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Russia says ships in Black Sea disaster should not have sailed

By David Osler

THE Russian authorities have blasted shipowners and masters for setting to sea in Sunday's Black Sea storm, which now looks to have claimed the lives of up to five seafarers with dozens more still missing, as well as causing a disastrous oil spill.

In addition to the three bodies washed ashore, believed to be members of the crew of sunken cargoship Nakhichevan, a further two seafarers from another vessel are reported drowned.

Further search and rescue efforts were yesterday called off, in the belief that any survivors would inevitably have succumbed to the freezing weather conditions.

Meanwhile, an estimated 2,000 tonnes of fuel oil that leaked after river tanker Volganef-139 fell victim to the storm is

having a major impact on both seabirds and fish.

"The environmental system of the region has sustained serious damage," World Wildlife Fund conservationist Aleksey Zimenko told the Interfax news agency. "The consequences will persist for many years to come."

Russia's federal weather forecasting service has warned that the slick may spread as far as the Sea of Azov.

Novorossiisk — Russia's most important port — remained closed on Tuesday as storm conditions continued, with no stems able to take place.

"We'll most likely start shipments tomorrow morning but it depends on the wind," one trader said. High winds and waves are still raging in the region and up to 30 ships have been anchored, another trader added.

Meanwhile, the Russian government seems intent on taking a tough line with the shipping industry, which it believes to have some responsibility for the devastation. A spokesman for the ministry of emergency situations, in a telephone interview with Agence France Presse, attacked the actions of shipowners and masters.

"They all knew perfectly well a storm warning was in effect. The leadership of these companies simply ignored these warnings."

Separately, Russian prosecutors have indicated that they are considering a criminal investigation to assess responsibility for the environmental damage.

St. Petersburg dockers launch indefinite strike

By David Osler

DOCK workers at the Sea Port of St Petersburg facility in Russia's second city yesterday launched an indefinite strike that is set to disrupt bulk shipments in and out of the port as a whole.

No impact is expected on oil product shipments through the Port of St Petersburg, a separate company. However, traffic hit is likely to include exports of steel from Severstal, aluminium from United Company Rusal, and coal mined in western Siberia. Copper, zinc and nickel exports through the port will also be hit.

Alexander Moiseyenko, head of the Sea Port's trade union, told Reuters that the industrial action was in pursuit of a demand for a 30% pay increase, which management had rejected. "Work has stopped due to terms and conditions," he said. "Dockers and workers are working for an hour at the beginning of each shift and the same at the end of each shift."

Growing inflation in Russia — which it is estimated will see a 10%-plus rise in consumer prices this year — has led to a strike wave. Employees at a Ford plant near St Petersburg held a one-day stoppage last week, again over pay.

The Sea Port of St Petersburg said in a statement that exports were likely to fall, but that it would not meet dockers' demands. "The trade union has not given us an economic explanation of their demand," the company continued, adding that it considered the walkout "populist".

Sea Port of St Petersburg is owned by Russian billionaire Vladimir Lisin, majority owner of Novolipetsk Steel, Russia's fourth largest steel maker.

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

Vessel	Type	Flag	Class	GT	DWT	Bit	Casualty
<i>AFRICAN IMPALA</i>	bulker	BHS	BV	15,888	24,111	1997	Reported Nov 7 sustained main engine damage off the Azores and proceeding to Ponta Delgada for inspection and repairs, ETA Nov 10.
<i>ALIKI</i>	bulker	MHL	NK	90,091	180,235	2005	In collision with <i>APL Peru</i> at Ningbo Oct 26. Various damages to plating etc and three containers. Sailed prev Nov 8.
<i>ANJA</i>	general	ATG	GL	4,454	5,539	2002	Grounded on Ranagsundoya, 35 miles north of Sandnessjoen Nov 8. Listing to port with bow out of water. Refloating attempt on next high tide.
<i>APL PERU</i>	container	ATG	GL	41,834	53,554	2002	In collision with <i>Aliki</i> at Ningbo Oct 26. Several side tanks penetrated and broken. Repairing at Zhoushan.
<i>COSCO BUSAN</i>	container	HKG	GL	65,131	68,086	2001	Struck a support tower of the Bay Bridge, San Francisco, in fog, Nov 7. Sustained gash to hull and spilled 140 gallons of heavy duty bunker fuel oil. Proceeded to Anchorage 9. Investigation under way.
<i>DAREEN</i>	general cargo	PRK	—	3,048	4,345	1971	Sank in lat 22 42N, long 61 22E, Aug 10. All crew rescued.
<i>DUNCAN ISLAND</i>	reefer	BHS	LR	14,061	14,140	1993	Lost nine containers overboard in bad weather in lat 53 31.8N, long 05 22E, Nov 6. More damaged containers on deck. Holed above waterline. Towed to Cuxhaven, where patched Nov 7.
<i>HSIN HO</i>	bulker	TWN	AB	37,745	70,829	1997	Grounded in Macapa area, River Amazon, Oct 30. List to port. Salvage team on site. Moved to Macapa port. Rudder damaged.
<i>LISA</i>	product	CYP	CS	2,997	4,284	2007	Reported at Margate Nov 6 with engine problems.
<i>MAERSK MYTILINI</i>	container	PAN	LR	52,181	60,350	1990	Sustained various deck damages when a crane fell down at Gwangyang, Korea, Oct 20. Repairs commenced Oct 30 and remain under way.
<i>NOLA</i>	general cargo	NLD	LR	1,978	2,100	2002	Had engine failure and grounded in Neufeld roads, River Elbe, Nov 4. Refloated by tugs same day and towed to South Quay, Brunsbuttel for repairs.
<i>SCF VALDAI</i>	crude oil tanker	LBR	NV	81,085	159,313	2003	Reported mechanical failure in lat 37 51N, long 24 15E, Nov 4. Three tugs in vicinity. Being towed to Piraeus, arriving at roads Nov 5.
<i>SELCON</i>	general cargo	MLT	—	12,811	17,300	1982	Had fire in the hold at Zhanghuabang Wharf, Shanghai area Nov 8. Under control same day.
<i>SUMISE MARU NO.3</i>	bulk cement	JPN	NK	5,375	8,579	1995	Ran aground 3,000 metres from Omaezaki lighthouse Nov 1. Water ingressed to ballast tank. No oil spill or personal injury. Reported Nov 2 salvaged. Under repair at Sanwa Dock, Hiroshima.
<i>VOLGO-BALT 227</i>	general	RUS	RS	2,516	3,187	1980	Contacted an underwater object, while mooring at Kotka in high winds, Nov 6. Damage sustained to No.1 ballast tank.
<i>ZHEZHOU LIANGYOU 15</i>	tanker	CHN	—	1,680	940	—	In collision with <i>Overseas Atalmar</i> at Tianjin Port Oct 27. Damage sustained. To be surveyed

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ACCORD (Philippines)

Manila, Nov 5 — Repairs to general cargo *Accord* is being delayed due to problems in installing a new auxiliary engine. Company sources said that engineers were in the process of adjusting the engine alignment. Other repairs on the upper deck and hull have been completed. Repairs were originally scheduled to be completed at the end of October but the completion date has been moved to mid-November. — Correspondent.

ADELAIDE PEARL (New Zealand)

Wellington, Nov 5 — Fishing (general) *Adelaide Pearl*, which proceeded to Bluff after a compressor explosion in April, has been reported by Bluff port authorities to have returned to service in the interim period. — Lloyd's Agents.

AFRICAN IMPALA (Bahamas)

Ponta Delgada, Nov 7 — Bulk carrier *African Impala* (15888 gt, built 1997) sustained main engine damage off the Azores and is presently proceeding to Ponta Delgada, ETA Nov 10, for inspection and repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

AIAS (Greece)

Piraeus, Nov 2 — Passenger ro/ro *Aias* has resumed normal operations. — Lloyd's Agents.

ALIKI (Marshall Islands)

See *APL Peru*.

ANJA (Antigua & Barbuda)

Sandnes, Nov 8 — At 0115, local time, today, general cargo *Anja* (4454 gt, built 2002) underway from Salten to Mo i Rana, with containers, grounded on Ranagsundoya, about 35 nautical miles north of Sandnessjoen. No injuries to the crew of 13. Rescue vessel *Ruth Opsal* arrived a few hours later and when tug *Boa Siw* arrives at about 1130, there will be an attempt to refloat the vessel on the high tide. *Anja* has 137 tonnes of oil on board, but no pollution in the area. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kiel, Nov 8 — General cargo *Anja* ran aground at about 0100, local time, today, off Ranagsundoya in Nordland. The ship has 173 tons of fuel oil on board. It is listing to port with the bow out of the water. The situation is said to be stable. The Norwegian coast guard vessel *KV Harstad*, which is able to fight possible oil pollution, is on scene. — Correspondent.

ANNA 2005 (Comoros)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 5 — General cargo *Anna 2005* (3171 gt, built 2005) ran aground in the Bosphorus at 0055, local time, Nov 3. With the aid of four tugs the vessel was removed from the

sandbar and led to the roads for inspection. — Correspondent. (Note — *Anna 2005* had an ETA at Nikolayev of Nov 4 and according to Lloyd's MIU AIS was stationary in lat 40 58.44N, long 28 57.16E at 1051, UTC, today.)

ANTONIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Nov 2 — Roll on roll off *Antonia* sailed Poti Oct 28.

APL PERU (Antigua & Barbuda)

Antwerp, Nov 5 — Bulk carrier *Aliki* (90091 gt, built 2005) collided with fully cellular containership *APL Peru* (41834 gt, built 2002) in the port of Ningbo at 0305, Oct 26, at port bow with its starboard anchor, hull plating and superstructures, and further caused various damages in the way of port shell plating and three containers, which were stowed at the end of port side. In consequence of the collision, several side tanks of *APL Peru* were penetrated and broken by the opponent starboard anchor. — "DPS Teamhead Surveyors."

Shanghai, Nov 8 — Fully cellular containership *APL Peru* was in collision with bulk carrier *Aliki* at Ningbo at 0250, local time, Oct 26. *APL Peru* is being repaired at Zhoushan. *Aliki* has left Ningbo. — Lloyd's Agents.

ARIANTA (Isle of Man)

Maassluis, Nov 1 — Combined chemical and oil tank *Arianta* sailed from Rotterdam at 0615, local time, today, bound for Gothenburg. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

AURA (Netherlands)

London, Nov 5 — Fully cellular containership *Aura* arrived Helsinki Nov 1.

AXEL SPIRIT (Bahamas)

London, Nov 4 — A press report, dated Nov 3, states: The U.S. Coast Guard said a light tower off New York City has been substantially damaged by crude oil tanker *Axel Spirit* (62929 gt, built 2004). The agency is urging vessels to steer clear of the Ambrose Light until it can be mended. The Coast Guard said *Axel Spirit* rammed into the 76-foot steel tower around 0200, Nov 3, damaging its legs. Coast Guard Petty Officer Annie Berlin said the light is on, but no longer rotating and not reliable. No injuries or pollution have been reported. The Ambrose Light is about 12 miles south-east of Staten Island and about four miles outside the shipping channel to New York City. The channel is marked with other navigation aids. A Coast Guard ship is being sent to set up temporary navigation aids until the light is repaired.

London, Nov 5 — Following received from Coast Guard Boston, timed 1435, UTC: Crude oil tanker *Axel Spirit* is still at New York, awaiting a classification society report to enable it to be allowed to sail. A Captain of Port Order was placed on the vessel.

AZIMUT-2 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 7 — Fishing (general) *Azimut-2* (446 gt, built 1993) displacement 780 tonnes, 19 crew members, has wound its fishing nets around its propeller in the Tatarskiy Strait, 16 miles west of Korsakov at 1515, Nov 6. It is currently drifting. The management staff of the emergency rescue company is working on the problem of rendering aid to the vessel and will tow it to Kholmsk or Nevel'sk. Divers are being sent from Yuzhno Sakhalinsk. — Correspondent.

BALSA 55 (Panama)

London, Nov 6 — General cargo *Balsa 55* arrived Seven Islands Nov 1 and sailed Nov 4.

BARBAROSSA (Gibraltar)

Naples, Nov 6 — General cargo *Barbarossa* is still berthed at Quay No 47, Naples, with no developments. — Lloyd's Agents.

BARGARA (Malta)

Buenos Aires, Nov 1 — Bulk carrier *Bargara* berthed at Siderca Berth, La Plata, Oct 27 to discharge cargo. Damages were found to starboard side plating in way of Nos 6 and 7 cargo holds and No 4 top side tank. Permanent repairs were deferred to next scheduled drydocking. — Lloyd's Agents.

BSLE ENDURANCE (Cyprus)

Kochi, Nov 5 — Repair work on general cargo *BSLE Endurance* has been completed and the vessel has reberthed at New Mangalore Port for loading granite blocks. Vessel is expected to sail Nov 6. — Lloyd's Agents.

CALA PALMA (Italy)

Bremen, Nov 2 — Repairs to reefer *Cala Palma* are almost complete, and the vessel is scheduled to leave Bremerhaven on Nov 17. — Lloyd's Agents.

CAPTAIN SPYROS (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Nov 3 — General cargo *Captain Spyros* arrived Piraeus Oct 31.

Piraeus, Nov 5 — General cargo *Captain Spyros* sailed on Oct 31, from Nafplion to Piraeus. According to the Ships Agent the vessel sustained no visible damages due to the incident on Oct 22, 2007. However, vessel is to be inspected at Piraeus within this week in order to ascertain condition. — Lloyd's Agents.

CHRISOULA (Greece)

Piraeus, Nov 2 — Fishing (general) *Chrisoula* completed repairs on Pct 28 and sailed on the same day. — Lloyd's Agents.

CLAUDIA (Netherlands)

Poznan, Nov 2 — General cargo *Claudia* is currently under repair, ETC the end of November. — Lloyd's Agents.

COS INTREPID (Hong Kong)

Le Havre, Nov 2 — Bulk carrier *COS Intrepid* remains at Le Havre. The

vessel has sustained some damages which will be repaired as soon as possible. Repairs are estimated to take around 15 days. — Lloyd's Agents.

COSCO BUSAN (Hong Kong)

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* (65131 gt, built 2001) struck a support tower on the centre span of the Bay Bridge between Treasure Island and San Francisco this morning but did not cause any apparent damage to the bridge, US Coast Guard Officer Anya Hunter said. The vessel hit part of the tower at about 0830 hrs and leaked oil into the water for about 30 minutes before the crew transferred the oil to another part of the vessel, Hunter said. The did not actually hit the bridge, said Caltrans spokesman Bart Ney, but scraped a fender designed to protect the tower. Coast Guard vessels escorted the vessel north of Treasure Island at about 1030 hrs. A long scrape could be seen as the Coast Guard escorted the vessel to Treasure Island for inspection. Coast Guard pollution investigators and marine investigators will assess how much fuel was spilled into the water. Traffic on the Bay Bridge was not affected by the accident, Hunter said. There was heavy fog in the area but investigators have not said whether that led to the collision.

London, Nov 7 — Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* is now anchored north of Treasure Island, outside the channel. The Coast Guard and San Francisco Police Department are enforcing a 100 foot safety zone around the vessel and fuel in the water. The California Department of Transportation is assessing the bridge. Coast Guard pollution and marine inspectors also are conducting investigations into the amount of bulk fuel spilled. (According to LMIU AIS, at 2145 hrs today, *Cosco Busan* was in lat 37 46 15N, long 122 21 34.2W, stationary 2.6 nautical miles from Alameda.)

London, Nov 8 — A press report, dated Nov 7, states: Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan* sustained a gash in its hull and spilled 140 gallons of heavy-duty bunker fuel oil into the bay after the collision with Bay Bridge. Within hours of yesterday's 0830 hrs accident, oil was showing up on the San Francisco waterfront and on Pacific Ocean beaches in Marin County. The vessel hit the base of the second tower west of Yerba Buena Island, scraping up against the wood, plastic and concrete fender that protects each tower from damage at water level. The fender system "performed the way it was designed," and the bridge remains sound, Caltrans spokesman Bart Ney said. He said no one driving on the bridge would have felt a thing. *Cosco Busan* was carrying container cargo bound from Oakland to South Korea. It had just left the dock on the Oakland estuary and was proceeding to sea when the accident occurred. The pilot on board was Capt. John Cota, who has worked on the bay for more than 25 years, said Patrick Moloney, executive

director of the San Francisco Pilot Commission. The fog was unusually thick as *Cosco Busan* headed out, and the National Weather Service had issued a dense fog advisory. In fog, the pilot uses radar to determine the vessel's position. There is also a radar transponder in the center of the bridge between the towers. For some unknown reason, the *Cosco Busan* drifted left as it approached the bridge. The tide had just turned, and the current was flooding slightly. *Cosco Busan* hit the tower fender on its port side, tearing a gash 160 feet long about 10 feet above the waterline. Once the vessel was brought under control, the crew transferred fuel from the leaking tanks into other fuel tanks. The vessel then moved under its own power to Anchorage Nine, in the middle of the bay near Candlestick Point. It trailed a sheen of oil as it went. The Coast Guard is testing *Cosco Busan's* navigating officers and crew and the pilot for drugs or alcohol. The ship will remain at anchor indefinitely and will not be allowed to go to sea until the Coast Guard and other authorities determine what repairs need to be made. The accident and the resulting oil spill are being investigated by 13 organizations, from the Coast Guard and the state Department of Fish and Game to the San Francisco police and fire departments.

