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1. Companies

ACL/ATLANTIC CONTAINER LINE/GRIMALDI, Italy

6/26 ACL to Move Service to Hamburg. From 2008 transatlantic service from Bremerhaven to Hamburg's Unikai terminal (owned 49 percent by Grimaldi).

APL, Singapore (NOL) (member of The New World Alliance)

11/46 APL Austria Delivered. 6,300teu. Charter passed on from Mitsui OSK.

11/45 APL Norway's First Voyage. 6,350teu.

11/45 APL France on Her Maiden Voyage. 8,600teu.

10/41 MOL Celebration Delivered as **APL's Flagship**. APL France, 8,100teu. Bought or chartered from Mitsui?.

10/41 Koyo Delivers APL Norway. 6,350teu. Ex Mitsui. South China Express Service.

8/35 Super Diesels for APL Jumbos. Most powerful marine diesels ordered for eight 10,000teu units. The MAN B&W design will be rated at 85.75 MW (present world record at 81.28 MW).

7/30 Order Book Update. Eight (possibly ten) ships of about 10,000teu from Hyundai and Daewoo by 2011. Intentions to build ten ships of 8,000teu.

5/21 APL Launches Suez Express Loop. Linking Asian ports to US east coast.

BUSS GROUP, Germany

1/2 Buss Group Mega Order. Reportedly close to sign for 20 1,500teu ships at the comparatively unknown Chinese Zhejiang Ouhua shipyard. Previous Buss orders to the yard include 15 972teu feeders and 12 1,284teu ships.

CMA CGM, France

12/51 Hanjin HI Hands Over CMA CGM Chateau d'If. The Coscon vessel (Cosco Charleston) chartered to CMA CGM for the Bosphorus Express service. Capacity on the BEX increased by 25 percent recently, - and more to come.

12/50 December Fender Benders. CMA CGM Eiffel grounded in the Suez Canal stopping convoy. No major damage.

12/50 CMA CGM Buys US Line. Another take over of a smaller carrier. US Line transports 100,000teu in 2007. The acquisition will strengthen the position on the Pacific.

12/49 CMA CGM Buys Into New Terminal. Investing USD 309 in a container terminal at Xiamen, China. The Haicang port will enter service in 2009. Today the company holds stakes in 16 terminals or terminal development projects.

12/49 Monte Tamaro: Ham'Süd's New Crew Training Ship. 5,558teu. First of ten from the Daewoo Group. Dedicated training equipment and additional student accommodation. Initially on charter to **CMA CGM**.

12/49 Cosco Norfolk Handed Over as **CMA CGM Alcazar**. 5,060teu. BEX Far East – Black Sea service.

11/47 Hyundai Hands Over CMA CGM Tarpon. 5,042teu. Last of eight. Four more sister ships from a later order to follow. PEX-3 sling.

11/45 CMA CGM Subsidiary Goes Public. Global Ship Lease on the New York Stock Market. Most likely CMA CGM intends to sell a part of its fleet to Global Ship Lease and charter the vessels back.

10/41 Big Ship Orders Keep Pouring In. CMA CGM added a ninth 12,600teu unit to Daewoo order.

9/38 CMA CGM Swordfish Delivered. 5,078teu. PEX-3 service.

8/32 Cosco Panamax to Trade for French Line? Two panamaxes chartered to CMA CGM. Cosco Boston now CMA CGM Scala. Last two of series reportedly sold to the French.

7/30 Selected Vessel Deliveries. CMA CGM Kingfish. 5,042teu.

6/25 High Aspirations. Vessel pipeline; in 2011 320 ships of a capacity of approx. 1.35 million teu.

6/24 Sky's the Limit: Super order for Daewoo Shipbuilding. Eight 12,600teu vessels (2009-2010) plus 8 (10) 9,200teu. World container fleet to grow by about 15% this year.

