

## Calls for ISM overhaul to put a lid on human error

By James Brewer

**A CALL for a radical revision of the International Safety Management Code has come from one of the leading loss prevention experts in shipping, Eric Murdoch, of Standard P&I Club.**

Addressing the IUMI conference, Mr Murdoch echoed a common view among industry specialists that the good practice blueprint has created a paper mountain, without tackling some of the causes of "human error".

"ISM has gone far to raise operating standards," Mr Murdoch said. "Revolutionary when it came into force, it sets the model by which shipping companies are structured today. But the code does not go far enough, and I believe it is time to move forward."

Mr Murdoch listed what he saw as the problems:

- an excessive emphasis on paper: "The paper is perfect, but the ship is not."
- some systems simply fail to manage safety because of excessive concentration on control without effective auditing;
- the code is flawed and does not promote a risk-based management;
- the role of the superintendent is diminished to checking the ship's machinery.

"ISM has been instrumental in making the industry safer, but I believe the industry needs a risk-based approach, and it is probably time for the International Maritime Organization to look at ISM again," he said.

Mr Murdoch said there were many good

safety schemes and initiatives, "but people cheat".

"Safety schemes are not for show, they are important tools to prevent accidents," he said. "Owners need actively to monitor safety schemes by benchmarking, reviewing, educating and training."

### Death wish

Some crews appear to have a death wish, according to Mr Murdoch, because they work so dangerously and with complete disregard for their own personal safety. "For example, how many times do crew on dry cargoships enter enclosed spaces without testing the atmosphere?"

John Poulson, of Noble Denton New York, was far more critical of the effects of the ISM Code, saying that the paperwork created more problems than it solved. "The worst casualties I have encountered took place on vessels with immaculate ISM paperwork."

Gard senior claims executive Ivar Brynildsen said the overload of information on crews, specifically senior officers, and the unrealistic expectations of their capabilities, had become critical.

### Requirements

Compliance requirements had resulted in a significantly increased workload and expanded tasks and responsibilities of those on board, and senior officers had little or no time to attend to practical matters. "On the surface, everything looks fine, because all the paperwork is in beautiful order, and all the surveys have been passed with flying colours, except when the odd accident happens," Mr Brynildsen said.

He added that a single decision by a master could lead to huge financial damage, as witnessed by the \$161m insurance and salvage related costs, plus legal costs, occasioned by the Tricolor/Kariba incident in the English Channel in 2002.

He said that more seafarers and stevedores were injured in isolated cases of daily life on board than in the spectacular cases.

The general perception was that the vast majority of officers was very competent. "The question is, is the environment in which they work enabling them to do their best?" he said. "We have put too much blame on the seafarer, when it is a more complex industry problem.

"Is the simple solution to point the finger at them and impose even more individual training? Can we possibly compensate for lack of experience with a few weeks in a training centre on their time off?"

Technology had changed dramatically, but the organisation of crews had stayed the same over the years. There was no doubt that young people in Norway, for example, hesitated to go for a seagoing career because of the long tenures, and it was time to review such duty rosters.

Traffic systems designed years ago for smaller vessels in the Channel and the Malacca Strait, where there were too many collisions, also had to be revised, he said.

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

<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>GT</b>	<b>DWT</b>	<b>Bit</b>	<b>Casualty</b>
<i>AL HABIB 12</i>	general	SYR	—	372	700	1953	Lying aground, abandoned and derelict at Port Said since Jul 7.
<i>ANTONIA</i>	ro-ro	VCT	PR	3,598	1,225	1970	Drifting due to breakdown of diesel generator 40 miles off Poti Aug 31. Towage assistance requested for towing to Poti. Arrived Poti Sep 4.
<i>BLEXEN</i>	general	ATG	GL	3,821	4,695	1996	Complete engine failure in lat 54 40.20N, long 05 49.14W, Sep 4. Repairs completed same day.
<i>ENDEAVOUR</i>	container	LBR	GL	9,367	12,712	1986	Engine problems in lat 12 37N, long 62 16W, Sep 1. LOF awarded to Five Oceans Salvage and tug <i>Massai</i> proceeding from Martinique, ETA Sep 1. Under tow to Pointe a Pitre, arrived Sep 4.
<i>ENDURANCE</i>	fishing	IRL	—	346	—	2000	Had engine problems off Kilmore Sep 3. Towed by lifeboat to Rosslare Harbour, arrived Sep 4.
<i>JAN-WILLEM</i>	general	ATG	GL	1,525	1,776	1986	Fire in main cargo hold at Pori Aug 29. Fire extinguished within 1.5 hrs and damage expected to be minor. In port at Mantyluoto Sep 3.
<i>JOKER</i>	general	ATG	GL	1,559	2,311	1984	Reported Aug 30 to have had engine breakdown a few days earlier. Taken in tow by tug Tom and arrived Gdynia Sep 2. Still under repair Sep 4, ETC Sep 25.
<i>KANG ZHONG</i>	bulker	HKG	CS	29,145	45,000	2002	In collision with <i>Sea Bulker</i> at Cotonou, last week of August 2007.
<i>MAERSK DIADEMA</i>	container	DEU	GL	52,701	58,281	2006	Ran aground on approach to Lazaro Cardenas Sep 1. Refloated Sep 5.
<i>SALAMIS GLORY</i>	passenger	CYP	LR	10,392	3,713	1962	In collision with mv <i>Shelly</i> 4 km off Haifa Bay following mechanical problem.
<i>SEA BULKER</i>	bulker	HKG	BV	24,953	42,717	1997	In collision with Kang Zhong at Cotonou, last week of Aug 2007. Vessel arrested following a cargo claim brought as a result of the collision.
<i>SHELLY</i>	general	SVK	—	1,837	2,260	1973	Sank following collision with passenger vessel <i>Salamis Glory</i> 4 km off Haifa Bay Aug 30. Eleven of the 13 crew rescued. Two dead. Wreck exists in lat 32 50.94N, long 35 00.1E.
<i>SUPERFERRY II</i>	passenger/	GRC	HR	4,986	1,472	1974	In contact with quay at Tinos Sep 4. Some damage to forward part of bulbous bow. Departed same day.
<i>TAI SHUN</i>	bulker	HKG	CS	11,638	19,019	1977	Grounded on the east breakwater of Keelung Aug 30. Refloated and towed to Keelung to effect temporary repairs. ETD Sep 1.
<i>TURGUT KOCABAS</i>	general	TUR	—	2,247	3,739	1980	Sank following a collision with <i>Zinnet Mete</i> off Darica Sep 3. Fifteen of the 16 crew members rescued.
<i>WILLASSEN SENIOR</i>	fishing	NOR	—	334	190	1979	Sank in Lofoten, Svolvær Aug 31. Oil spill reported.
<i>ZINNET METE</i>	container	TUR	AB	8,220	12,301	1993	In collision with <i>Turgut Kocabas</i> off Darica Sep 3.

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## The following reports are reprinted from Lloyd's List



### AKVARESURS (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 1 -- Fishing (general) *Akvaresurs* is still lying in the same position, without power. Rescue vessel *Radischev* is proceeding to assist, ETA on scene Sep 6. -- Correspondent.

### AL HABIB 12 (Syria)

London, Sep 3 -- General cargo *Al Habib 12* (372 gt, built 1953) has been lying aground, abandoned and derelict at Port Said since Jul 7.

### ALGOSOO (Canada)

London, Aug 31 -- Bulk carrier *Algosoo* arrived Sandusky Aug 26 and sailed Aug 27. Vessel subsequently arrived Hamilton(CAN) Aug 29 and sailed same day.

### ALIAKMON (Liberia)

London, Sep 5 -- Following received from Coast Guard New Orleans, timed 1340, UTC: Product tanker *Aliakmon* (35711 gt, built 2006), loaded with gasoil, grounded at Mile 202, River Mississippi, close to Baton Rouge, at 0215, UTC, Sep 4. Vessel refloated about 0255, UTC, same day and inspections revealed no damage. Classification society carried out inspection and were satisfied. *Aliakmon* anchored in the Baton Rouge area and the restriction on it proceeding was lifted at 1900, UTC, yesterday. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Aliakmon* was located stationary off Baton Rouge in lat 30 25 37.98N, long 91 11 45.06W, at 1331, UTC, today.)

### ALISON (Philippines)

Manila, Aug 30 -- Fully cellular containership *Alison* has been completely repaired and will be returned to her normal trading operations as soon as possible. -- Lloyd's Agents.

### ANTONIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Sep 3 -- Following received from MRCC Georgia, timed 1144, UTC: At 1700, UTC, Aug 31, Roll On Roll Off *Antonia* (3598 gt, built 1970) departed from the port of Poti to the port of Kavkaz. At 40 miles vessel was drifting due to breakdown of the diesel generator. At 0455, UTC, today, towage assistance was requested for towing to the port of Poti. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, at 0518, UTC, today, *Antonia* was in lat 42 28. 36.43N, long 40 39 29E, speed two knots, course 338.3 degrees.

London, Sep 4 -- Roll On Roll Off *Antonia* arrived Poti 0345, Sep 4.

### ANTREAS (Panama)

Mombasa, Sep 4 -- Bulk carrier with container capacity *Antreas* arrived in

tow at the port of Mombasa on Sep 2. She has, since then, been at anchorage waiting to be allocated a berth to discharge the cargo. Port authorities confirm that the vessel is in the waiting list and may possibly dock any time from tomorrow. However, understand from Mr. Paul Semna of the Ministry of Defence, Republic of Rwanda (R.I.C) that their cargo will be discharged at Dar-es-Salaam port and not Mombasa. This means that the vessel can only undergo a cursory inspection at Mombasa (if possible) and then the matter will be handed over to the Lloyd's Agency at Dar-es-Salaam for final survey. -- Lloyd's Agents.

### ARO FOREST (South Korea)

London, Aug 31 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Aro Forest* arrived Mizushima Aug 29 and sailed Aug 30.

### ARUNG SAMUDERA (Indonesia)

Brisbane, Sep 4 -- Training *Arung Samudera* was towed to Brisbane on Aug 30 after being grounded at Rainbow Beach during rough weather. It has been moved today to the Naval Dockyards here in Brisbane. Damage consisted of a broken rudder, fractured dropkeel which was lost during salvage, shredded sails, rust streaking from pounding waves. Also the alternator and generator are broken. There is approximately two weeks work to effect repairs. Indonesian Naval Authorities are at present trying to obtain three repair quotations before making a decision. -- Lloyd's Agents.

### ASIA HONGKONG (Philippines)

Manila, Sep 5 -- Passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* (1842 gt, built 1971) collided with the Philippine-registered landing craft *LCT Sarah* off the coast of Misamis Oriental in southern Philippines at 2224, local time, on Tuesday (Sep 4). *Asia Hongkong*, with 570 passengers, was travelling from Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao island to Tagbilaran port in southern Luzon when the accident happened, officials of Cebu-based Trans-Asia Shipping, owner and operator of *Asia Hongkong*, said. There were no death or injuries to the passengers and crew of *Asia Hongkong*. It is not yet known if *LCT Sarah* sustained any casualties. Cause of the collision is still to be determined. According to Trans-Asia Shipping, there appears to be no damage to *Asia Hongkong* which is proceeding on its own power to Tagbilaran port. The vessel is expected to reach the port by noon of Wednesday. -- Correspondent.

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* and landing craft *LCT Sarah* collided off the southern Philippine province of Misamis Oriental at dawn today, maritime officials said. Officials said there were no casualties in the collision. iNo one was killed or hurt in the accident,i said Galileo Garcia, spokesman for the Maritime Industry Authority. iIt was an early morning accident. We are still waiting reports from the masters of the vessels about the collision,i Garcia said. However, the

collision tore a hole on the port side of *LCT Sarah*, its master Edgardo Paniquit, said. The damage to the vessel is big, he said, adding that the vessel was towed to a shipyard in the province for repairs. *LCT Sarah* was on its way to Cagayan de Oro from Manila to deliver 40 containers of fertiliser when it collided with *Asia Hongkong*. Paniquit said the ferry was sailing right on the path of the cargo vessel. We tried to manoeuvre away from the ferry, but was too late. They hit us on the side. The ferry went straight to our route, he said. Veronica Akot, of *Asia Hongkong*, said they were still awaiting formal reports from the vessel's master Sigundino Ladera. She said the vessel was not damaged by the collision and continued its trip to Tagbilaran City in Bohol province. The Coast Guard are investigating the collision.

Manila, Sep 5 -- The Philippine Coast Guard reported that landing craft *LCT Sarah* sustained hull damage in the collision with passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* yesterday evening. The master of *LCT Sarah* reported to the Coast Guard that the vessel and its cargo of 40 containers was on its way to Cagayan de Oro from Manila when it collided with *Asia Hongkong* off Sulauan Point in Misamis Oriental province at around 2224 hrs. As a result of the collision, *LCT Sarah* began taking in water through a hole in its port side. After a few minutes, the vessel began listing six degrees to port, forcing the master to beach the vessel at Iponan Point. The vessel is still at Iponan Point where its crew are currently undertaking temporary repairs by welding a patch over the hole. According to the Coast Guard the vessel's entire crew are safe. The collision did not result in any oil pollution. -- Correspondent

Manila, Sep 6 -- Passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* was in collision with landing craft *Sarah* (1076 gt, built 1983) not landing craft *LCT Sarah* as before reported. -- Correspondent

Manila, Sep 6 -- The Philippine Coast Guard reported that landing craft, *Sarah* (1076 gt) had finished applying a temporary steel patch in the hole in its portside hull and left Iponan point, in Misamis Oriental, in the southern Philippines, this morning, under its own power. The vessel is now in Cagayan de Oro port, unloading its cargo of 40 twenty-foot containers. *Sarah* collided with passenger ro/ro *Asia Hongkong* off Sulauan Point in Misamis Oriental province on Sep 4. -- Correspondent.

#### **BAO GANG TUO 2 (China)**

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated Sep 1, states: All 15 crew members have been rescued after their listing tug *Baotuo 2* (? tug *Bao Gang Tuo 2*, 335 gt, built 1981) grounded early today less than 30 nautical miles away from a port in Shanghai, the Ministry of Communications said today. On its way to an anchor station, *Baotuo 2* ran aground and listed at 0225 today near a guide levee north of the mouth of the Yangtze River, which "threatened the lives of crew onboard", said Lu Xiujun,

a staff member on duty at the Dohai Rescue Bureau of the ministry. Two salvage vessels arrived at the site at 0347 hrs and rescued all the crew that had got away from the stranded tug on a raft. The hull valve of the tug was also shut in case of oil leakage. The 15 crew landed on the Waigaoqiao port, Shanghai, at 0830 hrs.

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from China MRCC today: Tug *Baotuo 2* (? *Bao Gang Tuo 2*) grounded in lat 31 08.255N, long 122 17.979E.

#### **BARRI (Latvia)**

Riga, Aug 30 -- Pollution control vessel *Barri* is being cut for scrap, file has been closed. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **BLEXEN (Antigua & Barbuda)**

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Coastguard Belfast, timed 0839, UTC: At 0754, UTC, general cargo *Blexen* (3821 gt, built 1996), Rotterdam for Belfast, with 1,254 tonnes of cargo, including hazardous class three, reported in lat 54 40.20N, long 05 49.14W, three cables east of No.6 buoy, Victoria Channel, Belfast. Vessel had complete engine failure. Restarted and going to anchor for further assessment.

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Coastguard Belfast, timed 0931, UTC: General cargo *Blexen*: Master assessed the situation and found it to be that the governor on the main engine had broken. This was repaired and the vessel proceeded at 0914, UTC.

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

Manila, Aug 30 -- UCPB General Insurance reported Wednesday (Aug 29) that they are considering five serious buyers for Ro-ro ferry *Blue Water Princess 1*, which capsized on Jul 12. UCPB General Insurance is the hull insurance underwriter for the *Blue Water Princess 1* which has been declared as a total constructive loss. The sale of the wreck has not only attracted shipbreakers but shipowners as well. According to the underwriters, the *Blue Water Princess 1* can still be restored into working condition at reasonable cost since the hull is intact. The vessel's hull did not sustain any serious damage as it ran aground in a sand bank. The underwriter's expect to close the sale by next week. The buyer will be responsible for refloating and towing the vessel, which is still aground off the coast of Quezon province. -- Correspondent.

#### **BODEN (Slovakia)**

London, Aug 31 -- Bulk carrier *Boden* passed Istanbul, eastbound, at 0820, Aug 28, and subsequently passed Kerchenskiy Strait, northbound, at 1949, Aug 30. Vessel was reported stationary at Mariupol by Lloyd's MIU AIS as of 1439, UTC, today.

#### **BOTHNIA CARRIER (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 0835, UTC: General cargo with container capacity *Bothnia Carrier* (5992 gt, built 1977)

(Durres for Uddevalla) has been stopped effecting repairs in lat 48 38N, long 05 19W, for the past 24 hours.

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 1505, UTC: General cargo with container capacity *Bothnia Carrier* is currently proceeding to anchorage in Douarnenez Bay to effect repairs, ETA 2030, UTC.

London, Sep 5 -- Following received from Corsen MRCC, timed 1435, UTC: General cargo with container capacity *Bothnia Carrier* is currently anchored for repairs in Douarnenez Bay, in lat 48 12N, long 04 29W.

#### **BOW FAVOUR (NIS)**

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Bahrain-based Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (Asry) has successfully completed the removal and replacement of a damaged main engine crankshaft from chemical tanker *Bow Favour*. Earlier this year, the chemical tanker owned by Odfjell SE of Norway, sustained severe main engine failure. Asry, which has a long working relationship with Odfjell, immediately responded to the Norwegian firm's call for assistance, it said. A new 50-tonne crankshaft was obtained in Korea and air-freighted to Bahrain. Once the crankshaft had been received, the careful preparation and planning allowed for a quick and successful conclusion to the repairs. *Bow Favour* returned to service in the middle of August and Asry has since received a letter of appreciation from senior vice president and head of Odfjell Ship Management Department Helge Olsen. "Since the *Bow Favour* left Asry mid-August every indicator onboard is pointing in a positive direction, and for every day that elapses it becomes very clear that the main engine repairs carried out have been a success and of the high quality we needed and expected," Olsen wrote. Since the major main engine breakdown in the Indian Ocean on Feb 4, Odfjell has been dependant on attention and support from a long row of highly skilled collaborators to be able to put the *Bow Favour* into service again as quickly, effectively and professionally as possible.

#### **BUTUAN BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Aug 30 -- Roll On Roll Off *Butuan Bay 1* is still undergoing repairs at Cebu. However, there is an order in place preventing her from departing, pending the completion of an investigation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **CELTIC VOYAGER (Bahamas)**

London, Aug 30 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Celtic Voyager* was reported stationary at Falmouth at 1333, UTC, today. (See issue of Aug 31.)

Falmouth, Sep 4 -- General cargo *Celtic Voyager* remains in Falmouth under repair. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **COASTAL RENAISSANCE (Germany)**

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Mechanical problems are plaguing BC Ferries' new passenger ro/ro *Coastal Renaissance* (21980 gt,

built 2007). During sea trials, problems were found with the propeller system on the vessel. The shipyard says it will take about a month to repair the problems. *Coastal Renaissance* is one of three super C-class ferries being built in Germany and was supposed to sail for BC later this month. That has now been pushed back until next month. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Coastal Renaissance* was stationary at Flensburg today.)

#### **CSL LAURENTIEN (Canada)**

London, Sep 3 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *CSL Laurentien* was located 6.7 nautical miles from Pointe aux Trembles, in lat 45 43 36.77N, long 73 25 25.04W, at 2135, UTC, Sep 2, course 36.8 deg, speed 12.4 knots.

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

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Public Works Department (PWD) chief secretary Sudhir Krishna has advised authorities of the Pollution Control Board and New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) to take necessary measures in order to empty the engine oil from the capsized general cargo *Denden*, which is lying a few kilometres away from Tannirbhavi seashore, close to NMPT by the Arabian Sea, and also to undertake salvage operations. He was speaking while presiding over the discussion at NMPT late last week. The owners, an Eritrea-based shipping company, have been served with a notice under Section 133 on charges of causing disturbance to the general public by the district administration, following their failure in taking appropriate action, despite the oil tanker lying submerged in the sea for over two months. The shipping company has consented to empty the oil from its cargo hold once the rains to recede. However, although the rains have abated to some extent, apparently they have not taken any steps in this regard.

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: In a significant meeting held in Mumbai yesterday, an undertaking was signed by the owners of general cargo *Denden*. The lawyer appointed by the Eritrean ship owner has consented to save the ship on behalf of the owner, reliable sources confirmed. Discussions were held on pumping either the furnace oil to another tanker, or to the temporary storage tanks installed on the shore, before taking up salvage operations. There is likelihood of beginning the emptying process of cargo when the rains recede or in the first week of October, sources informed. The 21 surviving crew of *Denden* are forced to stay in lodges here, for over two months, owing to the delay in signing the undertaking by the ship owners who otherwise would have been repatriated to their country long ago. On the backdrop of the meeting held yesterday it was expected to secure the undertaking signed by the ship owner, sources stated.