Oakland, Calif., Nov 8 — Fully cellular containership *COSCO Busan*, on outbound voyage from Oakland to Busan, collided with a pylon of the Oakland/San Francisco bay bridge, just west of Treasure Island, at approximately 0830 hrs Nov 7. Debris and oil was noted on the water and it has been reported that the vessel has sustained hull damages. The extent of the damages is not yet known and the vessel is presently being inspected by the US Coast Guard while at anchorage number nine in the San Francisco Bay. The reported debris maybe from broken/splintered fender piles of the bridge pylon. — Nauticus LLC.

CSK UNITY (Singapore)

Salvador, Nov 1 — Bulk carrier *CSK Unity* is loaded with 40,000 tonnes of bauxite, which it took on board at Trombetas. Vessel was refloated at 1009, Oct 22, and was released by the authorities on Oct 25, sailing to its destination, Corpus Christi, at 0220 hrs on that date. Vessel's ETA Corpus Christi is Nov 6. — Lloyd's Agents.

DALYAN (Cambodia)

London, Nov 8 — General cargo *Dalyan* passed Dardanelles east Nov 7.

DAREEN (North Korea)

London, Nov 5 — Understand general cargo *Dareen* (3048 gt, built 1971) Karachi for Iran, sank after taking on water in lat 22 42N, long 61 22.1E, Aug 10. All 15 crew members were safely rescued.

DAYA 1 (Cyprus)

See "Belgium" under "Port State Control".

**DD LEADER
(St. Vincent & Grenadines)**

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 8 — The crew of bulk carrier *DD Leader* (14868 gt, built 1985) have gone on strike in the port of Haldia. The main problem presented to the inspector of MFT Vladivostok was debts of three months wages to the crew. Additionally, as well as the low level of wages when paid, the large amount of overtime, the absence of elementary medical aid, and the poor quality of food products. The crew demanded from operators, DD Shipping of Vladivostok, that contract conditions are changed with increased payments and payment for overtime work to a basic civilized level and to pay the three months back wages. The vessel will shortly have a visit from the inspector of MFT Calcutta, where the crew have also directed their requirements. — Correspondent. (Note — *DD Leader* arrived Haldia Oct 31.)

DEIRA (Liberia)

Kiel, Nov 6 — Product tanker *Deira* departed from Brunsbützel at 1230, local time, Nov 6, eastbound. Permanent repairs to its damaged port side will have to be carried out in a shipyard. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 6 — Product tanker *Deira* sailed Brunsbützel for Szczecin, for permanent repairs, ETA 2000, Nov 6. — Correspondent.

DENDEN (Eritrea)

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated today, states: An international team of experts has begun the preliminary work of salvaging oil from sunken general cargo *Denden*. The vessel, carrying a huge quantity of furnace oil, ran aground off Tannirbhavi coast on Jun 23 following engine failure, and capsized. Three crew members were killed while 21 escaped to safety. According to New Mangalore Port Trust sources, experts conducted a survey around the vessel to identify the point of penetration into the vessel. The hull needs to be punctured in order to salvage the oil. The team also conducted tests to determine the deepest channel for the tug to approach the sunken vessel. Offshore supply vessel, *Al Hamal*, which will salvage the oil, was not reached New Mangalore as of yesterday evening. The vessel will go alongside *Denden* with men and equipment to start the salvage operation. *Al Hamal* will tranship the oil from the sunken vessel using the hot-tap method, arrive at the port and empty it into trucks. Any non-persistent oil, such as petrol and diesel, on board the vessel would have dissipated by now. The main concern of the team will be to remove the furnace oil safely, the sources said.

DIAMOND SEAS (Liberia)

London, Nov 7 — Bulk carrier *Diamond Seas* arrived Bahia Blanca Nov 2.

DREAM (Bahamas)

Piraeus, Nov 2 — Understand that passenger (cruise) *Dream* is still in port at Rhodes. — Lloyd's Agents.

**DRUGS FOUND ON VESSEL,
MANZANILLO, MEXICO**

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated today, states: Mexico's discovery of a huge cocaine shipment from Colombia grew even larger today as the government more than doubled the size of the haul to 23 tonnes, making it one of the world's biggest drug busts. Police, navy and customs officers found the drugs, the second major seizure in the past month, hidden between plastic floor-covering on a Hong Kong-flagged container ship at the Manzanillo port in Colima state on Tuesday (Oct 30). They initially announced they found 11 tonnes but further searches of the ship revealed far more. "So far, the haul amounts to more than 23 tonnes of cocaine. This is the biggest seizure of this drug in the country's history," the government said in a statement. The seizure doubles the Mexican record, set only last month when soldiers found more than 11 tonnes of cocaine at the port of Tampico on the Atlantic coast. Officials in Manzanillo have so far checked six containers on the Colombian boat, two of which were packed with cocaine divided into more than 21,000 packets. The search continues. Estimated value of the cocaine is \$US400 million (\$A439.34 million).

DUNCAN ISLAND (Bahamas)

London, Nov 6 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1715, UTC: Reefer *Duncan Island* (14061 gt, built 1993), bound Hamburg, lost nine containers overboard, seven loaded with bananas, the other two with empty food containers, in bad weather, in lat 53 32.8N, long 05 22E at about 1223, UTC, today. There are more damaged containers on deck. ETA Hamburg about midnight tonight. (Note — *Duncan Island* sailed Guayaquil Oct 18, arrived Puerto Bolivar (ECU) Oct 19 and sailed Oct 20. Vessel arrived Antwerp Nov 3 and sailed Nov 5.)

Kiel, Nov 7 — Reefer *Duncan Island* lost nine containers overboard off the island of Terschelling, in the North Sea, in the afternoon of Nov 6. Others were damaged, crashed to the side and hanging over the ship's port side. One container tore a hole into the hull in the region of the heavy fuel tanks. The vessel started leaking considerable amounts of oil. The hole which has a length of about 0.4 metres, was about two metres above the waterline. The master first intended to continue his voyage to Hamburg, but was told to enter the port of Cuxhaven, by the German casualty command (Havariekommando), with tug assistance. Tugs *Wilf 8* and *Bugsier 20* towed *Duncan Island* to the sea bath pier in Cuxhaven where it berthed at 2130 hrs. The THW, fire brigade, rescue forces, casualty command and police gathered at the quay to get a damage survey and contain the danger. A tank lorry of the THW was ready to pump out the remaining oil. The multi-purpose ships *Knechtsand* and *Neuwerk* were sent to the scene as well. *Neuwerk*

made sure that no further oil leaked out into the Elbe river. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 7 — The damaged tank of reefer *Duncan Island* had a capacity of 170 tons fuel oil. Meanwhile an oil survey plane of Do 228-type patrolled the route the ship had taken from Terschelling and found no traces of oil. The casualty command had taken over the case at 1915 hrs, Nov 5. Meanwhile the vessel is safe in Cuxhaven. *Neuwerk* remains in attendance. Besides the hole in the tank there are significant dents caused by container hits all along the ship's port side. The remaining containers on deck are partially broken up and have lost their cargo into the sea. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 7 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1115, UTC: Four of the lost containers from reefer *Duncan Island* have washed ashore on Terschelling, while the other five remain missing. Units are being tasked to search for the missing containers.

Kiel, Nov 8 — The leak in the port side of reefer *Duncan Island* was patched in the afternoon of Nov 7. The collision with one of the lost containers broke open the hull two metres above the water line and hit a tank of 149 cubic metres capacity. Oil leaked out, seawater poured in due to the severe seas. The master first did not remark the leakage of oil. The quantity is estimated to be some cubic metres. When the technical support service (THW) was ready to pump out the remaining oil in the tank it was found out that meanwhile the oil level within the tank was two metres beneath the leak so this proved not to be necessary. The leakage was temporarily patched with a steel plate in the afternoon of Nov 7. The damaged containers will have to be loaded off with a special mobile crane. In the evening the *Duncan Island* was allowed to continue its voyage to Hamburg. Meanwhile oil was washed ashore on the East Frisian islands Juist, Norderney, Baltrum and Langeoog. Some oil polluted birds were found on Norderney beach. The extent of oil pollution is not yet clear. Cleaning up works were to start on Nov 8. Four containers from the *Duncan Island* were washed ashore on Terschelling beach. One of them broke up in the surf, thousands of bananas were spilt on the beaches of Ameland and Terschelling in the aftermath. Two containers are missing. — Correspondent.

EL MEXICANO (Mexico)

Guadalajara, Nov 1 — General cargo *El Mexicano* arrived (Manzanillo, Mex) Oct 23 but did not arrive to the pier until Oct 25. It loaded cement and left for El Sauzal, Baja California, on Oct 27. Repairs were performed and concluded during this stay at the port. — Lloyd's Agents.

ESPIRITO SANTO (Brazil)

Yokohama, Nov 6 — Bulk carrier *Espirito Santo* arrived at Sakaisenboku port at 1530, Oct 31 and is still berthed

there. Vessel is going to sail to Kinuura port, but the date of departure is to be determined. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Nov 7 — Bulk carrier *Espirito Santo*, under tow of tug, departed Osaka at 0001, UTC, Nov 7, bound for Yokkaichi, where due 0600, UTC, Nov 9. Speed of tow six knots, length of tow 510 metres to 1130 metres.

EW PINDOS (Liberia)

London, Nov 4 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1130, UTC: Reefer *EW Pindos* (6268 gt, built 1984), cargo bananas, reported mechanical failure in lat 37 45.5N, long 23 35.2E at 1030, yesterday. Crew partially made repairs while at anchor and then proceeded to Piraeus. Understand vessel was repaired/inspected at Piraeus and it sailed at 1930, yesterday.

FALCON CAPE (Liberia)

Maassluis, Nov 7 — Repairs to bulk carrier *Falcon Cape* are now estimated to complete on Nov 10. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

FEDERAL PATROLLER (Cyprus)

Troy, Mich, Nov 6 — General cargo with container capacity *Federal Patroller* left Three Rivers around 1430, Nov 5, bound for Liverpool. The vessel was heavily damaged when it raked its bottom over the rocks when leaving the channel in Lake St Louis on Oct 6 while loaded with a cargo of grain from CHS 2, Duluth. Vessel sailed to Three Rivers, unloaded its cargo of grain and moved to another dock, where further repairs were made. — "Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping."

FLYING DOLPHIN XV (Greece)

Piraeus, Nov 2 — While hydrofoil *Flying Dolphin XV* (142 gt, built 1981) was passing the area of Tourlos, near Aegina Island, early today, she apparently collided with a floating object and sustained rudder damages to some extent. The vessel is currently not under command. Another Flying Dolphin is proceeding to collect the passengers in order to take them to their destination Poros Island and a nearby vessel is standing by to provide assistance if required. — Correspondent.

Piraeus, Nov 7 — Hydrofoil *Flying Dolphin XV* is currently under repair at Perama. — Lloyd's Agents.

FREE JUPITER (Marshall Islands)

Manila, Nov 5 — Bulk carrier *Free Jupiter* left the Philippines for Yangpo in mainland China on Saturday (Nov 3). On the advice of its class surveyor, NK, the vessel, which sustained hull damage when it ran aground on Sep 22, left part of its cargo of 9,000 tons of nickel ore. The nickel ore is loaded on four barges anchored off Surigao province in southern Philippines. Malayan Towage and Salvage, which owns the barges, still has not received any advise on what to do with the nickel ore. — Correspondent.

FREITIND (Norway)

Trondheim, Nov 2 — General cargo *Freitind* is still at Kvernhusvik Shipyard, Hitra, awaiting towage to Fosen Gjenvinning, Aafjord, for scrapping. — Lloyd's Agents.

GALILEUSZ (Cyprus)

Poznan, Nov 2 — Passenger ro/ro *Galileusz* is under repair at Szczecin, ETC Nov 8. Following repairs, the vessel will proceed to Swinoujscie. — Lloyd's Agents.

GEO MILEV (Bulgaria)

See *MSC Elena*.

GERADU EMPIRE (Maldives)

Kochi, Nov 5 — General cargo *Geradu Empire*, cargo sand and general cargo, arrived Tuticorin Oct 14 and sailed Oct 15, bound for Male, due to bad weather and heavy wind, water entered the main engine-room and the vessel sank off Trivandrum on Oct 16. All the 12 crew members were rescued by another vessel and were safely landed at Chennai. The vessel, and around 200 tonnes of cargo, were lost. The vessel was regularly engaged in transporting general cargo between Tuticorin and Male. — Lloyd's Agents.

GHT-02

St.Petersburg, Nov 8 — Barge *GHT-02*, enroute from Yaroslavl to St.Petersburg, ran aground due to storm, 125 metres from the shore, near Golyashi, Vitegorskiy region, at 1555, local time, Nov 3. Ten tons of fuel oil leaked in waters of Lake Onega as well as on shore. According to officials 321 people have been involved in clean-up operations. About 60 tons of contaminated ground has been gathered. The oil spill, total of 1700 square metres, is limited and is not expanding. — Lloyd's Agents.

GIGLIOLA M. (Italy)

London, Nov 5 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 0930, UTC: Ferry *Gigliola M.* (200 gt, built 2007), Salina port, Salina Island, for another port on the island, with passengers, grounded on rocks in lat 38 32N, long 14 51.5E, at 1800, Nov 3. The vessel remains aground. The crew and passengers have been taken off safely, although one person has been hospitalised.

London, Nov 7 — Following received from Rome MRCC, timed 1325, UTC: Ferry *Gigliola M.* remains aground on rocks.

GOLDEN NORI (Panama)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy."

GOLDEN SKY (Cyprus)

Riga, Nov 2 — Bulk carrier *Golden Sky* was released on Nov 1, after the owners paid the penalty set by the court. The owners are negotiating to sell the vessel for scrap. — Lloyd's Agents.

HANJIN GOTHENBURG (Germany)

London, Nov 6 — Fully cellular containership *Hanjin Gothenburg* sailed Singapore Nov 4.

HARDINGEN (Norway)

Oslo, Nov 8 — Roll On Roll Off *Hardingen* sailed from the shipyard on Oct 19. — Lloyd's Agents.

HARVEST RUN (U.S.A.)

London, Nov 2 — Following received from Coast Guard Cleveland, timed 1345, UTC: Tug *Harvest Run* (156 gt, built 1981), towing four unloaded barges and one loaded barge, had some of the barges collide with each other during mooring at Chicago at 0700, local time, Nov 1. The loaded barge and one of the unloaded barges sustained hull damage above the waterline. The barges blocked the river for a while but were subsequently secured at the berth.

HSIN HO (Taiwan)

Salvador, Nov 1 — Bulk carrier *Hsin Ho* (37745 gt, built 1997), Antwerp for Trombetas, in ballast, grounded in River Amazon (believed Macapa area) at 2245, local time, Oct 30. Vessel is scheduled to load a cargo of bauxite at Trombetas bound for Burnside. — Lloyd's Agents.

Salvador, Nov 5 — Bulk carrier *Hsin Ho* grounded at the Middle Bank, Curua Bank, River Amazon, in lat 01 00 58.1N, long 49 40 18.3W, at 2245, local time, Oct 30. According to the master, the vessel took a wrong channel in the north bar and grounded in the middle bank. He stated that refloating attempts were made during high tides but these were unsuccessful. A SMIT Salvage team has been hired by the owners and is on board. Tug *Belatrix*, from Fortaleza, was hired to assist the operation; it sailed Nov 3 and has ETA at the place of the casualty at 0100, local time, Nov 7. Soundings show that the vessel has moved about 30 metres into the middle bank. Vessel status as of 2230, local time, Nov 2: Position lat 01 00 54.1N, long 49 40 27.6W, listing to port abt 1.6 deg. Salvage attempts will be carried out on arrival of tug *Belatrix*. — Lloyd's Agents.

Salvador, Nov 8 — Bulk carrier *Hsin Ho* refloated yesterday and was moved to Macapa port. As far as we know vessel sustained rudder damages. — Lloyd's Agents.

JAIKUR II (Comoros)

See "Somalia" under "Piracy".

