 took off from runway 15 Left at Bush Intercontinental Airport bound for Canada at about 0650 hrs. Several of the aircraft's tyres blew out and debris was scattered on the runway, officials said. Officials said the mess was cleaned up and other aircraft were cleared to land and depart on it. The aircraft circled over Jasper, Texas, several times to burn off fuel before landing. That area does not have much air traffic and it was able to circle without disrupting other flights. As a precaution, the Hardy Toll Road connector was closed to traffic while the plane approached the runway. The aircraft landed safely at about 0915 hrs. Several fire trucks and other rescue units were on the runway in case there were any problems. No injuries were reported.

EMERGENCY LANDING, MCCARRAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEVADA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 27 -- A press report, dated Jul 25, states: An American Airlines jet with 141 people on board made an emergency return to McCarran International Airport Wednesday morning (Jul 25) after a cockpit indicator signalled an engine malfunction. No injuries were reported after flight 2274 landed shortly after take-off and taxied back to a gate at the Las Vegas airport. A spokesman for American Airlines parent AMR Corporation in Fort Worth says the alert was traced to a faulty indicator light. The MD-80 aircraft left a gate just before 0600 with 136 passengers and five crew members on board. An airport official says it lifted off but landed minutes later and returned to the gate. It all took a little more than 30 minutes.

EMERGENCY LANDING, POINT MUGU NAVAL STATION, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated Jul 30, states: A twin-engine turboprop aircraft with malfunctioning landing gear skidded to a safe landing at a Navy air station today, authorities said. The civilian Grumman G-159 carrying nine passengers and three crew members was on a military flight from San Nicolas Island to Point Mugu, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor. The Phoenix Air plane circled for about an hour to burn off excess fuel, said Vance Vasquez, spokesman for Naval Base Ventura County. The airplane set down

gently before skidding onto its left wing, then skidded to its left off the runway and onto an unpaved area. Officials said its left main landing gear was stuck in the up position. The engine was off, but the propeller continued rotating in the wind. Everyone aboard jumped out of the aircraft as fire trucks sprayed it, according to televised reports. There was no fire, and the plane appeared to be repairable, Vasquez said. The plane is leased to shuttle military personnel and civilian workers between the mainland and the island, Vasquez said. FAA inspectors went to the site, and National Transportation Safety Board investigators were also expected, Gregor said. Point Mugu Naval Air Station is in Ventura County, about 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

EMERGENCY LANDING, PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL JETPORT, MAINE, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: An aircraft made an emergency landing at the Portland Jetport this morning. A U.S. Airways flight operated by Colgan Air flying from Boston to Rockland had to land at the jetport around 0945 hrs. Airport officials say there were six people on board, including the crew. It had to make the landing because of smoke in the cockpit. No one was hurt and now mechanics are working to repair the problem. It is unclear whether the passengers will be transported some other way to Rockland or take the aircraft once it's repaired.

EMERGENCY LANDING, PUERTO CONCORDIA, COLOMBIA

London, Aug 1 -- Douglas DC-3C, operated by Aerovanguardia, HK-1149, departed San Jose del Guaviare on a domestic flight to Villavicencio. One engine failed, after which the crew was forced to carry out an emergency landing in a rice field at 1120, Jul 31.

EMERGENCY LANDING, SUARNABHUMI AIRPORT, THAILAND

London, Jul 27 -- Thai Airways International (THAI) has agreed to compensate Suvarnabhumi airport for damage caused to a runway by one of its aircraft earlier this month, Suvarnabhumi airport director Serirat Prasutatnont said yesterday. The aircraft in question, an Airbus A300-600 which arrived from Phuket, caused the damage when it momentarily slid off the runway at Suvarnabhumi airport during heavy rain at around 1730, Jul 7. But the pilot never reported the incident, Mr Serirat said. The aircraft partly missed the runway and smashed some runway lights. Its left rear wheels slid off of the runway and ran on the grass beside the tarmac, leaving behind a track about 100 metres long in the soil. However, its pilot managed to bring the aircraft back onto the runway and stop safely at the B4 parking bay. About an hour later, the pilot of a Thai AirAsia flight informed the control tower of dirt tracks on the eastern runway. The

runway was then closed from 1900, Jul 7 to 0600 hrs the following morning for maintenance and inspection. The pilot of the THAI flight reportedly failed to inform the Airports of Thailand (AoT) of the incident. The THAI flight smudged the tarmac as mud was spread all over its left rear wheels and the underneath of its fuselage. The aircraft also smashed four sets of runway lamps. The repair of the lamps cost the AoT 72,800 baht on top of 98,000 baht required for cleaning the eastern runway.