#### **DISCOVERY II (Panama)**

See "Bangladesh" under "Piracy".

#### **DOUALA TIDE (Vanuatu)**

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated Aug 30, states: A Filipino seafarer died after anchor handling tug *Douala Tide* sank off Port Alfred in South Africa last week, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Thursday (Aug 30). But South African maritime authorities rescued nine Filipino seafarers and a Honduran ship captain when the vessel capsized Thursday last week, the DFA said in a statement, citing a report from Philippine Ambassador to South Africa Virgilio A. Reyes Jr. Sailing from Dubai, United Arab Emirates to Douala, Cameroon, the 37-foot anchor-handling tug ran into six- to eight-metre swells with 20- to 25-knot winds 25 nautical miles from the Great Fish Point near the coastal holiday resort of Port Alfred. Consul General Renato Villapando and assistance-to-nationals officer Earl Alonzo went to Port Elizabeth to assist the Filipino survivors and facilitate the immediate repatriation of the body of the lone Filipino fatality.

#### **E JIANG AN 0116 (China)**

See *Hai Tun*.

#### **E.R.BERGEN (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Hull, Aug 30 -- Supply *E.R.Bergen* is presently in dry dock at Hull. The vessel's tailshaft, rudder and rudder stock have been removed and sent for repairs. Repairs are not expected to be completed before Sep 10. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **ENDEAVOUR (Liberia)**

Piraeus, Sep 1 -- Fully cellular containership *Endeavour* (9367 gt, built 1986), loaded, immobilised with engine problem 47 miles north-north-west of Grenada in lat 12 37N, long 62 16W, Sep 1. Five Oceans Salvage awarded LOF contract and tug *Massai* proceeding from Martinique, expecting to rendezvous with *Endeavour* about 2200, local time, today. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd. (Note -- *Endeavour* sailed Manaus Aug 18.)

Piraeus, Sep 3 -- Fully cellular containership *Endeavour* is presently under tow to Pointe a Pitre, ETA 2359, local time, tonight. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd.

Piraeus, Sep 4 -- Convoy consisting of tug *Massai* and fully cellular containership *Endeavour* arrived at Pointe a Pitre pilot station at 1400 yesterday. *Endeavour* was safely alongside the quay at 1824 same day. The *Massai* remains on stand-by. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd.

#### **ENDURANCE (Republic of Ireland)**

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Coastguard Dublin MRCC, timed 1136, UTC: Fishing (general) *Endurance* (346 gt, built 2000) had engine problems about eight nautical miles off Kilmore last night. The Kilmore Quay lifeboat towed the vessel to Rosslare Harbour, arriving at about 1000, this morning.

#### **ENGLISH RIVER (Canada)**

Troy, Michigan, Sep 2 -- Bulk cement carrier *English River* (6730 gt, built 1961) was inbound for the LaFarge Cement Dock in Buffalo and passing through the North Entrance Channel with the tug *Washington* at 0800 when the vessel experienced a bow thruster failure. The Chief Engineer was summoned up from the engine-room but was unable to get the thruster going again. The ship's captain asked Great Lakes Towing how long it would take them to send another tug down and the reply was about four to five hours. He then decided to abort their approach to Buffalo and had the tug release its line. The vessel then headed back out onto the lake to go to anchor off the Traffic Buoy until another tug can be sent out to help. -- Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

Troy, Michigan, Sep 4 -- Bulk cement carrier *English River* finally made it into Buffalo with the help of the G Tugs *New Jersey* and *Washington* at 2200, local time, on Sunday night (Sep 2). -- Great Lakes and Seaway Shipping News.

#### **ENXEMBRE (U.K.)**

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

#### **EXXON VALDEZ (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 3 -- The parties in the long-running *Exxon Valdez* punitive damages case are joining battle one last time before the US Supreme Court. Plaintiffs against ExxonMobil are planning to lodge an official response to the oil major's plea before the Supreme Court, in which they would insist on the reinstatement of the \$5bn damages originally awarded against ExxonMobil. The move follows a request from ExxonMobil to the Supreme Court to reduce its punitive damages from the \$2.5bn ordered by an appeals court. ExxonMobil has long been insisting the damages ought to be no more than \$25m, based on actual compensation paid to fishermen. ExxonMobil, the successor company to Exxon, has argued that in ordering the \$2.5bn damages the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ignored the principles of maritime law. The Supreme Court has the right to accept or reject ExxonMobil's demand to file a final appeal. Plaintiffs, however, are poised to request the Supreme Court not to hear the case at all because it has already dragged on too long and further Supreme Court proceedings could prolong it for years to come. If the Supreme Court decides to hear ExxonMobil's appeal after all it should reinstate the original damages, plaintiffs will argue. The appellate court reduced ExxonMobil's damages from the combined total of \$5bn originally awarded in 1994 to \$2.5bn, which it determined was the constitutional limit, in December last year. ExxonMobil had spent more than \$3.5bn on the clean-up and settlements, the company said. Two dissenting judges in the appellate court had sided with ExxonMobil in the \$2.5bn verdict. They described it as a

"model corporation" in how it handled the aftermath of the worst oil spill in US history. The 1989 spill spread oil to more than 1,200 miles of coastline, closed fisheries and killed thousands of marine mammals and hundreds of thousands of sea birds, according to official figures. In a prepared statement, ExxonMobil reiterated its *ëbona fidesi*. "We acknowledge that the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill was a very emotional event for many in Alaska and to some those feelings remain strong even today," the company said. "As we have said many times, the spill was a tragic accident, one which the corporation deeply regrets and one for which the corporation has paid significantly." Plaintiffs, however, are prepared to cede no moral ground to the defendant. "[*Exxon Valdez* captain] Hazelwood was a relapsed alcoholic, and Exxon knew it," their petition claims.

#### FAYSAL (Syria)

London, Sep 4 -- General cargo *Faysal* sailed Novorossiysk Aug 22. (Note -- *Faysal* caught fire at Novorossiysk roads Jan 26, 2006, due to an electrical fault. The engine-room was damaged, and the vessel was last reported alongside the berth at the city marine passenger terminal on Feb 8, 2006.)

#### FLORIDABLANCA II (Argentina)

London, Sep 3 -- Following received navigation warning dated yesterday, states: Fishing vessel *Jose I Alvarez* towing Fishing (general) *Floridablanca II* (245 gt, built 1968) in lat 45 28S, long 64 50W, line length 400 metres, speed 6 knots, bound for Camarones Bay.

#### FYODOR KOTOV (Russia)

Odessa, Sep 3 -- Product tanker *Fyodor Kotov* is currently under repair in expectation of Class certification. Upon it the contract with Alfamarine will be broken off and a new agreement will be concluded (supposedly with a Ukrainian company). -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### GLENNSTAR (Cook Islands)

See *T.C.Gleisner*.

#### GS LUNA (Belize)

London, Sep 3 -- General cargo *GS Luna* arrived Yokohama Sep 2.

#### HACI EMINE ANA (Turkey)

London, Aug 31 -- General cargo *Haci Emine Ana* sailed Bizerta Aug 29 for Istanbul.

#### HAI TUN (South Korea)

Antwerp, Sep 3 -- Non specific tanker *Hai Tun* (2917 gt, built 1992), Ulsan for Nanjing, with 3,100 tonnes of asphalt, was in collision with bulk carrier *E Jiang An 0116*, Shanghai for Ezhou, with 1,276 tonnes of iron ore, near Sutong Bridge, Nantong, Jiangsu Province, on Aug 26. No crew injuries or cargo damages reported. Both vessels have subsequently resumed their voyages. -- DPS-Teamhead Surveyors.

#### HANNA (Faroe Islands)

London, Sep 3 -- General cargo *Hanna* (736 gt, built 1970) grounded in lat 55 12.6N, long 12 10E, Aug 27. Vessel refloated and proceeded on voyage. (Note -- *Hanna* passed Brunsbüttele west Sep 2 bound for Bremen.)

#### HARDINGEN (Norway)

Oslo, Aug 30 -- Roll on roll off *Hardingen* is presently at the Wartsila workshop, Bomlo. The vessel sustained serious bottom damage in the bow area, along with probable rudder and steering damage. The engines, rudder and steering are presently being inspected, after which repairs will be carried out. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### HARPOON (Philippines)

Manila, Sep 4 -- Tsuneishi Heavy Industries (Cebu) Inc. shipyard reported Friday, that general cargo *Harpoon* is back at the yard's floating dock undergoing bottom hull cleaning and painting. This is expected to be completed this week. The vessel, however, will remain at the yard as it is still awaiting additional navigational equipment and parts for its generator. -- Correspondent.

#### HAVI (Panama)

London, Aug 30 -- According Lloyd's MIU AIS bulk carrier *Havi* was still stationary at Singapore at 0426, UTC, today.

#### ILHA AZUL (Madeira)

Ponta Delgada, Sep 4 -- Passenger ro/ro *Ilha Azul* is still berthed alongside the Port of Praia in Graciosa-Island under repairs to the damaged hull plating located underwater in consequence of the collision with the sea bottom rocks. The works are now expected to be completed during this week, enabling the vessel to proceed under tow from Graciosa to the shipyards in Continent. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ponta Delgada, Sep 6 -- Passenger ro/ro *Ilha Azul*, towed by the Spanish tug *Charuca Silveira*, left the Port of Praia, Graciosa-Island, at 1700, local time, Sep 5. The vessel sailed towards Viana do Castelo, Portugal, for drydocking in order to carry out the necessary repairs to the reported extensive hull damage caused by the contact with the sea bottom rocks during the berthing manoeuvre on Aug 23. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### ILLAHEE (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Aug 30 -- Roll On Roll Off *Illahëe* is currently on the same lift as the *Quinault*, at Seattle's Todd Shipyard for steel work and stern tube replacement; it is our understanding that the work is scheduled to be completed by Sep 14. Return to service is contingent on successful pressure tests and sea trials with tentative date of Sep 17 for return to service. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### IREM KALKAVAN (Marshall Islands)

See *Stolt Cormorant*.

#### JAN-WILLEM (Antigua & Barbuda)

Turku, Sep 3 -- A fire broke out in the main cargo hold of general cargo *Jan-Willem* (1525 gt, built 1986), loaded with bales of sawn timber, at approximately 1600, Aug 29, while the vessel was preparing to depart from Pori. The fire did not spread far and was extinguished after approximately 1.5 hours, but the cargo was damaged by heat and smoke. Damage to the vessel is expected to be minor. According to the fire department, the plastic wrapping on the timber bales had melted. The vessel's deck cargo had to be discharged in order to enter the cargo hold. The cause of the fire is still unknown. The vessel is presently still at Mantyluoto for survey. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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

London, Sep 3 -- Tug *Leopard* arrived Zeebrugge 1144, Aug 30, and sailed 1212, Aug 31, towing general cargo *Janina*. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Janina* was located 10 nautical miles from Gedser, in lat 54 23 43.44N, long 11 54 24.18E, at 1106, UTC, today, course 9.1 deg, speed 8.2 knots.

London, Sep 4 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, general cargo *Janina* was located 11.2 nautical miles from Wladyslawowo, Poland, in lat 54 46 38.7N, long 18 36 09.72E, at 1533, UTC, today, course 120.9 deg, speed 9.1 knots.

London, Sep 5 -- General cargo *Janina* arrived Gdynia at 2055, Sep 4.

#### JOKER (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Aug 30 -- Following received from Riga MRCC, dated today: General cargo *Joker* (1559 gt, built 1984) had an engine breakdown a few days ago and a request for towing was made through the agent. Tug *Tom* is currently towing *Joker*. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Joker* was reported 14 nautical miles from Roja, Latvia, in lat 57 43.50N, long 22 51.13E, speed 6.6 knots, course 317 deg., at 2101, UTC, today.)

London, Aug 31 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS general cargo *Joker* and tug *Tom* were in lat 57 38 04N, long 21 25 30E, at 0548, UTC, today, speed 6.6 knots, course 218 degrees, bound Gdynia. (Note -- *Joker* had arrived Riga Aug 20 from Tallinn and was last reported still in port Aug 26.)

London, Sep 2 -- General cargo *Joker* has been safely towed to Gdynia by tug *Tom*. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, *Joker* was located stationary at Gdynia as of 1350, UTC, today while *Tom* was located stationary at Gdynia as of 1251, UTC, today.

Gdynia, Sep 4 -- General cargo *Joker* is being repaired at Naval Shipyard Gdynia S. A., due to engine malfunction. It is expected that the vessel will complete repairs on Sep 25. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### KANG ZHONG (Hong Kong)

See *Sea Bulker*.

#### KATHY L (Canada)

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated Sep 1, states: The Canadian Coast

Guard says no decision has yet been made to send a mini-submarine to the bottom of the Robson Bight Ecological Reserve off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island to check the condition of vehicles and heavy equipment accidentally dumped there over a week ago. This contradicts an earlier statement from Barry Penner, British Columbia's Environment Minister, that the Regional Environmental Emergency Team (REET), which includes federal, provincial and local agencies, issued a directive this week that the responsible party hire a submarine to inspect the site. A barge, owned by Ted LeRoy Trucking Ltd., (towed by tug *Kathy L*) lost a tanker truck carrying 10,000 litres of diesel fuel, an ambulance, pick-up truck, excavator and two log loaders on Aug 20. They remain on the bottom of the reserve, 350 metres below the surface. The accident caused a large oil spill that threatened local marine life in an area that attracts 25,000 tourists a year. Environmental groups Greenpeace and the Living Oceans Society, along with local scientists and tourism companies, said they would try to raise \$35,000 to cover the costs of sending a manned mini-sub to investigate the site. Vancouver-based deep-sea technology firm Nuytco Research said it would waive its usual rental fee, which is also \$35,000. A spokesman for the Coast Guard confirmed it has access to a mini-sub, but had no plans to send it down. "I'm not sure where [Mr. Penner] is getting his information from. That's not correct," Dan Bate said. "REET, as a body, has put forward a recommendation to [the] Coast Guard which does discuss sending a submersible down. Barry Penner, minister, can say what he wants." Mr. Bate added that the Coast Guard is awaiting the outcome of an investigation initiated by LeRoy Trucking, which will then be verified by BMT Technologies, an ocean sciences company that the Coast Guard brought in to provide an independent assessment. This process is unlikely to be completed before the middle of next week, he said, more than two weeks after the accident. Only then will the submarine plan be considered, he added.

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

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated Aug 31, states: Roll on roll off *Kennicott* (12635 gt, built 1998) has been stuck at Kodiak for the last three nights due to a broken flap rudder. The vessel is now expected to sail for Ketchikan at midnight tonight for repairs. The US Coast Guard approved the vessel to carry up to 10 cars and 25 passengers on the midnight sailing across the Gulf of Alaska, but the ferry service does not know if any customers are interested in a Kodiak-to-Ketchikan trip, Alaska Department of Transportation spokeswoman Mary Siroky said today. The vessel has been in Kodiak since Tuesday (Aug 28) when one of its two Becker rudders malfunctioned. Divers worked on a temporary repair in Kodiak. Several plans were discussed

and engineers ultimately decided the divers would cut the Becker rudder off the main rudder using a torch. Permanent repairs will take place at the Ketchikan shipyard, Alaska Ship and Drydock Inc. A cross-Gulf sailing set for Wednesday was cancelled and Kennicott trips through Sep 3 have also been cancelled. The ferry service does not know how long the vessel will be out of service, Siroky said.

#### **KEOYOUNG CHEMI (South Korea)**

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated Sep 2, states: Six Chinese fishermen are missing after their boat (fishing (general) *Zhe Dong Yu 7302*) sank early Sunday (Sep 2) in a collision with a cargo ship from the Republic of Korea (chemical tanker *Keoyoung Chemi* (735 gt, built 1985) off the coast of eastern Zhejiang Province, local maritime sources said. The collision occurred around 0200, Sunday, off the coast of Wenzhou, according to maritime police of Zhejiang. The Chinese boat with seven on board sank immediately after colliding with the 1,100-tonne South Korean vessel. By 0630, one of the crew members of the Chinese boat has been rescued but the other six are still missing. The Wenzhou maritime search and rescue centre, Zhejiang maritime police, and the ROK vessel are still searching the missing at the site. The cause of the collision is under investigation.

Beijing, Sep 3 -- The collision between chemical tanker *Keoyoung Chemi* (735 gt, built 1985) and fishing (general) *Zhe Dong Yu 7302* took place at about 0220, local time, Sep 2. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Antwerp, Sep 3 -- At about 0220, local time, Sep 2, chemical tanker *Keoyoung Chemi* collided with fishing (general) *Zhe Dong Yu 7302* in lat 27 42.7N, long 121 36.6E, about 60 nautical miles off Wenzhou port, China. *Zhe Dong Yu 7302* subsequently sank. Six of the seven crew are missing. Search and rescue operations are in progress. -- DPS-Teamhead Surveyors.

London, Sep 5 -- Six Chinese fishermen were still missing yesterday after their vessel sank following a collision with a South Korea-flagged chemical tanker off the coast of Wenzhou in east China's Zhejiang Province on Sunday (Sep 2). The wooden fishing *Zhe Dong Yu 7302*, and the 1985-built, 1,139dwt chemical tanker *Keoyoung Chemi* collided at around 0200 hrs. The fishing boat sank and its seven crew plunged into the sea. One was rescued on Monday but the other six are still missing. *Keoyoung Chemi* was on its way from south-east China's Fuzhou to Jiangyin on the Yangtze River when the collision occurred.

#### **LAWIT (Indonesia)**

Jakarta, Sep 1 -- Passenger (cruise) *Lawit* completed repairs and sailed Semarang Aug 29 for Pontianak. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **LCT SARAH**

See *Asia Hongkong*.

#### **MAERSK DIADEMA (Germany)**

London, Sep 3 -- Understand fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* (52701 gt, built 2006) ran aground yesterday on approach to Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico. Apparently there was no pilot on board at the time. (Note -- *Maersk Diadema* sailed Yokohama Aug 5 with ETA Lazaro Cardenas Sep 1.)

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated Sep 3, states: Fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* ran aground yesterday in Lazaro Cardenas port and three tugs could not refloat it. The vessel with hundreds of containers, some for unloading in the fertilizer company, Fertinal, sailed from Panama to Yokohama. The grounding happened when the ship tried to enter "the dock of turn" of the Balsas River, to berth at the container wharf at Lazaro Cardenas. Suddenly, the vessel turned aside of the route and went aground about 600 metres to the east of the ship canal. The vessel ran aground near noon yesterday, but harbour authorities tried to hide the fact in the first hours.

London, Sep 5 -- A Maersk Line customer advisory, dated Sep 3, states: Fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema*, en route from Balboa, grounded outside Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, on Sep 1. Opportunities to refloat the vessel are being investigated. Early reports indicated that the vessel was undamaged and there has been no damage to the environment or the cargo on board. Further investigations will be carried out when possible. Same reports indicate that all reefer containers on board are under power. A salvage master will arrive at Lazaro Cardenas later today and an attempt to refloat the vessel will take place as soon as the conditions are optimal.

London, Sep 5 -- Fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* on time charter to Maersk Line remains grounded off Lazaro Cardenas. *Maersk Diadema* grounded at 2306 Saturday (Sep 1) as it entered the port on its way from Panama to Yokohama. Armando Palos, director general of the Port Authority of Lazaro Cardenas, said the authorities were still waiting for the master to make his statement on the incident. "The grounding did not happen inside the port. The vessel was 700 metres outside the entry channel to the port when it grounded. The master has not handed in his report on what were the causes for him deviating from the Canal," he said. Mr Palos said there was still no information on why the vessel did not have a pilot on board when the incident happened. Titan Salvage is overseeing the efforts to free the vessel. Three tugs are assisting with the effort. "They will make another effort to free the vessel today and we hope to have freed the vessel by tomorrow," said Mr Palos.

London, Sep 6 -- A second effort to refloat grounded fully cellular containership *Maersk Diadema* was under way last night after an earlier attempt on Tuesday (Sep 4) had failed. The 4,546 teu ship owned by German company Hermann Wulff and on

charter to Maersk Line is not thought to have sustained any damage to the hull. Neither are there any reports of cargo damage, according to a Maersk Line spokesman. The accident occurred on Sunday when the 2006-built vessel ran aground on the approach to Lazaro Cardenas in Mexico. The was no pilot on board, according to one report. The vessel was en route from Panama to Yokohama, and carrying hundreds of containers, some of which were to be unloaded at fertiliser company Fertinal.

#### **MALENE (DIS)**

London, Sep 1 -- General cargo *Malene* arrived Durban Aug 30.

London, Sep 4 -- General cargo *Malene* sailed Durban Sep 2.