JAN MITCHELL (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Nov 3 — General cargo *Jan Mitchell* sailed Esbjerg Nov 1.

JORK (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated today, states: A Polish sea captain was jailed for 12 months after crashing general cargo *Jork* into an unmanned gas platform in the North Sea while drunk. Zbigniew Krakowski, 56, pleaded guilty to being nearly three times over the legal alcohol limit and entering a 500-metre exclusion around the Viking Echo gas platform, 40 miles north east of Cromer, Norfolk. Lincoln Crown Court heard that Krakowski, from Szczecin, Poland, was sailing the

Jork, from Lubeck in Germany to the port of New Holland, on Aug 4, when the crash happened. After the accident, which caused between £7 million and £10 million worth of damage, he opened a bottle of vodka, often reserved for tipping workers unloading the vessel, the court was told. Krakowski had been sat with his back to the vessel's bow, looking at its computer when the accident happened. After taking control from his chief officer, he had been told to alter its course seven degrees. But, the court was told, he did not make the correct alteration, and the vessel continued towards the gas rig, with Krakowski, a seaman with more than 30 years' experience, looking over his shoulder at intervals. Judge John Milmo was told that Krakowski only realised the impending danger when the vessel, which was loaded with wheat, was 100 to 150 yards from the rig. He tried to alter its course, but it hit the rig with a glancing blow. The *Jork* continued another 500 metres before it stopped and started listing. It sank a day later. The seven crew members jumped in to the North Sea and were rescued by a passing boat. The platform remains out of operation, losing £615,000 a month in revenue. Work cannot start on repairs until next April at the earliest, the court heard. Krakowski's conviction comes after a joint investigation by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, Lincolnshire Police and Norfolk Constabulary.

KAVO SAPPHIRE (Greece)

London, Nov 6 — Understand bulk carrier *Kavo Sapphire* (38779 gt, built 1999) touched bottom at Mobile on Nov 1 while approaching the berth. A diver's survey found no damage.

London, Nov 7 — Bulk carrier *Kavo Sapphire* arrived New Orleans 0345, Nov 6.

KIMIHIA (New Zealand)

Wellington, Nov 5 — Barge *Kimihia* was damaged and sent to Picton for repair. The repairs were completed in June and the barge is back in service. — Lloyd's Agents.

KOCATEPE S. (Turkey)

London, Nov 3 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1640, UTC: General cargo *Kocatepe S.* was refloated with tug assistance yesterday after discharging some cargo. Vessel is now at safe anchorage.

KOYO MARU NO.7 (Japan)

Yokohama, Nov 8 — At 2335, Nov 7, vehicle carrier *Koyo Maru No.7* (1572 gt, built 1985), while enroute Nakatsu to Amagasaki, not under command in lat 34 07.5N, long 132 59.2E, due to overspeeding of her engine, caused by problem to her air valve. Vessel was towed by a tug, at 0120, Nov 8, out of shipping route and anchored. — Lloyd's Agents.

LADY NURSEN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Istanbul, Nov 7 — General cargo *Lady Nursen* (1927 gt, built 1975) reported

engine trouble in the vicinity of Rumelikavagi Point at 2015, local time, Nov 7. North-south vessel traffic has been suspended. — TurkishStraits.com.

London, Nov 7 — Following received from Ankara MSRCC, timed 1951, UTC: General cargo *Lady Nursen* is presently anchored in the Bosphorus.

LINDA (Cambodia)

Kiel, Nov 8 — When entering the Brunsbuttel locks of the Kiel Canal yesterday morning, general cargo *Linda* (1069 gt, built 1967) was in collision with vehicle carrier *Schelde Highway* (8659 gt, built 1993). There is no further information on the damage yet. *Schelde Highway* subsequently berthed in the North Harbour, Brunsbuttel. — Correspondent.

LINNAU (Antigua & Barbuda)

London, Nov 4 — General cargo with container c *Linnau* sailed Nordenham Oct 30 and subsequently arrived Klaipeda Nov 1.

LISA (Cyprus)

London, Nov 7 — Product tanker *Lisa* (2997 gt, built 2007), which was due in London yesterday, has been delayed due to engine problems at Margate. (Note — According to LMIU AIS, at 1049 hrs, today, *Lisa* was in lat 51 26 21.35N, long 01 32.44E, ten nautical miles from Ramsgate. Speed one knot.

LISA A. (Panama)

Belfast, Nov 2 — Crane barge *Lisa A.* is still undergoing repairs at Belfast, with an ETC of Nov 30. — Lloyd's Agents.

LONGSANDS

London, Nov 6 — Following received from Coastguard Solent MRSC, timed 1425, UTC: Barge *Longsands* remains aground. Some diesel needs to be pumped off prior to refloating efforts, which are hopefully to be made this week.

MAERSK MYTILINI (Panama)

Busan, Nov 6 — At about 0842, Oct 20, fully cellular containership *Maersk Mytilini* (52181 gt, built 1990) moored alongside at Korean Express Container Terminal, Gwangyang, Korea. At about 0852 hrs, same day, cargo operation was commenced and was completed at 1422 hrs. At about 1427 hrs, while the container crane was raising its boom to rest position after completion of cargo operation, the boom of shore gantry crane No. 184 suddenly fell onto containers stowed at bay 46, in front of the accommodation, due to broken of topping wires of the crane. At about 0320, Oct 22, Apex beam, Apex leg and part of upper diagonal brace, hanging on starboard side bridge wing, fell down to the dockside. *Maersk Mytilini* sustained various damages to compass deck, starboard bridge wing and hatch covers at bay 46, etc. No personnel injury or oil pollution were reported. The shore gantry crane No. 184, owned by Korea Container Terminal Corporation was heavily damaged as constructive total loss. The crane was manufactured by Dalian Heavy

Industries, Dalian, China and installed at Gwangyang, Korea in May 2007. The boom of the shore gantry crane was removed by local salvage team on Oct 29, and damage repairs to the vessel commenced on Oct 30. *Maersk Mytilini* is presently lying at Gwangyang for permanent repairs, which expected to complete by Nov 11. — Lloyd's Sub-agent.

MEKHANIK KHACHEPURIDZE (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 7 — At 1140, Nov 6, on the River Volga at the 1924km mark, product tanker *Mekhanik Khachepuridze* (4401 gt, built 1984), en route from Syzran to Istanbul with a cargo of 3799 tons of diesel oil, in poor visibility, ran aground on a sand bar. There were no injuries or pollution and the vessels *Peleng* and *OT -2404* have been despatched to render assistance. — Correspondent.

MERIOM WAVE (Marshall Islands)

London, Nov 2 — Product tanker *Meriom Wave* arrived New York Oct 31.

MICRO GLORY (Micronesia)

Honolulu, Nov 7 — General cargo *Micro Glory* is still being repaired (at Pohnpei), but it is not known how much longer repairs will take. — Lloyd's Agents.

MIGHTY SERVANT 3 (Netherlands)

London, Nov 3 — Understand semi-sub HL vessel *Mighty Servant 3* was due to be towed out of Cape Town bound for Dubai at 1000, Oct 30.

MIKHAIL ISAKOVSKIY (Ukraine)

Piraeus, Nov 2 — On Oct 28 salvage tug *Alexandros 5* proceeded from Piraeus to the assistance of general cargo *Mikhail Isakovskiy*, laden with steel products, bound from Mariupol to Naples, which had grounded off Corfu Island, Greece. Following a diving survey, refloating attempts were made and vessel was refloated, same day, apparently unscathed. — Tsavlis Salvage (International) Ltd.

Piraeus, Nov 5 — General cargo *Mikhail Isakovskiy* sailed from Corfu to Naples on Oct 31. Repairs where not necessary as vessel sustained no damages. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC ADRIANA (Panama)

London, Nov 3 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Adriana* arrived Piraeus 31 Oct.

Piraeus, Nov 5 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Adriana* arrived at Piraeus on Oct 31. According to the Ships Agents the vessel is scheduled to commence repairs on Nov 13, the estimated time of completion is unknown. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC EDITH (Panama)

London, Nov 3 — A press report, dated today, states: Environment Southland's oil response team prepared for the worst yesterday when fully cellular containership *MSC Edith* (25219 gt, built 1998) engines failed

and it drifted towards the Southland coast. The vessel, with 25 crew on board and heading from Melbourne to Port Chalmers, lost power at 0950 hrs and for three hours gradually drifted towards Southland's east coast. However, the crew put the anchor down at 1300 hrs, 3.6km south of the Sisters and east of the town of Waikawa. It remained there until about 1700 hrs when full power was restored and it continued towards Port Chalmers, where it was due to arrive at 2300, last night. A Maritime New Zealand safety inspector is scheduled to visit the vessel in port today to determine how it lost power. A tug from South Port with eight crew aboard began a three-hour journey to the vessel about 1330, yesterday. Although prepared to tow the vessel back to port if necessary, the tug was stood down when power was restored to the vessel.

London, Nov 5 — Fully cellular containership *MSC Edith* arrived Dunedin Nov 3 and sailed same day.

London, Nov 6 — A Marime New Zealand press release, dated Nov 5, states: A fuel problem has been determined as the cause of the fully cellular containership *MSC Edith* losing power off the Southland coast on Friday (Nov 2) says Maritime New Zealand (MNZ). The vessel lost power for several hours and had to anchor off the bottom of the South Island while the problem was fixed, before continuing on to Port Chalmers. A MNZ maritime safety inspector visited the vessel on Saturday and confirmed that air trapped in the fuel system during recent routine cleaning of the fuel filters was the cause of the power failure. MNZ is satisfied with the actions taken by the vessel's owners to fix the problem, and will be taking no further action.

MSC ELENA (Panama)

Piraeus, Nov 2 — The masters of fully cellular containership *MSC Elena* and fully cellular containership *Geo Milev* have both been released. *MSC Elena* sailed Thessaloniki Oct 25 for Piraeus in order to undergo repairs, and *Geo Milev* sailed Oct 28 for Chalkis, also for repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

MSC GRACE (Panama)

Kiel, Nov 2 — On Oct 31 a rescue boat plunged into the North Sea during an exercise on board general cargo with container capacity *MSC Grace* (13258 gt, built 1991). The exercise took place 15 miles off Bremerhaven on the anchorage New Weser Roads. The boat which had been hanging on the port side fell out of its fittings and first crashed onto the main deck of the ship and then into the sea. Some time later it was recovered. The First Officer who was guiding the exercise was hurt by the falling boat and had to be taken stationary into a hospital in Bremerhaven after the ship entered port. The Bremen police have started investigations. — Correspondent.

MSC NAPOLI (U.K.)

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated Nov 6, states: Work is set to start

on cutting up the remains of the stricken fully cellular containership *MSC Napoli* off the east Devon coast. The vessel was grounded off Sidmouth in January after it sustained storm damage sailing from Antwerp to South Africa. The vessel was split in two and its bow towed away for recycling. Cutting gear has been brought in to break the stern up before it is taken away for scrap. Coastguards are working with the salvors SMIT to ensure there is no risk of pollution. Barges are getting in position next to the stern and work is set to start on Thursday (Nov 8). The Maritime and Coastguard Agency said the operation would be dependant on the weather. Salvors believe the cargo vessel is too heavy to be lifted intact and needs to be cut into smaller pieces. The vessel was split in two in a series of explosions and the bow towed to the Harland and Wolff shipyard, in Belfast, to be demolished and recycled. The salvage operation has cost more than £50m.

MTS TAKTOW (U.K.)

London, Nov 4 — Tug *MTS Taktow* (100 gt, built 1981) slid off the slipway at the Dutch Visser Yard and consequently struck a trimaran during an attempt to pull the vessel ashore for maintenance work, Oct 12. *MTS Taktow* came to rest with a port list. Damage to both vessels is being determined.

MUNIE CHANDRA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

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

NEW FLAME (Panama)

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated Nov 6, states: The controlled break-up of bulk carrier *New Flame*, which collided with a tanker (product tanker *Torm Gertrud*) near Gibraltar in August, has been postponed for the moment, with reports that the vessel's insurers are reconsidering the plan to split the structure in two. Gibraltar's Chief Minister, Peter Caruana, said today that the insurance company would announce its decision on Saturday (Nov 10). The plan was to make the split in an attempt to salvage the stern for future reuse. Caruana said the insurers, who are financing the salvage operation, are now studying whether it is economically viable. The vessel has been lying half-sunk off Europa Point since the collision near the rock on Aug 12.

NIobe CORINTHIAN (Panama)

Bermuda, Nov 6 — Research *Niobe Corinthian* has been repaired fully after the small fire that occurred on board on Oct 11. Local authorities will be conducting sea trials on Friday (Nov 9), however, have been advised that the vessel seems to be in good working order. — Lloyd's Agents.

NOLA (Netherlands)

Kiel, Nov 5 — General cargo *Nola* (1978 gt, built 2002) (Kaliningrad for Antwerp) experienced engine failure on the River Elbe and grounded in

Neufeld Roads yesterday evening. Tugs *Hans* and *Felix*, owned by Schramm, refloated the vessel and towed it to the South Quay in Brunsbittel, where it berthed for repairs. — Correspondent.

NORDLYS (Norway)

London, Nov 6 — Passenger ro/ro *Nordlys* arrived and sailed Trondheim Nov 4.

OCEAN SUN (Norway)

Trondheim, Nov 2 — Repairs to general cargo *Ocean Sun* are expected to be completed Nov 5-6. — Lloyd's Agents.

OMER N. (Slovakia)

London, Nov 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Efforts began today to empty the fuel tanks of a Slovakian general cargo *Omer N.*, that capsized over the weekend off Denmark. Once the fuel tanks have been emptied, rescue workers aim to turn the almost 80-metre-long vessel onto an even keel. Three of the 11-strong crew, all Turkish nationals, survived the accident Sunday (Oct 30) while the bodies of four other crew members have been retrieved. Four crew members of the vessel were still missing. Their bodies were believed to be trapped in the hull, Danish marine rescue services said. The freighter was heading to France with a cargo of fertiliser from Gdynia, Poland, when it capsized in the Fehmarn Belt strait located between the German and Danish coasts. The reason for the accident remains unclear.

London, Nov 2 — Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1148, UTC: Salvors expect to have all the fuel oil on board general cargo *Omer N.* offloaded today, after which salvage options will be assessed.

London, Nov 3 — Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1120, UTC: Bunker oil has been removed from general cargo *Omer N.* Vessel remains aground and salvors are awaiting insurance confirmation regarding its current status.

Kiel, Nov 5 — Salvors have pumped out 24 cubic metres of oil and 21 cubic metres of oil sludge from the wreck of general cargo *Omer N.* A remote-operated vehicle was sent into the wreck but found no trace of the missing crew members. — Correspondent.

ONEGO TRAVELLER (Netherlands)

Buenos Aires, Nov 1 — General cargo *Onego Traveller* sustained damages to its fore-castle bulbous bow plating. Vessel is currently at the port of Buenos Aires to carry out permanent repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

OVERSEAS ATALMAR (Marshall Islands)

See *Zhejiang liangyou 15*.

PANTAS NO.1 (South Korea)

See "Bluff Harbour, New Zealand" under "Pollution."

PATER NOSTER (Norway)

Trondheim, Nov 8 — Fishing (general) *Pater Noster*: Situation remains

unchanged. There is no decision regarding scrapping or repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

PATROKL (Russia)

St. Petersburg, Nov 7 — Fish factory *Patrokl* is under repairs in Kaliningrad. — Lloyd's Agents.

PEARL (North Korea)

Kochi, Nov 2 — General cargo *Pearl* is still lying at Tuticorin anchorage pending clearance from the Mercantile Marine Department of Ministry of Shipping, Govt of India. — Lloyd's Agents.

PERE CHARLES (Republic of Ireland)

London, Nov 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Salvage experts raised the wreck of the trawler *Maggie B.* from the seabed off the south-east coast early this morning and are continuing to pump water from the vessel before it can be moved. The vessel sank off the Co Waterford coast in Mar 2006, with the loss of the skipper and a Polish crewman. A Dutch crane barge hired by Irish salvage company Irish Diving Contractors arrived in Dunmore East late on Saturday night and left port yesterday at about 1100 to make its way to the spot where the *Maggie B.* sank five miles south of Hook Head. A spokeswoman for the Department of Transport and Marine confirmed the vessel had been brought to the surface at 0730 and that efforts were continuing to stabilise it. According to Mick McGarry of the Coast Guard, the plan was to first raise the *Maggie B.* before salvaging trawler *Pere Charles*, which sank in Jan, 2007, about 2.5 miles off Hook Head, with the loss of five lives. A spokesman for the Department of Transport said later that the vessel was still being pumped out in order to allow it be moved. The team involved in the salvage includes Irish Coast Guard staff and divers from the Garda Underwater Unit.