MID-AIR COLLISION, PHOENIX, UNITED STATES

London, Jul 27 -- Two television helicopters collided in mid-air and crashed while covering a police pursuit in central Phoenix. Police Sergeant Joel Trantor said there were no survivors. KNXV-TV reported that one of the choppers belonged to the station. It said reporter-pilot Craig Smith and photographer Rick Krolak were on board. The other chopper was from KTVK TV. An anchor tearfully told viewers that the pilot and a photographer who were on board were killed. Both helicopters crashed in flames into a grassy area of Steele Indian School Park. KNXV said Smith and the pilot of the other helicopter were in radio contact moments before the collision. The helicopters were covering the police pursuit of a work truck.

London, Jul 30 -- Eurocopter AS350B2, N215TV and a Eurocopter AS350B2, N613TV collided while covering a police chase, Phoenix, Jul 27. All Four persons were killed.



BULGARIA

London, Aug 1 -- July's drop in Danube River levels have caused problems for vessels and cut cargo handling volumes at Bulgaria's port of Lom. The Danube flows through 10 EU countries. According to port complex chief executive officer Borislav Mihov, low water levels have affected at least one of Lom's piers. Reports say that rapids at Belene and Svishtove also pose obstacles for vessels from the Ukraine that unload at Lom. Lom, Bulgaria's second largest port on the Danube, handled 110,000 metric tonnes (mt) of cargo in July which is a 40% drop from previous months. However the overall performance of the port for the first half of this year has been a 15% increase from the same period last year with 870,000 mt of cargo handled. According to local news reports, the water level yesterday dipped down a further seven centimetres, leaving large strips of cracked land exposed along the banks of the Danube.

ITALY

Genoa, Jul 30 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: Two general cargo

vessels waiting for berth. Average delay in berthing 24 hours. La Spezia: Two vessels waiting to berth, average delay 24 hours. Savona: One vessel waiting for normal berth. One vessel vessel waiting for special berth. Average delay in berthing 24 hours. -- Lloyd's Agents.

KENYA

London, Jul 30 -- After seven months of a cargo log jam at Mombasa port, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) said last week that normalcy has now returned with measures to decongest the port already in motion. In the short term, KPA will move all over-stayed Kenyan bound containers to container freight

stations (CFS) outside the port perimeter. Already two container freight stations have been nominated by KPA to take on that role. "Two CFS's have been nominated by KPA to undertake this," Mr. William Mtengo, the KPA resident representative in Kampala told journalists in Kampala last week. "KPA is in negotiations with private containers after expiry of the 7 days grace period moved there for storage purposes," Mtengo said. "This move is aimed at decongesting the container terminal and thus creating more space for KPA" The cargo transfer strategy to CFS's outside the port will however attract an extra handling

penalty of U.S.\$100 for 1/20" TEU and \$120 for 1/40" TEU. KPA is also set to dedicate berths 13 and 14 to Maersk Shipping Line vessels. Mtengo said the measure would ease pressure on the container terminal berths and give other vessels a wider window since the line is a major user. Recently, KPA also dedicated one full day to relocation of containers at the container terminal yard to create space for further vessel discharges. "The net result of the above measures is that normalcy has returned to the port," Mtengo said. KPA has also appealed to importers to come forward and clear their cargo as fast as possible.

