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1. Companies

APL/NEPTUNE ORIENT LINES, Singapore

11/46	Low Freight Rates Affect NOL's Results. Net profit of USD 314 millions for first three quarters. Less than half compared to 2005.
8/33	APL Italy Under Repair at New York. Rudder problems for 2 weeks.
8/31	ZIM-APL Charter Update. Daily rate for post panamaxes USD 37,000/day, not 29,500.
7/30	Zim Newbuilds to be Chartered out to APL. Four 6,350teu ships on five year charter to APL in 2008/2009.

BUSS GROUP, Germany

10/44	Buss Group buys 600,000 Containers. Spent USD 860 million with partner DVB bank.

CMA CGM, France

12/51	Don Giovanni's Fender Bender. In Hamburg CMA CGM Don Giovanni hit the berthed Amalthea/1,260teu while being turned. Bruises only for Don G, repair yard for Amalthea.

12/51	French Line Interested in Taiwanese Carrier? Wan Hai Shipping and Yang Ming Line linked to such proposals. Wan Hai denies engagement.
12/50	Rio Ardeche Launched as CMA CGM Auckland. 2,492teu. Europe-Australia/New Zealand. Round-trip of about three months.
12/50	French-German Alliance Launches New India Loop. CMA CGM, Hamburg Süd, Hapag Lloyd add second loop to Europe/India service. Six 2,500teu ships. CSAV-Norasia to launch similar loop with six 2,800teu ships.
12/50	Otello Returns From Repairs. The 8,488teu ship hit uncharted reef at Xiamen, China, in July. 100 metres of double bottom torn.
12/50	CMA CGM Criticise Slow Port Development. Lengthy planning procedures in Europe and USA. Container handling capacity in Europe need to double over next decade.
11/48	Samho Heavy Delivers CMA CGM Orca. 5,078teu, first of "sea life ships". Seven sisters to follow to PEX-3, too.
11/46	Fishy Names for French Line Ships. First ships of 5,000teu: CMA CGM Blue Whale, Orca, Dolphin, and White Shark. Marlin, Kingfish, Swordfish, and Tarpon to follow.
11/45	CMA CGM Rigoletto's Maiden Voyage. 9,500teu, storm delayed at Hamburg.
10/42	The Big Ones are Getting Even Bigger. Maersk, MSC, and CMA CGM control about one third of the world's capacity. More percentage to MSC and CMA CGM, less to Maersk.
10/41	CMA CGM Carmen Makes European Debut. 8,204teu.
10/41	CMA CGM Chaiman Comments on Jumbo Order. Eight 11,400teu vessels upgraded from 9,700teu. One bay, one row, one tier longer/wider/higher.
10/40	Pari Siamo: Another 9,415teu Ship for the French Line. CMA CGM Rigoletto last of four (Fidelio, Medea, and Noma).
9/39	CMA CGM Norma. New vessel for a new service. More in newsletter 35.
9/38	Jonni Ritscher Delivered as CMA CGM Caribbean. 1,856teu. Sietas.
9/37	CMA CGM Places Jumbo Carrier Record Order. Eight 11,400teu ships from Hyundai HI. 2009/2010.
9/37	L'Amour est un Oiseau Rebelle. CMA CGM Carmen. 8,204teu, seventh of nine. FAL I now upgraded from 6,500 to 8,200teu.
9/37	A late Picture: Hooge. Baltic feeder.
9/36	CMA CGM Don Giovanni Arrives. 8,200teu.
8/35	Hyundai Samho Hands Over CMA CGM Norma. 9,415teu. Sister to Medea. FAL II service.
8/35	Feeder Vessel Hooge Christened. 1,406teu. Baltic Sea feeder upgrade.
8/35	CMA CGM and CSCL Add Super Sling. Eight ships of +9,000teu to FAL II/AEX 7.
8/35	More Mid-Sized Ships for CMA CGM. Five plus four 6,500teu units.

COSCON/CHINA OCEAN SHIPPING's CONTAINER DIVISION

CSAV/COMPANIA SUD AMERICANA DE VAPORES, Chile (CSAV/NORASIA)

10/40 A New Northern Alliance. Eimskip, Lithuania's Kursiu Linija and Finnish Container Finance have joined forces. After buying 100 percent of Kursiu, Eimskip has now taken 65 percent of Containerships Group.

ELBDEICH REEDEREI, Germany

10/40 Elbdeich Delivered to Elbdeich. 724teu feeder for London's Borchard Line.