#### **MANILA BAY 1 (Philippines)**

Manila, Aug 30 -- Having completed the installation of navigational equipment on board passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1*, repair work has shifted to the vessel's engines. Engine No 1 has been opened and it has been determined that parts such as bushes and valves will have to be replaced. Engine No 2 is set to be opened next week. Carlos A. Gothong Shipping Lines engineers said that it was difficult to set a completion date until the required engine parts are delivered. Brand new parts could take months to acquire as they have to be sourced from abroad. Second-hand, refurbished parts, on the other hand, are available locally but have a limited working life. It is not yet clear if the spare parts will be sourced locally or overseas. -- Correspondent.

Manila, Sep 4 -- Passenger ro/ro *Manila Bay 1* has been repaired and subsequently left Cebu, destination unknown. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **MARIA LILIANA (Argentina)**

London, Sep 5 -- Following navigation warning dated yesterday, states: Fishing vessel *Siempre Moscuzca* towing fishing (general) *Maria Liliana* (669 gt, built 1980) in lat 44 49S, long 65 03W, speed seven knots, bound Comodoro Rivadavia.

#### **MARINE PRIME (Panama)**

Yokohama, Sep 5 -- Chemical tanker *Marine Prime* (741 gt, built 1987) grounded in shallow water near Shimomizu Island, Mizushima port, at 2050, Sep 3. The vessel refloated by its own means at 0200, Sep 4, and arrived at the quarantine anchorage at 0213 hrs. There was no oil spill or water ingress. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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

London, Sep 7 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Diesel engines failed yesterday on board the MBTA ferry passenger ro/ro *Massachusetts* (99 gt, built 1988). The power failure set the Boston-bound ferry adrift at about 0915 hrs between Spectacle Island and the Long Island Bridge with 118 passengers on board. The vessel dropped anchor, holding off Spectacle Island until a second ferry came to the rescue. All passengers and crew were

evacuated to the ferry *Matthew Hughes* with no injuries reported. The cause is still under investigation, said a Coast Guard spokeswoman.

#### **MASTER ENDEAVOUR (Panama)**

See "Hurricane "Dean" under "Weather & Navigation".

#### **MERIDIAN (U.K.)**

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated Sep 4, states: The loss of a Scottish fishing vessel last October was almost certainly due to a number of factors, an official report concludes today. The Kirkcaldy-registered and Aberdeen-based fishing *Meridian* and its four man crew were lost on Oct 26 last year 160 nautical miles due east of Aberdeen while the vessel was carrying out work for the oil industry. According to the Marine Accident Investigation Branch report, the 22.63m vessel left Aberdeen on Oct 11, 2006, for a provisional two-week tour of duty as one of three guard ships in the Blane Development Field about 160 miles east of Aberdeen. It had her owner/skipper and three experienced fishermen on board. On the evening of Oct 26, weather conditions deteriorated rapidly and the vessel would have experienced storm force or stronger wind speeds. At 2055 on Oct 26, a transmission from the emergency positioning indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) was received by Falmouth Coastguard (CG). At 2102, a second transmission from the EPIRB was received and this enabled a position to be estimated about 160nm due east of Aberdeen, at the edge of the UK/Norwegian oil sectors. The coastguard confirmed that the EPIRB was registered to *Meridian* and began attempts to contact the vessel. Soon afterwards, a request was made to the vessels operating in the vicinity to begin searching for the vessel. At 2358, control of the search and rescue operation was handed over to the Norwegian rescue services as the location of the search area was in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea. The first rescue helicopter arrived on scene soon afterwards. The original search box areas were increased in size as time progressed and to fit the SAR services' computer drift models produced for both floating vessels and persons in the water. A number of search craft, including fixed and rotary wing aircraft, oil industry vessels and fishing vessels combined to search these boxes. At 0113 the following day, the EPIRB was located and retrieved 6 nautical miles south-east of the location of the original EPIRB hit and, at 1430 that day, the body of one of the crew was found. During the day, search and rescue craft also located and recovered some other equipment and one of the liferafts, which was found fully inflated but empty. Although the aircraft and vessels continued searching until Oct 28, nothing further was found and the search was stopped. On Nov 6 an underwater search for *Meridian* was commenced by MAIB with the assistance of Talisman Energy Inc, the oil company that had

contracted *Meridian* for guard ship duty. The search was constantly hampered by poor weather, and having completed an area of 86 square kilometres on Dec 4, a decision was taken to stop the search until better weather could be expected in the spring of 2007. On Apr 21 this year, the search was resumed but, the vessel was not found. On Apr 24, after having searched an area of 206 square kilometres with the most up-to-date electronic equipment, the search was called off. The MAIB commissioned an independent study to evaluate and analyse the stability of *Meridian*. The analysis, says the report, concluded that she was a very stable vessel which comfortably complied with the minimum required stability criteria. Among other things, the analysis highlighted an unusually high transverse metacentric height (GM) for a fishing boat, which would have made the vessel stiff in heavy weather. Further research indicated that this would have made her vulnerable to suffer synchronous rolling in the sea conditions that prevailed at the time of the accident. After considering what was known about the vessel, its crew, and the events of Oct 26, various possible loss scenarios were analysed. The MAIB concluded that the accident was almost certainly brought about by a combination of several factors, and a most probable loss scenario was formed. It is considered likely that as *Meridian* attempted to turn in the prevailing heavy weather conditions, it experienced synchronous rolling as it came beam on to the seas. With each roll angle getting larger, waves began depositing more and more water on deck. This then probably initiated a capsizing moment, and major flooding followed as it lay heeled over and became damaged by the force of the waves. It would have fully capsized and foundered a short time later. The investigation branch adds that recommendations have been made to SFF Services Ltd to ensure that the lessons from this accident are included in future safety briefings to guard ship skippers and to ensure that, in future, guard ships are furnished with good quality long range weather forecasts. In addition, the MAIB has published a two-page flyer, highlighting the accident and advising and reminding fishermen of the dangers of operating in heavy weather and the precautions to take, including gaining the best early warning of worsening weather.

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

Bar, Aug 31 -- General cargo *Mexica*: Salvage of the vessel commenced yesterday. Pumping water out started at 1400 hrs till 1500 hrs. The result of the pumping water was: - The level of the water in the engine-room is one metre less. The list of the vessel is two degrees less. Trim of the vessel is 10 cm less. On the sea bottom, there is a rock, which is 15 cm from the keel of the vessel. The Shipyard is working on removing the rock, in order to be sure that the vessel will not touch the rock during the further trim changing. Oil



pollution is under control. The pumping of the water will continue today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Piraeus, Sep 1 -- General cargo *Mexica* was refloated early this morning and is currently berthed alongside at Bijela. -- Five Oceans Salvage Consultants Ltd.

Bar, Aug 31 -- General cargo *Mexica* is saved. At 1600, today, draft forward is 1,05 metres. Draft mark aft is still under water. There is still a certain quantity of the water in hold No.3 and the engine-room. The Shipyard is still pumping water out and will then start to clean the engine-room. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Bar, Sep 5 -- General cargo *Mexica*: The washing of the engine-room and protection of the engine, as well as closing and properly welding the shell plate openings is in progress, and will complete in a next few days. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### MILLENNIUM (Bahamas)

London, Sep 3 -- Passenger (cruise) *Millennium* arrived Venice Aug 28 and sailed Aug 30. Vessel subsequently arrived Thira Sep 2 and sailed same day. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, as of 1332, UTC, today, vessel was moored at Piraeus.

#### MMM MERSEY (Malaysia)

London, Sep 5 -- Roll On Roll Off *MMM Mersey* arrived Nagoya Aug 28 and sailed Sep 4 for Yokohama.

#### MSC SERENA (Panama)

See *Stolt Cormorant*.

London, Sep 6 -- Fully cellular containership *MSC Serena* sailed Antwerp Sep 5. (See issue of Sep 5.)

#### NANGUIJI 035 (China)

London, Sep 3 -- The operator of the Jiujiang Bridge in south China is suing the owner of general cargo *Nanguiji 035* for Yuan 25.6m (\$3.39m), following the vessel's collision with the bridge in June, causing a section of it to collapse. FuKai Expressway Co filed a claim in Guangzhou Maritime Court claiming compensation to cover the income it expects to lose during the six months the bridge is closed for repairs. The average daily income of the Jiujiang Bridge amounted to Yuan142,153 in May this year, said the claimant. Guangzhou Maritime Court said on its website that it had accepted the case. The Jiujiang Bridge, which spans Xi Jiang (West River) in Foshan, about 20 km southwest of Guangzhou, forms part of national highway 325 and generated an income of Yuan43.9m last year. However, Shenzhen-listed Guangdong Provincial Expressway Development Co, the parent of FuKai Expressway Co, said suspension of the bridge's operation would not have a big impact on its 2007 revenues as it only contributed 4% of income and the company controls the FuKai Expressway, the alternative to national highway 325. The court said shipowner Yang Xiong had never paid the Yuan8m guarantee it required, therefore the 1,599gt *Nanguiji 035* had been detained since the collision. The vessel is likely to be sold to settle the claim

should FuKai Expressway win the case. Four people died and five are still missing after the incident. (See issue of Aug 7.)

#### NEW FLAME (Panama)

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated Aug 31, states: As reports in the Spanish media claimed that fuel had leaked from the stricken bulk carrier *New Flame* the Gibraltar Government initiated an investigation to verify if the reports were true. With the salvage operations of the vessel still taking place off Europa Point the maritime authorities and the Salvage team met to discuss the next stage of the operation and the claims being made in the Spanish press. It is understood that the authorities were assured that throughout the salvage operations no known leak of fuel has taken place. An independent surveyor acting as a monitor of the operations confirming to officials that there had been no known fuel leak after an inspection of the area. It is, however, believed that some hydraulic fuel from equipment on board the vessel might have leaked into the sea, although the incident is described as a minor one. The denials of a fuel leak came as the salvage team continued with their plans to extract the fuel. Although expectations have been for the vessel to be removed due to bad weather condition due to hit the area. Experts have instead opted to remove the fuel with no risk to the vessel expected with the bad weather. Maritime experts have pointed out that while the vessel seems to have buckled considerably, indicating the extent of the damage, it is not believed it is likely to break away in the coming day. Sound and motion sensors on the vessel have also been put in place providing a pre-warning of any increase in the stress of the hull which might indicate that the vessel is due to break up. Officials have today indicated that all fuel extraction operations will be suspended during the weekend due to the increasing winds and as a safeguard to the barge operating alongside the stricken vessel.

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: The salvage operations to extract the fuel from bulk carrier *New Flame* continued suspended this weekend. As the waves lashed onto the ship's hull maritime observers point to the seeming extension of the damage this weekend. The vessel could now be clearly seen listing towards one side at the deepest end, with a white wash covering it as the constant lashing of waves continued. Salvage teams have patrolled the vessel throughout the weekend with at least two tugs this weekend seen circling around the vessel or close by in what seemed to be a continuous monitoring operation for possible oil spills. Divers and technicians were yesterday afternoon observed next to the vessel as the ship's stability was once again being checked.

London, Sep 3 -- The European Union emergency oil spill response ship *Mistra Bay* is en route to Gibraltar amid concern that the grounded bulk carrier *New Flame* is close to breaking

up. In the first test of the EU's back-up capacity, *Mistra Bay* was struggling through a force-seven storm and was reported off the coast of Tunisia. The vessel, a bunker tanker now under the control of the Lisbon-based European Maritime Safety Agency, is expected to arrive in the Bay of Algeciras on Thursday (Sep 6). It was mobilised late on Friday within three hours of a request from Spain, where there are growing fears of pollution from the fuel oil, reportedly around 400 tonnes, still on board *New Flame*. *Mistra Bay* is based in Valletta with a remit to cover the eastern Mediterranean. It was therefore around 1,000 miles away but was nevertheless the closest vessel in the fledgling EU fleet available to answer Spain's call. While a standby vessel should soon be operating out of Portugal, EU coverage along the Atlantic seaboard is not yet in place. Emsa is still in the process of building up its contracted fleet of anti-pollution vessels, said Emsa executive director, Willem de Ruiter. We still have some way to go before we can provide comprehensive pollution response back-up to member states throughout EU waters. However, on this occasion, we quickly assessed the options and offered the Malta-based *Mistra Bay* to the Spanish authorities within three hours of their request. Two Emsa liaison officers have been dispatched: one, a Russian-speaker, is on board *Mistra Bay* to coordinate operations with the Ukrainian crew; another, a Spanish-speaker, has been sent to Spain to coordinate with the local authorities, which already have anti-pollution vessels on stand-by. Emsa officials expressed satisfaction with the way the ship had been mobilised. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Mistra Bay* was in lat 37 29 25N, long 11 17 04E, at 0042, today, speed 7.7 knots, course 288 degrees.)

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated Sep 4, states: The DTI Minister Joe Holliday once again dismissed claims of a fuel leak from bulk carrier *New Flame*. As reports emerged of a fuel spill on the shore lines off Getares, which is in the direction of the sea wind from *New Flame*'s location, the minister pointed out that he had no information which indicated that there had been any fuel leak. He further said that he was satisfied with the salvage operations which would continue extracting fuel today. The Minister, who as taken a personal involvement in ensuring all avenues are covered told how he himself walked in the evenings to Europa Point to observe the vessel and question the salvage experts later. While acknowledging that concern would exist amongst the public over the damage to the vessel, he pointed out that he himself had questioned the team from similar observations. He explained that the vessel already rolled between six degree to 10 degree on either side due to the forces of the wind and swell, but had been assured that the rolling and twisting was not as serious a concern as it might seem to the untrained eye. Holliday further assured that constant monitoring of the

situation was still taking place and that safety continued to remain priority at all times even though many critics were expressing concern over the delays.

#### **NEW VEGA (Hong Kong)**

London, Aug 30 -- General cargo *New Vega* arrived Jakarta Aug 3, from Qingdao, and left Aug 5 for Singapore where it subsequently arrived 1600 Aug 25.

Singapore, Sep 4 -- General cargo *New Vega* is currently at Eastern Laid Up Anchorage in Singapore. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NIRINT ATLAS (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Bremen, Aug 30 -- General cargo *Nirint Atlas* had a fire on board. Oil-remnants in a tank are said to have been on fire. Understand there were no damages. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NONA (Netherlands)**

London, Sep 3 -- Understand that general cargo *Nona* (1978 gt, built 2002) was towed into Rostock today by tug *Fairplay II*, due engine problems.

Berlin, Sep 6 -- General cargo *Nona* berthed at Rostock at 0955, Sep 3. Repairs were effected and the vessel sailed at 1600 yesterday. -- Lloyd's Agents.

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

Aalborg, Aug 31 -- Roll On Roll Off *Nordskott*: Information received from the shipyard in Frederikshavn revealed that completion of repairs was expected Sep 17. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **NUEVO PEPITA AURORA (Spain)**

London, Sep 5 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 1640, UTC, today: Fishing (general) *Nuevo Pepita Aurora*, EA4008, (59 gt, built 1998) sank in lat 35 57N, long 05 51.7W, this afternoon. There were 16 persons on board, of which eight rescued safely, three bodies recovered and five missing.

London, Sept 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Three sailors have died and five more are missing after a fishing boat sank off the coast of Cadiz this afternoon, according to a statement from the Coastguard who say they received the alert at 1500 hrs. Another eight members of the crew of *Nuevo Pepita Aurora* have been rescued by fishing *Benamahoma* and all those rescued, apart from one with symptoms of hyperthermia, are said to be in good health. The ship went down 15 miles to the SE of Barbate after having ing some sort of mechanical breakdown. A search is continuing in the area for the missing crew.

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: According to a statement by the Agriculture and Fisheries ministry, at least four people have been killed after fishing (general) *Nuevo Pepita Aurora* sank in high winds and choppy conditions shortly before 1500 this afternoon around 14 miles south-east of Barbate. There were 16 crew on board, seven of whom were rescued by the crew of fishing *Benamahoma*, which

arrived in port shortly after 1730 hrs. One of the seven survivors is receiving treatment at a local medical centre for hypothermia, another is suffering from hypoglycemia and two others sustained minor injuries. The bodies of three of the men that died as well as the other survivor are being brought to shore on board a coast guard patrol vessel. Four other survivors, whose condition is not known, as well as the body of the fourth fatal victim, are still missing as efforts to keep the upturned vessel afloat, continue.

#### **OCEAN JASPER (Kribati)**

See *Sokalique*.

#### **OZERSK (Russia)**

Busan, Aug 31 -- Reefer *Ozersk* is still in port at Busan. No sailing schedule has been fixed. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

#### **PACIFIC RANGER II (Canada)**

London, Sep 5 -- Tug *Pacific Ranger II* (192 gt, built 1975), towing two barges, reported an engine-room fire north of Moutat Bay, Texada Island, in lat 49 36N, long 124 23W, at 0110, PDST, Sep 2.

London, Sep 5 -- Following received from Victoria, BC, RCC, timed 1820, UTC: The fire in the engine-room of tug *Pacific Ranger II*, which was bound Texada Island, was extinguished by the tug's own carbon dioxide system. The tug was then able to continue on voyage on one engine.

#### **PAMEAD (Belize)**

London, Aug 30 -- General cargo *Pamead* (394 gt, built 1955) is currently lying wrecked at Anguilla after running aground during Hurricane "Lenny", Nov 18 1999.

#### **PAPA GEORGE (U.S.A.)**

London, Sep 4 -- A Seattle Coast Guard press release, dated Sep 3, states: The Coast Guard is investigating the sinking of the fishing *Papa George* (105 gt, built 1973) homeported in Seattle, that went down 12 miles from the shore of Long Beach, Wa., Sunday (Sep 2). Two of the five crew members on board *Papa George* perished when the vessel began taking on water and capsized Sunday afternoon. The crew was in the process of pumping water onto and off of the vessel in order to keep their catch of 40-60 tons of sardines fresh when the engine-room and hold filled with water causing the vessel to list and capsize. The three remaining crew members attempted to rescue their shipmates using a skiff from *Papa George* but were unable to reach them in time. The surviving crew members recovered the bodies of the deceased and made their way to shore where they were spotted by a concerned citizen whose call was relayed to Coast Guard Air Station Astoria. An HH-60 helicopter crew was dispatched to the beach and a rescue swimmer was lowered to assist emergency medical workers who were already on scene. The three crew members were taken to a local hotel after being examined by the medical crews. Investigators from Coast Guard

Sector Portland began their investigation by interviewing the survivors today. The cause of death for both crew members is unknown and the cause of the sinking will be determined through the investigation. The Coast Guard is examining any environmental, mechanical or human factors that may have resulted in this tragedy.

#### **PASHA BULKER (Panama)**

See "Australia" under "Weather & Navigation."

#### **PIONEER BAY (Liberia)**

London, Sep 1 -- Reefer *Pioneer Bay* sailed Rotterdam Aug 30.

#### **PRIDE (Turkey)**

Buenos Aires, Sep 5 -- Combined bulk and oil carrier *Pride* did not sustain any damage as a result of the grounding, and is now operating normally. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **PULAU CEBU (Philippines)**

Yokohama, Sep 5 -- General cargo *Pulau Cebu* (8657 gt, built 2007) grounded in shallows in lat 34 18.32N, long 133 42.42E, at 2131, Sep 2, after changing course to avoid a fishing vessel while passing through the Bisan-Seto South Passage. The vessel refloated by its own means at 2317 the same day and proceeded to Sakaide quarantine anchorage. No oil spill or water ingress were reported. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Sep 5 -- General cargo *Pulau Cebu* arrived Osaka Sep 4 and sailed same day for Nagoya.

#### **PULAU TIGA 388 (Indonesia)**

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated Sep 2, states: A vessel ran aground Saturday (Sep 1) off the coast of Cilacap in Central Java. The vessel was en route to Pelabuhan Tanjung Intan in Cilacap from South Kalimantan, but high seas caused it run aground before reaching its destination. Efforts to push the vessel back out to sea have been unsuccessful since Saturday morning due to rough conditions.

Jakarta, Sep 5 -- Barge *Pulau Tiga 388* (4359 gt), being towed by tug boat from Teluk Penyau water to Port of Tanjung Intan, grounded off Cilacap on Sep 2. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### **QUEEN OF CHILLIWACK (Canada)**

London, Aug 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: BC Ferries' Roll On Roll Off *Queen of Chilliwack* was back in service on its northern runs after safety inspections Wednesday morning (Aug 29). On Monday, the vessel rammed the dock in Port Hardy when its propulsion system failed. The bump was at a low speed, less than two knots. But five of the 148 passengers on board were jostled or knocked off their feet and suffered minor injuries. After the accident, the vessel was docked, inspected and put through trials yesterday. Although a precise cause of the propulsion-system failure was not identified, it's believe to be connected with an electronic system called a "fuel-consumption optimizer." Sara Hof, spokeswoman for Transport Canada,

which took part in the inspections, said the optimizer acts something like cruise control in a car. It's not essential for the running of the vessel, so it has been disconnected. Hof said B.C. Ferries was told to test similar monitors throughout the fleet.