- 6/23 Order for eight 3,600teu units from Hanjin/Subic Bay (refer to ship yards).
- 5/18 CMA CGM White Shark Delivered. Fourth of eight 5,040teu panamax. The PEX3 trans-Panama to be boosted by 60%. American Wall-Mart accounts for 90% of the capacity.
- 3/11 Cape Fulmar Delivered. 1,440teu ship. Baltic Feeder services for CMA CGM.
- 3/10 French Line Prepares CNC Takeover. USD 159 million offer accepted by CNC Line. CNC's route network in the Malaysia/Japan area.
- 2/9 MSC and CMA CGM Opt for Super Jumbos. Capacity increases for up to 16 vessels each from South Korean shipyards. From around 9,600teu to around 11,000teu by 2010.
- 2/9 New Laeisz Ship Launches Nemo. The new 2,742teu Pona/**CMA CGM Copernic** inaugurated the new Nemo-service at Hamburg. Eventually 13 ships for this peculiarly long Northern Europe-Australia/New Zealand-loop.
- 2/7 New Europe/Australia/New Zealand Loop by CMA CGM. Nemo-service.
- 2/6 CMA CGM Announce Vasco Express. South America/the Arab Gulf/the Red Sea/India/South Africa. Vessel size from 1,700 to 1,850teu.
- 1/5 CMA CGM Dolphin Delivered. 5,040teu panamax for Asia/US east coast.
- 1/4 The French Line Linked to Cheng Lie Takeover. Speculation has been growing over a possible takeover of Taiwanese shipping company Cheng Lie Navigation by CMA CGM. CLN operates ten vessels, of which nine chartered.
- 1/3 New Vessel: CMA CGM Blue Whale. Second "sealife" ship. PEX3 sling which links southern and eastern Chinese port with the US east coast via Panama.
- 1/3 HHI Shrugs at French Proposal. No upgrade of eight 11,400teu vessels to 13,000teu. Not possible due to limited width of docks.
- 1/2 EPIC II Fleet Line-up Announced. CMA CGM Tulip and CMA CGM Rose introduced in CMA CGM, Hapag-Lloyd, and Hamburg Süd's Eupope/India-service. 2,824teu standard design ships.

COSCON/CHINA OCEAN SHIPPING's CONTAINER DIVISION (member of CKYH Alliance)

- 12/51 New Ships Under the Christmas Tree. Cosco Europe. Second 10,046teu unit from Hyundai.
- 12/51 Hanjin HI Hands Over CMA CGM Chateau d'If. The **Coscon** vessel (Cosco Charleston) chartered to CMA CGM for the Bosphorus Express service. Capacity on the BEX increased by 25 percent recently, - and more to come.
- 12/49 Cosco Norfolk Handed Over as CMA CGM Alcazar. 5,060teu. BEX Far East - Black Sea service.

- 11/46 Hanjin Ship Hits Bridge in San Francisco. **Cosco Busan**/5,447teu, on charter to Coscon, hit concrete fender of pylon. Heavy damage to the ship causing leak of bunker oil. Pilot on board.
- 11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Coscon close to signing 16 ships + four options of 4,250teu at Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding. This yard has been extremely successful with its new 4,250teu design. New yard complex is being built.
- 9/38 Hanjin Heavy Hands Over Cosco New York. Second 5,060teu unit from Pusan.
- 9/38 HHI Order: Seaspan Inks Jumbo Octet. Eight 13,100teu ships for Seaspan in 2011. Twelve years charter to Coscon.
- 9/36 A First Glimpse of Cosco Asia. 10,062teu, first of four from HHI. Largest non-Maersk container vessel. In Hamburg after 20 days non-stop from Yantian.
- 8/32 Will Seaspan Order ULCS for Coscon?. The Canadians close to sign eight 12,500teu ships possibly for Coscon. If so, Erck Rickmers set of 13,100teu ships might go to Maersk together with a series of ships from Bertram Rickmers.
- 8/32 Cosco Panamax to Trade for French Line? Two panamaxes chartered to CMA CGM. Cosco Boston now CMA CGM Scala. Last two of series reportedly sold to the French.
- 7/31 Cosco Asia Christened. 10,046teu. First of four. Five similar-sized ships from Nantong in 2008 and 2009. The Shanghai-based carrier will also take delivery of eight 8,200teu ships, thirteen 5,100-5,700teu ships, plus possibly the eight 13,100teu ships from Erck Rickmers (7/31: "Eight Jumbos for Hamburg's E.R.Schiffahrt")
- 5/19 Coscon and Evergreen Boost European Loop's Capacities. Coscon to introduce four 7,455teu vessels.