PETER (Honduras)

London, Nov 6 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 0930, UTC: General cargo *Peter* (870 gt, built 1966) is reported drifting, not under command, for the last four days, off the coast of Liberia.

London, Nov 6 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1833, UTC: Crude oil tanker *TI Creation* delivered food, medical supplies and lubricating oil to general cargo *Peter* at 1420, UTC, today. *Peter* is now underway, no further assistance required.

POS DIGNITY (Hong Kong)

New Orleans, Nov 1 — US Coast Guard command center reports that bulk carrier *Pos Dignity* has been refloated and returned to normal service with no repairs reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

PRIDE OF TELEMAR (Norway)

Gothenburg, Nov 2 — Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* will leave the yard at 1600 this afternoon, and will be moved

to Berth 107 within the Port of Gothenburg. Due to excessive damage in the engine-room, the whole electrical system will need to be replaced. This cannot be carried out at Gothenburg and the vessel has requested tenders from a number of other yards. When a decision has been made, the vessel will be towed to the selected yard. — Lloyd's Agents.

Kiel, Nov 5 — Passenger ro/ro *Pride of Telemark* was towed out of the floating dock in Gothenburg during the afternoon of Nov 2 by the tugs *Svitzer Oden*, *Belos* and *Bob* and taken to Gothenburg port, as the dock facility was temporarily needed by the FGS *Hessen*. — Correspondent.

REEF AZANIA (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

London, Nov 1 — A press report, dated Oct 31, states: Missing general cargo *Reef Azania* is now considered lost as compensation procedures for the crewmen's dependants have started, a representative of the shipping agency that operated the vessel said. "Relatives of all missing crew members have been contacted and we have started compensation procedures for them," said Khalid Lodhi, head of the Zambezi Shipping Agency. Contact was lost with the *Reef Azania* on Jun 24, six days after it left Port Rashid in Dubai on its way to the Comoros Islands via the Seychelles. The vessel, heading towards the Comoros Islands and Seychelles, was carrying 14 crew members, eight Tanzanians, two nationals from Myanmar, two Indians, and two Pakistanis.

RIKA (Estonia)

Kiel, Nov 5 — The repairs to general cargo *Sormovskiy 45* will last until mid-November. They are carried out at the South Quay in Brunsbützel by Adolf Cornelis. The damage is about 100,000 Euro. General cargo *Rika* had been towed to the Norder Yard in Hamburg by tugs after the cargo of wood had been taken off the vessel in Brunsbützel. The repairs to the gash in its starboard side and the machine will be much more expensive. The police in Brunsbützel found out that handling mistakes of the *Rika's* engine had caused the collision. — Correspondent.

RUILOBA (Canary Islands)

Kiel, Nov 7 — Fully cellular containership *Ruiloba* (13992 gt, built 2007) struck the inner gate of the South lock of the Kiel Canal at Kiel-Holtenua on Nov 7 while attempting to enter the lock. One of the two lock chambers had to be closed, and vessel traffic has been disrupted. The extent of damage is not yet clear. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 8 — Fully cellular containership *Ruiloba* was towed out of the lock stern first at 1900, Nov 7 by the SFK-tug *Holtenua* after the police had finished its investigations. The vessel was allowed to continue its voyage from Poland to Bremerhaven via the Northern lock. The vessel had hit the gate on the canal side at 1540, Nov 7 with its bulbous bow. The wall

rails of the gate were damaged on a length of 10-15 metres. There are also damages to the steel construction. On Nov 8, divers are to survey possible damage on the tanks. It may be possible to get the lock back to operating condition towards the weekend after temporary repairs were carried out. The damage is at least 200,000 Euros. — Correspondent.

SC BALTIC (DIS)

Sandnes, Nov 3 — General cargo *SC Baltic* (3382 gt, built 1975), Knarrevik to Odda, grounded near Sandvikvaag at 0630, local time, today. Vessel refloated by its own means after two hours and proceeded to Odda. No damage to the vessel and no pollution in the area. Vessel in lat 59 46.3N, long 05 32.63E, speed 9.9 knots, at 0950, today. — Correspondent.

London, Nov 4 — Following received from Stavanger RCC, timed 1225, UTC: General cargo *SC Baltic* is currently in port. Understand the master has been arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol.

Kiel, Nov 5 — General cargo *SC Baltic* berthed in Leirvik, Stord, at 0001, Nov 3, after its grounding at Raudhl at the northern edge of Stord at 0644. It had been able to refloat at 0822 under own power. The police arrested the 37 year old captain from Faeroyene as he had been intoxicated as alcohol tests proved and had caused the grounding. The vessel had been underway to Odda with a cargo of sugar. In the afternoon the Sjøfartsdirektoratet boarded the vessel for inspections, also the police started investigations on Nov 3 including the AIS-data. Divers inspected the hull which did not sustain leaks and only slight damage. — Correspondent.

Kiel, Nov 7 — General cargo *SC Baltic* sailed Leirvik at 1500, Nov 5, for Tananger. The vessel will then proceed to Denmark for permanent repairs. — Correspondent.

SCF TOMSK (Liberia)

See "Tropical Storm 'Noel'" under "Weather & Navigation."

SCF VALDAI (Liberia)

London, Nov 4 — Following received from Piraeus RCC, timed 1130, UTC: Crude oil tanker *SCF Valdai* (81085 gt, built 2003), Novorossiysk for Fos, cargo crude oil, reported mechanical failure in lat 37 51.5N, long 24 15.5E, this morning. Three tugs are in the vicinity and *SCF Valdai* will be towed to port, probably Piraeus.

London, Nov 5 — Unicom of Cyprus, managers of the crude oil tanker *SCF Valdai*, report that this vessel sustained engine problems while off Kea, Greece, yesterday. The vessel is now under tow and making for Piraeus, where it is expected to arrive in the early hours of today. Three tugs are in attendance. There were no injuries and no pollution as a result of this incident.

Piraeus, Nov 7 — Salvage tugs *Matsas Star*, *Alexander 5* and *Ifestos 1* proceeded during the morning of Nov 4 to the assistance of suezmax crude oil tanker *SCF Valdai*, laden about 135000 tons crude oil, bound from

Novorossiysk to Fos, disabled in Stenon Keas and requiring urgent tug assistance. The three tugs arrived at the scene of the casualty and observed it drifting westerly south-westerly dangerously towards rocky shore. *Matsas Star* connected to bow as towing tug and *Alexander 5* connected to stern as steering tug. Towage to Piraeus undertaken with tug *Ifestos 1* providing escort. Flotilla arrived Piraeus roads during the morning of Nov 5 where casualty anchored, with *Alexander 5* and *Ifestos 1* remaining alongside in attendance as stand-by tugs. Services rendered by iVermicos/Matsas/Tsavliris under Lloyds Open Form. — Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd.

SCHELDE HIGHWAY (Panama)

See *Linda*.

SEA DIAMOND (Greece)

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated today, states: The operators of passenger (cruise) *Sea Diamond*, that sank in April, killing two passengers, blamed an error in official maps Thursday (Nov 1) for the accident off the Greek island of Santorini. The *Sea Diamond* hit rocks off Santorini on Apr 5 and sank hours later. Some 1,600 people, mostly American tourists, were evacuated from the vessel, but two French passengers were never found and are presumed drowned. Operator Louis Hellenic Cruise on Thursday said it commissioned a seabed survey of the accident area and found rocks that the vessel struck were not on official charts. "The ship's captain maintained a distance of 130 metres from the shore and should have been 57 metres clear of the rocks. But something very different happened," said George Koubenas, the company's head of operations. In June, the government fined the Cypriot-owned operator E1.17 million for polluting the Aegean Sea. Louis did not say whether it would take any legal action against the government over the map, but said it had informed authorities about the discrepancy. (See issue of Oct 10.)

SEA EXPRESS 1 (U.K.)

London, Nov 4 — Passenger ro/ro *Sea Express 1* is due to return to dry dock at Cammell Laird on Nov 19.

SELCON (Malta)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 8 — General cargo *Selcon* (12811 gt, built 1982) caught fire on Thursday morning (Nov 8) while anchored in Shanghai, however, no casualties were reported. A fire broke out in the hold of the vessel at 0740 hrs as it sat moored in Zhanghuabang wharf, in the Wusongkou area where Shanghai's Huangpu River meets the sea, the city's maritime affairs administration said. Firefighters arrived at 0815. They closed the hatches to seal off the flames and the fire was brought under control by 1000. The cause of the fire is not yet known. — Correspondent.

SHENG QIANG (Hong Kong)

New Orleans, Nov 1 — US Coast Guard Command Center reports that a

satisfactory class survey report has been received and bulk carrier *Sheng Qiang* was allowed to sail. — Lloyd's Agents.

SILVIA ANA L. (Bahamas)

Kiel, Nov 7 — On Oct 26, roll on roll off *Silvia Ana L.* was towed out of the drydock in Frederikshavn where it had undergone overhaul work and repairs to the damage sustained in the collision with passenger ro/ro *Stena Danica*. The vessel has been berthed at a ro-ro terminal in Frederikshavn North harbour. — Correspondent.

SKY STAR (Panama)

Tallinn, Nov 7 — Spare parts were delivered to combined chemical and oil tank *Sky Star* at the end of October. Repairs continued on Nov 1 and are planned to complete in two weeks. — Lloyd's Agents.

SLAVUTICH 10 (Serbia)

London, Nov 7 — General cargo *Slavutich 10* sailed Chioggia Nov 4.

SLAVYANIN (St. Vincent & Grenadines)

Odessa, Nov 2 — Roll on roll off *Slavyanin* arrived Kherson today. Repairs will commence shortly, and are expected to be completed in approximately two months. — Lloyd's Agents.

SOKALIQUE (France)

Brest, Nov 7 — General cargo *Ocean Jasper* is still moored alongside a quay of the navy harbour. No measures taken yet as to the discharging of the cargo and/or the repairs of the ship. — Lloyd's Agents.

SORMOVSKIY 45 (Russia)

See *Rika*.

STELLANOVA (Netherlands)

London, Nov 2 — General cargo *Stellanova*, upbound, had steering problems off Lancaster, Ontario, near buoy D-42 on Lake St. Francois, in lat 45 07.18N, long 74 27.30W, at 1740, local time, Oct 23. (See issue of Oct 26.)

STENA DANICA (Sweden)

See *Silvia Ana L.*

SUMISE MARU NO.3 (Japan)

Yokohama, Nov 2 — Bulk cement carrier *Sumise Maru No.3* (5375 gt, built 1995), en route from Ako port, Hyogo, to Shimizu, ran aground in shallows, 3,000 metres from Omaezaki lighthouse, at 2040 hrs, Nov 1. Water ingressed to ballast tank, but no oil spill or personal injury has been reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Nov 2 — Following navigation warning, timed 1430, JST, today, states: Stranded bulk cement carrier *Sumise Maru No.3* removed from Omaezaki port sea area.

Yokohama, Nov 7 — Bulk cement carrier *Sumise Maru No.3* was refloated from the shallows, by tugs, at 1316, Nov 2, and arrived at her original destination, Shimizu port, on Nov 4. Reportedly, she is now under repair at

Sanwa Dock, in Hiroshima Prefecture, but no information on its schedule is available. — Lloyd's Agents.

SUN FLOWER KOGANE (Japan)

Yokohama, Nov 6 — Roll On Roll Off *Sun Flower Kogane* (9684 gt, built 1992), Osaka to Beppu, was in collision with fishing vessel *Uraichi Maru No.3* (5 gt), proceeding from Aki fishing port, in lat 33 27.1N, long 131 50.6E at 0536, Oct 31. *Sun Flower Kogane* sustained scratching damage to its starboard, *Uraichi Maru No.3* sustained cracking damage to its bulwark. No water ingress or oil spill. — Lloyd's Agents.

TEAM ANEMONIA (Cyprus)

London, Nov 6 — Chemical tanker *Team Anemonia* arrived Rotterdam Nov 4 and remains in port today.

THOR (Italy)

Trieste, Nov 6 — Tug *Thor* is still half submerged in place. Refloating will be attempted during the next few days. Heavy load vessel *Storman Asia* will be employed to lift the tug. — Lloyd's Agents.

THOR HAWK (DIS)

Kochi, Nov 2 — Fully cellular containership *Thor Hawk* is still at Tuticorin anchorage and according to the local agent she is expected to sail next week. — Lloyd's Agents.

THOR IRENE (Antigua & Barbuda)

Durban, Nov 7 — General cargo *Thor Irene* is currently at Dormac, Durban. An ETD is not known. It is unknown what repairs have been carried out but spares have been sent overseas. — Lloyd's Agents.

THORFINN (Federated States of Micronesia)

Honolulu, Nov 7 — Port authority advised that passenger (cruise) *Thorfinn* departed Pohnpei approximately one to two months ago, reportedly, but not confirmed, for the Philippines, to undergo repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

TOMIKA (South Korea)

Yokohama, Nov 2 — At 0920 hrs, Oct 31, general cargo *Tomika*, en route from Senai, Miyagi Prefecture to Pohang, Korea, became unnavigable in lat 34 25.20N, long 133 58.75E, due problems with the No.5 cylinder of her main engine. The vessel was towed to Takamatsu where repairs were effected by the crew. *Tomika* resumed her voyage at 1850 hrs, same day. — Lloyd's Agents.

TORM GERTRUD (DIS)

See *New Flame*.

TRINITY SIERRA (Cyprus)

See "Portugal" under "Port State Control."

VALUR IS-18 (Iceland)

Reykjavik, Nov 2 — Fishing (general) *Valur IS-18* completed repairs around Oct 15 and subsequently sailed for Sudavik. — Lloyd's Agents.

VARNEBANK (Netherlands)

London, Nov 6 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 0910, UTC: General cargo *Varnebank* (6130 gt, built 2000) is currently drifting on her anchor in lat 53 31,8N, long 04 43.3E, effecting engine repairs. ETC six hours.

London, Nov 6 — Following received from Den Helder RCC, timed 1705, UTC: General cargo *Varnebank*, Gefle for Seville, cargo timber, reported repairs completed and underway, case closed at 1245, UTC.

VIEN DONG 2 (Vietnam)

Singapore, Nov 5 — General cargo *Vien Dong 2* remains aground. The salvage team is continuing to discharge the cargo. — SMIT Salvage.

VOLGO-BALT 153 (Russia)

London, Nov 7 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 153* passed Kerchenskiy Strait south Nov 6.

VOLGO-BALT 227 (Russia)

Portsmouth, UK, Nov 7 — General cargo *Volgo-Balt 227* (2516 gt, built 1980), Parnu to Kotka, cargo of 2816 cubic metres of wood, 11 crew members, with a pilot aboard, while mooring at Kotka in high winds has rammed an underwater obstacle, yesteryday. There is damage to the hull of the vessel in the region of No.1 ballast tank. — Correspondent.

WINDLAND (Antigua & Barbuda)

Tallinn, Nov 1 — General cargo *Windland* was dry-docked on Oct 22 at Netaman Ship Repair Yard, Tallinn, where the propeller shaft together with CPP were withdrawn and removed to workshop ashore. The vessel was undocked on Oct 26 and is currently lying afloat awaiting repairs to the propeller arrangement to complete. — Lloyd's Agents.

WOLVERINE (U.S.A.)

London, Nov 3 — Bulk carrier *Wolverine* (10037 gt, built 1974) had an engine breakdown at Moran iron works, Calcite, Oct 16. The *Wolverine* is now back in service.

XIANG DA (Cambodia)

Yokohama, Nov 6 — General cargo *Xiang Da* (1188 gt, built 1979), during manoeuvring to berth H in Kashima port, hit the berth in lat 35 52.94N, long 140 41.37E, at 1054, Oct 31. She sustained hole damage to her bow. No water ingress, oil spill or personal injury has been reported. — Lloyd's Agents.

YAKIMA (U.S.A.)

London, Nov 4 — Roll On Roll Off *Yakima* (2704 gt, built 1968) on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands service, was operating on 1/2 power due to engine complications, yesterday.

YASA AYSEN (Marshall Islands)

Manila, Nov 5 — Offloading of bulk carrier *Yasa Aysen's* cargo of nickel ore has slowed down over the past few days because of bad weather brought about by typhoon "Peipah". Salvors said that

unloading the vessels cargo would take longer than expected because strong waves have made it more difficult to transfer the cargo to barges lying alongside. Salvors intend to unload about a third of the cargo in order to lighten the vessel for refloating. — Correspondent.

ZHE HAI 128 (China)

London, Nov 2 — Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1142, UTC: Bulk carrier *Zhe Hai 128* (15786 gt, built 1985), Riga for Rio Grande with fertiliser, grounded in the southern part of the Great Belt during the night of Oct 31-Nov 1. The vessel was refloated late yesterday afternoon and is now at Kalundborg roads, awaiting diver's inspection.