EMIRATES SHIPPING LINE

10/43 Emirates Shipping's Second Mainline Service. Six ships of 3,100 to 3,400 teu for Far East/India/Gulf loop from November.
7/28 Emirates Shipping Line Plans new service. Asia/India/Middle East.

E.R. SCHIFFAHRT/NORDCAPITAL, Germany

9/38 E.R. Schiffahrt Signs Feeders. Eight feeder vessels at Mawei Shipyard/China.

EVERGREEN MARINE, Taiwan

12/50 Good-Bye Hatsu, Good-Bye Italia Marittima. Now one brand: Evergreen Line.
11/48 Panamaxes for the Evergreen Group: Ital Laguna. 5,089teu. Managed by Greece's Delphic Shipping.
11/48 MHI Launches Ever Strong. Seventh of ten 7,024teu ships from Kobe's Mitsubishi HI. Scheduled delivery March 2007.
8/35 Mitsubishi Delivers Ever Superb. 7,024teu.
7/28 Hatsu Smiles at Hamburg. 7,024teu. New ship.

FESCO

9/39 Bratsk Joins Fesco Fleet. 2,741teu, 22 knots, from Aker/Wismar.

GLOBAL HANSEATIC SHIPPING, Germany

8/34 New Feeder Type: Euro Solid. 801teu, high ice class. One sister plus four to follow.

HAMBURG SÜD, Germany

12/50 French-German Alliance Launches New India Loop. CMA CGM, Hamburg Süd, Hapag Lloyd add second loop to Europe/India service. Six 2,500teu ships. CSAV-Norasia to launch similar loop with six 2,800teu ships.
7/29 Oetker ready for more takeovers. Hamburg-Süd parent has 1.27 Billion USD for acquisitions after FESCO/A-NZ and Ybarra.

HANJIN SHIPPING, South Korea

12/49 Sooho Cho's Death Sparks Speculation. Rumours of Hanjin as a take-over target for family members, or foreign investors.

11/47 Koreans Join Forces Against Foreign Investors. Korea Line and Hanjin Shipping exchanging shares to prevent foreign takeovers.
11/45 Hanjin Port Kelang Visits Northern Europe. Third unit of 6,500teu, 26.5 knots.
11/45 Hanjin Return Senator Ships to Owners. No new charter for eight of Senator's ten 4,554teu P-class vessels.
10/42 Sami Ofer Increases His Stake in Hanjin Shipping. Purchase of 8.7 percent ups stake to 12 percent. Citigroup Inc.'s stake now12.9 percent.
10/40 Hanjin Port Kelang. 6,655teu. High service speed of 26.5 knots.
9/39 Hanjin Budapest Premiers in Northern Europe. 6,555teu.
9/39 Hanjin Sells Off Terminal Share. 40 percent stake in Japanese, US-American and Taiwanese terminal interests to Macquarie Korea.
9/37 Hanjin Budapest Delivered. Second of class.
8/35 Hanjin 10,000teu Ships Update. Five units signed with Samsung HI.
8/34 Hanjin Bremerhaven's Maiden Call. 6,655teu, first of eight.
8/32 Hanjin to Join 10,000teu League. Five units from Samsung.
7/29 Hanjin Bremerhaven Christened. 6,622teu. 27 knots.

HAPAG-LLOYD, Germany

12/50 French-German Alliance Launches New India Loop. CMA CGM, Hamburg Süd, Hapag Lloyd add second loop to Europe/India service. Six 2,500teu ships. CSAV-Norasia to launch similar loop with six 2,800teu ships.
10/43 Stocznia Gdansk Hands Over Passat Spring. 2,732teu ship for Passat Schiffahrt, trades for Hapag-Lloyd.
10/42 Hapag-Lloyd to Start West Africa Loop. Two 1,000teu ships will link Dakar and Tema with ports in Northern Europe.
9/36 Hapag-Lloyd Shelves African Plans. No Euope/South Africa service. Instead slot chartering from MSC.
8/35 Rumblings at TUI. Poor performance have put parent TUI under pressure.
8/31 Toronto Express. Photo of former CP Venture.
7/28 Hapag-Lloyd adds African Loop. Northern Europe/South Africa with four ships in the autumn.