#### QUINAULT (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Aug 30 -- Roll On Roll Off *Quinault* is currently in dry dock in Seattle's Todd Shipyard for steel work and stern tube replacement; work will continue through to approximately Sep 14, then vessel will be floated and towed to WSF maintenance facility. A second drydocking is then scheduled to complete repairs at Todd shipyard on approximately Oct 15 for three weeks. A tentative estimate for return to service is mid-November. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### RAJANI GANDHA-1 (Bangladesh)

Khulna, Sep 3 -- Product tanker *Rajani Gandha-1* grounded on Aug 17 and was refloated Aug 19 after discharging part cargo to another tanker. There was some mechanical problem to the vessels engine due to the grounding. *Rajani Gandha-1* is currently loading cargo at Chittagong. - Lloyd's Agents.

#### REPUBBLICA DI GENOVA (Italy)

London, Sep 4 -- A Svitzer Salvage report, dated Aug 31, states: After months of preparations Svitzer Salvage succeeded in par buckling passenger ro/ro *Repubblica di Genova* yesterday from its capsized position into a more normal upright position. The vessel turned on its side in Antwerp early March. Svitzer Salvage was contracted to upright and refloat the vessel with preparational work for completing the first phase requiring over two months. This basically involved installing pulling systems to exert the required 7,500 tons to upright the vessel. These pulling systems included "pile" pulling anchors and reaction anchors connected to 15 large cantilevers to increase the effective pulling force. Work also included the removal or securing of possible oil remaining inside the vessel to prevent pollution. All was set for a start of the pulling operation early yesterday morning. During the morning hours tensioning of the systems took place with the uprighting starting in earnest in the afternoon. That same evening the list of the vessel had been brought back from the original 90 degrees to 9 degrees. The operation will now move into the second phase; bringing back the vessel in a floating condition.

#### RHODODENDRON (U.S.A.)

Seattle, Aug 30 -- Repairs to roll on roll off *Rhododendron* are now expected to take until mid-September. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### RINA (Bangladesh)

See *Roze-1*.

#### RIVER ROUGE (Canada)

London, Aug 30 -- Passenger *River Rouge* (450 gt, built 1967) struck the

dock at Red River, Assiniboine Fork, Manitoba, in lat 49 53.40N, long 47 07.50W, on Aug 23. Vessel and dock sustained minor damages.

#### ROZE-1 (Bangladesh)

Karachi, Sep 1 -- Barge *Roze-1*, laden with 340 tonnes of imported fertiliser bound for the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation warehouse in Khulna, capsized in the Passur channel, Mongla, at about 2300 on Thursday night (Aug 30). Tug *Rina*, which was towing the barge from Karomjol mooring Bouy No 8, also capsized. According to a press release from Bangladesh Coast Guard, all eight crew members were rescued. The barge had loaded 340 tonnes of fertiliser from bulk carrier *Nirmal Bhushan* and was under tow to Noapara, Jessore, when it capsized. Mongla Port Authority formed a one-member committee with Harbour Master Captain Shariful Islam to investigate the accident. -- Correspondent.

#### SALAMIS GLORY (Cyprus)

See *Shelly*.

#### SARAH (Philippines)

See *Asia Hong Kong*.

#### SARDINIA EXPRESS (Italy)

Savona, Aug 30 -- Repairs to passenger ro/ro *Sardinia Express* appear to be almost completed, and the vessel is expected to leave the berth shortly for sea trials. Should the trials be successful, the vessel will sail for Piombino or Golfo Aranci to resume service. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Sep 4 -- Passenger ro/ro *Sardinia Express* arrived Leghorn Sep 1 and sailed the same day.

#### SEA BULKER (Hong Kong)

Dakar, Sep 3 -- Understand that bulk carrier *Sea Bulker* (24953 gt, built 1997) was arrested following a cargo claim, which was brought in after a collision between the said vessel and bulk carrier *Kang Zhong* (29145 gt, built 2002) at Cotonou last week. -- Correspondent.

#### SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Aug 31 -- A report in today's issue of "Newsfront" states: A group of 48 United States passengers from passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond* have launched legal action in the US against Louis Hellenic Cruises and a travel agent, EF Travel, alleging negligence and gross negligence. The group purchased an "escorted" travel package from EF Tours, which included a four-day cruise on the *Sea Diamond*, which ran aground and sank off Santorini island in early April. In their action filed in the US District Court for the South District of New York, the passengers claim Louis operated the vessel "carelessly and negligently" and was negligent in failing to organise and supervise "an orderly evacuation of the passengers." They also allege the company has been "sluggish" in its response to the accident. They also claim the vessel's evacuation took many hours and was "complicated and

delayed by many negligent acts on the part of the master and crew." They say these failures caused injuries, the death of two passengers and emotional stress. The US action has been filed, although the company's conditions of carriage mandate states that any suits should be brought in Greece. Louis believes the US lawsuit will ultimately be dismissed. LHC maintains the litigation will also bear out that it acted appropriately with its handling of passengers and compensation for lost property. Louis claims it has invited passengers "to directly present any claims for injuries and provide supporting medical documentation so that both sides can avoid significant legal costs and expedite payment of compensation." Indeed, Louis maintains that in the case of the US passengers it "has made numerous requests for medical support of injuries" but none has been forthcoming.

#### SEA ENDEAVOUR I (Panama)

Turku, Sep 3 -- Tug *Sea Endeavour I* and barge *Emergo* are currently under repair at Mantyluoto. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### SEMYON RUDNYEV (Ukraine)

London, Aug 30 -- General cargo *Semyon Rudnyev* arrived Tuzla Aug 18 and subsequently passed Istanbul 0345, Aug 25 for Nikolayev. According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Semyon Rudnyev* was reported at anchor at Nikolayev at 1130, UTC, today.

#### SETE CIDADES (Portugal)

Ponta Delgada, Aug 31 -- General cargo *Sete Cidades*: Repairs to vessel, involving replacement of a propeller blade, have been completed and vessel is now able to resume commercial operations in port. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### SHELLY (Slovakia)

London, Aug 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: At least 14 people were lightly injured and two more were reported missing Thursday night (Aug 30) when passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* (10392 gt, built 1962) collided with general cargo *Shelly* (1837 gt, built 1973) four kilometres off of Haifa Bay. At least 14 people, all Slovak nationals, were drawn from the water and evacuated to Rambam Hospital in Haifa as MDA crews were put into high alert. Rescue forces decided to allow the cargo vessel to sink and were reportedly searching for the crew members. All 16 passengers had reportedly jumped off as the vessel began to sink. No damage or harm came to the other vessel or its passengers. A naval force was also on its way to the scene in order to aid in the searches for the missing passengers.

London, Aug 30 -- Following received from Larnaca RCC, timed 2135, UTC: Passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* and general cargo *Shelly* were reported in collision near Haifa this evening. Larnaca RCC received the call at 2215, local time. Understand *Salamis Glory* had a mechanical problem before the collision. *Shelly* was reported to be

sinking, 14 people rescued and two are missing. (Note -- *Shelly* sailed Larnaca Aug 29 for Haifa and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was reported stationary two nautical miles from Haifa in lat 32 50.59N, long 35 00.8E, at 1744, UTC, today. *Salamis Glory* sailed Limassol Aug 29 for Haifa and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary at Haifa in lat 32 49.12N, long 35 00.9E at 1630, UTC.)

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated Aug 30, states: General cargo *Shelly* and passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* collided just outside the port of Haifa late today, Israeli officials said. *Shelly* sank, and 14 of its crew were rescued, but two were missing, they said. Moshe Weizman, a spokesman for the Haifa Coast Guard, said searches were in progress. No one onboard *Salamis Glory* was hurt. *Shelly* was cut in two and sank after the Cypriot vessel crashed into it, Israeli media reported. The Israeli military sent helicopters, ships and doctors to help with the search and rescue operation, the military said in a statement.

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: A search was still underway for two missing crewmen last night after general cargo *Shelly* was struck by passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* off the coast of Haifa and sank. The incident occurred close to 2200 hrs, when *Salamis Glory* exited Haifa Port. Several minutes later, it struck the cargo vessel anchored about 2.5 kilometres offshore. Soon after, the cargo ship began listing and sank. The cargo vessel had a crew of Slovaks and Ukrainians.

London, Aug 31 -- All traffic at Haifa port was suspended after passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* struck general cargo *Shelly* three miles off Haifa Bay at approximately 2200 yesterday. Fourteen people were reported to be slightly injured and two missing. The accident occurred after the passenger vessel's steering system encountered technical problems. A rescue operation was launched, including Israel Airforce helicopters and a naval force searching for survivors. Searches halted shortly after midnight last night. This morning, Israeli navy divers are continuing to search the Haifa Bay area for two missing crew members. All traffic at Haifa port has been halted since the accident and is not expected to resume before late-morning today.

Haifa, Aug 31 -- Passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* while sailing from Haifa port, was in collision with general cargo *Shelly* which was anchoring about 1.5 nautical miles off Haifa Port. The *Shelly* sank and 11 crew were rescued by Israeli navy boats, two crew are still missing. It is thought that the collision occurred due to *Salamis* loss of steering power. No injuries on board the vessel. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Ashdod, Aug 31 -- General cargo *Shelly*, sank following collision with passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory*. We have been nominated by the P&I insurers of the *Shelly*, Ingostrakh, to attend on their behalf. Haifa port was opened for regular traffic at 1130, local time, today. -- Lloyd's Agents.

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Israeli divers today found the bodies of two sailors missing in the Mediterranean Sea, 12 hours after their vessel sank in a collision with a cruise vessel, police said. The two bodies were found inside the sunken general cargo *Shelly*, where the crewmen had apparently been trapped when their vessel was accidentally rammed by passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* last night, the Israel Police said in an official announcement. The two dead men were *Shelly*'s first mate and engineer, one Ukrainian and the other Indonesian, according to police. *Shelly* was anchored about two miles from Israel's coast, near Haifa, when it was struck by *Salamis Glory*, Brig Gen Ram Rutberg of the Israeli navy said. Eleven other crew members managed to escape the sinking cargo vessel in a rescue launch lowered by *Salamis Glory* and were picked up by the navy, Rutberg said. *Salamis Glory* returned to port in Haifa today with light damage visible on its hull. No one on board was hurt, Rutberg said. Police will be questioning its crew members and investigating what led to the accident, Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Cypriot shipping official Sergios Sergiou told the Cyprus News Agency that his government would send inspectors to Israel today to assist with the investigation.

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: Cypriot passengers of passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory*, which was in collision on Thursday night (Aug 30) with general cargo *Shelly* off Haifa, returned back home safely early yesterday. The 148 passengers flew home on a Cyprus Airways aircraft from Tel-Aviv and arrived at Larnaca airport at 1400 hrs. Many said they heard a loud bang at the time of the collision and described the vessel as 'shaking.' They said they realised that something had gone wrong when the anchor was dropped and a rescue launch was lowered into the water. The *Salamis Glory*, which sustained light damage to its hull, has remained in Haifa Bay while an investigation is carried out by the Israeli and Cyprus authorities. Initial reports claimed a fault in the liner's navigation system was to blame for the collision.

London, Sep 3 -- Two seafarers died after a collision between general cargo *Shelly* and passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* just outside the port of Haifa on Thursday night (Aug 30). The Israeli-owned freighter *Shelly* sank rapidly after hitting the cruiseship just before 2200. The bodies of the cargo ship's Indonesian master and a Ukrainian crew member were recovered on Friday, while 11 other shipwrecked seafarers were rescued. Many of the 474 passengers on the *Salamis* vessel were enjoying a programme of entertainment and reportedly were not aware that their vessel had been in a collision until an announcement by the master. A consultant for Cyprus-based *Salamis* said all the passengers, predominantly Cypriots and Russians, had received a full refund and an added

shore excursion in Israel before being flown back to Cyprus on Friday night. The vessel was set to remain in Haifa over the weekend and *Salamis* immediately cancelled a five-day cruise of the Greek islands on which the *Salamis Glory* was scheduled to embark later on Friday. The *Salamis*-linked source said the vessel was likely to return on Monday or Tuesday and the company was hopeful that the next three-day cruise to Israel can be performed on schedule, starting Wednesday this week. The cause of the collision is being investigated by the Israeli authorities with co-operation from Cypriot maritime officials.

London, Sep 3 -- Following navigation warning issued today: Mariners are advised that a new wreck (general cargo *Shelly*), dangerous to navigation with two masts visible above sea level, exists in lat 32 50.94N, long 35 00.1E. The wreck is marked by a spar buoy: Colour, black with red bands. Topmark, two black spheres, one above the other. Light: Fl (2) 5s. Mariners to exercise extreme caution and not to anchor or trawl 300 metres at least, from the buoy.

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: A marine accident in Haifa Bay on August 30 led to the deaths of the first mate and engineer of general cargo *Shelly*. The collision and subsequent sinking of the vessel led to the spill of large quantities of diesel oil, which settled on the shores of Kiryat Haim and Kiryat Yam on the following day. The collision occurred at about 2215 hrs, when passenger (cruise) *Salamis Glory* left Haifa port and struck *Shelly* which was anchored in Haifa Bay. As a result of the collision, *Shelly* sank and the two crew members died. Diesel oil began to leak from the vessel, which carried some 40 tons of diesel. Upon receiving notification of the event, the Marine and Coastal Environment Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection dispatched its marine pollution inspectors to patrol the area and review possibilities for treating the spill. Since most of the diesel oil was quickly dispersed and some settled in the water column, prevention and treatment at sea were not possible. The spill was therefore treated when it settled on shore at about 1300, Aug 31. Coastal clean-up activities were carried out by the Municipality of Haifa, under the guidance and supervision of the Marine and Coastal Environment Division. The contaminated coastal sand was collected using mechanical equipment and piled on polyethylene sheets inland. In all, some 200 cubic metres of sand polluted by diesel oil were collected. Plans call for the bioremediation of the sand and its restoration to the coastal system. Throughout the event, staff of the Marine and Coastal Division remained in touch with the situation room of the Ministry of Transport and with local authority and marine insurance personnel. The marine pollution incident ended at about 1730, Aug 31.

**SHIN TANEGASHIMA MARU (Japan)**

Yokohama, Aug 30 -- Vehicle carrier *Shin Tanegashima Maru* has completed repairs and resumed her voyage from Kagoshima to Tanegashima. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**SICHEM AMETHYST (Panama)**

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 0845, UTC: Chemical tanker *Sichem Amethyst* (5303 gt, built 2006), Leghorn for Gibraltar (and Dakar), cargo caustic soda, is currently effecting repairs to generator in lat 36 47N, long 01 31W. Problem was first reported at 2359 yesterday.

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 1520, UTC: Chemical tanker *Sichem Amethyst* is still in the same position, effecting repairs. A decision will be made whether vessel will be able to successfully complete repairs itself or whether it will be necessary to arrange a tow, possibly to Cartagena or Almeria.

London, Sep 5 -- Following received from Madrid MRCC, timed 1450, UTC: Chemical tanker *Sichem Amethyst* was taken in tow by tug *Remolcanosa Cinco* for Cartagena yesterday evening.

**SLAVYANIN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

Limassol, Aug 31 -- Roll On Roll Off *Slavyanin* is still detained by the Cyprus Ports Authority. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**SOKALIQUE (France)**

London, Sep 4 -- There is a strong possibility that Turkish operated general cargo *Ocean Jasper*, which was involved in a fatal collision with fishing (general) *Sokalique* on Aug 17, sought to flee the scene of the accident, according to a French prosecutor. The fishing vessel sank following its collision with *Ocean Jasper* in the early hours of Aug 17. Six crew members took refuge in the vessel's life raft but skipper Bernard Jobard was unable to be saved. France is currently waiting for the vessel's flag state, Kiribati, to say whether or not it intends to take action against the master and crew of *Ocean Jasper*, who are currently being held onboard the vessel in Brest. French president Nicolas Sarkozy has already been in contact with his Kiribati opposite number Anote Tong, with a view to having the case dealt with in France. Prosecutor Laurent Fichot recognised the right of the Kiribati authorities to deal with the case if they so decided but said that the French authorities had good reason to believe that *Ocean Jasper* had tried to leave the scene of the accident without seeking to help the crew of the *Sokalique*. He said that the *Ocean Jasper's* second watchman had acknowledged that it had collided with the fishing vessel and that it had been established that the master had subsequently tried to patch up a hole in the forward starboard side of the merchant vessel. The vessel is reported to have pursued its route towards

Turkey without responding to attempts to enter into contact with it. It finally agreed to make for Brest after the French authorities contacted its manager.

**STEERSMAN (Liberia)**

Maassluis, Sep 1 -- Product tanker *Steersman* (4842 gt, built 1994), bound Antwerp, anchored in River Scheldt 1629 hrs for repairs following engine trouble. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Steersman* sailed Fawley Aug 27.)

London, Sep 1 -- Following received from Netherlands Coast Guard, timed 1800, UTC: Product tanker *Steersman* is still anchored in River Scheldt with steering problem. Repairs being carried out, estimated completion 5 hours.

Maassluis, Sep 1 -- Product tanker *Steersman*, which was anchored in River Scheldt for repairs, heaved up anchor at 2152 hrs and passed Terneuzen at 2217 hrs. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

London, Sep 3 -- Product tanker *Steersman* arrived Antwerp Sep 2.

London, Sep 3 -- Product tanker *Steersman* sailed Antwerp 1645, Sep 2, for Barrow-in-Furness.

**STOLT CORMORANT (Cayman Islands)**

Maassluis, Sep 4 -- Chemical tanker *Stolt Cormorant* (3818 gt, built 1999) and fully cellular containership *MSC Serena* (38991 gt, built 1977) and fully cellular containership *Irem Kalkavan* (10308 gt, built 2006) were in collision when entering Zandvlietsluis at 0350, local time, this morning. Only a little visible damage. Vessels can proceed to their berths where inspections will take place. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents. (Note -- *Stolt Cormorant* ETA Antwerp Sep 4 from Stanlow. *MSC Serena* ETA Antwerp Sep 4 from Montreal. *Irem Kalkavan* ETA Antwerp Sep 4 from Hamburg.)

**STOLT SKUA (Cayman Islands)**

Kiel, Aug 31 -- Combined chemical and oil tank *Stolt Skua* (5342 gt, built 1999) ran aground in the Botlek on the Maas river, Aug 28. The tugs *Eerland 23* and *Maas* were called and succeeded in refloating the vessel. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Stolt Skua* arrived Rotterdam Aug 28 and sailed Aug 29 bound for Fawley.)

**SUPERFERRY 19 (Philippines)**

Manila, Sep 5 -- Ferry *Superferry 19* (7878 gt, built 1977) experienced engine problems as it was about to leave Cebu port in central Philippines for Cagayan de Oro on Saturday (Sep 1). Passengers were disembarked and transferred to other Aboitiz Transport System Inc. vessels. Afloat repairs at Cebu port were carried out on the *Superferry 19* and parts which were worn out beyond tolerance were replaced. The company did not say what parts were replaced, however. The vessel then departed Sunday for Cagayan de Oro port in southern Philippines to deliver its cargo which remained with the vessel. The vessel arrived safely at Cagayan de Oro port on Monday and is now on its way back

to Manila. -- Correspondent. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS was reported arriving Manila at 0133, local time, Sep 5, and sailed at 1213, local time.)

**SUPERFERRY II (Greece)**

London, Sep 5 -- During the morning of Sep 4, while making berthing manoeuvres at the port of Tinos, passenger ro/ro *Superferry II* (4986 gt, built 1974) collided with the quay. As a result of the collision the vessel sustained some damages to the forward part of the bulbous bow. From the incident one 68-year old passenger was slightly injured and taken to the hospital at Tinos for first aid. At the time of the incident the vessel was performing the schedule Mykonos-Tinos-Andros-Rafina with 199 passengers on board, along with 46 cars, three trucks and eight motorcycles. Tinos Port Authority prohibited departure pending issuance of a new seaworthiness certificate from class. Finally the vessel departed at 1756 hrs, same day, with 757 passengers, 40 cars, five motorcycles and three trucks bound for Andros and Rafina. -- Correspondent.

**SYMS HUASHAN (Antigua & Barbuda)**

Yokohama, Sep 3 -- Fully cellular containership *Syms Huashan* has resumed its voyage. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**T.C.GLEISNER (NIS)**

Portsmouth, UK, Sep 4 -- On Sep 3 combined chemical and oil tank *T.C.Gleisner* (23298 gt, built 2005) was in collision with edible oil tanker *Glennstar* (872 gt, built 1968) in the New Waterway channel which serves as the artificial mouth of the Rhine, Holland. The damages have not yet been reported, but photographic evidence suggests that they must have sustained at least scratches and dents. -- Correspondent.