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

- 8/35 Hamburg's Döhle Signs More Jumbos at Samsung. Fixed four 366-metre leviathans plus options for additional four with Samsung. Four of the first batch of ULCS possibly sold to **CSAV**. Other CSAV rumours.
- 8/34 CSAV Turns to Taiwan for Jumbo Quartet. Four 12,000teu units from Kaohsiung. One in 2009, one in 2010, the rest in 2011.
- 8/32 CSAV Might Opt for Jumbo Quartet. Four 12,500teu ships to be ordered. Also boosting mid-sized capacity by several charter deals.
- 2/7 Puelche Christened at Hamburg. 6,539teu/Hyundai built/Peter Döhle owned.
- 1/3 Puelche Delivered. Last of six 6,500teu sister vessels.
- 1/2 Selected Holiday Premiers. Petrohue. 6,500teu.
- 1/2 Palena Delivered. Fifth 6,500teu unit. Ten weeks ahead of schedule.

CSCL/CHINA SHIPPING CONTAINER LINE, PRC

- 11/47 Xin Ou Zhou Delivered. 8,500teu. Second unit of five from Hudong Zhonghua/Shanghai.
- 10/43 CSCL Plans Shanghai Listing. Will issue up to a fifth of its enlarged share capital before the end of this year (some 1.4 billion USD). Fleet expansion will boost capacity with 45% to 630,000teu until 2012.
- 9/39 CSCL Plans Third Asia to Northern Europe Loop. Awaiting a sufficient number of available 5,600teu bottoms. Recently booster ships/extra loaders used to handle fast-growing cargo volumes.
- 9/38 Xin Ya Zhou Delivered. 8,530teu. First-ever Chinese built +8,500teu ship.
- 9/37 New Black Sea Service to be Launched. Asia/Black Sea Express by China Shipping/4 units of 4,250teu, and K Line, Yang Ming plus Zim with 1 similar unit each. From October/2007.
- 8/33 CSCL Signs Jumbos at Samsung. Eight 13,296teu leviathans from Samsung. 2011/2012.
- 8/32 CSCL Long Beach Premieres. At Hamburg.
- 6/26 CSCL Long Beach Completes Jumbo Octet. 9,580teu. Seaspan owned.
- 5/21 Xin Beijing's European Debut. New vessel: seventh of eight 9,600teu units from Samsung. AEX-1 Asia Express.
- 5/20 China Shipping Enters Containership Construction. To build mid-sized ships.
- 4/17 Xin Beijing Delivered. 9,600teu.
- 4/17 CSCL Zeebrugge on Her First European Round-Trip. Sister to Xin Beijing.
- 3/12 CSCL Zeebrugge Handed Over. The 9,580teu ship originates from Samsung's Koje Island shipyard; owned by Canadian Seaspan.
- 3/11 New Ship: Xin Hong Kong. Second 9,600teu ship for CSCL's standalone Asia-Europe AEX1-service.
- 3/11 CSCL Launches Container Trains. Alliance with China Railways Container Transportation. Cost reduced by one third for +300 km inland.
- 2/7 Samsung Hands Over Xin Hong Kong. Fifth of eight 9,600teu.
- 1/2 Selected Holiday Premieres. CSCL Le Havre. 9,580teu. FAL-2 loop.

DANAOS SHIPPING, Greece

- 11/48 A Roundup of the Most Recent Orders. Three 10,070teu units signed for 2012. Danaos' pipeline 44 ships of 332,000teu.
- 11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Danaos is rumoured to negotiate three 10,000teu ships for Hanjin.
- 10/42 Danaos Adds ULCS. Four additional 12,500/13,100teu units in 2011 for a – not confirmed - charter with Hyundai MM.

- 9/38 Danaos is the Mystery Owner. Five jumbos from HHI in 2010 for charter to Hyundai Merchant Marine.
- 7/30 Order Book Update. Four 6,800teu upgraded to four 8,400teu ships.
- 4/16 Danaos Continue Order Spree. Danaos order book.
- 3/12 Danaos Finally Orders Boxships From Chinese Shipyard. Four 5,700teu units.
- 3/10 Danaos Order Pending On Yang Ming's Decision. Order for four 6,800teu vessels might have gone cold/discarded since YM no longer wants the ships.

DÖHLE, Germany

- 8/35 Hamburg's Döhle Signs More Jumbos at Samsung. Fixed four 366-metre leviathans plus options for additional four with Samsung. Four of the first batch of ULCS possibly sold to CSAV. Other CSAV rumours.
- 5/19 Döhle Confirms Supercarrier Order. Eight 12,600teu vessels to be built at Samsung. Ordered charter-free (black hull/orange coloured funnel?)
- 4/17 Döhle Eyes Samsung Supercarrier Order. New class of 12,000teu vessels.