HYUNDAI MERCHANT MARINE, South Korea

12/50 K-Line and Hanjin Exchange Stocks. Three percent swop in order to intensify partnership. CKYH alliance.
10/42 Hyundai Tokyo at Hamburg. Fourth 6,800teu unit.
9/37 Hyundai Garnet Grounds in the Panama Canal. 4,400teu. Failure of steering gear.
8/35 Another European Debut. Hyundai Hong Kong. 6,800teu.
8/31 (Yet Another) Hyundai update. Renewing fleet of Asia-Europe. Stakeholder battle. To add 200,000teu of vessel capacity.
7/30 Hyundai Hong Kong. 6,800teu. Third vessel.

11/47	New Jumbo Ship Skips Bremerhaven Call. Due to gale force winds Estelle Maersk continued to Rotterdam. First wind by-pass by ML.
11/46	L-205 to be launched as Eleonora Maersk. First Eleonora was a 16,500-tonne-tanker built in Germany in 1936.
11/45	It's Sweeps Month at Maersk Line. Apart from selling vessels for scrap ML has sold five ex PONL ships to Hong Kong interests.
10/44	Maersk Bentonville. The B-class 4,300teu/30 knot ship soon to be delivered. Bridge amidships. Two Bentonvilles in the United States.
10/44	E-Class Teething Troubles. Two weeks delay for Estelle Maersk due to problems with propeller shaft bearings.
10/44	Corrected. First Hanjin 6,500teu Marchen Maersk, not Margrethe.
10/43	Maersk to Ship Cars in Containers. Favourable for low-volume models and serving smaller markets.
10/42	Maersk Will Sell Off M-classes. Four 1989-built ships to Seaspan with 5-year charter back.
10/42	The Big Ones are Getting Even Bigger. Maersk, MSC, and CMA CGM control about one third of the world's capacity. More percentage to MSC and CMA CGM, less to Maersk.
10/42	Estelle Maersk Has Left Odense Shipyard. Second 13,500teu unit.
10/41	Maersk to Invest USD 30 Billion. 15 billion for APM Terminals, and 15 billion for a massive fleet expansion.
10/40	Maersk Service Upgrades. Quite a handful of changes mainly to Asia/Europe services. Faster and larger ships, new port rotation.
9/39	New Small Ships for Maersk Line. Seven 1,800teu chartered from Cido Shipping for intra-Asian services. Four 1,800teu ships ordered at Dalian.
9/38	Maersk: E-Class Loop to be revamped. Eight 13,500teu behemoths in new dedicated service. Class grows: 14,878teu/AXS Liner estimate. Technical details.
9/37	Estelle Maersk. Second 13,500teu unit.
9/37	Maersk Dryden Delivered. 5,040teu. Second unit for Reederei Patjens.
9/37	Emma Arrives at Bremerhaven. Loading 3,000 containers for the Far East.
9/36	Maersk Presents Disappointing Results. Larger-than-expected loss of DKK 3.7 billion. Existing tonnage not exploited adequately.
9/36	More Panamax Ships for K-Line and Maersk. K-Line: four 4,800teu ships. Two 3,100teu units for Maersk (five and six of type to Maersk).
9/36	Will There be a New Super Loop? Six first Jumbos to new express service Europe/Far East? Further E-types to transpacific express sling?
8/35	Emma is Early. Enters AE1 a week earlier than planned.
8/34	Maersk Baltimore at Rotterdam. Stralsund B-Class, 29 knots.
8/34	Emma Heads for Sea Trials. Seven tugs assisted. Yard's future still in limbo.

8/33 Emma Maersk Christened. The bells ring for an entirely new scale of ships. Estimated around 14,500teu. Other records.
8/32 Maersk Guernsey. 4,300teu. Four more to follow for Safmarine.
8/32 Maersk Dryden Delivered. 5,040teu. Second of four Patjens ships.
8/32 Safmarine Agulhas Declared Structural Loss. Now a wreck at East London/South Africa.
8/31 Volkswerft Delivers Second B-Class. 4,300teu. High speed, shallow draught.
8/31 Ocean's Eleven. Maersk and Safmarine add twelfths string to West Africa. Algeciras/Dakar/Abidjan. Three 1,650teu ships.
7/30 Poor Chances for Safmarine Agulhas. Condition deteriorating quickly.
7/30 Swap Shop Maersk. AE7 from Hamburg to Bremerhaven. AE9 from Bremerhaven to Hamburg.
7/28 New Deckhouse for L-203. Heavily damaged deckhouse to be lifted off and replaced by L-204 deckhouse.
6/27 Safmarine Agulhas Aground. Lost all engine power half a mile from the port of East London, South Africa. Grounded on breakwater.
6/27 Maersk Cuts Outlook. Net result for 2006 40% down. Increased bunker costs and reduced rates could alter the forecast.
6/26 Maersk Drummond. 5,040teu. First of four.