London, Sep 5 -- Edible oil tanker *Glennstar* was overtaking the larger Combined chemical and oil tank *T.C.Gleisner* on the inside while heading towards Rotterdam, but was sucked against the larger vessel. (Note -- *T.C.Gleisner* arrived Rotterdam 1620, Sep 3, from Grangemouth, and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was in lat 52 02 50N, long 03 04 43E, at 2040, UTC, today, speed 13.8 knots, course 279 degrees. *Glennstar* arrived Dordrecht 1615, Sep 3, from Boston, UK, and sailed 0845, Sep 4.)

**TAI SHUN (Hong Kong)**

Taipei, Aug 31 -- Bulk carrier *Tai Shun* (11638 gt, built 1977) grounded on the east breakwater of Keelung yesterday morning and subsequently refloated around 0100 today. The vessel has reportedly been towed into Keelung port and berthed at Pier No E19 for temporary repairs and cargo operations. The expected sailing time of the vessel is 1200 tomorrow. No oil pollution occurred and Keelung Port Authority said initial investigations revealed that the grounding accident was caused by "quartermaster

negligence," ie the rudder instruction commanded by the pilot was "hard starboard" but the rudder manoeuvre conducted by the quartermaster was "hard port." -- Lloyd's Agents.

**TIGER SPIRIT (Cyprus)**

London, Sep 4 -- General cargo *Tiger Spirit* remains at Singapore at the present time.

**TRANS-1 (Bangladesh)**

Khulna, Sep 3 -- Understand that salvage of unknown *Trans-1* is continuing. However bad weather is disrupting the operation. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**TURGUT KOCABAS (Turkey)**

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated Sep 4, states: General cargo *Turgut Kocabas* (2247 gt, built 1980) sank yesterday following a collision with fully cellular containership *Zinnet Mete* (8220 gt, built 1993) off Darica. Sources said that 15 of *Turgut Kocabas*' crew were rescued, one of whom was injured and taken to hospital, and one crewman was missing. Coast guard teams were searching for the missing crewman.

**WAN HAI 307 (Singapore)**

London, Sep 4 -- Fully cellular containership *Wan Hai 307* sailed Yokohama Sep 1 for Keelung.

**WESTERN QUEEN**

London, Sep 3 -- Ferry *Western Queen* (515 gt, built 1965) was wrecked in Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, between Sep-Oct 1998. Vessel is a total loss.

**WILLASSEN SENIOR (Norway)**

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: Fishing (general) *Willassen Senior* (334 gt, built 1979) sank early this morning in Lofoten town, Svolvær. An oil leakage was reported to the fire service. The vessel had recently been repaired at a Svolvær industry.

**WILSON EXPRESS (NIS)**

London, Sep 3 -- Reefer *Wilson Express* sailed Kiel Sep 2.

**WILSON SKAW (Bahamas)**

London, Aug 31 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1435, UTC: Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* (4197 gt, built 1996), Iceland for Suriname, reported with rudder problems about 500 miles east of St. John's, NF, in lat 46 37N, long 41 54W, at 1327, UTC, Aug 30. Vessel still in same position and requires towage to Halifax. (Note -- *Wilson Skaw* sailed Grundartangi Aug 26.)

London, Sep 1 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 0707, UTC: Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* is presently proceeding towards Halifax at five knots. The vessel's rudder is not operating but it is steering by using the bow thrusters. The vessel's position at 0600, UTC, was lat 46 21N, long 44 26W and it is presently expected to arrive Halifax in seven days.

London, Sep 4 -- Following received from Halifax RCC, timed 1405, UTC: Bulk carrier *Wilson Skaw* was reported in lat 45 02N, long 54 12W, at 1200, UTC, today, course 245 deg, speed eight knots, still proceeding towards Halifax. Sea and weather conditions are good.

**YOUNG LADY (Isle of Man)**

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated Aug 30, states: Divers have completed repair work on BP PLC's (BP) Central Area Transmission System (CATS) pipeline ahead of schedule and a controlled restart will begin this later week, the company said in a statement today. BP has already begun to repressurize CATS with gas from North Sea fields and normal throughput levels are expected around the middle of September, the statement said. Divers installed a metal sleeve to strengthen an area of pipeline damaged by a ship (? crude oil tanker *Young Lady*) dragging its anchor while leaving the port of Teesside on Jun 27. The pipeline shutdown has been affecting a significant proportion of the U.K. North Sea's oil and gas output. All gas production has been shut in at the fields connected to the pipeline - Andrew, Everest and Lomond operated by BP; the Eastern Trough Area Project, or ETAP, operated by BP and Royal Dutch Shell PLC; Jade and J-Block operated by ConocoPhillips Corp, and Armada operated by BG Group PLC. "We have been told that the CATS system will return to normal throughput mid-September, so this is when we would expect full production to resume" said BG Group spokeswoman Petrina Fahey. BG Group said in June that 80,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day had been shut in at Armada. A ConocoPhillips spokeswoman said: "J-Block is ready to start (oil and gas) production. We anticipate recommencing export levels through CATS Friday." A London-based gas trader at a European utility said gas was already flowing into the U.K. network from the Teesside PX terminal at a rate of around 6 million cubic metres a day. He expected gas flows from BP's own Teesside gas terminal to ramp up more slowly over the coming weeks. Oil production at most of the fields which feed gas into CATS was also affected. Analysts estimated up to 100,000 barrels of oil production a day may have been halted. Oil from the fields affected feeds into Forties crude.

**YUNG CHANG**

See "Typhoon 'Haitang'" under "Weather & Navigation".

**ZHE DONG YU 7302 (China)**

See *Keoyoung-Chemi*.

**ZINNET METE (Turkey)**

See *Turgut Kocabas*.



**BANGLADESH**

Chittagong, Sep 3 -- Bulk carrier *Discovery II* sailed Chittagong 1710, local time, Aug 25, for Singapore. -- Lloyd's Agents.



**CYPRUS**

See *Slavyanin* under "Marine."

**UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Aug 29 -- An arrest notice preventing fishing (general) *Enxembre* caught up in a pay dispute from leaving Ullapool is to be lifted. The owners of the vessel have agreed to pay a £75,000 bond into a joint account held by solicitors representing the different parties involved. Legal wrangling over payments to seven men who complained about their wages has still to be resolved. The arrestment was granted by a judge sitting in the Court of Session in Edinburgh on Aug 17. Payment of the bond means the vessel will be allowed to leave the harbour today. Six Indonesians and a Chilean crew member called in the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) on arriving in Ullapool two weeks ago in a row over wages. Norrie MacVicar, of the ITF, said the workers will now be returning to their home countries.



**ARCTIC WOLF (Russia)**

London, Sep 4 -- Understand that fish factory *Arctic Wolf* (1196 gt, built 1982), which arrived at Kirkenes on Aug 31, was arrested and is expected to leave the port tomorrow.

**FALCON IV (Greece)**

Piraeus, Aug 30 -- Ferry *Falcon IV* departed Volos Jun 14 bound Chios. According to the Local Port Authorities and the local agent, the vessel was subsequently arrested at Chios port. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**INA MAKA (North Korea)**

London, Aug 30 -- A press report, dated Aug 29, states: North Korean-flagged fishing (general) *Ina Makal* has been arrested in Durban Harbour and the owners have been fined R400,000, after fishery and wildlife officers raided

the vessel and found illegal "wall of death" gill nets. The nets, capable of forming a sea barrier stretching nearly 60km, have been confiscated after the owners, Meteora Developments Incorporated, of Panama, pleaded guilty in the Durban magistrate's court this week. The fishing vessel has undergone several name changes and flag re-registrations in recent years.

Durban, Sep 4 -- The owners of fishing (general) *Ina Maka* have paid a fine and the vessel has been released. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**LADY AZZA (Syria)**

London, Sep 6 -- General cargo *Lady Azza* sailed Beirut Aug 20.

**LAMO (Panama)**

London, Sep 5 -- Bulk carrier *Amul*, ex *Lamo*, arrived Port Elizabeth Aug 22 and was subsequently located by Lloyd's MIU AIS 11.6 nautical miles from Ngqura, South Africa, in lat 33 53 56.68S, long 25 50 20.56E, at 0851, UTC, Sep 2, course 62.5 deg, speed 5.5 knots.

**MEDIA V (Cyprus)**

London, Aug 31 -- A report in today's issue of "Newsfront" states: Passenger ro/ro *Media V* has been listed for auction on Sep 5. Lying at Perama, the ferry is carrying a start-up price of \$1.5m. (Note -- *Media V* was reported under arrest at Durres in March 2006. Vessel subsequently sailed Sep 8 for Igoumenitsa.)

**RUBY DELIVERER (Panama)**

See "Seawave Maritime S.A."

**SEA BULKER (Hong Kong)**

Dakar, Sep 2 -- Bulk carrier *Sea Bulker* (24953 gt, built 1997) has been arrested at Cotonou, Benin, following a Court decision. -- Correspondent. (Note -- *Sea Bulker* arrived Cotonou Aug 13.)

**SEAWAVE MARITIME S.A.**

London, Sep 3 -- Following notice to mariners issued Aug 31: Tug *Ndongeni* is towing anchor handling tug/supply *Rig Deliverer* to Namibian border in lat 32 45.67S, long 17 23.55E. Length of tow 300 metres, course 345 degrees speed 4.5 knots. All ships to keep a sharp lookout and give a wide berth. (Note -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS *Ruby Deliverer* was in 33 34 11S, long 18 00 35E, at 2204, UTC, Aug 30, speed 3.6 knots, course 304.5 degrees, bound Nigeria, with restricted manoeuvrability.)

**SHIPUNSKIY (Russia)**

London, Sep 1 -- Fishing (general) *Shipunskiy* sailed Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy Aug 21.

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

Maassluis, Sep 4 -- Tug *Shireen S.* is still under arrest at Rotterdam. -- Lloyd's Sub-agents.

**SUNGAI JULAN 1 (Malaysia)**

Manila, Aug 31 -- The Bureau of Customs Legal Department after a five-month review, upheld Wednesday (Aug 29) a decision by the Customs District

Director confiscating the tug *Sungai Julan 1*. The Customs Legal Department was earlier tasked by the Customs Commissioner to review the legality of the confiscation order against the tug. The recommendation to implement the confiscation order is now with the Office of the Customs Commissioner, who are expected to issue a decision in two weeks. Notwithstanding the decision by the Customs Legal Department, the owners of *Sungai Julan 1* still have a chance to recover the tug. -- Correspondent.



**ELBRUS DISTRICT, RUSSIA**

London, Sep 7 -- An accident along the gas pipeline in the Elbrus district of the Russian North Caucasus republic of Kabardino-Balkaria was likely caused by an unidentified explosive device, a local law enforcement source told Interfax today. "The blast left 173 one-story houses and six multistory buildings in the communities of Elbrus, Neitrino, Terskol, and Tegenekli without gas and heat. Repairs are taking place to restore the gas pipeline," the source said. The explosion did not result in any casualties, the source said. An investigation has been launched and the district prosecutor's office is considering the initiation of a criminal case, the source said.

**RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Aug 27 -- A press report, dated Aug 26, states: A 20-inch natural gas pipeline erupted in Rusk County around 2344 hrs, yesterday and 20 hours on, it is still not known why the line burst. Emily Thompson, spokesperson for the Kinder Morgan pipeline company, said investigators will continue searching for the cause, but don't have a time frame for finding answers. The fire lit up the darkness for miles. By 0200 hrs, the flames had diminished. Workers from Kinder Morgan shut off the lines in Henderson and Laird Hill, stopping the flow of fuel.

**YAKUTIA REGION, RUSSIA**

London, Aug 29 -- A gas leakage was spotted in a branch line of the trunk gas pipeline across the Lena River in the Megino-Kangalassky district, the regional emergencies department said today. The commission, which embraces specialists of various structures, including the company iSakhatransneftegaz, came to the accident site yesterday and confirmed the gas leakage in the spur line between the settlements of Khatassy and Pavlovsk. However, the pipeline operates in the usual regime, consumers receive gas without limits and breaks. The ecology of the river is

out of danger. Today divers will conduct a detailed examination of the damaged branch line and will spot the gas leakage site. With due account of the results of the examination specialists will hammer out measures to eliminate the gas leakage. The leadership of the Lena river shipping company is recommended to arrange the navigation of all vessels closer to the Lena right bank. The navigation of small vessels is banned in the area of emergency works.

**YAN RIVER AREA, CHINA**

Beijing, Aug 30 -- Crude oil from a punctured pipeline in north-west China spread over at least eight kilometres of a tributary of the Yan river, state media reported today, forcing one city to tap backup water supplies. A landslide yesterday broke a pipeline belonging to the fourth oil extraction factory of PetroChina's Changqing oilfield, Xinhua news agency reported. The report said oil quickly spread to the lower reaches of the Xingzi river in Shaanxi province, prompting crews downriver to build dams to contain it. It was not clear how much oil had spilled before the pipeline hole was patched. Xinhua cited local officials as saying clean-up crews had removed about 20 tonnes of oil. The pipeline has resumed operation, Xinhua reported, citing Cao Xizhong, vice head of Jingbian county in Shaanxi province. -- Reuters.



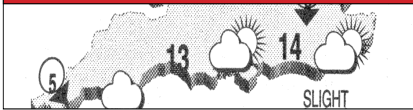
**PUERTO RICO**

London, Sep 3 -- The U.S. Coast Guard is cleaning up a mysterious oil spill that has endangered most of Puerto Rico's southwestern shore. Working with Puerto Rican authorities, Coast Guard crews collected more than 35 cubic yards of a tar-like substance this weekend as the search for the pollution's origins continued. The oil spill first appeared near the southwestern city of Ponce Thursday (Aug 30), then spreading to local beaches and environmentally sensitive areas. The Coast Guard took samples of the spill for DNA tests that could track down the individuals behind the pollution.

**XIAMEN AREA, CHINA**

London, Aug 29 -- An oil pollution belt extending two kilometres has been detected since yesterday in seawaters off Xiamen. The oil spill appeared yesterday morning along the coastline in Zengcuo'an. Local authorities in charge of maritime affairs and environment protection started an investigation immediately, China's Xinhua news agency quoted the local Straits Metropolitan newspaper as saying today.

## Weather & Navigation



### AUSTRALIA

London, Sep 5 -- According to Lloyd's MIU AIS, bulk carrier *Pasha Bulker* has arrived at Vietnam and was located stationary in lat 12 29 18.28N, long 109 16 49.59E, close to the port of Hon Khoi, as of 0900, UTC, today.

### HURRICANE "DEAN"

Paris, Aug 29 -- Hurricane "Dean" caused damage of around 500 million euros (\$679.7 million) on Martinique and Guadeloupe when it hit the French Caribbean islands earlier this month, the French government said on Wednesday (Aug 29). Overseas Minister Christian Estrosi said insurers would likely pay 185 million euros (\$251.5 million) of the damage, with the remaining sum being paid by companies, local communities, the European Union and the French state. "The state will make sure it's a commitment by the president (Nicolas Sarkozy) that Martinique and Guadeloupe will lack nothing," Estrosi said after meeting lawmakers from the islands. The powerful hurricane pounded Martinique and the nearby island of Guadeloupe this month with 100 mph (160 kph) winds and torrential rains that triggered landslides. It lifted roofs off houses and knocked out power. The hurricane destroyed all of Martinique's banana crop and 80 percent of the plantations in Guadeloupe, the head of the banana producers' union has said. Estrosi said the government would make sure problems caused by the storm would be resolved within the next three months. -- Reuters.

London, Aug 30 -- Following received from Fort de France, timed 1450, UTC: General cargo *Master Endeavor* is still aground.

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated Aug 31, states: Jamaica's bauxite sector lost four to five days of production as a result of Hurricane "Dean", but sector expert Dr. Paris Lyew-Ayee said that with the swift recovery, export targets are unlikely to be disrupted. "Overall, we fared well," said Lyew-Ayee, director general of the Jamaica Bauxite Institute. Up to Wednesday (Aug 29), Jamalco, which is co-owned by Jamaica's Clarendon Alumina Partners and Alcoa, was the only sector player whose shipments remained on hold, even though its plant was up and running. Jamalco's port at Rocky Point in Clarendon was hit during the Category 4 hurricane. Lyew-Ayee said discussions are underway with rival Windalco, owners of Port Esquivel, to ship Jamalco's output from the St Catherine-based facility. Jamalco spokesman Brian Doy said the port facility at Rocky Point, Clarendon, suffered considerable damage. "We have a team assessing the

damage and developing a restoration plan," Doy said "It is too early to put a value on the damage." Doy added that the train line to the port was now operational and that while production at the refinery has resumed, it would "take time to become fully operational." St Ann Bauxite, whose capacity is 4.8 million tonnes, was back on stream last Tuesday, followed by Alpart and Windalco. By last weekend, all three were shipping produce, said Lyew-Ayee. (See issue of Sep 3.)

London, Sep 2 -- Following received from Fort de France MRCC, timed 1249, UTC: General cargo *Master Endeavor* is still aground. Salvage operations have not yet commenced.

### HURRICANE "FELIX"

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Felix" is nearing hurricane strength as it rolls toward the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, north of Venezuela in the Caribbean, the US National Hurricane Centre said. The system's maximum sustained winds strengthened to about 70 mph by 1400, Miami time, from 40 mph earlier in the morning, the centre said in the latest advisory. The threshold for a hurricane is 74 mph. "It's not out of the question that 'Felix' will strengthen into a hurricane today," said Eric Blake, a specialist with the hurricane center. "If not today, then early tomorrow. The conditions are ideal for strengthening with warm waters and low wind shear." Felix was about 420 miles south-south-east of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and moving west at 18 mph, the centre said. It may brush past Honduras before making landfall in Belize on Sep 5, according to the center's five-day forecast. Storm warnings were in place for the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, the hurricane centre said. "Felix" will pass near or to the north of the islands late tonight or early tomorrow morning, the hurricane centre said.

Atlanta, Sep 1 -- Tropical Storm "Felix" became the second hurricane of the Atlantic season on Saturday night (Sep 1) and is expected to gain strength as it moves through the Caribbean, the US National Hurricane Centre said on Saturday. "Felix" had maximum sustained winds of 75 mph with higher gusts, making it a Category 1 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale, and was moving west after skirting the island of Grenada. "Additional strengthening is expected within the next 24 hours," the hurricane centre said. On its present course Hurricane "Felix" is expected to pass near or to the north of the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao Saturday night or early Sunday morning. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated Sep 2, states: Hurricane "Felix" strengthened into a dangerous Category 4 storm Sunday (Sep 2) as it toppled trees and flooded homes on a cluster of Dutch islands before churning its way into the open waters of the Caribbean. "Felix" lashed Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire with rains and heavy winds, causing scattered power outages and forcing thousands of

tourists to take refuge in hotels. But residents expressed relief it did far less damage than feared as the storm's outer bands just grazed the tiny islands. "Felix", packing maximum sustained winds of 140 mph, was now expected to spin over the open waters of the central Caribbean, before skirting Honduras' northern coastline on Tuesday and plowing into Belize on Wednesday as a huge hurricane capable of major damage. The storm forced tens of thousands of tourists and residents on the three Dutch islands to remain in their homes and hotels, stocked up with water, flashlights and emergency provisions. In Curacao, about a dozen homes in a low-lying area were flooded. In Aruba, there was little visible damage, although at least one catamaran snapped off its mooring and a house was damaged by a downed tree. A northern settlement had a temporary power outage. Many Bonaire residents had prepared for the worst, installing storm shutters and hauling their boats ashore, but the storm's winds left little damage. At 1700, EDT, the storm was centred about 440 miles southeast of Jamaica and was moving west-northwest at about 20 mph, the hurricane centre said. After passing Curacao and Aruba, the storm was expected to spin over the open waters of the central Caribbean Sea. "Felix" changed directions constantly after nightfall and wobbled, making the storm's impact hard to predict, Curacao Lt. Gov. Lizanne Richards-Dindial said at a news conference. On Saturday, "Felix" brought heavy rains and strong winds to Grenada as a tropical storm, ripping roofs off at least two homes and destroying a popular concert venue. No injuries were reported and the Grenadian government was still assessing the damage Sunday. The government of the Cayman Islands issued a tropical storm watch for Grand Cayman, the wealthy British territory's main island. A watch means that tropical storm conditions could begin affecting the island within 36 hours. Jamaica's government also issued a tropical storm watch. In Belize, residents stocked up on water and food, and nailed boards over their windows to protect against the hurricane's howling winds. Many in low-lying areas sought higher ground. Things were more calm in Honduras, where authorities were keeping a close eye on the storm but hadn't started evacuations. Along the country's northern coastline, tourists were still lounging by the pool and enjoying the sun. On Honduras' Roatan Island, home to luxury resorts and pristine reefs, the weather was normal and guests were simply enjoying their vacations. Mayan Princess Beach Resort & Spa employee Arturo Rich said. Rebecca Waddington, a meteorologist at the hurricane centre, advised employees of oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico to monitor "Felix's" progress and said the storm could reach the area in four to five days.