London, Nov 3 — Following received from Aarhus MRCC, timed 1120, UTC: Bulk carrier *Zhe Hai 128* is still anchored in Kalundborg roads. Strong winds are preventing diving inspections.

London, Nov 5 — Bulk carrier *Zhe Hai 128* passed Skaw at 0844, Nov 4.

ZHEZHOU LIANGYOU 15 (China)

Antwerp, Nov 8 — Non specific tanker *Zhezhou Liangyou 15* (1680 gt, built 2006) was in collision with chemical tanker *Overseas Atalmar* (30018 gt, built 2004), waiting for the discharge of bean oil, in Tianjing port at 2020, Oct 27. The hull of the *Overseas Atalmar* was distorted partially. The *Zhezhou Liangyou 15* was also damaged. After collision, both parties send surveyors to inspect. — DPS Teamhead Surveyors.



SOMALIA

London, Nov 1 — A press report, dated today, states: The US Navy was tracking hijacked combined chemical and oil tank *Golden Nori* off the coast of Somalia on Thursday (Nov 1) with the aim of removing the attackers from the vessel. The Navy came to the vessel's aid this week when a warship destroyed pirate skiffs tied to the Japanese boat. Naval personnel also boarded a North Korean vessel to treat crew members and pirates wounded during an uprising that returned the vessel to its rightful control. One hijacker was killed, and the others remain detained on board, including three with gunshot wounds. The US military said it continued to monitor the two boats Thursday off the southern Somali coast. Two other vessels are known to still be held after being hijacked in Somali waters, and officials say negotiations continue with pirates who seized the pair of South Korean-owned vessels and their 24 crew members in May. A release could come soon, said Andrew Mwangura, Kenya-based program coordinator of the Seafarers Assistance Program, an independent body monitoring pirate attacks. He gave no specific timeframe. When the Navy

boarded the North Korean vessel Tuesday at its invitation with a small team of medics, security personnel and an interpreter, the 22-person Korean crew already had regained control of the vessel and detained all pirates, the Navy said. The Navy medics treated three North Korean sailors and three pirates for gunshot wounds. The Korean sailors were taken aboard the American destroyer and treated there for two hours before being returned to their vessel. Shipping officials said the hijacked *Golden Nori*, was carrying a load of benzene when the guided missile destroyer USS *Porter* fired on and destroyed two pirate boats tied to the chemical tanker on Sunday.

London, Nov 3 — General cargo *Jaikur II* (5438 gt, built 1977), with 7000 tonnes of food heading for Kenya, was attacked by pirates on speed boats, about 60 miles off Brava Port, Oct 21. Nobody was hurt. (Note — *Jaikur II* arrived Mombasa Oct 23.)

London, Nov 4 — A press report, dated today, states: Somali pirates gave up control of two fishing vessels hijacked May 15 and U.S. Navy escorted the vessels to safer waters today. The pirates climbed into small skiffs and headed back to Somalia, after speaking, by radio, to U.S. naval personnel. A Navy ship and helicopter guided the South Korean-owned, Tanzania-flagged fishing vessels *Mavuno 1* and *Mavuno 2* further out to sea. Naval personnel boarded the vessels and gave medical check-ups to the crew. No injuries were reported. South Korea said all 24 sailors on board the two vessels freed Sunday were safe. The Foreign Ministry said the vessels were being escorted to Aden port at the request of the South Korean government. The two dozen sailors included 10 Chinese, four South Koreans, three Vietnamese, three Indians and four Indonesians.

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated today, states: One of the 23 crewmen from combined chemical and oil tank *Golden Nori*, abducted by Somali pirates, has been freed and returned home safely, an official said. The seaman — one of the two South Koreans from the vessel — came back home together with South Korean officials this week, an official at the South Korean Foreign Ministry said. The official refused to disclose further details about the seaman's release, citing safety concerns for the remaining 22 crew. Negotiations have been under way for the release of the tanker, which was hijacked by pirates in Somali's infamously lawless waters. The vessel's crew are from the Philippines, South Korea and Myanmar.



BELGIUM

London, Nov 7 — General cargo *Daya I* sailed Antwerp Nov 5 for Casablanca.

PORTUGAL

Ponta Delgada, Nov 3 — After the Port State Control and local Civil Court detentions lifted, bulk carrier *Trinity Sierra*, duly inspected and cleared, left Ponta Delgada at 0015, local time, Nov 3, bound for Black Sea for orders. — Lloyd's Agents.

Seizures & Arrests



AETEA SIERRA (Cayman Islands)

Algiers, Nov 7 — Bulk carrier *Aetea Sierra* is still under arrest. The procedure is still before the court of Algiers. — Lloyd's Agents.

ELEN (Honduras)

Port Said, Nov 4 — General cargo *Elen* is still under arrest at Port Said. — Lloyd's Agents.

EUGENIA 5 (Cambodia)

Naples, Nov 6 — General cargo *Eugenia 5* (460 gt, built 1960) is currently at Naples, under detention. — Lloyd's Agents.

GAMBLER (Netherlands Antilles)

Beirut, Nov 5 — General cargo *Gambler* (2319 gt, built 1979) was seized by the Lebanese Army at Tripoli on Nov 3, for breaching the rules of the Israeli Boycott Regulations. — Lloyd's Agents.

IKAN ALTAMIRA (Singapore)

Zeebrugge, Nov 6 — Bulk carrier *Ikan Altamira* (24395 gt, built 1985), which arrived Antwerp Oct 28, embargo laid on vessel, under arrest, at 1428, Oct 31. Embargo/arrest lifted at 1849, same day, and sailed 0125, Nov 1, for Casablanca. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

JEZABEL 2 (Cambodia)

Batumi, Nov 8 — Understand from the coast guard that the owner of general cargo *Jezebel 2* has already paid the deposit and the crew are presently on board of vessel. Both masters are in prison. — Lloyd's Agents.

LAEMTHONG GLORY (Thailand)

Umm Qasr, Oct 26 — General cargo *Laemthong Glory* (9077 gt, built 1976) is currently under arrest at Umm Qasr. — Lloyd's Agents. (Note — *Laemthong Glory* arrived Umm Qasr Jun 20.)

MAX (Slovakia)

London, Nov 6 — General cargo *Max*, which was detained at Poti for environmental pollution, subsequently sailed Poti Oct 22 and passed Istanbul 2130, Oct 30.

PHOENICIA I (Panama)

Beirut, Nov 5 — General cargo *Phoenicia I* has been lifted from seizure and is now waiting instructions to sail. — Lloyd's Agents.

ROMAIN DELMAS (Gibraltar)

Zeebrugge, Nov 2 — Roll on roll off *Romain Delmas* is still in port at Antwerp. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

TAIS C. (Panama)

Bridgetown, Barbados, Nov 3 — General cargo *Tais C.* was released yesterday following agreement between parties. — Lloyd's Agents.

VIKINGLAND (Sweden)

Zeebrugge, Nov 6 — Roll On Roll Off *Vikingland* (20871 gt, built 1979), which arrived Antwerp Oct 27, embargo laid on vessel, under arrest, at 1504, Oct 30. Embargo/arrest lifted at 1551 and sailed 2131 same day. — Lloyd's Sub-agents.

Pipeline Accidents



CLARKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES

Houston, Nov 2 — A propane pipeline continued to burn in Clarke County, Mississippi, for a second day on Friday (Nov 2), but the size of the blaze was greatly reduced, a spokesman for the owner said. Rick Rainey, spokesman for Enterprise Products Partners LP, which owns the 12-inch Dixie Pipeline, said crews were able to begin inspecting the line, which has a capacity of 35,000 barrels per day. An evacuation zone around the fire was reduced to a half-mile, allowing most of those who had evacuated nearby homes to return, Rainey said. At least two people were killed when the pipeline exploded on Thursday morning. The line runs from Mont Belvieu, Texas, to Apex, North Carolina. — Reuters.

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated Nov 6, states: Field crews for Dixie Pipeline Company yesterday began installing a new gas line to replace a 60-foot section that sustained heavy damage during the massive explosion in the Carmichael community in south-east Clarke County last Thursday (Nov 1) that killed two people and injured five others. Rick Rainey, a spokesman for Dixie Pipeline Company located in Houston, Texas, said the fire had been extinguished adding, "Dixie's efforts are now concentrated on repairing the line and returning it to service." Rainey said the line should be put back in service some time next week. The explosion that occurred from a leak in the line killed Mattie L. Mitchell and her granddaughter, Laquandra R. Mitchell. Five other residents in the area of the blast on Clarke County Road 621 were treated at the scene for burns and other non-life threatening injuries by emergency personnel. A one-mile evacuation order around the scene, which burned four homes and 150 acres of woodland, was issued, displacing approximately 50 families. The American Red Cross, the

Salvation Army and representatives with Dixie Pipeline have been providing food and shelter to those displaced since the incident. A large majority of residents were allowed back to their homes over the weekend. The National Transportation Safety Board has taken over the lead in investigating the cause of the incident. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is in charge of overseeing the repair efforts and start-up procedures. As part of the investigative process, the NTSB will take possession of the affected portion of pipe and conduct a detailed analysis to learn what caused the incident. Rainey said the 10-mile section of the 12-inch line that was closed off after the explosion and the new section now being installed would be tested with high pressure water to ensure no more weak points exist. "This was our decision to test the line," said Rainey. "We want to ensure the residents the line is completely safe before we start introducing gas back into that section."

MCFADDIN BEACH AREA, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated today, states: About 2,000 gallons of crude oil was released into the Gulf of Mexico after a pipeline ruptured near Port Arthur, US Coast Guard officials said. The pipeline ruptured yesterday morning about four miles offshore of McFaddin Beach. Coast Guard officials said the ruptured pipeline belongs to Tammany Oil & Gas LLC, a Houston-based firm that acquires oil and gas properties. Officials determined the pipeline was leaking from two places but pressure on the structure has been secured, slowing down to a minimal rate the release of oil. Two vessels were cleaning up the spill yesterday. A team of divers were to begin securing the pipeline early this morning. The cause of the leak was still being investigated.

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated today, states: The US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, Texas, was today responding to a ruptured crude oil pipeline at a Tammany Oil and Gas-operated field about four miles offshore from McFaddin Beach. The pipeline was leaking from two places, and two oil spill response boats were on the scene. Shoreline assessment teams yesterday observed a light sheen about 2.5 miles west of the Sabine Pass Jetties and east of Sea Rim State Park. The Coast Guard said the light sheening was not recoverable and was expected to dissipate naturally. So far, approximately 2,000 gallons of oil have been released into the Gulf of Mexico. A dive team was scheduled to begin work repairing the pipeline last night. The cause of the leak was under investigation. The Coast Guard, O'Brien's Group, Texas General Land Office and Clean Gulf personnel established a Unified Command Post to manage the clean-up and recovery of the oil.

Pollution

**BLUFF HARBOUR, NEW ZEALAND**

Wellington, Nov 2 — Trawler (All types) *Pantas No.1*, which spilled fuel oil into Bluff harbour May 1, has been reported by the Bluff port authorities to have returned to service in the interim period. — Lloyd's Agents.

OKATO AREA, NEW ZEALAND

London, Nov 4 — Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) is conducting further tests to confirm the source of oil spill discovered on New Zealand's Taranaki coast last week. MNZ requested an Australian laboratory to undertake additional testing of oil collected from the Taranaki coastline, with samples provided by Australian Worldwide Exploration Ltd. (AWE). MNZ General Manager Marine Pollution Response service Nick Quinn said preliminary analysis found some similarities between the oil on the Taranaki coast and the samples provided by AWE, but is waiting for further analysis to confirm the source. AWE identified an incident that occurred on floating production, storage and offloading vessel *Umuroa* on Oct 21 that could be related to the oil found on the coast. The incident was reported to MNZ on the day it happened. The Tui field is about 60 kilometres from the Taranaki coastline.

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated Nov 7, states: Tui Joint Venture says it accepts that its offshore production vessel *Umuroa* was the source of the degraded oil that washed up on a section of the Taranaki coast. The clean-up is now complete. Operations at the Tui field, which have produced more than 3.5 million barrels, worth an estimated \$350 million, were uninterrupted. Maritime NZ said a decision on any action would be taken soon.

Weather & Navigation

**AUSTRALIA**

London, Nov 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Several Manly ferry services this evening have been cancelled and replaced by buses due to a heavy swell at Manly Wharf. Sydney Ferries said the swell made boarding the ferries difficult so shuttle buses have been hired to operate between Manly Wharf and Circular Quay. Three ferry services in each direction were cancelled, including the 1705 hrs and 1830 hrs services to Circular Quay, and the 1630 hrs and 1745 hrs services to Manly. A spokesman for Sydney Ferries said the services would resume as soon

as it is safe to do so. "Sydney Ferries is monitoring weather conditions at Manly and will update the Transport Infoline in the event that conditions require further service changes during the afternoon," he said.

GULF OF MEXICO

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated Nov 1, states: Mexico's Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) has been warned it can no longer be allowed to operate in the state of Veracruz following criticism for its poor response to recent accidents and oil spills. Veracruz State Governor Fidel Herrera Beltran launched the criticism, saying PEMEX's various accidents this year have caused losses in the state estimated at 8 billion pesos (\$750 million). His remarks followed a pipeline break on Oct 30 that sent 420,000 gal of diesel fuel into three rivers in the Gulf coast state, threatening the supply of drinking water for some 600,000 people in the region. The state's deputy secretary for civil defense, Ranulfo Marquez, said water wells and springs had been polluted by the fuel that spilled late last week into the Coatzacoalcos River and its tributaries, the Jaltepec and the Chiquito. The rupture occurred Oct 25 on a subterranean pipeline, but diesel rose to the surface of a creek feeding into the Jaltepec River and from there flowed into the Chiquito and the Coatzacoalcos. Marquez said some 1,200 people were working to clean up the fuel which, he said, formed a 200 km strip down the three affected rivers. He also said some of the barriers deployed to contain the fuel broke and allowed at least 21,000 gal of diesel to flow into the Gulf. According to a statement by Mexico's environmental enforcement office, Profepa, the spill was brought under control when PEMEX stopped pumping fuel through the pipeline 30 minutes after the accident occurred. PEMEX later issued a statement saying it had recovered 80% of the fuel spilled, that the Gulf of Mexico was not contaminated, and that the fuel slick along the rivers was about 12 km long. It said the damaged pipeline had been repaired and that it expected to complete work on the environmental damage by Nov 2. The lack of safe drinking water affects the inhabitants of the municipalities of Jesus Carranza, Hidalgotitlan, Texistepec, Cosoleacaque, Jaltipan Minatitlan, and Coatzacoalcos, all on the banks of the three affected rivers.

HURRICANE "DEAN"

London, Nov 6 — General cargo *Munie Chandra* arrived St. Laurent Oct 22 and sailed Oct 23.

HURRICANE "NOEL"

London, Nov 2 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Hurricane "Noel": A gale warning remains in effect for Bermuda. Hurricane centre located near lat 28.4N, long 75.2W, at 0900, UTC, Nov 2. Position accurate to within 30 nautical miles. Present movement

towards the north-north-east, or 030 deg, at 16 knots. Maximum sustained winds 70 knots with gusts to 85 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 40 nautical miles north-east quadrant, nil south-east quadrant, 25 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 35 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 40 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 90 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 60 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 120 nautical miles north-west quadrant, 240 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 12-foot seas 540 nautical miles north-east quadrant, 300 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 210 nautical miles north-west quadrant and 60 nautical miles south-west quadrant. Forecast for 0600, UTC, Nov 3: Position lat 35.4N, long 71.2W. Extratropical. Maximum sustained winds 70 knots with gusts to 85 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds 60 nautical miles south-east quadrant, 40 nautical miles north-east quadrant, nil elsewhere. Radius of 50-knot winds 120 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 150 nautical miles elsewhere. Radius of 34-knot winds 300 nautical miles south-west quadrant, 360 nautical miles elsewhere.

London, Nov 2 — Following received from Coast Guard San Juan, timed 1500, UTC: Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *SCF Tomsk* is still aground on a coral reef in lat 18 26.4N, long 69 15.1W. Four tugs are currently attached to the vessel, awaiting high tide about 1400 today to commence refloating efforts. No leakage has been reported.