MOL/MITSUI O.S.K. LINES, Japan

10/43 Mitsui Places More Orders. MOL close to signing four 6,500teu ships from Mitsubishi HI. MOL order pipeline.
10/40 MOL Prosperity Delivered. 6,350teu, eights of class.
8/33 Koyo Hands Over MOL Prestige. 6,350teu.

MSC/MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY, Switzerland

12/49 Panamax MSC Leigh Delivered. 4,860teu. Second of six. Later seven more sisters to follow. Med-US Gulf service.
11/48 MSC Vittoria on Her Maiden Voyage. 8,089teu for Lion Express loop, now only one ship short of being all super post panamax.
11/47 MSC Reaches One Million Teu Slots. Includes owned, long-term and short-term chartered vessels. In 2010 a capacity of 1.35 million teu.
11/46 Corrected. MSC ranks second, not third in the industry.
11/45 MSC Heidi's Maiden Voyage.8,400teu. Lion Express.
11/45 MSC Negotiate Supercarrier Order. Top end of order book now includes 18 ships of +9,500teu. Negotiates to up size of some vessels to 12,000 to 13,000teu. Will have to fit Antwerp.
10/44 MSC Olga's European Premiere. 5,089teu panamax. Northern Europe-South Africa sling.
10/43 New MSC Joanna Replaces Silvana on the Silk Express. 9,178teu. Silvana probably to the Lion service. Silk Express port rotation is a bit of a mystery.

NSC Schiffahrtsgesellschaft, Germany

NYK/NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Japan

UNIFEEDER, Denmark

11/47 New Chinese-Built Feeder: RBD Alexa, 698teu.

WAN HAI, Taiwan

9/37 Wan Hai and PIL to upgrade European Loop. New 4,250teu vessels to be phased in on Far East/Europe adding 50 percent capacity.

YANG MING, Taiwan

12/51 Koyo Dockyard Hands Over YM Los Angeles. Second of two 5,000teu units. Together with sister YM Los Angeles on Transpacific SPW-4 sling.

11/48 Koyo Dockyard Hands Over YM New Jersey. 5,000teu panamax. SP4 transpacific service. This is presently being downsized from post panamaxes.

11/47 YM Utmost and YM Unison. Unison: 8,200teu, third unit. Earlier sister Utmost premiered at Hamburg in mid-November.

10/42 Yang Ming Receives YM Utmost. Second of four 8,204teu units. AES service.

9/38 YM Unity Makes Her European Debut. 8,200teu. Three sisters to follow.

8/33 Hyundai HI Delivers YM Unity.

8/33 Fire Onboard YM Green. Off Malaysian coast. Returned to Singapore.

ZIM, Israel

9/37 ZIM Update. Fleet expansion programme and order spree more than double capacity. Present fleet including charters: 54 ships of 160,000teu capacity. 33 additional ships of 196,000teu.

9/37 TNSW Delivers Nona. 2,702teu. Mediterranean/USEC for Zim.

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2. Alliances

CKYH (COSCON/K-LINE/YANG MING/HANJIN SHIPPING)

9/39 CKYH Cancels Loop but Ups Capacity. Asia/Europe services down from seven to six in preparation for larger ships.

GRAND ALLIANCE (HAPAG-LLOYD/ MISC BERHAD/ NYK/OOCL)

8/32 Grand Alliance and TNWA Start Joint Service. Far East/US East Coast. Weekly service of eight 3,500teu ships.

THE NEW WORLD ALLIANCE (APL/Mitsui OSK Lines/Hyundai MM)