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated Sep 3, states: Aircraft shuttled tourists from island resorts in a desperate



airlift Monday (Sep 3) as Hurricane "Felix" bore down on Honduras and Belize. Grupo Taca Airlines provided special free flights to the mainland, quickly touching down and taking off again to scoop up more tourists. Some 1,000 people were evacuated from the Honduran island of Roatan, popular for its pristine reefs and diving resorts. Another 1,000 were removed from low-lying coastal areas and smaller islands. "Felix's" top winds weakened slightly to 135 mph as it headed west, but forecasters warned that it could strengthen into catastrophic storm again before landfall. It was projected to rake the Honduran coast and slam into southern Belize on Wednesday before cutting across northern Guatemala and southern Mexico. "Felix" seemed likely to make landfall on the Miskito Coast, an isolated area along the Honduras-Nicaragua border where thousands of Indians live. By Monday afternoon, crashing waves reached 15 feet higher than normal on Honduras' coast, but there was no rain yet. The US National Hurricane Centre said "Felix" could dump up to 12 inches of rain in isolated parts of northern Honduras and northeastern Nicaragua, possibly bringing flash floods and mudslides. As far away as the highland capital of Tegucigalpa, more than 100 miles inland. At 1700, EDT, "Felix" remained a fearsome hurricane, though it had a very small wind field, with hurricane-force winds extending just 30 miles from its center. It was centred 250 miles east of the Nicaragua-Honduras border, moving west at 20 mph.

Washington, Sep 4 -- Hurricane "Felix" made landfall as a potentially catastrophic Category 5 storm in extreme northeastern Nicaragua, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. The centre said at 0800, EDT, the storm was moving westward at 16 mph and a hurricane warning was in effect from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, northward to the border with Honduras and for Honduras from Limon eastward to the Nicaraguan border. -- Reuters.

Puerto Cabezas, Sep 4 -- Hurricane "Felix" ripped into Central America on Tuesday (Sep 4), trashing a port on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast, killing at least four people and threatening dangerous mudslides in Honduras and Guatemala. The storm, which hit land as a powerful Category 5 hurricane, ravaged Puerto Cabezas in northern Nicaragua, where winds tore the roofs off homes and shelters and damaged a church. Four people died in the town and surrounding coastal area, including a young girl. The area where "Felix" made landfall is sparsely populated and dotted with lagoons and marshes. The storm threatened many Honduran and Guatemalan villages further inland that are perched on hillsides and vulnerable to mudslides. "Felix" weakened to a tropical storm as it ploughed through northern Nicaragua on its way toward the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa but was still dangerous. About 70,000 Hondurans were evacuated to shelters, but some 15,000 people were unable to

find transport and were forced to ride out the storm in their homes. Honduran coffee producers said they did not expect much impact on their crops if "Felix" keeps to its predicted route, which takes it through the country into Guatemala and then Chiapas in southern Mexico. But Nicaraguan exporters feared pounding rains could damage their coffee crops. In Honduras and Nicaragua, emergency workers took thousands of Miskito Indians out of coastal areas near the border. Some 35,000 of the turtle-fishing Miskitos live in Honduras and more than 100,000 in Nicaragua. "Felix" looked unlikely to emerge over the southern Gulf of Mexico, the home of Mexico's major offshore oil fields. -- Reuters.

Guatemala City, Sep 5 -- Parts of Puerto Barrios have been flooded due to tropical storm "Felix." We also understand that the Motagua River has overflowed and there are possibilities of areas of banana plantations being flooded. -- Lloyd's Agents.

Puerto Cabezas, Sep 5 -- Hurricane "Felix" killed at least 21 people on Nicaragua's low-lying Caribbean coast and over 200 people were missing after the storm laid waste to thousands of flimsy homes, the government said on Wednesday (Sep 5). The Navy was trying to reach settlements on marshy spits of land by the sea or on keys to look for more injured or dead from "Felix", which crashed into the coast on Tuesday as a monster Category 5 hurricane. "There are more than 200 people missing," Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said in the port of Puerto Cabezas. People wept at the harbour in Puerto Cabezas for 12 fishermen they said had failed to return from sea. -- Reuters.

#### HURRICANE "HENRIETTE"

Mexico City, Aug 31 -- Tropical Storm "Henriette" moved toward Mexico's Pacific coast on Friday (Aug 31), threatening the resort of Acapulco with rains and hilly areas with mudslides and flash floods. The Mexican government announced a tropical storm warning from a remote national park in the coffee growing state of Oaxaca to the port cities of Manzanillo and Lazaro Cardenas. The storm is expected to gather strength in the next 24 hours as it moves up the coast toward the Baja California peninsula, "Henriette" is expected to pass about 100 miles off the peninsula's coast on Tuesday, according to the US National Hurricane Centre. On Friday morning, the centre of "Henriette" was about 85 miles south of Acapulco, moving northwest with maximum sustained winds of some 40 mph, the hurricane centre said. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Tropical Storm "Henriette" has moved parallel to Mexico's Pacific coast, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. "Henriette", which began yesterday south of Acapulco, had winds of almost 50 mph and was about 80 miles south-south-west of the Manzanillo resort at 1400, Miami time, moving west-north-

west at 12 mph. "We do expect 'Henriette' to strengthen into a hurricane by late tomorrow evening," said Eric Blake, a hurricane specialist with the hurricane center. "It's moving further from the coast, however, so the Mexican coast will only be affected by high rains, surf and strong winds." Parts of the Mexican coast from Punta San Telmo to Cabo Corrientes were under a tropical storm warning. With the storm already affecting the mainland, rainfall of up to 10 inches could provoke "life-threatening flash floods and mudslides," the center said.

Acapulco, Sep 1 -- Tropical Storm "Henriette" swept by Mexico's Pacific coast on Saturday (Sep 1), killing six people in the resort of Acapulco before moving out to sea, where it could become a hurricane. A hurricane watch from the busy port of Manzanillo to Cabo Corrientes, near the beach resort of Puerto Vallarta, was called off, although a tropical storm warning remained on some parts of the coast. After lashing Mexico's Pacific coast with rain, "Henriette" was expected to start moving farther out to sea and was seen strengthening, the US National Hurricane Centre said. "Henriette" could become a hurricane during the next day or so," the centre said. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated Sep 3, states: Tropical storm "Henriette" is forecast to strike Mexico as a hurricane at about 1800, UTC, on Sep 4. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 22.3N, long 110.2W. "Henriette" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 120 km/h (74 mph). Wind gusts in the area may be considerably higher.

London, Sep 5 -- A press report, dated today, states: Hurricane "Henriette" struck Mexico at about 2100, UTC, Sep 4. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall was near lat 23.1N, long 109.6W. "Henriette" brought 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 129 km/h (80 mph). Wind gusts in the area may have been considerably higher.

#### TYPHOON "FITOW"

London, Aug 31 -- Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today, states: Typhoon "Fitow" near lat 27.1N, long 154.8E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement for the past six hours 325 degrees at six knots. Maximum sustained winds 80 knots, gusts 100 knots. Forecast position lat 27.8N, long 153.3E at 1800, UTC, today. Maximum sustained winds 85 knots, gusts 105 knots. Forecast position lat 28.4N, long 151.8E at 0600, UTC, Sep 1. Maximum sustained winds 90 knots, gusts 110 knots.

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated Sep 2, states: Typhoon "Fitow" is forecast to strike Japan as a tropical storm at about 1800, UTC, on Sep 6. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre

suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 37.2N, long 139.6E. "Fitow" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 111 km/h (69 mph). Wind gusts in the area may be considerably higher.

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: Typhoon "Fitow" is forecast to strike Japan as a tropical storm at about 0001, UTC, Sep 7. Data supplied by the US Navy and Air Force Joint Typhoon Warning Centre suggest that the point of landfall will be near lat 37.8N, long 140.5E. "Fitow" is expected to bring 1-minute maximum sustained winds to the region of around 111 km/h (69 mph). Wind gusts in the area may be considerably higher.

**TYPHOON "HAITANG"**

Taipei, Aug 31 -- In view of the reluctance of the local agents of vessel *Eastern Rich*, ex *Yung Chang*, to provide any information on her status, we attended the vessel at Pier No 11, Kaohsiung, on Aug 22. After boarding the vessel, we noted that there were only three-four Philippine crew and a few Taiwanese repairers, on board. They did not know when the vessel can be repaired and prohibited us from taking photos. From our observations, it would take at least three-six months to complete the repair. -- Lloyd's Agents.

**Natural Disasters**



**INDONESIA**

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: An earthquake with magnitude of 5.8 shook North Sumatra Thursday (Aug 30), but there were no immediate reports of damage. The Meteorology and Geophysics Agency published in its website that the earthquake occurred at 1807, local time, and was centred 29 kilometres southeast of Sibolga at a depth of 146 kilometres. Another earthquake also jolted East Java city of Blitar with a magnitude of 4.7 earlier Thursday at 1349, local time, at a depth 33 kilometres. The earthquake was centred 309 kilometres southeast of the city

**MEXICO**

Culiacan, Mexico, Sep 1 -- A strong earthquake hit Mexico's Gulf of California on Saturday (Sep 1), but there were no reports of damage and no danger of a tsunami. The epicentre of the 6.3-magnitude earthquake was 61 miles from the town of Los Mochis in the state of Sinaloa, at a depth of 35 miles, the US Geological Survey reported. Civil protection authorities in Los Mochis said they had not received any reports of damage or injuries. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii said there was no danger of dangerous waves from the earthquake. -- Reuters.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS**

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: A powerful earthquake struck deep beneath the ocean floor near the Solomon Islands today, the US Geological Survey reported. No tsunami warning was issued and there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The USGS measured the quake's preliminary magnitude at 6.9 and said it struck about 60 miles south of the remote Santa Cruz Islands in the South Pacific. The depth was 22 miles beneath the sea floor, it said. An aftershock measuring magnitude 5.4 hit the area about 90 minutes later, it said. The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said the available data suggested there was no danger of a tsunami. Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office director Loti Yates said initial radio reports from the remote island group indicated there had been "no casualties and minimal if any damage."

**Political & Civil Unrest**



**PAKISTAN**

London, Aug 27 -- A press report, dated today, states: Militants blew up gas pipelines in Quetta and Dera Bugti, damaged power pylons in Dera Bugti and Dera Murad Jamali and fired rockets on the Sui gas purification plant yesterday. According to official sources, an explosive device placed under a gas pipeline in Killi Omar blew up, suspending gas supply to many villages near Quetta. A portion of the pipeline caught fire after the powerful blast. Gas supply to the affected pipeline was stopped to put out the fire, an official of the Sui Southern Gas Company said. A high explosive device placed under a 12-inch gas pipeline providing gas to Dera Bugti town from the Pir Koh gas field went off, suspending supply to Dera Bugti town and some other areas.

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated Aug 30, states: Gas supplies to several parts of Pakistan's restive Balochistan province were disrupted today after suspected Baloch militants blew up a major pipeline in the mineral rich region. A spokesman for the Sui Southern Gas company said the pipeline was located some 350 km south of the provincial capital Quetta. Pipelines are targeted regularly in this gas-rich province where tribal groups are pushing for greater autonomy. The blast also damaged electricity transformer, electric poles and several houses. The pipeline caught fire after the blast. Najmuddin Tarin, a police officer in Sui, said explosives were used to blow up the 16-inch diameter pipeline. Sarbaz Baluch, who introduced himself as spokesman for Baloch Republican Army, claimed responsibility for the attack. He said that the pipeline was located near Sui cantonment airport road. A water

tanker was blown up in Sui two days ago. Officials said that repair work of the gas pipeline has started and gas supply will be restored soon.

**SRI LANKA**

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: Sri Lanka says troops have captured a Tamil Tiger naval base during a weekend (Sep1/2) advance into rebel-held territory that the guerrillas said killed nine civilians. Troops took the 'Sea Tiger' base at Silavattura, following intense fighting in the Mannar district on Saturday, the Defence Ministry said in a statement. "The army successfully captured an LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) Sea Tiger base, including three boats and a large quantity of anti-personnel mines and detonators," the Ministry said. It said an unspecified number of civilians had fled and sought shelter in schools and a church within the government-controlled area of Mannar. Security forces seized territory that had been held by the LTTE just south of Mannar on Saturday, military officials said. "The army is now engaged in consolidation operations to retain control of the area," the Defence Ministry said. The Ministry said that another five guerrillas were killed in a separate confrontation with the security forces in the adjoining Vavuniya district on Saturday. In an earlier statement, the LTTE said nine people were killed and four injured in a landmine blast caused by Sri Lankan troops during the fighting in the coastal Mannar district. However the Defence Ministry accused the LTTE of attacking civilians for allegedly trying to enter government-held parts of the Mannar. The LTTE also said that they killed a government soldier and lost one of their men in Saturday's fighting. The Defence Ministry said intercepts of rebel radio communications indicated that 11 guerrillas were killed. Both sides regularly make casualty claims that cannot be independently verified. Government forces have been trying to break into rebel-held territory in the Mannar district for weeks, but have faced stiff rebel resistance.

**Labour Disputes**



**BELGIUM**

London, Aug 29 -- Belgian pilots have ended a five-days strike but more than 20 container vessels were still stuck outside the ports of Antwerp and Ghent early today. "Everything resumed last night at 2130 (local time)," said Captain Glenn Liekens, chief pilot at the Port of Antwerp. "We have 22 ships outside Antwerp and two outside Ghent. We hope to clear this tonight." "Both parties met halfway," said Liekens. "They (the pilots) have some financial and logistical benefits, including being upgraded in the level of union talks."

**BRAZIL**

London, Sep 4 -- Key Brazilian ports, especially those which specialize in reefer cargo, are beginning to feel the effects of a strike by port agricultural inspectors. The union representing the inspectors, Anffa, has said that the strike, which is currently entering its second week already, will continue indefinitely. The inspectors are involved in a pay dispute with the country's Department of Agriculture. Reports say that the port of Rio Grande has 1.5 million metric tonnes (mt) of produce, mostly beef and tobacco, on the quayside awaiting export. They say there are also iserious problems! at the port of Itajai. It is usually after day three or four that problems start. Now we are into day six, it is hurting badly, and Santos is also beginning to be saturated with cargo waiting to be cleared.

**CANADA**

Troy, Mich., Aug 24 -- Bulk carrier *Wolverine* departed from Sarnia at 1900 hrs, Aug 23, heading out into Lake Huron. She has been re-scheduled to load at KCBX in Chicago at 1100 hrs, Aug 30. -- Great Lakes & Seaway News.

**ITALY**

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: A total of 18 medium-haul flights by Italian airline Alitalia out of Milan's Malpensa airport were cancelled yesterday as pilots staged a work-to-rule protest. ANSA news agency said the protest was against plans to cut some loss-making flights to Asia and route others out of Rome instead of Milan in an effort to improve Alitalia's disastrous financial situation. Corriere della Sera daily said the pilots were obeying to the letter instructions requiring an inspection of their aircraft at the slightest technical fault, causing lengthy delays in turnarounds. The work-to-rule, which is not backed by the pilots' union, caused 83 flights to European destinations to be cancelled on Thursday (Aug 30) and Friday. State-controlled Alitalia outlined a new rescue strategy on Thursday that included plans for another capital increase and cutting an unspecified number of jobs.

**PAKISTAN**

Karachi, Aug 31 -- Pakistani transporters and the public at large suffered due to a strike of the Pakistan Petroleum Dealers' Association (PPDA) across the country today which had been called to press the government not to slash their commission on the sale of petroleum product. Earlier, they had announced that they would disconnect gasoline sales from today for an indefinite period in protest against the reduction in profit margin of 39 paisa on petroleum products by the government. However, the leading oil marketing companies -- Pakistan

State Oil (PSO), Shell Pakistan, Caltex, Attock Petroleum, PARCO, etc -- are not taking part in the strike. About 4,000 outlets out of over 11,000 are reportedly closed. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Ministry of Petroleum has invited representatives of dealer association to resolve the issue with dialogue. The government was of the view that oil prices in international markets had increased exorbitantly during the past couple of years and therefore the margin being percentage of sale price has increased substantially in terms of rupees per litre. -- Correspondent.

**UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Aug 29 -- A three-day strike by ferry workers involved in a pay row with their employers was beginning today. Around 300 members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union at Orkney Ferries were expected to go ahead with the industrial action, which has already led to some sailings being cancelled. Workers voted to strike after rejecting the company's revised offer of a 3.5% pay rise. Staff were originally offered a 2.5% increase.

London, Sep 5 -- Industrial action over pay on Orkney's internal ferries has been called off for the time being. Further talks ended with an agreement that the ferries would operate as normal while the latest proposals are put to the crews. The Orkney Ferries industrial action - by about 30 workers - halted ferry services to six of the outer isles for three days last week. Members of the RMT union rejected the local ferry company's offer of 3.5%.

**ZAMBIA**

Lusaka, Sep 5 -- A huge consignment of Zambian copper destined for export is stuck in transit following a three-week strike by unionised employees of the Tanzania-Zambia Railways (Tazara), officials said today. Tresphore Chileshe, the president of the Workers Union of Tazara-Zambia (WUTAZ), said some copper was stuck at Kapiri Mposhi, 200km north of Lusaka, because of the slow movement of cargo trains due to the strike. Chileshe told Reuters that 1,400 striking workers had refused to return to work, forcing management officials to drive cargo trains carrying copper to the port of Dar-Es-Salaam in Tanzania. "Most of it (copper) is at Kapiri Mposhi because there is slow movement of cargo trains as our members are on strike. There is also congestion for other exports," Chileshe said. Copper is carried on trucks from the southern African nation's mineral-rich copper belt to Kapiri Mposhi where workers reload the metal onto trains. Workers are demanding a pay hike of \$208 per month across the board, while management has offered no increase, Chileshe said. Chileshe said Tazara workers in Tanzania had also threatened to join the strike. -- Reuters.



**Fires & Explosions**  
**CHEMICAL STORAGE DEPOT, JEBEL ALI, UNITED ARAB EMITATES**

London, Aug 29 -- A press report, dated Aug 28, states: The fire that ripped through a storage depot at Dubai's Jebel Ali Port on Monday (Aug 27) is estimated to have caused over \$4 million worth of damage, one of the facility's owners said today. The estimated figure is 15 million dirhams (\$4.1 million) worth of damage to the property, said a spokesperson for Emirates National Oil Company (Enoc), which owns the facility through Chemstore, joint venture between its subsidiary Horizon Terminals and Modern Freight Company.



**ACCIDENT, SAN JOSE-JUAN SANTAMARIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COSTA RICA**

London, Sep 7 -- North American NA-265 Sabreliner 70, operated by Jet Lease Corp, N726JR, aborted the takeoff at San Josè runway 07, Sep 3. The aircraft ran off the right side of the runway into the grass. The undercarriage collapsed as the aircraft skidded and turned 180 degrees.

**AIRCRAFT HIT BY TURBULENCE, KANSAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JAPAN**

London, Sep 3 -- Twelve people on board a Korean Air aircraft were injured late yesterday when the aircraft met air turbulence before it landed in Kansai International Airport in Osaka, Japan, Jiji press said. The Airbus 300-600 landed at the airport at around 2014 hrs after it met the turbulence, the report said, adding that the five injured passengers and seven injured crew members have been sent to hospital.

**AIRCRAFT PUT BACK TO FUKUOKA AIRPORT, JAPAN**

London, Sep 5 -- A Bombardier turboprop aircraft returned to an airport at Fukuoka after its landing gear was stuck open, airline officials said. None of the 32 passengers or crewmembers on the aircraft were injured. Japan Air Commuter is investigating the cause of the technical problem. At 1412, yesterday, after taking off from Fukuoka Airport, the landing gear on a JAC DHC8-400 turboprop aircraft could not be folded up, forcing the aircraft to return to the airport.

**CRASH INTO LAKE ERIE, OHIO, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 6 -- Cessna 172C, N1301Y, crashed into Lake Erie under unknown circumstances at 2330, local time, Sep 3. There were three persons on board, two were fatally injured, one sustained unknown injuries.

**CRASH INTO LAKE HURON, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES**

London, Aug 29 -- Socata TB 20 Trinidad N96DF was reported missing Aug 25. Wreckage was located in Lake Huron, six miles off shore from Cheboygan, Michigan, on Aug 27. The two persons on board are presumed killed.

**CRASH INTO SEA OFF MIYAZAKI AIRPORT, JAPAN**

London, Sep 2 -- A press report, dated today, states: A small aircraft crashed into the sea just off the coast of Miyazaki airport Saturday afternoon (Sep 1), injuring the pilot, the only one on board the aircraft, who was later rescued and hospitalized, police said. The crew of a police helicopter found Norio Nakamura, a 63-year-old clinic owner, at around 1600 hrs in the Pacific around two kilometres southeast of the airport along with debris of the aircraft. Nakamura was on a training flight for takeoffs and landings, according to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. At around 1450, when he was making a descent, he reported to an air traffic controller that he would be making an ascent off the coast because the weather was bad, the ministry said.