E.R. SCHIFFFAHRT/NORDCAPITAL GROUP, Germany

- 7/31 Eight Jumbos for Hamburg's E.R. Schiffahrt. Eight 13,100teu units from Hyundai HI. 2010/2011. No charter confirmed, possibly COSCON. Split design with forward deckhouse.

EVERGREEN MARINE, Taiwan

- 12/49 Evergreen to Charter Niki's Latest ULCS? Rumoured to have signed up to eleven jumbo bottoms with Niki Group, Greece. 12,600teu or 11,000teu? Evergreen and Zim to launch a joint Asia to Europe sling early 2008. Gradually to be upgraded to ULCS of 12,600teu.
- 11/48 GL Statement Sparks Big Boat Rumours. **Evergreen** to finally go ahead and charter eight or nine ultra large ships?. Germanischer Lloyd/Hamburg claimed that one set of ordered vessels would not be 12,500teu, but 14,600teu units (for MSC?).
- 10/42 Will Evergreen Change Its Mind? Media reports: Evergreen is definitely hunting for 12,000teu or larger tonnage in spite of chairman Chang Yung-Fa's previous statements.
- 10/42 Mitsubishi's Delivers Penultimate Ever S-Class. Ever Safety. Apart from the final vessel Ever Salute no more Evergreens from Mitsubishi.
- 9/37 Mitsubishi Hands Over Ever Safety. 7,024teu. Seventh of eight. High environmental standards. Southern China/US west coast.

- 9/36 Evergreen's Future Plans. Group chairman Dr. Chang Yung-Fa informed about the fleet expansion programme and the new shipyard (350,000 tonne dock/2011) in mainland China. 60-100 new ships needed within the next couple of years. The chairman prefers ships of 6,000teu. The sales department requested 8,000teu.
- 7/30 Ever Summit on Her Maiden Voyage. 7,024teu. Hamburg first call with a near-capacity load. Two sisters to follow later this year.
- 6/25 New vessel: Ever Summit. 7,024teu. Eight of ten.
- 5/20 Evergreen to Serve Southern Germany via the Med (Trieste).
- 5/19 Coscon and Evergreen Boost European Loop's Capacities. Evergreen redeploys eight 7,000teu vessels to their second Asia-Europe service (China-Europe-Shuttle).
- 5/18 Ital Lirica Delivered. Third 5,060teu unit for Delphic Shipping to operate under Evergreen's subsidiary Italia Marittima in spite of Evergreen's single brand decision.
- 4/14 Evergreen Adds Strength with Ever Strong. Seventh of ten 7,024teu units.
- 2/8 New Ship: Ital Liberia. Second of four 5,060teu panamaxs from Hyundai. Still blue house colours of subsidiary Italia Marittima.
- 1/2 Ever Steady. 7,024teu, sixth unit of ten.

HAMBURG SÜD, Germany

- 12/49 Monte Tamaro: Ham'Süd's New Crew Training Ship. 5,558teu. First of ten from the Daewoo Group. Dedicated training equipment and additional student accommodation. Initially on charter to CMA CGM.
- 11/46 Hamburg Süd Takes Over Costa Container Line. CCL 2006 volume of 360,000teu with focus on the Med, Central America, and South American east coast.
- 9/36 Hamburg Süd to Buy Costa Container Line? CCL operating 30 mid-sized vessels between the Western Med and the Americas. A neatly fit into HS's route network.
- 3/11 Ham'Süd Update Trident Service. Six additional vessels of 2,500 to 2,800teu to be introduced. Trident sling partially covers similar destinations as CMA CGM's Nemo service.
- 2/7 Impressive Pipeline for Hamburg Süd. From six 1,819teu ships to five (+1) 6,000teu vessels. 30 new ships/+75 percent capacity until 2010 not counting possible termination of charter contracts.
- 1/5 Daewoo Mangalia Wins Hamburg Süd Order. The five 6,000teu ships are to be built at the Romanian yard at Mangalia/Black Sea and delivered first half of 2010. High reefer capacity.
- 1/4 Ham'Süd, Maersk Line and NYK Enter Cooperation. Joint service between Asia, South Africa and South America. Three present strings replaced with two new integrated loops. String One operated with ten 3,500teu ships, String Two will employ ten 2,500teu vessels.