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3. Ports

11/48	Two Bitter Pills for Antwerp. K-Line/Yang Ming's AE-1 service and CSAV-Norasia India sling will not call Antwerp. The shipping lines of CKYH maybe to Rotterdam's Euromax facility.
11/47	Gothenburg: Problems with Maersk's E-Class Giants. Three new super post panamax gantries not ready for Emma Maersk's second call.
11/46	Containership-Info Special: Shanghai. 25-page autumn special: **Port Development in the Greater Shanghai Region.** Includes a thorough description of all existing container terminals at Shanghai, Taicang, Ningbo, and Yang Shan plus port and infrastructure development projects. Available for downloads in the "miscellaneous" section of the website.
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11/45	Malaysia's Kelang Grows at Record Speed. New Westport and older Northport has biggest growth rate in the region. 2006 Q1-3 volumes up 26 percent. OOCL, Hapag-Lloyd, China Shipping, CMA CGM call.
10/44	HWWI Study Forecasts Port Growth. Rotterdam Europe's #1 until 2030. Hamburg's total turnover by 2030 around 528 million tons. Volume of container handling in Europe to mutiply by 6 by 2030. Free pdf-file.
10/42	Indonesia's Mega Port Plans. Container hub with 2,500m berth and 15 (25 later) gantries on Sabang/Ache province.
9/36	Chinese Shippers Plan Direct Calls at Gothenburg. Coscon and CSCL in talks about direct calls of Asia/Europe loops.
8/35	New Gantries for Bremerhaven and Gothenburg. Three 23 rows gantries for Gothenburg, two for the APM Terminal at Bremerhaven.
8/33	North by North West. New Canadian container port at Prince Rupert: Fairview Container Terminal. 500,000teu rising to 2 million teu.
8/31	Antwerp Performance. First half Asia-Europe volumes only rose by 2%. Intra-European trade up by 15%.
8/31	Hamburg Performance. First half up 10.7% to record 4.2m. Baltic transhipment boxes recorded a 32.3% gain.
7/30	Israel Closes Lebanese Ports. Cancelled calls, ships to anchor off the port.
7/29	Shanghai's Boxes Boom. 10.1 million teu in first half 2006. Up 18%.
7/29	Container Lines Avoid Santos. Widespread strike actions.

7/28 Who will operate Port 2000 remaining berths? Shipping companies to be preferred. CMA CGM and Maersk have three berths each.

4. Shipyards

12/51 Ship Type Portrait: Hanjin Heavy's Panamax Vessels. A total of 25 units delivered until today. Eleven on order and more contracts likely to follow.

11/46 Boxship Deliveries Boost Hyundai Heavy. Net profit of USD 214 millions in third quarter. 39 container vessels in year to date.

11/46 Jiangsu Yangzijiang Bags Panamax Orders. A reputation for well-constructed, high quality ships and punctual deliveries especially among German shipowners. Series from 1,120 to 4,250teu.

11/45 Thyssen-Krupp Yards Six Ship Order. Six 3,470teu units for Kiel and Emden.

10/41 Chengxi and Jiangnan Bag Up German Orders. Hansa Treuhand, NSC Schiffahrt, Karl Schlüter.

10/41 Hyundai HI Buys Into Steel Mill. 20-percent stake in Chinese steel mill with a capacity of 1.5 million tons. South Korea's largest steel producer, Pohang, plan to take over Daewoo Shipbuilding.

10/41 Subic Bay Update. Hanjin HI. Even before the yard is finished it holds orders of twelve panamax containerships.

10/40 Portrait: STX Shipbuilding. With a history of more than 40 years STX delivered the first South Korean built containership in 1973. Several German box-ship orders. Capacity 700,000 tdw by 2008.

9/39 Pipervav: From Breaking Ships to Building Ships. Due to lack of breaking business two large docks to be converted to building business. Orderbook: ten 3,400teu and eight 1,800teu ships.

9/38 Shanghai Chengxi on the Fast Lane. Chinese record: construction process 54 days for a 3,500teu ship for German interests.

9/37 Chinese Shipyard Capacity Set to Explode. Three large shipyards to be built at Bohai Bay plus network of suppliers for advanced ship accessories. In 2005 12 million dwt built in China, 18 percent of world total.

8/35 3,500teu Ships: Shanghai Chengxi's Success Story. 22 units in pipeline.

8/33 More German Orders in China. Oltmann Verwaltung, Karl Schlüter, and Norddeutsche Vermögen.

8/32 Another Sietas Feeder: Euphoria. 868teu. For Foroohari Schiffahrt, Stade.

7/28 More orders for a non-existent shipyard. More container ship orders for Hanjin HI's Subic Bay, Philippines, yard.

6/27 Hudong inks China's first foreign order for +8,000teu ships. Greek Costamare Shipping orders four 8,250teu ships Hudong Shipbuilding, Shanghai.
6/27 More German Orders for Daewoo Mangalia. Gebab Holding and Conti Holding take two CC4900 each from the Black Sea yard.