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated today, states: Hurricane "Noel", the deadliest storm to hit the Atlantic this year, swirled slowly toward the North Carolina coast Friday (Nov 2) but was losing strength as it headed north on a track expected to take it over the Nova Scotia. "Noel" slammed the Caribbean earlier this week with heavy rains that caused flooding and mudslides, leaving 118 dead, officials said. After drenching the Bahamas and Cuba on Thursday, the Category 1 hurricane continued along its path between the southeastern coast of the US and the Bahamas. Its sustained winds were at 129 kilometres an hour Friday and its centre was about 685 kilometres south of Cape Hatteras, N.C., the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. "Noel" was moving to the north-northeast at about 29 km/h and expected to pick up speed.

Santo Domingo, Nov 4 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *SCF Tomsk* was successfully refloated at 1650, local time, Nov 3. The vessel is being examined for damages and will then be removed at the Coastal Petroleum Terminal's mooring buoys in order to discharge CROB before proceeding to a suitable facility for repair. — Lloyd's Agents.

London, Nov 5 — Novoship (UK) Ltd, managers of Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *SCF Tomsk*, report that tugs succeeded in refloating the vessel at 2045, UTC, on Saturday (Nov 3). This gas carrier grounded on the coast of the

Dominican Republic on Oct 29, during tropical storm "Noel". The *SCF Tomskis* crew were uninjured in the incident and there was no pollution. The vessel was refloated by three tugs at high water, following several days of intensive preparatory work. Water was pumped from three damaged ballast tanks and cargo was redistributed internally, to reduce weight and assist the refloating. The tugs eased the vessel free, out of the shallows, by refloating the stern and then redistributing weight to allow the bow to float free. The next stage will involve a diving inspection and the discharge of cargo. The vessel will then proceed to a repair facility, which has yet to be designated. The refloating operation was performed by Titan, a leading US salvor, with no damage to the marine environment.

London, Nov 5 — A press report, dated today, states: Power was today being restored to several thousand coastal residents from Massachusetts to Maine who lost electricity when the remnants of hurricane "Noel" blew through the region over the weekend (Nov 3-4). The storm struck New England with just a glancing blow on Saturday, bringing down tree limbs and knocking out power to 80,000 homes. State officials reported no serious injuries or deaths. By this morning, utility officials said fewer than 5,000 residents were without power in Massachusetts, and about 700 were without power in eastern Maine. Utilities were confident that most of the outages — mainly on Cape Cod — would be resolved by the end of the day. "Most of the work is restoring power to one or two customers at a time, which makes the process even more time consuming," said Michael Durand, a spokesman for NStar. "There is a lot of work that needs to be done to get a relatively small area back to power." The storm was indirectly blamed for two house fires. No evacuations were linked to the storm in the region, said Peter Judge of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The state's only serious flooding was on Brandt Point on Nantucket, where roads were closed for a few hours, he said. Earlier, "Noel" was blamed for at least 57 deaths in Haiti, 84 in the Dominican Republic and one each in the Bahamas and Jamaica, making it the deadliest storm of the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season. Thousands were homeless because of catastrophic flooding on the islands and extensive damage was reported in Cuba. The storm dropped more than five inches of rain on parts of Maine, with six inches of snow in the northern end of the state.

MEXICO

London, Nov 3 — A huge rescue operation began in southern Mexico yesterday, with rescue workers in boats, helicopters and military trucks striving to bring relief to almost a million people whose homes have been overwhelmed by the worst floods in the area in at least half a century. Families who ignored calls to leave their homes

were huddled on rooftops with no food and drinking water as murky waters surged up to the eaves of buildings and forecasters warned of more rain to come. Others were evacuated to shelters that later also proved vulnerable to the floods. The state governor, André Granier, said the floods had directly affected 900,000 people. Half a million had been made homeless, and of these, 300,000 still required rescuing. With many of the buildings designated as shelters now also under water, Mr Granier said the authorities were desperately trying to find other accommodation to cope with the new influx of displaced people. Officials said only one person had been confirmed dead as a result of the flooding, but volunteer rescue workers have told some reporters that they have seen bodies floating past their boats. The state capital, Villahermosa, is among the worst hit areas. The city is built in a kind of bowl below sea level, prompting comparisons with New Orleans. On Thursday (Nov 1) the Grijalva river that borders the city overflowed a huge sandbag dyke erected by soldiers and volunteers after the flooding began.

TROPICAL STORM "NOEL"

London, Nov 1 — A press report, dated today, states: Rescuers rushed in helicopters and boats Thursday (Nov 1) to reach people stranded by floods and mudslides from tropical storm "Noel", which left at least 90 people dead in the Dominican Republic and neighbouring Haiti. Hundreds of volunteers joined the Dominican civil defence force to help stranded residents. Many rescue teams used boats offered by private owners. At least 52 communities were cut off because of widespread flooding and landslides. Rescuers in Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, found a rising toll of death and damage from three days of rain. At least 56 deaths were confirmed in the Dominican Republic and 34 in Haiti, where the majority of bodies were found in and around the capital, Port-au-Prince. One death was reported in Jamaica. In the Bahamas, flooding overnight forced some people to evacuate their homes on Long Island, in the southeastern part of the archipelago, said Carl Smith, director of the National Emergency Management Agency. He said there were no reports of injury or death. By Thursday morning, "Noel" had already dumped nearly 13 centimetres of rain on the capital, Nassau. Rough surf warnings were in effect for much of South Florida. Waves were pounding beaches in the Miami area, and residents of a waterfront condominium in South Palm Beach were urged to evacuate after pounding surf destroyed a retaining wall damaged this month in another storm. The US National Hurricane Centre in Miami on Thursday issued a tropical storm warning for the southeastern Florida coast from Ocean Reef to Deerfield Beach. A tropical storm watch was in effect from north of Deerfield Beach to

Jupiter Inlet. A warning means tropical storm conditions are expected within 24 hours, while a watch means such conditions are possible within that area. Dominican President Leonel Fernandez declared a state of emergency for the next 30 days and asked for international help, especially rescue teams and helicopters. He ordered residents in 36 communities to evacuate because they were in potential flood zones. At least 58,300 Dominicans fled their homes, some 14,500 of which were damaged, said Luis Antonio Luna, head of the Emergencies Commission. More than three days of heavy rain caused an estimated \$30 million in damage to the Dominican Republic's rice, plantain and cacao plantations, said Minister of Economy Juan Temistocles Montas. The government will request two loans worth \$100 million each from the Inter-American Development Bank to help ravaged areas recover. In Haiti, civil protection crews confirmed 10 more deaths overnight, raising Haiti's toll to 34, said Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, the department's director. Most of the deaths occurred in flood-drenched areas around Port-au-Prince, raising fears that the total could climb even higher as authorities reach remote towns in the Haitian countryside. At 0800, EDT, "Noel's" centre was about 175 kilometres southwest of Nassau, Bahamas, and 280 kilometres southeast of Miami. The storm was moving toward the north at just under 10 kilometres an hour, was expected to eventually turn northeast away from Florida. It had top sustained winds near 95 km/h, with stronger gusts, forecasters said.

Santo Domingo, Nov 1 — Liquid Petroleum Gas Carrier *SCF Tomsk* was still fast aground as of 1500, local time, today, having been slightly shifted by three tugs currently connected to the tanker with tow lines. Salvage operations are being conducted by Titan, with Resolve response personnel and equipment standing by on site in case of any oil spill situation. As soon as vessel is refloated, which may be within the next 24-48 hours weather permitting, it will return to the mooring point and discharge the CROB before proceeding to a repair facility to repair the breaches in its port side double bottom ballast tanks numbers two, three and four. — Lloyd's Agents.

Santo Domingo, Nov 1 — Understand both bulk carrier with container capacity *Merit* and product tanker *Spotless* left the port of San Pedro de Macoris without difficulty and without conducting repairs. — Lloyd's Agents.

TYPHOON "PEIPAH"

London, Nov 4 — Following received from the Meteorological Office, dated today, states: Tropical storm "Peipah" near lat 16.9N, long 124.8E at 0000, today. Movement for the past six hours 245 degrees at 10 knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots, gusts 70 knots. Forecast position lat 16.6N, long 122.6E at 1200, UTC, today. Maximum sustained winds 70

knots, gusts 85 knots. Forecast position lat 16.7N, long 120.7E at 0000, Nov 5. Maximum sustained winds 60 knots, gusts 75 knots.

London, Nov 5 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon “Peipah” located near lat 17.7N, long 119.2E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 280 deg at six knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, position located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 55 knots with gusts to 70 knots. Radius of 50-knot winds: 35 nautical miles. Radius of 34-knot winds: 100 nautical miles. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Nov 6, near lat 17.7, long 117.0E with maximum sustained winds of 65 knots and gusts to 80 knots.

London, Nov 6 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon “Peipah” located near lat 18.6N, long 118.4E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 315 deg at three knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, position located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 75 knots with gusts to 90 knots. Radius of 64-knot winds: 25 nautical miles. Radius of 50-knot winds: 50 nautical miles. Radius of 34-knot winds: 90 nautical miles. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Nov 7, near lat 18.3N, long 116.5E with maximum sustained winds of 75 knots and gusts to 90 knots.

London, Nov 7 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Typhoon “Peipah” located near lat 18.5N, long 116.7E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 285 deg at four knots. Position accurate to within 40 nautical miles, position located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 65 knots with gusts to 80 knots. Radius of 50-knot winds: 45 nautical miles. Radius of 34-knot winds: 75 nautical miles. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Nov 8, near lat 17.9N, long 114.9E with maximum sustained winds of 55 knots and gusts to 70 knots.

London, Nov 8 — Following received from the Meteorological Office: Tropical depression “Peipah”, downgraded from tropical storm, located near lat 16.3N, long 113.5E at 0600, UTC, today. Movement past six hours 230 deg at six knots. Position accurate to within 60 nautical miles, position located by satellite. Maximum sustained winds 30 knots with gusts to 40 knots. Forecast position for 0600, UTC, Nov 9, near lat 13.8N, long 111.2E with maximum sustained winds of 25 knots and gusts to 35 knots.

Natural Disasters



BANGLADESH

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated today, states: A strong earthquake shook coastal areas in southern Bangladesh today, and

residents rushed out of their homes in panic, officials and witnesses said. A few buildings developed cracks, but no casualties were immediately reported. The quake struck at around 1310 hrs and measured 6.0 on the Richter scale, the Meteorological Office in the capital, Dhaka, said. Its epicentre was about 157 miles south-east of the capital. Earlier, the US Geological Survey gave the quake’s magnitude as 5.2 and said it was centred about 170 miles south-east of Dhaka. An official at the Meteorological Office said the discrepancy could be due to the location where the measurements were taken. “We are closer to the epicentre, and our instruments at two points registered 6.0,” Farah Diba said. The measurements were taken at seismic observatories in Dhaka and Chittagong. The private Channel-I network reported that the quake was felt as far as the Chittagong Hill Tracts, about 30 miles north-east of Cox’s Bazar. Several residents reported cracks in neighbourhood buildings, including at a court house in Bandarban and at a fire station in Rangamati, both hill districts bordering India and Myanmar.

INDONESIA

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated Nov 5, states: Several Indonesian volcanos spewed hot ash, molten rock and clouds of dark smoke today, and scientists warned a violent eruption could come at any moment. The most threatening was the deadly Mount Kelud on densely populated Java island, where a dome of magma was forming under a crater lake, and soaring temperatures overheated monitoring equipment. A few hundred miles away, Anak Krakatau, or the “Child of Krakatoa” in English, expelled pumice and lava onto its slopes. At least one other of Indonesia’s approximately 100 active volcanoes sent bursts of ash showering down on nearby villages. Experts said there was no connection between the heightened activity at the different volcanos along the tropical archipelago. Authorities monitoring the peaks were most concerned about Kelud because of its deadly history, including a 1919 explosion that killed thousands. The temperature of the crater lake on Mount Kelud was so great that nearby monitoring equipment stopped working, said Surono, one of 16 volcanologists watching over the peak 24 hours a day. While several thousand people have fled to government shelters, authorities said yesterday that around 25,000 others were ignoring evacuation orders and remained in the danger zone around Kelud. Officials have made no attempts to prevent people from travelling inside a six-mile zone around the peak that the local government says is off-limits. Kelud has been on the highest alert level for more than two weeks. However, since Friday (Nov 2), scientists have been warning an eruption was imminent based on the frequency of tremors shaking and its intense heat. The team monitoring the

volcano has also said an eruption may be small or gradual — or might not happen at all given the unpredictable nature of the 5,679-foot mountain. Images of Mt Kelud’s crater lake showed a dome had formed, but thick steam made it difficult to estimate its size, volcanologist Umar Rosadi said. Around 40 miles south-east of Kelud, Mount Semeru was sending out clouds high into the air that coated buildings in nearby villages and the town of Blitar with a fine layer of ash, witnesses said. Ash rain from Semeru is common in the town, and Rosadi said people had no need to worry. No evacuations were ordered.

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated today, states: Indonesian scientists said today that an emerging lava dome in the middle of the crater lake of the Mount Kelud volcano could trigger a powerful eruption. Agus Budianto, a volcanologist at a nearby monitoring post said the upward movement of the lava dome was believed to have been pushed by underground magma movements. Budianto explained that the upward thrusting movement of the lava dome had pushed all the water out of the crater lake. Tremors were continuing under Kelud’s crater and bursts of smoke and soaring temperatures in its crater lake indicated the volcano may soon explode, warned another expert. The formation of the lava dome, estimated to have reached 70 metres above the surface of the crater lake and 100 metres in diameter, raised the temperature inside the crater, Budianto said. “This lava dome is getting taller and bigger. We don’t know whether it will form a small mountain itself,” Budianto said. “We also don’t know whether Mount Kelud will explode or if all its volcanic activities will stop after it generates this lava dome.” The 1,731-metre volcano, located in East Java province about 600 km south-east of Jakarta, was put on red alert more than three weeks ago, forcing the evacuation of thousands of residents in the danger zone. Volcanologists said the volcano continued spewing white clouds of smoke up to 1,000 metres into the air, signalled that an effusive or slow eruption had already taken place. Authorities in the densely populated province have been trying to evacuate people living in a 10-km danger zone around the volcano’s peak, but many residents have refused to leave or they return to their homes during daylight hours.

Political & Civil Unrest



SOMALIA

London, Nov 4 — Kismayu port resumed its usual duties after it was yesterday brought into halt by protesting soldiers. The resumption of the port came after a prolong

discussion between elders, politicians, and intellectuals of sade tribe whose militia controlled the port town of Kismayu. The elders successfully took out the militias who conquered the port yesterday.

Labour Disputes



FRANCE

Rennes, Nov 2 — Fishermen at one of France's main ports went on strike today to protest against the rising cost of fuel and demand state aid. Almost all the 300 vessels based around the northwestern port of Guilvinec in Brittany took part in the strike and organisers said they hoped fishing fleets along France's Atlantic coast would join their protest. Some 500 fishing industry workers protested outside maritime offices in Guilvinec to press their case, blocking access to the building with crates and nets. Fishing firms say they had budgeted for diesel to cost some 30 euro cents a litre this year, but the price has jumped to 51 euro cents in recent days, meaning boats risk making a loss every time they go to sea. The fishermen want a cut in duty on fuel and have dismissed a 25.5 million euro (\$37 million) aid package announced by the government three days ago as insufficient. — Reuters.

London, Nov 6 — French fishermen prevented fully cellular containership *Palenal* from leaving Le Havre, yesterday, as they continued their campaign to win fuel price compensation measures from the French government. The Le Havre fishermen took fresh action yesterday, despite the promise of a meeting with the Agriculture Minister Michel Barnier, to discuss their grievances over rising diesel fuel prices. Earlier, Breton fishermen were promised their own meeting with Mr. Barnier, after blockading accesses to ports and fuel depots yesterday morning. Mr. Barnier, who already has a meeting with national fishermen's leaders tomorrow, offered a separate meeting to members of the Breton fishermen's crisis committee, following yesterday's protests in which several hundred fishermen took part. A Breton fishermen's leader said the meeting with Mr. Barnier was positive, but warned that fishermen would remain on the alert while they were waiting for tomorrow's meeting. Breton fishermen blocked access to fuel depots at the ports of Brest, Lorient and Douarnenez for several hours early yesterday morning, while other protests were staged by their colleagues at other ports along France's western seaboard. At the channel port of Dieppe, ferry services were disrupted for four hours due to action by fishermen. French fishermen do not pay tax on their diesel fuel and are currently paying about

E0.50 per litre for it. They estimate that they operate at a loss once the price rises above E0.30. They have already dismissed a E25.5m aid package announced by the government last week as insufficient. Economy Minister Christine Lagarde said yesterday that she would be meeting oil companies to explore with them ways of smoothing out fuel price increases, but warned that price reductions were unlikely in the context of current oil prices.