**CRASH INTO SEA OFF MOOREA ISLAND, FRENCH POLYNESIA**

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated today, states: The voice recorder of a French Polynesian aircraft which crashed into the sea three weeks ago has been recovered. The announcement was made by the French prosecutor in Tahiti after a vessel equipped with a submarine managed to find the recorder about 700 metres under water. The Air Moorea De Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter 300 crashed shortly after take-off from Moorea on its way to nearby Tahiti, killing all 20 people on board. Six bodies are still missing. The cause of the crash is to be determined and investigators hope the voice recorder will give clues of what happened.

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated Sep 5, states: A search has been called off with five bodies still missing after 20 people were killed in an aircraft crash off Tahiti last month. Francis Sacault from French Polynesia's Civil Aviation Authority said the search of the wreckage from the crashed Air Moorea plane ended on Tuesday (Sep 4). The aircraft crashed into the sea off the island of Moorea on Aug 9, killing all 20 people on board. Sacault said a body was recovered on Tuesday, but it could not be immediately identified. "The boat has finished its recovery. It has brought up one body yesterday so there are five left it cannot find. They are not in the plane," he said The

aircraft's voice recorder was recovered soon after the crash but did not determine what caused the aircraft to plunge into the ocean shortly after taking off from the island of Moorea. A submersible robot was needed to recover the recorder as the aircraft crashed into water about 700 metres deep.

**CRASH, CALGARY AREA, ALBERTA, CANADA**

London, Aug 30 -- A press report, dated Aug 29, states: Three people walked away from a plane crash just west of Calgary. The two men and one woman were on board a small float plane crashed upside down in a field. The single-engine plane ran into trouble yesterday while taking off on a flight from the Springbank Airport to Lac la Biche. The plane lost power and the pilot tried to return to the airfield before coming down in the field.

**CRASH, CAMERON PARK AREA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Aug 31 -- Beechcraft Bonanza A36 N1098F crashed near Cameron Park, California, at 1935, Aug 30. The aircraft sustained substantial damage. One of the four persons on board was killed and the other three were seriously injured.

**CRASH, CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: An aircraft carrying five Jehovah's Witness ministers crashed in a remote area of eastern Tennessee, killing all aboard, officials said. The crash, which happened around 1030 Saturday (Sep 1), wasn't discovered until more than eight hours later, when another pilot spotted the wreckage. Authorities had to clear a path Sunday to get to the crash site in the Cherokee National Forest on Holston Mountain. Five bodies were found, said Carter County Sheriff Chris Mathes. One of the ministers was believed to be the pilot, he said. The single-engine Beech Bonanza crashed after leaving the Elizabethton Municipal Airport, officials said. The aircraft had taken off from Hamblen County and landed in Elizabethton to pick up a passenger. It was destined for Virginia Highlands Airport near Abingdon, Va., about 40 miles from Elizabethton. Robert Burpitt, an elder with the Woodland Heights congregation of Jehovah's Witness in Kingsport, said the ministers were all from East Tennessee and members of a regional building committee that makes decisions regarding Kingdom Hall building projects. The names of the ministers were not released. He said the men were on their way to Abingdon Saturday morning to meet with congregation members to discuss building a new church.

London, Sep 5 -- Beech A36, N326DK, crashed under unknown circumstances into a mountainous area, wreckage located five miles from Elizabethton, Tennessee, Sep 1. The five persons on board were fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, COCHRANE AREA, ALBERTA, CANADA**

London, Aug 30 -- Bell 206L-1, registration C-FFEX, operated by Expedition Helicopters, went overdue on a VFR flight plan to Cochrane. Search and rescue aircraft located the crash site approximately five miles west of Cochrane at 2100, EDT, Aug 28. Initial reports indicate that the pilot was injured and the helicopter was destroyed. TSB investigators have deployed to the site.

**CRASH, CROIX DES BOUQUETS AREA, HAITI**

London, Sep 4 -- The Cessna Caravan 208, operated by Caribintair, HH-CAR, crash-landed and overturned near Croix-des-Bouquets, Aug 31, shortly after takeoff from Port-au-Prince Airport. Aircraft was written off.

**CRASH, CRYSTAL LAKE AREA, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 4 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two men were killed yesterday when the aircraft they were flying crashed after departing from Lake in the Hills Airport. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro said the Yakovlev Yak-52 crashed shortly after take-off just before 1400 hrs, killing both men on board. According to the McHenry County Conservation District, the plane crashed into a 450-acre conservation area near Ackman and Randall roads in Crystal Lake. According to prepared release from the conservation district, the plane reportedly experienced difficulty shortly after taking off from Lake in the Hills Airport. "Witnesses say the pilot made a hard left before crashing into the wooded area," the release said. According to FAA records, the aircraft, manufactured in 1987, is registered to Yak In Flight LLC in Wilmington, Delaware. Investigators from the FAA and National Transportation Board were at the crash site heading up the investigation.

London, Sep 5 -- Yakovlev, Yak 52, N212YA, operated by Yak In Flight LLC, on take-off, lost power and crashed at Lake in the Hills, Illinois, at 1900, local time, Sep 3. The two persons on board were fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, HAMPSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Sep 7 -- A pilot had a miraculous escape after his aircraft crashed into a massive fuel tanker on a Hampshire airfield. The Russian made Yakovlev 50, (G-IIYK) careered into the industrial petrol tanker after developing a fault while landing at the former HMS Daedalus site in Le-on-the-Solent. But fortunately the propeller-powered aircraft struck a protective wall moments before the collision, which diverted it into the lorry's cab. The man, in his 50s, was able to clamber to safety while fire crews at the former MoD airfield rushed to the scene of the crash, which took place around 1230, yesterday.

**CRASH, HAZLETON,  
PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 5 -- Cessna 150J, N60867, crashed under unknown circumstances at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, at 1515, local time, Sep 2. The one person on board was fatally injured. The aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, JOHANNESBURG AREA,  
SOUTH AFRICA**

London, Aug 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: The pilot of a light aircraft was killed when his aircraft crashed two kilometres from Lanseria International Airport in Johannesburg on Monday evening (Aug 27). Airport spokesperson Lize Nel said that the cause of the crash was unknown at this stage. "The wreckage is quite bad, and I can confirm that the pilot did not survive. The model of the plane was either a Cessna or Piper." The aircraft crashed on its final approach to the airport. "The Civil Aviation Authority will conduct an investigation and announce further details in due course," Nel said.

**CRASH, KERN VALLEY AREA,  
CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated Aug 31, states: A single-engine aircraft crashed near a remote Kern County airport this afternoon and exploded into flames, killing a family of six, authorities said. The family had flown from Santa Monica Airport to Kern Valley Airport, where the aircraft crashed upon approach, said Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. The Lancair Columbia was consumed in a grass fire sparked by the crash, reported shortly after 1740 hrs, but the one-acre blaze was quickly contained, Kern County Fire Department Capt Tommy Brown said. All six people on board, including at least one infant, were killed, Gregor said. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration were handling the investigation into the cause of the crash. "Witnesses said the aircraft appeared to stall, but that's preliminary," Gregor said.

London, Sep 5 -- Lancair LC41-550FG, N2520P, crashed under unknown circumstances at Kernville, California, at 0045, local time, Sep 1. The six persons on board were fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

**CRASH, LAKE TEKAPO AREA,  
NEW ZEALAND**

London, Aug 29 -- A press report, dated Aug 30, states: Air accident investigators expect few problems in determining the cause of Sunday's (Aug 26) crash near Mt Cook that left two pilots with serious injuries. North Shore Aero Club flight instructor Richard Bateman, 27, and student pilot Nick Eagleson, 33, survived when their Robin R2120 aircraft crashed in the Gammock Range in the Mackenzie Country on Sunday afternoon. Mr Bateman managed to get out of the wrecked aircraft with a badly gashed scalp, then freed his companion and made a two-hour, 5km trek down a

steep valley to raise the alarm. He was expected to be discharged from Timaru Hospital yesterday. A hospital spokeswoman said Mr Bateman was well enough to continue his recovery at home. Mr Eagleson was reported to be in a stable condition at Christchurch Hospital yesterday morning with multiple injuries. Visiting was restricted. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) initiated an investigation into the crash in a brief interview with Mr Bateman in hospital on Monday and both pilots will be spoken to again when they have recovered. CAA spokesman Bill Sommer said he expected the investigation into the cause of the crash would be a simple one. He doubted investigators would even need to visit the wreckage. Removal of the wreckage from the Gammock Range would be up to the aero club or its insurers.

**CRASH, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY,  
UNITED STATES**

London, Aug 30 -- A press report, dated Aug 28, states: The federal investigation into last summer's Comair crash in Kentucky that killed 49 people ended today -- a year and a day after it began. The National Transportation Safety Board's final report reiterates that the primary cause was a failure by the pilots to notice clues they were going down the wrong runway at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport. However, only one of the investigation's five safety recommendations deals with steps the pilots should take: that pilots should confirm the aircraft's runway location prior to takeoff. Two of the recommendations were aimed at air traffic controllers. The NTSB concluded that, among other things, the controller shouldn't clear any aircraft takeoff until it has crossed all intersecting runways and taxiways. Only Comair co-pilot James Polehinke survived.

**CRASH, PUNIA AIRPORT AREA,  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
CONGO**

London, Sep 5 -- De Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter 310, operating for Solenta Aviation, ZS-NJK, was being ferried back from Punia to Goma at 1300, Aug 31. It was involved in an accident some 8-10 minutes after departure. The aircraft was badly damaged.

**CRASH, SPRINGBANK AIRPORT,  
CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA**

London, Aug 28 -- A press report, dated today, states: A single-engine float aircraft crashed after attempting to take off from the Springbank Airport on Tuesday morning (Aug 28). Three people were on board when the aircraft lost power and toppled into a field just west of the airport. Two people were taken to hospital with injuries ranging from minor cuts and scrapes to back and neck pain, said fire department spokesman Jeff Budai.

**CRASH, TUCUMCARI,  
NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated today, states: Two Yuma residents were

recovering today from serious injuries they suffered when their aircraft crashed in New Mexico. Kathryn Blohm and her brother-in-law, Gary Mayer, were hurt when their single-engine Beech 35-B33 crashed after taking off from the airport in Tucumcari, said Blohm's boyfriend, Dick Rautenberg. Blohm is hospitalised in Amarillo, Texas, being treated for a broken pelvis, broken ankles and broken ribs, Rautenberg said. Mayer, who was piloting the aircraft, had a broken ankle or ankles, Rautenberg said. The aircraft crashed into a field six miles east of Tucumcari late yesterday morning, according to New Mexico State Police. The two had landed in Tucumcari to refuel and were continuing to Oklahoma. "They took off and the plane just couldn't pull over the mountain," Rautenberg said. The Beech 35-B33 fixed-wing aircraft was manufactured in 1962 and is owned by Yuma RG Flyers Club LLC, according to Federal Aviation Administration records.

London, Sep 4 -- Beech 35-B33, N2133B, operated by Yuma RG Flyers LLC, crashed shortly after departure at Tucumcari, New Mexico, at 1855, local time, Aug 31. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

**CRASH, UNION STAR. MISSOURI,  
UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 5 -- Cessna 172M, N1502V, operated by Trailwinds Flying Club, crashed under unknown circumstances at Union Star, Missouri, at 2011, local time, Sep 2. The one person on board was fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

**EMERGENCY LANDING,  
NORWICH INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, NORFOLK,  
UNITED KINGDOM**

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated Aug 31, states: There was drama at Norwich International airport when an aircraft with 32 passengers on board was forced to make an emergency landing after one of its engines failed. Emergency services were placed on full crash alert after receiving reports that an aircraft coming into land was in distress. The KLM aircraft landed safely at about 1820 on Wednesday night (Aug 29). The aircraft had been diverted to Norwich while en route from London Heathrow to Rotterdam. A spokesman for the East of England Ambulance Service said all passengers were checked on arrival but none needed treatment. Fire services were also on the scene and spokesman Martin Barsby said: "We sent four fire engines, two water carriers, an emergency tender and a chemical unit. But in the end the aircraft landed safely and we did not need to take any action." A spokesman for KLM in Holland said: "The Fokka 50 plane had left Heathrow en route to Rotterdam when it discovered it had a problem with one of the engines. It was a regular scheduled flight with 32 passengers on board. The aircraft had to be diverted to Norwich where it landed safely. After it landed, the

passengers were all booked through to Rotterdam on other flights."

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING, SCHIPHOL AIRPORT, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**

London, Aug 29 -- A press report, dated yesterday, states: Finnair Airbus 320 made a successful emergency landing at Schiphol airport this afternoon. No injuries were reported. The airbus was on its way from Malaga, Spain, to Helsinki, Finland, when the pilot experienced problems with one of the aircraft's engines. The crew subsequently contacted Schiphol airport and requested permission for an emergency landing. The successful landing took place around 1630, local time.

#### **EMERGENCY LANDING. EL PASO, TEXAS, UNITED STATES**

London, Aug 31 -- A press report, dated Aug 30, states: A Southwest Airlines jet has been fixed and returned to service after a bird strike tore a six-inch hole in the skin of the plane and damaged part of the tail section, the carrier said today. Southwest spokesman Chris Mainz told The Associated Press that nobody was hurt and at no time was the safety of the crew or customers in jeopardy. Flight 23 took off Saturday morning (Aug 25) from El Paso, bound for Dallas. A large bird hit the Boeing 737 shortly after takeoff, at less than 10,000 feet, according to Mainz. No emergency was declared, but the pilot returned to El Paso as a precaution. Passengers were booked on other flights.

#### **HEAVY LANDING, HIGH LAKE CAMP, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, CANADA**

London, Sep 5 -- Bell 206L3 helicopter, C-GMSX, operator Great Slave Helicopters, was starting to lift a sling net with an inflatable boat, on a 50 foot line at Hight Lake Camp, NWT, at 1115, MDT, Aug 30. When the load was about six to 10 feet above ground, the pilot noticed the helicopter felt sluggish. The helicopter subsequently landed heavily. The skids collapsed and the tail boom failed, but the main rotor did not contact the tail boom. The pilot was uninjured. The company is currently recovering the helicopter to their main base in Yellowknife, where TSB investigators plan to examine the wreckage.

#### **HEAVY LANDING, RAMONA, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES**

London, Sep 6 -- Hughes 269C, N58332, operated by Civic Helicopters Inc., during auto rotation the engine failed and the helicopter made a hard landing at Ramona, California, at 1720, local time, Sep 3. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

#### **INCIDENT AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT, UNITED STATES**

London, Aug 29 -- Alaska Airlines flight 6, N564SD, during pushback from gate, left wingtip struck the

vertical stabilizer of another aircraft, Alaska Airlines flight 117, also a Boeing 737, at Los Angeles at 2030, local time, Aug 27. No injuries reported.

#### **INCIDENT AT MITU AIRPORT, COLOMBIA**

London, Aug 28 -- The An-32, HK-4117, operated by Selva Colombia, which had arrived from Villavicencio carrying drums of fuel, had a fire in No.1 engine after the drums had been offloaded at Mitu Airport, Aug 27. A large fire erupted, destroying the aircraft.

#### **INCIDENT AT QUITO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EQUADOR**

London, Sep 1 -- A press report, dated Aug 31, states: The 330 passengers on board an airliner got a "good fright" Friday (Aug 31) when some of the aircraft's tires burst upon landing at Quito's airport, an official said. No injuries were reported on the Iberia Lineas Aereas de Espana SA flight from Madrid. The tires on the right-hand landing gear burst after the wide-body Airbus passenger jet touched down at the Mariscal Sucre airport at Friday afternoon, said airport spokesman Gustavo Pinto. He said there were no injuries but that the passengers "had a good fright." The aircraft did not leave the runway. Diego Pachel, executive director of Quito's international airport, told Radio Quito the mishap "luckily didn't cause a bigger accident." He said the airport was closed for up to three hours. Several flights were rerouted to the coastal city of Guayaquil and the Colombian capital of Bogota.

#### **INCIDENT AT TRIBHUVAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KATHMANDU, NEPAL**

London, Aug 29 -- A press report, dated today, states: An Indian Airlines aircraft had a close shave this afternoon at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) in Kathmandu when its back wheels caught fire upon landing. Flight no IC 474 gave the airport authorities a scare when its left rear wheels caught fire as soon as it landed at TIA at around 1530, local time, Wednesday (Aug 29), reports Nepal Television. However, the fire was quickly put out by the airport authorities averting a possible misfortune. All of the passengers and cabin crew are safe. The aircraft had arrived in Kathmandu from the Indian city of Kolkata

#### **TURBULENCE DURING FLIGHT FROM MAURITIUS TO HONG KONG**

London, Aug 30 -- A press report, dated today, states: At least 26 people were injured on Thursday (Aug 30) when a flight from Mauritius suffered severe turbulence on its way to Hong Kong, officials said. The Air Mauritius MK 640 flight called Hong Kong air authorities for help at 1223 (0423, UTC) saying some passengers had been injured after the aircraft was buffeted

in the air, an airport authority spokesperson said. The aircraft landed 25 minutes later, with ambulances on standby, he added. Of the injured, 20 were taken to hospital in Hong Kong, a police spokesperson said, while the rest were treated at the airport. Most were quickly released from hospital but four people, including an 11-year-old, needed further treatment, the police spokesperson said.

### Port Conditions



#### **AUSTRALIA**

Sydney, Aug 31 -- Patrick's Port Botany terminal manager David Phillips said the stevedore was throwing everything it could at relieving congestion caused by an unprecedented build up of import containers this week. Patrick is training 60 new staff to drive straddles at the terminal, many having been transferred from Darling Harbour, which is due to close soon. Mr Phillips said this morning that volumes at the Port Botany terminal had not decreased since the Christmas peak. There is an unforeseen increase in volume that has not dropped off since September last year, Mr Phillips said. This week and its problems are a direct result of a very busy shipping schedule, but primarily the build up of imports through lack of deliveries over the weekend. Mr Phillips said there had been very few take-ups of weekend slots, causing high stack densities at the terminal which was slowing the time it took to retrieve the boxes for each truck pick-up. Patrick is this week waiving fees normally charged to road transporters who do not arrive within the specified time. Mr Phillips said Patrick had also temporarily extended the amount of time import containers would remain at the terminal before importers were charged storage fees. Patrick is adding two new straddles next week and another three in the first few weeks of September. The stevedore has closed its shipping operations three times so far this week in order to divert resources toward clearing containers from the docks. Patrick and the Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia are encouraging the use of extra slots this weekend and particularly over the APEC long weekend starting September 7. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

Sydney, Sep 6 -- Sydney's container shipping industry is being told to brace itself for heavy congestion this weekend (Sep 8/9), with 22 vessels due to arrive at Port Botany over the weekend. Sydney has been given a public holiday tomorrow because of heavy traffic congestion caused by Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation talks at the Sydney Opera House and in other parts of the city. The exclusion zones have caused some disruptions on both

land and sea, delaying truck movements into Port Botany and Darling Harbour and restricting some shipping on Sydney Harbour. Sydney Ports Corporation said, despite the expected ease in road traffic because of the public holiday, Port Botany would face intense congestion between now and Tuesday. Port Botany is already experiencing unprecedented growth in container traffic, handling more than 1.6m teu in 2006/07, up 12% on the previous year at twice the expected growth rate. Patrick's Port Botany terminal manager David Phillips said the stevedore was throwing everything at unexpected congestion that was part of a surge in container trade that began 12 months ago and did not ease in the traditionally-slower post-Christmas period. DP World has also noticed an increase in container traffic over the last month, which terminal manager Richard Johnstone said was probably a reflection that the Christmas rush had come four weeks early. A Sydney Ports release to industry said the APEC public holiday would put additional pressure on operations at Port Botany. The normal Monday morning truck congestion is expected to worsen, with Sydney Ports advising operators to make use of weekend slots to avoid contributing further to the problem. Both stevedores are expecting 11 vessel visits each over the next four days and the task to move containers to/from the terminal is substantial, the port corporation said. Both stevedores' roadside operational capacity will be severely tested on the Monday morning. Truck turnaround times are expected to be slower than normal until Wednesday. -- Lloyd's List Daily Commercial News.

#### INDIA

New Delhi, Sep 5 -- Iron ore exports from India's western state of Goa are likely to drop in the coming months because of a faulty handling equipment at a key port adding to woes caused by a firmer rupee, a senior industry official said today. The problem with one of two shiploaders at Mormugao in Goa, the state that accounts for about 40 percent of India's iron exports, is likely cut sales by 5 percent, said Glenn Kalvampara, joint secretary at the Goa Mineral ore Exporter's Association. Goa had exported 40 million tonnes of iron ore last year, out of India's total sales of 90 million tonnes, with the Mormugao port accounting for 27 million tonnes. Kalvampara said exports from Mormugao could drop by about two million tonnes because of the equipment failure when shipments start from October after a four-month break during the monsoon. "The loader is expected to be commissioned by Dec. 1," a senior Mormugao port official said, adding that the work for repair had already been handed to a firm. It has been out of action since July, but exports from the state halts during the

June to September rainy season. Kalvampara said exports from Goa were expected to drop 10-15 percent this year, with an export tax and a firmer rupee weighing down sales. -- Reuters.