1/2 Ham'Süd Orders 6,500teu Quintet. Five plus 1 option 6,000teu vessels (2009/2010). 60-percent ownership position to be maintained.

HANJIN, South Korea (member of CKYH Alliance)

12/51 HHI Delivers Hanjin Mumbai and Hanjin Shenzhen. 6,622teu. Service speed 26.5 knots. The last of the eight vessels to follow in February.

11/46 Hanjin Ship Hits Bridge in San Francisco. Cosco Busan/5,447teu, on charter to Coscon, hit concrete fender of pylon. Heavy damage to the ship causing leak of bunker oil. Pilot on board.

11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Danaos is rumoured to negotiate three 10,000teu ships for Hanjin.

11/44 Senator, Hanjin, and UASC to Launch CNX. China North Express in late November.

9/39 Hanjin Gothenburg in Bohai Collision. The 5,441teu ship collided with the Chinese 35,340tdw bulker Chang Tong. No fatalities or injuries.

7/30 Order Book Update. Unnamed shipping line has signed five 8,500teu units for 2010. Might be Hanjin.

5/20 Hanjin Speaks Out on Fleet Deployment Plans. No upgrade of European slings partly due to lack of suitable tonnage. Five 10,000teu vessels on Pacific in 2010. Misjudged market development and hesitated opting for +7,500teu.

4/17 Hanjin Orders 9,200teu Quintet.

3/12 Hanjin Tianjin Premieres. Fourth unit of 6,500teu. Up to 26.5 knots.

3/11 Hanjin Xiamen Delivered. 6,655teu. 26.5 knots.

2/7 New Vessel: Hanjin Tianjin. 6,500teu.

2/6 Ofer Sells Hanjin Shares. 7.26 percent of Hanjin stock sold to unknown investor for USD 115 million.

HAPAG-LLOYD, Germany (member of Grand Alliance)

11/45 Hanover Express Christened at Hamburg. 8,750teu. Hyundai-built. Colombo Express class.

9/39 There's Life in the Old Dog Yet. Frankfurt Express sold for scrap recently now sold again and chartered to MSC as MSC Athina. Previous world record holder.

9/38 Hyundai Heavy Delivers Hanover Express. 8,750teu. Fourteen additional ships of the type ordered.

8/34 Transatlantic Vessel Swap. OOCL and Hapag-Lloyd swap vessels on joint GE-1 and GE-2 services (Europe/Canada).

7/30 Order Book Update. Ten 8,750teu vessels at Hyundai in 2010.

6/25 Good Bye, Frankfurt Express (1981/3,430teu). Sold for demolition.

6/24 Running on Empties. Reject some low-yield cargoes; accelerating container repositioning.

- 6/23 New vessel: Tsingtao Express; 8,750teu. Pipeline: 5 more sisters plus another 8 units of comparable size.
- 5/19 HLCL Takes Delivery of Tsingtao Express. German spelling of Qingdao.
- 4/16 Will Herzs Be HLCL's White Knight (refer to SECTION: GENERAL).
- 4/14 Fighting Nemo. Hapag-Lloyd restructures North Europe-Australia/New Zealand into an independent service.
- 3/11 HLCL's New Osaka Express. 8,750teu. Grand Alliance's EU-3 liner service.
- 2/7 Osaka Express Delivered.

HYUNDAI MERCHANT MARINE, South Korea (member of The New World Alliance)

- 10/42 Danaos Adds ULCS. Four additional 12,500/13,100teu units in 2011 for a – not confirmed - charter with Hyundai MM.
- 9/38 Danaos is the Mystery Owner. Five jumbos from HHI in 2010 for charter to Hyundai Merchant Marine.
- 6/24 New vessel: Hyundai Unity. Transpacific ESX loop (joint service of HMM, MOL, APL, and CMA CGM).
- 5/21 Hyundai Unity Delivered. 4,922teu. Second of Hyundai Forward-series. Four more sister ships from Ulsan yard.
- 5/19 Hyundai Jakarta on Her Maiden Trip. Eight ships of 6,800teu completes upgrade of Far East – Europe service.
- 5/18 Samho Hands Over Hyundai Forward. 4,920teu panamax.
- 4/17 First Time Around in Europe: Hyundai Bangkok. 6,808teu.
- 4/16 Hyundai Jakarta Delivered. 6,800teu.
- 2/7 Hyundai Confidence's Mishap. The 5,680teu ship lost engine power in the Pacific. Following manual supply of lubricating oil voyage was continued at slow speed.
- 1/5 New Ship: Hyundai Bangkok. Seventh of eight 6,800teu vessels from Hyundai HI.
- 1/4 Hyundai Colombo Delivered Ahead of Schedule. Seventh of eight 6,800teu ships.