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
Egypt		
Adabiya	06-Aug-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	06-Aug-2007	Thirty-three vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 25 general cargo, 2 tankers, 2 container vessels, 2 bulkers, 2 Ro/Ros; 10 vessels at outer anchorage, 15 at inner anchorage.
Damietta	06-Aug-2007	Twenty-nine vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 6 container vessels; 5 vessels at outer anchorage, 6 at inner anchorage.
Dekheila	06-Aug-2007	Eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 6 bulk carriers, 2 container vessels; 8 vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	06-Aug-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Suez	06-Aug-2007	Five vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 3 general cargo, 2 passenger vessels; 4 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	06-Aug-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 35 Southbound.
Estonia		
Tallinn	06-Aug-2007	Paljassaare (formerly Kopli): One sugar vessel discharging at berth; no vessels anchored; no vessel due, with 3 days berthing delay expected.
India		
Kolkata	06-Aug-2007	2 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading General Cargo, 1 vessel discharging Logs; 1 vessel working at midstream and discharging Pules; 6 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 1 vessel waiting to sail; 4 vessels due (Containers-3, General Cargo).
Haldia	06-Aug-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Iron Ore, 5 vessels discharging (POL, Met Coke, Crude, Coking Coal-2), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers, 2 vessels waiting to load Iron Ore; 3 vessels (*) awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load; 7 vessels due (Crude-2, Iron Ore-2, Containers, Machinery, Steel).
Paradip	06-Aug-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Thermal Coal-2, P. Iron), 5 vessels discharging; 15 vessels (*) awaiting berth at anchorage (6 to discharge, 9 to load), 2 vessels waiting at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load); 20 vessels due.
Visakhapatnam	06-Aug-2007	19 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-4, Thermal Coal, Allumina Powder, Steel Cargo, Product Tanker), 12 vessels discharging (Steel Coal, Product Tankers, Urea-3, Timber Logs, Crude Oil, Coking Coal, Rock Phosphate, DBM Bags, Petroleum Coke, Food Grains); 5 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 2 to load); 41 vessels due (Iron Ore-8, Containers-3, Feldspar, Granite Blocks, Cement and sand, Product Tankers-2, General Cargo-3, Sulphur, Coking Coal-8, Pcontainers-4, Timber Logs, Steel Pipes, DBM Bags-2, Steam Coal, Crude Oil, DAP, Ammonium Nitrate, MOP).
Chennai	06-Aug-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading(Granite Blocks, Steel/Project Cargo/Steel Plate/Granite Block, IOL), 7 vessels discharging (Urea-2, Project/Steel Coil/ Steel Pipe, Steel Coal-2, Furance Oil/ LSHS, Log) , 3 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under arrest; 6 vessels due (Passenger/ General Cargo, Woodpulp /S. Slab, Coking Coal, Containers-2, Edible Oil).
Tuticorin	06-Aug-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (General Cargo-2, S. Acid, Fly Ash), 8 vessels discharging (Urea, Project Oil, Logs-3, Coal, Thermal Coal-2), 1 vessel for repair; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge, 6 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 4 to load), 1 vessel working at berth to discharge.
Cochin	06-Aug-2007	3 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels discharging (Defence, Crude), 1 vessel waiting to load General Cargo; 1 vessel awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 15 vessels due (Crude-3, Domestic Passenger-3, Containers-4, POL, Pipe, Chemicals-2, Repair).
New Mangalore	06-Aug-2007	6 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines, Boxes), 4 vessels discharging (Fertilizer, LPG, POL Crude, Coal); 3 vessels waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load); 20 vessels due (Granite Stone, Iron Ore Fines-5, POL Crude-2, POL Product-4, Phosphate Acid, Cement, Fertilizer, LPG, Coal-3, Iron Ore (P)).

Port Conditions

Mormugao	06-Aug-2007	2 vessels operating at berth loading and discharging (Phosphate Acid, MOP); 2 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to discharge; 4 vessel under dry docked; 4 vessels due (Coking Coal, H.R. Steel Coils, Met Coke, Containers).
Mumbai	06-Aug-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Steel Cargo/H.R. Coils), 5 vessel discharging (Bulk Peas-2, POL-3), 3 vessels loading and discharging (Steel/General Cargo/ Containers/ Base Oil); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 2 to load); 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge, 6 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 26 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 10 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 31 vessels due (Containers-5, Oil, Fertiliser Raw Material, General Cargo-24).
J.N.P.T.	06-Aug-2007	12 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels discharging (Edible Oil, Ammoina Acid, Cement), 9 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 4 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	06-Aug-2007	15 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Steel Pipe, Cement, POL), 11 vessels discharging (POL-2, Timber Logs, Palm Oil, Urea-3, Iron Ore, Sulpher-2, Steel Coil), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load), 3 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to discharge; 2 vessels under arrest.
Ennore	06-Aug-2007	1 vessel working at inner anchorage loading Iron Ore; 4 vessels due (MV Apj Sridevi (Coal), MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MV Good Season (Coal), MV Darya Shakti (Iron Ore)).
Israel		
Ashdod	05-Aug-2007	No labour problems. Two general cargo vessels loading at berth, 10 vessels discharging at berth (6 general cargo, 4 bulkers), 4 vessels loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 tanker); 7 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (1 bulker, 3 containers); 27 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	05-Aug-2007	No labour problems. Two general cargo vessels discharging at berth, 1 car carrier loading/ discharging at berth; no vessels waiting at anchorage; 1 vessel due, with no delays expected.
Haifa	05-Aug-2007	No labour problems. Six vessels discharging at berth (2 general cargo, 4 bulkers), 9 loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 car carrier, 4 tankers, 1 passenger vessel); 1 general cargo vessel waiting at anchor to discharge, 2 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/ discharge (1 bulker, 1 containers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked, 1 awaiting orders; 15 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.

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