5. Terminals

12/51 DP World Sell Their Terminals in the United States. Terminals and stevedoring operations sold voluntarily to AIG Global Investment Group due to Washington protests over Arab ownership.
12/50 Second Terminal Opened at Yang Shan Port. Four berths, 1,400 metres of quay, for largest ships in service. Annual capacity three million teu. More in the Newsletter's Shanghai Autumn Special. Phase three possibly to PSA/Singapore and APMT. Map/Yang Shan.
12/49 Oman International Container Terminal. On northern coast. Joint venture of port of Sohar, HPH, and Steinweg. Annual capacity 800,000teu, four super post panamax gantries.
11/48 OOIL Sell off US Terminals. The mother company of OOCL has sold four north American container facilities to Canadian interests.
11/47 APM Buy Dunkirk Box Terminal. Partners CMA CGM and Port of Dunkirk. The Nord France Terminal in 2005: 200,000teu.
11/46 Eurogate Wants to Bid for HHLA Stake. Part-privatisation by seeking to sell 49.9 percent of HHLA. HHLA investment plans of EUR 1.2 billion in the next few years.
10/44 Bremerhaven Opens First CT4 Berth. Until 2008, the EUR 500 million project will add a total of 1,600m of quay.
10/43 Construction Starts on Pasir Panjang Extension. Three new large berths of 16 to come. In 2011 PP's annual capacity 18 million teu. Total capacity of Singapore will then reach 34 million teu. By 2018 up to 50 million teu.
10/42 Jumbo Order for Da Chan. Shenzhen's new terminal will add 2.5 million teu capacity. Twelve twin-lift (4 teu) gantries and 30 rubber-tyred stacking yard gantry cranes.
10/41 Yantian's Record Performance. Ten super large gantries unloaded Emma Maersk's 6,521 teu within only 11 hours. Mostly empties.
10/41 APMT Opens Zeebrügge Terminal. Capacity one million teu, upped to two million when finished. Shanghai International Port Group holds a 40-percent share in the terminal.
10/40 Hamburg: CTB Rail Terminal Opened. State-owned operator HHLA rebuilds the city's largest terminal, the Burchardkai (CTB). Three tracks to be added to the present eight. Terminal capacity up to 5.2 million teu.

6. Trade Lanes

7. General

newsletters of a total of 279 pages, a number of special reports and various downloads, and more than 4,500 ship photos uploaded to our vessel galleries until mid-December.

12/51 Containership-Info Takes a Holiday Break. No newsletter for weeks 52/2006 and 1/2007. Thanks to all our readers and contributors for their interest in our website, our photographs, and our weekly container newsletter. Individual acknowledgements to named contributors and photographers, - and to those who have chosen to remain nameless.

12/49 Recent Deliveries: Small and Mid-Sized Ships. List of 34 vessels.

11/48 New Feeders From Spain. The 925teu Taipan soon ready for German Komrowski. High ice class – thus likely for the Baltic feeder services.

11/48 Plastic Producer Moves Into Container Business. Formosa Plastic (Taiwan) charters two new 1,118teu German owned ships.

11/47 India Booms But Ports Lack Capacity. Tremendous growth of the economy, boosted imports and exports, weak transport infrastructure, new projects delayed by India's infamous bureaucracy, and many regional Governments in constant struggle with each other.

11/46 Australian Monkey Business. Monkey running loose aboard container ship has to be catched or killed before call at Sydney.

11/46 Hyundai to Build Own Steel Mill. USD 5.3 billion. Annual capacity in 2010 seven million tonnes.

11/46 Containership-Info Special: Shanghai. 25-page autumn special: **Port Development in the Greater Shanghai Region.** Includes a thorough description of all existing container terminals at Shanghai, Taicang, Ningbo, and Yang Shan plus port and infrastructure development projects. Available for downloads in the "miscellaneous" section of the website.

11/45 Containerships Sold for Scrap. Finally vessels are being sold for scrap again. CMA CGM and Maersk Line dispose of oldies.

11/45 Scrapped Vessels in the Containership-Info Database. Tagged "scrapped" under last name carried in regular service.

11/45 Panama Canal Extension Puts Ports on the Spot. Project's effect on world shipping. 8,000teu units might trade the canal. Most North American ports not ready for this (apart from Pacific ports). Only New York and New Jersey takes 13.70m ships. New Virginia deepwater container port of APMT at Portsmouth has 15m draught clearance.

11/45 Rokia Delmas Update. A 20 metre crack in the hull postpones salvage operations.

10/44 Containership Involved in Mississipi Collision. Total loss of power caused Heidelberg Express/2,803teu of Hapag-Lloyd to collide with bulk carrier Yerotsakos/69,220 dwt. No injuries/pollution.

10/44 Containership on Fire. Silina burned out in the Med.

10/44 Rokia Delmas Grounding. Following main engine blackout the ship drifted aground in the approaches of the port of La Rochelle/France.