NIGERIA

London, Nov 1 — A press report, dated today, states: The recent strike embarked upon by workers of A P Moller to protest the unfavourable condition of service has caused a backlog of uncleared containers, a development that has brought about congestion at the Lagos Port Complex. Disclosing this to Vanguard in Lagos recently, the Secretary General of the Western Zone of the Association of Nigerian Licensed Customs Agents Mr Obi Okonkwo said that over five thousand Terminal Delivery Orders of containers ready for delivery are currently trapped in the terminal of A P Moller. He noted that A P Moller has proven that it cannot handle the volume of traffic at the port and has refused to engage local operators of bonded warehouses, a development that will create a total break down of the port system if not urgently checked. Okonkwo stated that while the government is proposing a forty-eight hours cargo clearance time, it is taking the terminal operator three weeks to locate a container, thereby taking the port system back to the days of pre-concession. He opined that the continued stay of these containers will also continue to attract demurrage, adding that this will be passed down to the ordinary man on the street when the goods eventually get to the markets.

PAKISTAN

London, Nov 3 — Aircraft Engineers of Pakistan from Pakistan International Airlines have called off an unofficial strike this afternoon following talks between management of the airline and the representative body of engineers. Due to an unofficial strike for the last few days, 71 local and 21 international flights were cancelled and the airline suffered a big loss. — Correspondent.

Fires & Explosions



OIL REFINERY, STANFORD LE HOPE, ESSEX, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Nov 2 — Swiss-based Petroplus said today output was running at nearly half its usual level at its refinery at Coryton in southern England, which was hit by a huge fire

two days ago. The company added that it would take up to a month to resume full operations at the refinery, which has a throughput capacity of 220,000 barrels a day. There were no reports of injuries as a result of the fire which sent flames reaching as high as 30 metres. The fire was located in the isomerisation unit dehexaniser column, mainly used in the production of gasoline components, the company said. "Based on experience with these types of incidents, the downtime to repair this type of column is expected to be about a month," the statement said. Petroplus said it would meet its commitments to customers and was using stocks, purchases from third parties and product from other Petroplus North Sea refineries to make up the shortfall. — Reuters.

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated Nov 1, states: Safety experts are to start an investigation into a fire at the Petroplus Coryton refinery, near Stanford le Hope, Essex. Specialists from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) will sift through evidence at the refinery. Managers at the refinery said the fire started after a leak of petroleum gas. HSE inspectors had been at the site on Tuesday (Oct 30), the day before the fire, carrying out routine checks.

Aviation



AIRCRAFT MISSING ON A FLIGHT FROM REVELSTOKE TO NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Nov 2 — Cessna 172B, C-FMXV, privately operated, took-off from Revelstoke for a VFR flight to Nanaimo with only the pilot on board on Oct 23. The aircraft failed to arrive at its destination. An air search has been initiated. Last known position was by radar at 13 nautical miles north west of Merritt.

AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO SOUTHAMPTON AIRPORT, HAMPSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM

London, Nov 1 — A press report, dated today, states: A 19-seater aircraft on its way to the Channel Islands was tonight forced to shut down an engine and turn back to Southampton airport. The 1945, UTC, Blue Islands flight to Guernsey, which was carrying eight passengers, was only minutes into the air when the pilot reported problems with a propeller. Airport duty manager Trevor Compton said: "There was an unusual feathering of the propeller. "As a precaution he shut it down, turned around and landed it." The Jetstream 32EP turboprop aircraft was grounded while engineers checked it over. No other flights were affected. Three fire crews from Eastleigh fire station were called to the airport on standby just after 2000. Blue Islands flies to Guernsey from Southampton twice a day.

CRASH, CHINO AIRPORT AREA, CALIFORNIA

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated today, states: A twin-engine Beechcraft A100 King Air crashed shortly after takeoff from Chino Airport, this morning, killing two people. The Beechcraft was headed to Visalia when it went down at 0920 hrs, less than a mile west of the airport. The aircraft landed upside down, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor. The pilot had filed a flight plan and was using navigational instruments, but Gregor said there was no radio communication with the pilot after the aircraft took off. FAA officials will be looking into whether fog was a factor. The National Transportation Safety Board is also investigating.

London, Nov 7 — Beech A100, N30GC, operated by RHB-JMJ LLC, crashed shortly after departure from Chino, California, at 1720, local time, Nov 6. The two persons on board were fatally injured, the aircraft was destroyed.

CRASH, FARMINGTON AREA, DELAWARE, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 4 — A press report, dated today, states: Delaware State Police said two people died when a small aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from Chorman Airport, near Farmington, Kent County. Witnesses told investigators that the aircraft crashed in a wooded area near the 3200 block of Andrewville Road, shortly after it took off at 1000 hrs, today. Police said two people were on board the aircraft when it crashed and both were killed.

London, Nov 5 — Experimental 601HDS N27S crashed near Farmington, Delaware, at 1011, Nov 4. The aircraft was destroyed. The two persons on board were killed.

CRASH, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 6 — Beech J35, N7208B, reported engine failure and crashed one mile from the approach end of the runway at Fort Worth, Texas, at 1715, local time, Nov 5. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

CRASH, GARBERVILLE, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 7 — Cessna 340, N5049Q, crashed under unknown circumstances at Garberville, California, at 1658, local time, Nov 6. One person on board was fatally injured, two others are unknown. The aircraft was destroyed.

London, Nov 7 — A press report, dated today, states: A pilot and two executives from a Northern California construction company were killed their aircraft crashed in Humboldt County. The head of Redding-based Ladd Construction said the company's senior vice president Mark Christopher and a partner in the company, Tom Capener, were killed when the Cessna 340 (N5049Q) crashed near the community of Garberville yesterday morning. Also killed, was company pilot Bruce Manville. The executives were headed

to Garberville for a meeting on a construction project when the aircraft went down in foggy conditions.

CRASH, GLADWIN AREA, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 5 — Cessna 172I (Skyhawk) N8353L crashed near Gladwin, Michigan, at 2021, Nov 3. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, GREENVILLE AREA, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 5 — Vans RV-1- N289DT crashed near Greenville, Pennsylvania, at 1100, Nov 2. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, INVERMERE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

London, Nov 4 — A small aircraft has crashed in B.C.'s interior, killing all three people on board. A search and rescue official in Victoria said the pilot of the Piper Malibu radioed air traffic control Friday (Nov 2) evening reporting engine failure at 21,000 feet. Cpt. Arron Twa said contact was lost when the aircraft went below 13,000 feet and officials picked up an emergency locator signal. He said the aircraft tried to make it to the community of Fairmont in south-east B.C., but crashed about 10 kilometres east of Invermere. "Search and rescue aircraft arrived on scene approximately an hour and a half after the initial distress call, and a Cormorant helicopter hoisted search and rescue technicians into the area, where unfortunately they located three deceased members on the plane," Twa said. The aircraft was enroute from Salem, Oregon to Springbank, Alberta.

CRASH, JAMESTOWN AREA, TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 6 — Robinson R44 rotorcraft, N8365C, crashed under unknown circumstances in a remote location near Jamestown, Tennessee, at 1915, local time, Nov 5. The three persons on board were fatally injured.

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated today, states: A helicopter crashed Monday (Nov 5) in a remote area near the Kentucky border, killing at least three people, officials said. It was unclear whether anyone else was on board, but witness accounts indicate there were no survivors, said Warren Woodberry, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. The Robinson R-44 helicopter may have been owned by Young Oil Corp., a Kentucky company that drills oil and gas wells in the area, Woodberry said. Workers at a nearby drilling site said the helicopter crashed after becoming entangled in power lines after lift-off, Fentress County Sheriff Chuck Cravens said. "It's very windy up here. It may have blown it into the power lines," he said, estimating winds were blowing at 20 to 25 mph. FAA inspectors planned to visit the site Tuesday morning, Woodberry said. The National Transportation Safety Board also will investigate.

CRASH, LA BELLE AREA, MISSOURI, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 5 — Zodiac 601XL N634WB crashed near La Belle, Missouri, at 2220, Nov 1. The aircraft was destroyed. The one person on board was killed.

CRASH, NIMBA COUNTY, LIBERIA

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated today, states: A U.N. helicopter crashed Friday (Nov 2) on a routine flight in northern Liberia, killing two crew members and leaving a third missing, the United Nations said. No peacekeepers were known to be on board the MI-8 cargo aircraft, the U.N. said in a statement. The nationalities of those on board was not immediately known and it was not clear what caused the helicopter to go down. The 15,000-strong U.N. mission grounded its small fleet of MI-8 helicopters in Liberia while Liberian and U.N. officials investigate the crash, the statement said. A search and rescue team reached the site of the crash in Nimba County and confirmed the casualties, the statement said.

CRASH, PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 2 — Mooney M20K, N4091H, operated by Treasure Realty Inc., lost engine power and crashed into the water at Panama City, Florida, at 1903, local time, Nov 1. There were two persons on board, one was fatally injured and one sustained serious injuries.

London, Nov 3 — A press report, dated Nov 2, states: The National Transportation Safety Board has recovered Mooney M20K, N4091H, involved in a fatal crash that killed Robert Gans, 57, of Panama City Beach. The agency will be using the aircraft in order to investigate the crash. The aircraft crashed in the Gulf of Mexico off Panama City Beach near Highway 79, just after 1400 hrs, Thursday, Nov 1, in about 35 feet of water between 200-300 yards offshore. Investigators attempted to remove the aircraft earlier today, but it dropped back underwater moving further away from the site of the crash. The Bay County Sheriff's Office is releasing the incident report on the death investigation which includes the account from the passenger, Jennifer Messer, 21, of Panama City Beach. Messer was treated and released at Gulf Coast Medical Center, after being rescued from the water. According to the report, Messer said she and Gans were on the aircraft for about 30 minutes before they experienced a power loss at about 4,500 feet. She said Gans turned the ignition switch on and off and pulled plugs but could not get it to restart. Messer said Gans radioed Tyndall Air Force Base control tower to tell them they were going down. She said he told her he was going to put the aircraft in the water at about 1,000 feet. Messer said she blacked out when they hit the water. When she woke up she noticed Gans was suffering from head injuries and tried to wake him up but was unsuccessful. Messer said she

opened the door and stayed on the wing until the aircraft went under water. She then began swimming to shore and was rescued by a jet ski vendor.

CRASH, QUEBEC, CANADA

London, Nov 1 — Aerospatiale Astar AS350 D, registration C-GMQM, operated by Helicopter, was executing longline seismic operations with a "BIRD". While manoeuvring to regain sight of the sling load, the longline struck the tail rotor; a loss of control ensued. The aircraft was destroyed while crash landing in a swamp 40 nautical miles north-north-east of Quebec at 1415, EDT, Oct 30. The pilot contacted SAR Trenton via satellite phone. A company aircraft rescued the pilot and passenger; they were not injured.

CRASH, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

London, Nov 4 — A press report, dated today, states: At least eight people are dead in the crash of an executive aircraft in a crowded neighbourhood in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A spokeswoman for the airport authority said the air taxi slammed into two houses, shortly after take-off. Authorities have not said how many people were on board the jet, or how many of the dead were in the aircraft or on the ground. Investigators are trying to determine the cause of the crash. Dozens of firefighters have been combing through the debris.

London, Nov 5 — A press report, dated today, states: An executive jet crashed in a heavily populated neighbourhood of Sao Paulo on Sunday (Nov 4), killing at least eight people and turning homes into a pile of rubble. The aircraft, a Learjet 35 belonging to a Brazilian air taxi company, slammed into several houses shortly after taking off, said Lucia Ferreira, a spokeswoman for airport authority Infraero. Killed in the crash were the pilot, the co-pilot and at least six people on the ground, including a child, according to Sao Paulo's state public safety department and the airport authority. The aircraft was not carrying any passengers, according to a statement issued by the jet's owner, Reali Taxi Aerea. Investigators were trying to determine the cause of the crash.

London, Nov 6 — Learjet 35A, PT-OVC, operated by Reali Taxi Aereo, departed Sao Paulo-Campo de Marte Airport runway 30 and banked right. It struck three houses, destroying one of them on the Rua Bernardino de Sena, 104 at 1410, Nov 4. Aircraft was destroyed and both occupants persons were killed. There was also six fatalities on the ground.

EMERGENCY LANDING, KASTRUP AIRPORT, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

London, Nov 2 — A press report, dated Nov 1, states: A crash landing by a Scandinavian Airlines System turboprop last weekend (Oct 27-28) was caused by a piece of rubber stuck in the landing gear, Danish investigators said today. SAS dropped its entire fleet of

Bombardier Q400 aircraft after the incident in Copenhagen, which was the third accident blamed on landing gear problems in seven weeks. Although no one was seriously injured, the airline said the accidents had damaged confidence in the aircraft. Denmark's Accident Investigation Board said the accident was caused by a rubber ring that was stuck inside the landing gear, preventing it from extending properly. Investigators said the ring did not belong in the system, but were not sure when it was introduced. They said it could not be ruled out that it came in by mistake during the maintenance checks ordered by SAS on all its turboprops after the first two accidents in September. Canadian aircraft maker Bombardier said in a statement on Sunday that it was "disappointed" that SAS pulled the aircraft because Danish authorities had not yet closed an investigation into Saturday's crash landing. The company stuck by an earlier assessment that found no systemic problem with the landing gear. SAS spokesman Bertil Ternert said the findings by the Danish investigators did not change the airline's decision to drop its 27 turboprops. "We have had three accidents with this aircraft," he said. "And we are awaiting for the final conclusions of the accident commission. They know the cause (of the crash) but they are not sure how this ring entered the system."

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated Nov 5, states: Faulty maintenance work was apparently the cause of the recent crash landing of Scandinavian Airlines Bombardier Q400, investigators in Denmark said. The Danish Accident Investigation Board issued a preliminary report on Saturday (Nov 3) into the Oct 27 incident in Copenhagen in which the aircraft's landing gear failed to extend. The incident came after Scandinavian Airlines had two other Q400 landing-gear failures in September. No deaths resulted, but the airline has grounded its Q400 fleet. In the latest mishap, the aircraft's right main landing gear failed to extend because a loose O-ring blocked a valve in the gear's actuator, Danish investigators said. Part of that gear had been replaced five days before the failure, using parts intended for the nose landing gear hydraulic system that were "reconfigured by maintenance personnel," the board said. The O-ring could have "unknowingly" been transferred "by maintenance personnel" to a position where it could migrate through the hydraulic system and eventually block the valve that caused the gear failure, the board said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, HAT YAI AIRPORT, THAILAND

London, Nov 6 — A press report, dated today, states: A Thai International Airlines (THAI) aircraft heading to Kuala Lumpur made an emergency landing at southern Thailand's Hat Yai International Airport Tuesday (Nov 6), according to THAI. Wicha Noenlop, director of the

airport, said none of 287 passengers on board THAI Flight TG415 were injured when the aircraft made an emergency landing at 1000, local time. The aircraft left the Suvarnabhumi International airport near Bangkok at 0900. He said the pilot sought an emergency landing after there was a problem of air conditioning system in the passenger cabin. He said the temperature in the passenger cabin was too high because of the problem. If the air condition system could not be fixed soon enough, passengers would be transferred to another flight to Kuala Lumpur, he said.

EMERGENCY LANDING, MID-CONTINENT AIRPORT, WICHITA AIRPORT, UNITED STATES

London, Nov 4 — A UPS cargo aircraft made an emergency landing at Mid-Continent Airport shortly before 0700, today after fire broke out on the aircraft. The pilot reported the fire in the bathroom at 0627 hrs aboard the DC-8, a Sedgwick County dispatch supervisor said. By the time the aircraft was making its final approach to Mid-Continent, the fire was under control but smoke was in the cockpit. The plane landed without incident at 0648 hrs, the dispatch supervisor said. None of the four people aboard was injured.

INCIDENT AT MALANG, EAST JAVA, INDONESIA

London, Nov 3 — A Mandala Airlines Boeing 737-200, PK-RIL, sustained a nose gear collapse on landing at Malang-Abdul Rachman Saleh Airport, Indonesia. Flight RI-260 from Jakarta came to rest at the end of the runway. Some five passengers were injured in the evacuation.



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AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Nov 5 — Current berthing/delay situation, dated Oct 29: Newcastle, NSW: Four vessels are currently alongside, with 38 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at 12-18 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of 13-21 days in berthing is predicted. A 13-15 day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks' time. The current berthing/delay situation for vessels arriving at Abbot Point within the next two weeks is one to three days. The current berthing/delay situation for vessels arriving at Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay today is between three and 30 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of one to 30 days in berthing is predicted. A one to 25-day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks' time. Current berthing/delay situation at Gladstone: Four vessels currently

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alongside with 38 vessels at anchor, waiting to berth. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Gladstone today is predicted at seven to 10 days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of five to ten days in berthing is predicted. A six to ten-day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving in two weeks' time. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Port Kembla today is predicted at one day. No delay in berthing is expected within the next two weeks. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Dampier within the next two weeks is predicted at one to nine days. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving at Port Walcott within the next two weeks is predicted at between one to two days. Current berthing/delay situation at Port Hedland: Four vessels currently alongside, with eight vessels at anchor. The delay in berthing for vessels arriving today is predicted at between

two and five days. For vessels arriving in one week, a delay of two to four days in berthing is predicted. A two to three-day delay in berthing is predicted for vessels arriving within the next two weeks. — Oceania Maritime Services Pty Ltd.