London, Sep 6 -- A press report, dated today, states: At a time when iron ore export from India is booming, mining companies are having to bear the cost of congestion at Goais Mormugao port, which is the main facility for shipping the mineral abroad. Glenn Kalavampara, joint secretary of the Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association, said mining companies have had to take a hit in demurrage to the tune of around \$27 million (Rs111 crore) last year at the rate of around \$1 per tonne due to loading delays. Demurrage is the loss suffered by exporters as the importer deducts an amount on account of late loading and arrival of goods. "The exporters are definitely having to pay a price for the lack of infrastructure at the port," said Kalavampara. A third of the iron ore shipped from the 13 major ports in India is shipped from Mormugao. Last year, the port handled 26,740,000 tonnes of the mineral, out of a total tonnage of 80,563,000 tonnes shipped from the country. According to an ICRA Ltd report, in the last three years, the quantity of iron ore handled at ports in the country has grown at around 77.9%. As infrastructure has not kept pace with the increase in cargo, the port has become congested and operates at 107% of its capacity. The turnaround time of the vessels, which call at the port, has also increased from 2.04 days in 2002 to 4.65 days in 2007, the ICRA report said. Infrastructural bottle-necks have hit exporters with demurrage costs, rues Kalavampara. Apart from port congestion, another reason for the delay and the demurrage cost was shortage of vessels that were stuck at some Australian ports, said Ashwini Kumar Vaishnav, deputy chairman of Mormugao port. "They had fewer vessels to offer and so there were delays," Vaishnav explained. Vaishnav agreed that the lack of capacity at the port had led to the increase in shipping costs. "We are augmenting the capacity of our mechanical ore-handling plant," he further added. "We have also chalked out many public-private partnership projects to improve connectivity with the port in order to evacuate goods faster." Demurrage is adding to the cost of Indian exports, said Arvind Mahajan, an infrastructure expert and an executive director with KPMG International, a business information services firm. "As of now, since there is demand for iron ore, the mining companies will be able to pass on the additional cost to the importers," he said. "But what happens if demand slows down?"

#### ISRAEL

London, Sept 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: The Manufacturers Association of Israel urged Transport

Minister Shaul Mofaz to take responsibility and bring order back to the Ashdod port to avert the collapse of the facility before the start of the winter season. "The situation at the Ashdod Port is catastrophic," said Zvi Plada, chairman of the Sea and Air Transportation Committee at the Association. "Ship owners are threatening to abandon the port, while the Transport Ministry and the port's management are not acting swiftly to find a solution for the crisis." Plada added that there were delays of between 20 and 24 days in which ships were anchored and could not access the ports to offload due to a lack of port personnel and equipment - delays that cost import and export companies millions of shekels in storage fees, late fines and cancelled orders. Furthermore, he said, that 50% of the main equipment at the port was paralyzed and the port was not operating around the clock. Plada warned that the situation was poised to get much worse over just a number of days as the summer comes to an end and the busy winter season starts. In response, the Ashdod Port blamed the high traffic in recent days on the high volume of imports prior to the High Holidays and the rerouting of ships from Haifa to Ashdod because of renovation work at the Haifa facility. The Ashdod Port said the waiting time for ships was five days rather than the three weeks claimed by the manufacturers. Four months ago, the Manufacturers, together with the Shipper's Council and the Chamber of Shipping, held an emergency conference to provide recommendations and solutions for the problems in Israel's sea ports system, which were presented to Mofaz. Relations with export customers have already been strained this year as workers at the Ashdod Port went on strike in February to protest working conditions and again in March over disagreements surrounding the awarding of outsourcing contracts.

#### ITALY

Genoa, Sep 3 -- Current berthing delays: Genoa: Two tankers waiting for berth. Average delay in berthing 12-24 hrs. La Spezia: No vessels are waiting for berth. Savona: No vessels waiting for normal berth. One vessel waiting for special berth. -- Lloyd's Agents.

#### PAKISTAN

Karachi, Aug 29 -- Karachi Port Trust (KPT) said it is making a contingency plan under the advice of all stakeholders to cop up growing demand of vessels and cargo handling during the month of Ramadan (beginning 2nd week of Sept). The situation was aggravated following collapse of two berths due to rain in middle of August, which also caused closure of connected berth from 10 to 17. KPT arranged a comprehensive briefing for all port users/stakeholders yesterday. -- Correspondent.

## Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
<b>Australia</b>		
Abbott Point	10-Sep-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 13 vessels due by 1/10.
Brisbane	10-Sep-2007	Coal: Fisherman Island coal berth: 9 vessels due by 5/10.
Dalrymple Bay	10-Sep-2007	Coal: while berth 4 is under construction, Capesize vessels can only load at berths 1 and 2 until approx. end-October. DBCT berth 1: 5 vessels waiting; DBCT berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; DBCT berth 3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 10 waiting; other vessels not scheduled: 12 vessels waiting; 23 vessels due by 21/9.
Dampier	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading; 11 vessels due by 24/9; Parker Point berth 3: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; Parker Point berth 4: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 7 vessels due by 20/9; Parker Point berth 5: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; East Intercourse Island: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 6 vessels due by 19/9.
Esperance	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 2 vessels due by 22/10; berthing/sailing restricted to daylight hours.
Geraldton	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel berthed; 2 vessels due by 13/9; regular maintenance shutdowns are expected at berth No. 4 during construction of new iron ore berth 5.
Gladstone	10-Sep-2007	Coal: Many vessels still experiencing delays due to cargo availability and cargo operators are scheduling vessels out of order of arrival to maximise port efficiency. R.G. Tanna (Clinton) coal terminal: 2 vessels berthed and loading; 49 vessels due by 20/12; Barney Point: 1 vessel berthed and loading; 11 vessels due by 6/10.
Hay Point	10-Sep-2007	Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 4 waiting; 4 vessels due by 15/9; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 5 waiting; other vessels not yet scheduled: 1 vessel waiting, 6 due by 24/9.
Newcastle	10-Sep-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 26 waiting; 37 vessels due by 1/11; 11-22 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; approx. 28 vessels off port awaiting berths; Dykes 4+5: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 17 waiting; 17 vessels due by 3/11; 16-24 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; 17 vessels off port awaiting coal.
Port Hedland	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 6 vessels due by 19/9; "B" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 8 vessels due by 20/9; 4 other vessels due by 4/10, no e.t.a. received; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "C" berth: berth undergoing refurbishment and closed until further notice; Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "D" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 7 vessels due by 17/9; Cockatoo Island: 2 vessels due by 17/9.
Port Kembla	10-Sep-2007	Coal: 1 vessel berthed and loading; 12 vessels due by 20/10.
Port Latta	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel due 15/9.
Port Walcott	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 2 vessels berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 14 vessels due by 23/9.
Whyalla	10-Sep-2007	Iron ore: 4 vessels due by 30/10; 1 vessel due 24/9 for transhipping.
<b>Azerbaijan</b>		
Apsheron	11-Sep-2007	Oil products: Dubendi terminal: 4 vessels berthed of which 1 discharging fuel oil, 1 gasoline, 2 empty vessels; 2 vessels due by 11/9, 1 to load fuel oil, 1 crude oil.
Baku	11-Sep-2007	Oil products: Bay of Baku: no vessels; AzerTrans terminal - Nobel avenue: no vessels; Sangachal district: no vessels.
<b>Bulgaria</b>		
Bourgas	10-Sep-2007	Six vessels in port operating, of which 4 loading (2 coils, 1 copper anodes, 1 steel sheets), 2 discharging (1 metals, 1 steel billets); 3 vessels in roads, of which 2 to load (1 coils, 1 scrap), 1 to discharge metals; 3 vessels due, of which 2 to load (1 coils, 1 containers), 1 to discharge steel billets.
<b>Egypt</b>		
Adabiya	10-Sep-2007	Two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), both general cargo.
Alexandria	10-Sep-2007	Fifty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 48 general cargo, 3 tankers, 1 container vessel; 12 vessels at outer anchorage.
Damietta	10-Sep-2007	Twenty-nine vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 6 container vessels; 5 vessels at outer anchorage, 2 at inner anchorage.



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Dekheila	10-Sep-2007	Thirteen vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 6 general cargo, 4 tankers, 3 container vessels; no vessels at outer anchorage.
Port Said	10-Sep-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 containers.
Suez	10-Sep-2007	Seven vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 4 general cargo, 3 passenger vessels; 2 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	10-Sep-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 30 Southbound.
<b>Georgia</b>		
Batumi	10-Sep-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels in roads, both to load ULSD; 3 vessels due by 15/9, all to load, of which 2 crude oil, 1 fuel oil.
Poti	10-Sep-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels due by 13/9, both to load gasoline.
<b>India</b>		
Kolkata	10-Sep-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Containers, 4 vessels loading and discharging ( Containers, Logs-2, Edible Oil), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 1 vessel waiting to load Containers; 1 vessel working at midstream to loading Iron Ore; 6 vessels under repair; 1 vessel under dry docked; 1 vessel under arrest; 1 vessel at shipyard quay; 3 vessels waiting for MHC berth; 4 vessels due (General Cargo-2, Containers, Edible Oil) .
Haldia	10-Sep-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading Iron Ore, 7 vessels discharging (Crude, Coking Coal-2, POL, Palm Oil, M. Ore, Steel), 1 vessel loading and discharging Container, 3 vessels waiting to load Iron Ore; 5 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 2 to load, 1 to load and discharge), 6 vessels waiting at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 4 to load ); 4 vessels due (Crude, Prxln, LPG, Coking Coal).
Paradip	10-Sep-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore-3, Thermal Coal), 6 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-3, NC Coal, MOP, Sulpher); 9 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 4 to discharge, 5 to load), 2 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load; 34 vessels due.
Vizag	10-Sep-2007	Not available.
Chennai	10-Sep-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Project Cargo/Granite Blocks, General, Granite Block, IOL, Iron Ore), 9 vessels discharging (H.R. Coil/Project, Steel Plate/Project, Steam Coal-2, C. Coal, Orxyl/Lab, C. Oil, Logs-2), 4 vessels loading and discharging (S. Coil/Steel Plate/Project, Project/General, Containers-2); 6 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage ( 3 to discharge, 3 to load), 8 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 4 to load, 4 to discharge); 1 vessel under arrest; 3 vessels due (Containers, Thermal Coal, Log).
Tuticorin	10-Sep-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Construction Materials, Granite, S. Acid), 6 vessels discharging (Logs, Coal, Urea, Thermal Coal, LPG, Rock Phosphate), 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 1 vessel waiting berth at anchorage to discharge.
Cochin	10-Sep-2007	3 vessels working at berth discharging ( Crude, Copra, High Speed Diesel); 22 vessels due ( Crude-3, Domestic Passenger-5, Containers-7, POL-2, Tug-2, Fertilizer Raw Material, Chemicals, Soda Ash).
New Mangalore	10-Sep-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines-3, POL Product), 7 vessels discharging (Fertiliser-2, Boxes, Timber-2, POL Crude, Coal); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 7 vessels waiting berth at anchorage (3 to discharge, 4 to load); 18 vessels due ( Boxes, POL Product-3, POL Crdue-2, LPG-2, Cr. Palm Oil, Iron Ore Fines-7, Iron Ore (P), Lime Stone).
Mormugao	10-Sep-2007	3 vessels operating at berth 1 vessel loading Iron Ore, 2 vessels discharging (Met Coke, P. Acid); 3 vessels working at midstream loading Iron Ore; 4 vessel under dry docked; 3 vessels due (Coking Coal, S. Coking Coal, Containers).
Mumbai	10-Sep-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 6 vessels loading (Steel Cargo, Bagged Sugar/ Rice/ Raw Sugar-2, POL-3), 6 vessels discharging (Steel/Mach/Equipment-4, Bulk Peas, POL), 4 vessels loading and discharging (Steel ,General Cargo, Project, Containers); 1 vessel working at midstream and discharging POL; 1 vessel not ready to work and waiting at anchorage to load, 3 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge; 22 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 33 vessels due ( Containers-4, Oil-3, General Cargo-26).
J.N.P.T.	10-Sep-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel loading Molasses, 1 vessel discharging Cement, 7 vessels loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge; 3 Containers vessels due.
Kandla	10-Sep-2007	18 vessels operating at berth of which 9 vessels loading (Agriculture Product-4, Rice, Lime Stone, Castor Oil, POL-2), 9 vessels discharging (Timber Logs-4, Iron Ore, Chemical,

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		Project Cargo, SB Oil); 1 vessel working at midstream discharging Timber Logs; 8 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load, 7 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage ( 5 to discharge, 2 to load).
Ennore	10-Sep-2007	1 vessel operating at berth discharging Coal; 1 vessel working at inner anchorage and loading Iron Ore; 3 vessels due ( MV Gem of Ennore ( Coal), MV Tamil Anna (Coal), MT Alum Schuhe (POL Products).
<b>Israel</b>		
Ashdod	09-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Thirteen vessels discharging at berth (8 general cargo, 5 bulkers), 5 loading/discharging at berth (3 containers, 1 tanker, 1 passenger vessel); 3 general cargo vessels waiting at anchorage to discharge, 4 vessels waiting at anchorage to load/discharge (3 bulkers, 1 tanker); 17 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
Eilat	09-Sep-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	09-Sep-2007	No labour problems. Nine vessels discharging at berth (5 general cargo, 4 bulkers), 10 loading/discharging at berth (4 containers, 3 car carriers, 3 tankers); 2 general cargo vessels waiting at anchor to discharge, 8 vessels waiting at anchor to load/discharge (4 bulkers, 4 containers); 4 vessels under repairs/dry-docked; 18 vessels due, with 2-3 days delay expected.
<b>Kazakhstan</b>		
Aktau	10-Sep-2007	Oil products: 2 vessels berthed, both loading crude oil; 1 vessel due 10/9 to load unknown cargo.
<b>Russia</b>		
Novorossisk	10-Sep-2007	Eleven vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading, (1 sodium sulphate/soda ash, 4 wheat, 1 steel billets/zinc, 1 barley, 1 diesel oil), 1 discharging bulk sugar, 2 discharging/loading containers; 16 vessels waiting in roads, of which 10 to load (7 wheat, 1 steel billets, 1 UAN solution, 1 diesel oil), 3 to discharge (2 bulk sugar, 1 bulk cement), 3 to discharge/load containers; 61 vessels due, of which 54 to load (2 HBI, 5 copper, 1 soda ash, 1 sodium sulphate, 5 slabs, 1 pipes, 1 bulk ammonium nitrate, 1 H-beams, 5 coils, 6 steel billets, 1 bulk urea, 8 wheat, 1 aluminium, 1 pipes/equipment, 1 bulk NPK, 1 coke, 1 lead, 2 copper WRIC, 1 barley, 1 UAN solution, 1 coils/pipes, 2 aluminium, 1 pipes, 2 bulk NPK, 1 spare parts/vehicles, 1 zinc concentrate), 7 to discharge (3 zinc concentrate, 1 vegetable oil, 1 coils, 2 bulk cement). Oil terminal: 3 tankers berthed, all loading, of which 1 crude oil, 1 diesel oil, 1 fuel oil; 4 tankers in roads, all to load, of which 3 crude oil, 1 diesel oil.
<b>Slovenia</b>		
Koper	10-Sep-2007	Port working normally. Eight vessels berthed of which 1 loading/discharging containers, 2 loading general cargo/sawn timber, 4 discharging bulk cargo, 1 loading bulk cargo; no vessels anchored; 16 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 3 to discharge/load containers, 2 tankers to discharge liquid cargo, 2 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles, 1 to discharge vehicles, 2 vessels to load general cargo, 3 to load bulk cargo, 3 to discharge bulk cargo.
<b>Spain</b>		
Bilbao	10-Sep-2007	Thirty-seven vessels operating (4 tankers, 33 other vessels), of which 4 loading, 19 discharging, 14 loading/discharging.
<b>Turkmenistan</b>		
Aladja	10-Sep-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, completed loading crude oil; 1 vessel in roads to load crude oil.
Okarem	10-Sep-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, completed loading crude oil.
Turkmenbashi	10-Sep-2007	Oil products: 1 vessel berthed, loading fuel oil; 14 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 10 fuel oil, 2 HPGO, 2 unknown cargoes; 1 vessel due 10/9 to load unknown cargo.
<b>Ukraine</b>		
Ilichevsk	10-Sep-2007	Eight vessels in port operating, of which 2 loading (1 steel products, 1 pig-iron), 4 discharging (1 oil, 1 nickel ore, 1 pipes, 1 cranes), 2 loading/discharging containers; no vessels in roads; 9 vessels due, of which 7 to load (4 steel products, 1 iron ore concentrate, 2 sunflower oil), 2 to load/discharge containers.

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Mariupol	10-Sep-2007	Ten vessels in port operating, of which 9 loading (5 steel, 2 fire-clay, 1 coal, 1 bran), 1 discharging containers; 6 vessels in roads, of which 5 to load (1 steel, 3 fire-clay, 1 coal), 1 to discharge magnetite; 37 vessels due, of which 35 to load (27 steel, 2 coal, 4 fire-clay, 1 sulphur, 1 slag), 2 to discharge (1 containers, 1 clinker).
Odessa	10-Sep-2007	Fourteen vessels in port operating, of which 6 loading (1 oil, 1 scrap, 1 ore, 2 metal, 1 timber/metal), 3 discharging (2 luggage, 1 bananas), 3 loading/discharging containers, 2 passenger vessels; 3 vessels in roads, of which 1 to load metal, 2 to load/discharge containers; 66 vessels due, of which 24 to load (21 metal, 1 grain, 1 coal), 5 to discharge (1 metal, 1 general cargo, 2 citrus, 1 oil), 37 to discharge/load containers.

**United States**

Beaumont, TX	11-Sep-2007	Sabine pilots are maintaining a 40 ft. 0 ins. f.w. max. deep draft for the Sabine waterway, but may limit draft based on tide and weather considerations. Channel open under normal traffic. Louis Dreyfus terminal: 4-5 days delay.
Galveston, TX	11-Sep-2007	No new restriction in draft (normal 39 ft. 6 ins. b.w. max. deep draft enforced - 40 ft. with ideal conditions). Channel open under normal traffic; ADM-Farmland terminal: 2-3 days delay.
Houston, TX	11-Sep-2007	Channel open under normal traffic. Current Houston ship channel 45 ft. 0 ins. max. draft up to Shell terminal, 40 ft. 0 ins. max. draft above Shell terminal to 610 bridge area; Cargill terminal - berth 1: 2-3 days delay, berth 2: 2-3 days delay; LDC Dreyfus terminal: no delays.
Kalama, WA	11-Sep-2007	Kalama export terminal: no delays; United Harvest terminal: no delays.
New Orleans, LA	11-Sep-2007	Mississippi River terminal berthing delays: Cenex-Harstates/Myrtle Grove: 3-4 days delay expected; Cargill-Westwego: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Ama: 4-5 days delay expected; Bunge/Destrehan: 5 days delay expected; ADM/Destrehan: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Reserve: 2 days delay expected; Cargill/Reserve: 2 days delay expected; ADM/Paulina: no delays expected; Zen-Noh/Convent: 1-2 days delay expected; Cargill/Baton Rouge: no delays expected; Mississippi River mid-stream buoys - estimated berthing delays based on new vessel presented as load-ready and weather permitting: Mile 121.5 ADM (Gemini) - Destrehan: no delays expected; Mile 158.0 Myrtle Grove midstream terminal: 4 days delay expected; Mile 180.0 Cooper (America) - Darrow: 14 days delay expected. Three-day forecast for Carrolton Gauge/New Orleans: expected to increase to 3.8 ft. above sea level by 14/9. Mississippi River recommended draft restrictions: SW Pass to Pilottown - 47 ft. for all vessels (24 hours); Pilottown to Nola - 47 ft. for all vessels (24 hours); New Orleans to Mile 180 - 45 ft. (24 hours) and up to 47 feet on a case-by-case basis; Mile 180 to Baton Rouge - 45 ft. for all vessels (24 hours); Mississippi River Gulf outlet: 23 ft. as per last report of the Bar Pilots. It is highly recommended that MRGO is excluded in fixtures until further notice, as plans to restore the 36 ft. project depth have not been published.
Portland, OR	11-Sep-2007	Columbia Grain terminal: 2 days delay; CLD Irving terminal: 3 days delay expected; CLD, O Dock terminals: no delays.
Seattle, WA	11-Sep-2007	Louis Dreyfus (Pier 86) terminal: no delays.
Tacoma, WA	11-Sep-2007	No delays.
Vancouver, WA	11-Sep-2007	No delays.

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