GERMANY

London, Nov 2 — Kiel Canal Authorities have advised that the Small North Lock Chamber at Brunsbuttel will be out of service during daily working hours on Nov 5 and Nov 6 for repair works.

INDIA

Karachi, Nov 4 — Kolkata Dock System (KDS) of India, which is being operated by Container Corporation of India (Concor) is facing container congestion problem. About 8,000 containers are clogging the parking lots of the container berths of the KDS

against the capacity to store half of them. The problem has been compounded by the shortage of handling equipment. On an average about 3,000 TEUs, containing Nepal-bound imports, arrive at the dock every month and nearly 2,000 TEUs of them are Birganj-bound (Assam), the balance being for other Nepalese destinations. — Correspondent.

ITALY

Genoa, Nov 5 — Port situation Nov 5: Genoa: One vessel awaiting berth. Average berthing delay one to two days. Savona: Two vessels awaiting special berth, one vessel awaiting normal berth, average berthing delay one day. La Spezia: No vessels awaiting berths. — Lloyd's Agents.

NIGERIA

See under "Labour Disputes."

Port Delays

Information received from BIMCO, Denmark and the Indian Ports Association received Nov 13 - 15

Country/Port	Date of report	No. of vessels waiting and/or days delay
Australia		
Abbott Point	12-Nov-2007	Coal: 11 vessels due by 5/12.
Dalrymple Bay	12-Nov-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: berth closed for maintenance until ca. 15/11; DBCT berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 11 waiting; DBCT berth 3: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 10 waiting; other vessels not scheduled: 15 vessels waiting; 14 vessels due by 12/12.
Dampier	12-Nov-2007	Iron ore: Parker Point berth 2: 5 vessels due by 18/11; Parker Point berth 3: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; Parker Point berth 4: 8 vessels due by 21/11; Parker Point berth 5: no shipping operations at present due to drilling and blasting; East Intercourse Island: no information. At present, the average stay is approx. 2-4 days at anchor and 1-2 days alongside the berth.
Esperance	12-Nov-2007	Iron ore: 4 vessels due by 28/11; berthing/sailing restricted to daylight hours.
Geraldton	12-Nov-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel berthed, 1 waiting; 3 vessels due by 22/11; regular maintenance shutdowns are expected at berth No. 4 during construction of new iron ore berth 5; at present, these are scheduled for 27-30/11.
Gladstone	12-Nov-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: 1 vessel berthed and loading; 59 vessels due by 20/12; Barney Point: 8 vessels due by 5/12; maintenance shutdown from 19-24/11.
Hay Point	12-Nov-2007	Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 7 vessels due by 13/11; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 2 vessels due by 20/11; other vessels not yet scheduled: 5 vessels due by 24/11. (Oceania Maritime Services Pty. Ltd., Sydney)Coal: Berth 1: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 3 waiting; 7 vessels due by 13/11; Berth 2: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 2 waiting; 2 vessels due by 20/11; other vessels not yet scheduled: 5 vessels due by 24/11.
Newcastle	12-Nov-2007	Coal: Kooragang 4, 5 and 6: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 28 waiting; 38 vessels due by 1/12; 13-18 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; approx. 30 vessels off port awaiting berths; Dykes 4+5: 13 vessels waiting; 18 vessels due by 6/12; 13-18 days delay expected due to berth congestion and cargo availability; 13 vessels off port awaiting coal.
Port Hedland	12-Nov-2007	Iron ore: BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Mt. Newman (Nelson Point), "A" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 5 vessels due by 17/11; "B" berth: 1 vessel berthing; 3 vessels due by 17/11; 6 other vessels due by 28/11, no e.t.a. received; shiploader maintenance from 18.00 hrs. 18/11 to 18.00 hrs. 29/11; BHP Iron Ore Pty. Ltd., Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "C" berth: 2 vessels waiting; 3 vessels due by 17/11; Goldsworthy (Finucane Island) "D" berth: 1 vessel berthed and loading, 1 waiting; 5 vessels due by 20/11; Broome: 1 vessel due 18/11; Cockatoo Island: 1 vessel due 16/11.

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Port Kembla	12-Nov-2007	Coal: 15 vessels due by 18/12.
Port Latta	12-Nov-2007	Iron ore: 1 vessel due 15/11. (Oceania Maritime Services Pty. Ltd., Sydney)Iron ore: 1 vessel due 15/11.
Whyalla	12-Nov-2007	Iron ore: 3 vessels due by 31/12; 2 vessels due by 6/12 for transhipping.
Bulgaria		
Bourgas	12-Nov-2007	Six vessels in port operating, of which 3 loading coils, 3 discharging (1 sugar, 1 bulk salt, 1 copper concentrate); 1 tanker in roads to load; 9 vessels due, of which 6 to load (1 gasoil, 2 coils, 1 containers, 1 steel billets, 1 metals), 3 to discharge (1 wheat, 1 metals, 1 copper concentrate).
Varna	12-Nov-2007	Varna East, Varna West, Electrical Power Station, Balchik: Conditions 5-11 November: Eighteen vessels in port operating of which 9 loading (1 bulk sulphuric acid, 2 kaolin/ chamotte, 3 soda, 1 bulk silica sand, 1 bulk kaolin, 1 bulk barley), 3 discharging (2 raw phosphate, 1 bulk wheat), 6 discharging/loading (4 containers, 1 equipment in packing cases/cement, 1 equipment in packing cases/pipes/containers); no vessels waiting in roads.
Egypt		
Adabiya	12-Nov-2007	Three vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier.
Alexandria	12-Nov-2007	Thirty-eight vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 35 general cargo, 3 container vessels; 1 vessel at outer anchorage.
Damietta	12-Nov-2007	Twenty-two vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 15 general cargo, 1 bulk carrier, 6 container vessels; 5 vessels at outer anchorage, 2 at inner anchorage.
Dekheila	12-Nov-2007	Thirteen vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 1 general cargo, 7 bulk carriers, 5 container vessels; 1 vessel at outer anchorage.
Port Said	12-Nov-2007	Six vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 2 general cargo, 4 containers.
Suez	12-Nov-2007	Five vessels berthed (loading/discharging), of which 3 general cargo, 2 passenger vessels; 3 tugs, 3 vessels dry-docked.
Suez Canal	12-Nov-2007	Twenty-five vessels transiting Northbound, 30 Southbound.
India		
Kolkata	12-Nov-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels discharging and loading (Containers-2, General Cargo-2), 2 vessels loading and discharging Containers, 2 vessels waiting to load General Cargo, 2 vessels waiting to discharge Containers; 1 vessel working at midstream loading Pules; 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load and discharge, 1 vessel awaiting order at anchorage to load and discharge, 1 vessel waiting at anchorage to load and discharge; 1 vessel under repairs; 1 vessel under dry docked; 2 vessels waiting for MHC berth, 1 vessel for shifting, 2 vessels for sailing ; 1 vessel Container due.
Haldia	12-Nov-2007	9 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading Iron Ore, 6 vessels discharging (Crude, A. Acid, Prxln, CBFS, P Acid, Coking Coal, Met Coke); 2 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 1 to load, 12 vessels waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 9 to load); 6 vessels due (Crude, POL, Thermal Coal, Coking Coal, General Cargo).
Paradip	12-Nov-2007	10 vessels operating at berth of which 4 vessels loading (Iron Ore, 6 vessels discharging (A. Coal, RPC, H. Coke, N C Coal, Project Cargo, S. Acid); 12 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage to load (5 to load, 7 to discharge), 4 vessels waiting at anchorage (3 to discharge, 1 to load); 26 vessels due.
Vizag	12-Nov-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 7 vessels loading (Iron Ore-2, CP Coke, Soya, Thermal Coal, Granite, Product), 9 vessels discharging (Coking Coal-4, Steam Coal, Crude, Urea-2, Peas); 25 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (14 to discharge, 11 to load); 3 vessels under at others; 42 vessels due (Iron Ore-8, Steel, General Cargo-2, Soya-2, Food Grains, Product Tankers-4, Urea-2, Rock Phosphate-2, Coking Coal-5, Coal Tar Pitch, Industrial Salt, Containers-4, Timber, Styrena, Project Cargo-2, Petroleum Coke, Steam Coal, Product Tankers-3).
Chennai	12-Nov-2007	16 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (General Cargo, Bary/J. Bary), 10 vessels discharging (Urea-2, High Speed Diesel, Palm Oil, Met Coke, Steam Coal-3, Log, Containers), 4 vessels loading and discharging (GB/Project Cargo/Steel Pipes/S. Coil, Urea/Bary, Containers-2); 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 2 to load), 12 vessels not ready to work and waiting at anchorage (5 to discharge, 2 to load, 5 to load & discharge); 1 vessel under arrest; 11 vessels due (Containers-2, steel Pipe/S. Coil/ Project Cargo, IOL, Iron Ore, F. Traw-4, Repair, Supply).
Tuticorin	12-Nov-2007	13 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Construction Materials, Sugar-2, Maize-2), 8 vessels discharging (Thermal Coal-2, Logs-2, Co. Con, Urea, Rock Phosphate, Coal); 3 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load), 6 vessels not ready to work at anchorage to load, 2 vessels waiting at anchorage for bunkering; 2 vessels under crew change and bunkering.

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Cochin	12-Nov-2007	2 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Logs, 1 vessel loading and discharging Containers; 3 vessels waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load and discharge); 20 vessels discharging (Crude-3, Domestic Passenger-2, Containers-9, Cable Laying Ship, Chemical, Soda Ash, Dredger, Edible Oil, Scrap).
New Mangalore	12-Nov-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 3 vessels loading (Iron Ore Fines, POL Product-2), 5 vessels discharging (Fertiliser, Containers, Iron Ore Fines, POL Crude, LPG); 6 vessels waiting at anchorage (4 to discharge, 2 to load); 16 vessels due (Granite Stone, Iron Ore Fines-5, Fertiliser, POL Crude-2, LPG, POL Product, Containers, Timber, Mix-Xylene, Coal, Iron Ore (P)).
Mormugao	12-Nov-2007	4 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading Iron Ore, 2 vessels discharging (Furnace Oil, MOP); 13 vessels working at midstream and loading Iron Ore; 4 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 3 to load), 3 vessels waiting at anchorage to load; 3 vessels under dry docked; 7 vessels due (Coal, Container, Iron Ore-5).
Mumbai	12-Nov-2007	11 vessels operating at berth of which 2 vessels loading (Steel Pipes/Project Cargo, POL), 8 vessels discharging (Machinery/steel Cargo-2, Rock Phosphate, Calcite Carbonate, POL-4), 1 vessel loading and discharging (Steel/General Cargo/Containers); vessel not ready to work at anchorage to load, 2 vessels awaiting order at anchorage to discharge, 3 vessels waiting at anchorage (2 to discharge, 1 to load); 14 vessels under repairs/dry docked; 12 vessels under arrest; 1 vessel under laid up (Berths not required for cargo operations); 33 vessels due (Containers-2, Oil, General Cargo-30).
J.N.P.T.	12-Nov-2007	8 vessels operating at berth of which 1 vessel discharging Naptha, 7 vessels discharging Containers; 5 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (1 to discharge, 4 to load and discharge); 5 vessels due (Container, Liquid).
Kandla	12-Nov-2007	14 vessels operating at berth of which 5 vessels loading (Agricultre Product-3, Rice, Cement), 9 vessels discharging (Timber Logs, Fertilizer-3, Pipe, Wheat, Chemical, Palm Product, POL); 2 vessels working at mid stream loading Barley and discharging Timber Logs; 10 vessels awaiting berth at anchorage (4 to load ,6 to discharge), 1 vessel not ready to work at anchorage to discharge; 1 vessel under arrest.
Ennore	12-Nov-2007	2 vessels due (MV Good Season (Coal), MV Tamil Anna (Thermal Coal)).
Russia		
Novorossiysk	12-Nov-2007	Nineteen vessels in port operating, of which 12 loading, (1 UAN solution, 1 HBI, 1 steel sheets/coils/pipes/WRIC, 3 wheat, 1 copper, 1 coils, 2 aluminium, 1 barley, 1 diesel oil), 6 discharging (1 vegetable oil, 1 zinc concentrate, 1 bulk cement, 3 bulk sugar), 1 loading/ discharging containers; 26 vessels waiting in roads, of which 14 to load (4 wheat, 1 pipes, 4 steel billets, 1 steel sheets, 3 diesel oil, 1 natrium sulphate), 12 to discharge (8 bulk sugar, 3 bulk cement, 1 meat products); 86 vessels due, of which 65 to load (9 slabs, 8 UAN solution, 8 steel billets, 1 steel billets/pipes/equipment, 1 natrium sulphate/tripoliphosphate/soda ash, 1 ore, 2 equipment, 2 WRIC, 1 coils/WRIC, 3 coils, 12 copper, 1 soda ash, 1 lead/zinc, 1 zinc, 5 aluminium, 1 vegetable oil, 1 pipes/coils, 1 diesel oil, 1 coke), 18 to discharge (1 de bars, 2 equipment, 2 oranges, 1 livestock, 4 bulk cement, 1 zinc concentrate, 3 bulk sugar, 1 vehicles, 1 angles, 1 H-beams, 1 equipment/containers), 3 to discharge/load containers. Oil terminal: no tankers berthed; 6 tankers in roads, all to load, of which 4 crude oil, 1 diesel oil, 1 fuel oil; 7 tankers due, all to load, of which 6 crude oil, 1 fuel oil.
Slovenia		
Koper	12-Nov-2007	Port working normally. Five vessels berthed of which 2 loading general cargo, 2 discharging bulk cargo, 1 tanker discharging liquid cargo; 2 vessels waiting at anchorage, of which 1 to load sawn timber, 1 to discharge bulk cargo; 25 vessels due over the next 2 days of which 4 to discharge/load containers, 1 to load containers, 6 to load general cargo/sawn timber, 1 to discharge general cargo, 2 to load bulk cargo, 2 to discharge bulk cargo, 2 tankers to discharge liquid cargo, 6 car carriers to discharge/load vehicles, 1 Ro/Ro to load vehicles/ general cargo.
Spain		
Bilbao	12-Nov-2007	Thirty-three vessels operating (7 tankers, 26 other vessels), of which 5 loading, 10 discharging, 18 loading/discharging.
Ukraine		
Ilechevsk	12-Nov-2007	Sixteen vessels in port operating, of which 8 loading (4 steel products, 1 containers, 1 sun flower oil, 1 wheat, 1 sulphur), 4 discharging (1 nickel ore, 1 steel coils, 1 consumer goods, 1 palm oil), 4 loading/discharging containers; 6 vessels in roads, of which 5 to load (1 sun flower oil, 3 steel products, 1 wheat), 1 to discharge project cargo; 25 vessels due, of which 16 to load (7 steel products, 2 pig-iron, 2 sunflower oil, 1 sunflower cake, 3 wheat, 1 iron ore pellets), 3 to discharge (1 palm oil, 1 barley, 1 manganese ore), 6 to load/discharge containers.

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Mariupol	12-Nov-2007	Eleven vessels in port operating, all loading, of which 6 steel, 2 clay, 1 sunflower seeds, 1 wheat, 1 sulphur; 6 vessels in roads, all to load, of which 4 steel, 2 sulphur; 50 vessels due, of which 47 to load (30 steel, 4 coal, 6 clay, 1 wheat, 3 slag, 1 sunflower cake, 1 urea, 1 coke breeze), 3 to discharge (1 clinker, 2 iron ore).
Odessa	12-Nov-2007	Twenty-two vessels in port operating, of which 7 loading (1 ore, 2 metal, 1 timber/metal, 1 coal, 2 wheat), 6 discharging (3 luggage, 1 sugar, 1 meat, 1 citrus), 4 loading/discharging containers, 5 passenger vessels; 4 vessels in roads, of which 1 to load metal, 2 to discharge sugar, 1 to load/discharge containers; 83 vessels due, of which 49 to load (39 metal, 2 pig-iron, 5 wheat, 1 soya, 1 timber, 1 oil), 8 to discharge (2 metal, 2 barley, 1 citrus, 2 bananas, 1 oil), 26 to discharge/load containers.

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