IRISL, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN SHIPPING LINES

- 1/2 Far East-Europe Loop by IRISL. Ships of around 2,500teu will be employed. In 2008 service upgraded to ships of 5-6,000teu. Ten such units in orderbook.

K-LINE/KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA, Japan (member of CKYH Alliance)

- 11/48 A Roundup of the Most Recent Orders. Five low draught 4,500teu ships from Samsung. For charter to **K-Line**.
- 11/44 K-Line and Yang Ming Launch AE-3. China-Northern Europe. Fortnightly service, ships of 4,031 to 4,298teu.

- 10/41 Big Ship Orders Keep Pouring In. Five 8,500/9,500teu ships ordered for 2011/2012 from Kure IHI.
- 9/37 New Black Sea Service to be Launched. Asia/Black Sea Express by China Shipping/4 units of 4,250teu, and **K Line**, Yang Ming plus Zim with 1 similar unit each. From October/2007.
- 7/30 Order Book Update. Ten 4,500teu ships from Hyundai HI. Wide beam, very low draught.
- 5/22 New vessel: Humen Bridge Premieres. Last of four 9,100teu vessels.
- 4/17 Humen Bridge. 9,100teu. Earlier sisters: Humber, Harbour, and Hannover Bridge.
- 4/14 TNSW Hand Over Europa Bridge. 2,700teu, built by Thyssen Nordseewerke, owned by Reederei Maritime. Northern Europe-South American East coast.
- 3/13 K-Line Reveals Jumbo's Names. Four 9,040teu ships from 2008. Henry Hudson Bridge, Hammersmith Bridge, Hamburg Bridge, Hong Kong Bridge.
- 1/2 Selected Holiday Premieres. Hanover Bridge. 9,100teu. CYKH AE-1.

F. LAEISZ, Germany

- 11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Six 2,700teu ships for Laeisz from the Aker Group's yards in Germany. First ship late 2009.
- 9/36 Laeisz' Posen Delivered as OOCL Bremen. 2,742teu. Transatlantic Express/ATX-loop. Sister to Pona/CMA CGM Copernic.
- 2/9 New Laeisz Ship Launches Nemo. The new 2,742teu Pona/CMA CGM Copernic inaugurated the new Nemo-service at Hamburg. Eventually 13 ships for this peculiarly long Northern Europe-Australia/New Zealand-loop.

MAERSK LINE, Denmark – SAFMARINE

- 12/51 New Ships Under the Christmas Tree. Maersk Beaumont, 4,300teu, from Volkswerft of Stralsund. Last of seven very fast units. Maersk Kensington from Hanjin/Busan. 6,500teu.
- 12/51 Samsung Finishes Work on Maersk Antares. Second of four 9,600teu units from Koje Island.
- 12/50 Maersk Announces Record Investment. During the next three years approx. USD 24 billion for ships and terminals. 92 new ships will be added to the present operated fleet of 524 ships. 15 new container terminals.
- 12/50 Maersk Taikung Delivered. 8,400teu. Second of four. AE-11
- 11/48 Edith Maersk Delivered and Final E-Name Revealed. The AE-7 is only one ship short of becoming the world's first-ever super loop. The ultimate/eighth E-class will be L-210/Eugen Maersk.
- 10/42 Five Ultra-Large Loops for Mediterranean Shipping?. Pipeline now at 36 ships of at least 12,500teu plus nine units of about 11,000teu. Replacements and one/two new loops would greatly boost MSC's capacity in the Asia/Europe trade. **Maersk** has only confirmed one

- additional set of big boats, plus possibly secretly secured at least one more set of boxboat leviathans.
- 10/41 Maersk Tanjung – First of its Kind. Differs from earlier Daewoo ships, capacity boosted by 3-400teu. 8,750teu.
- 10/41 Carriers Add Asia-Med Slings. Maersk launched AE-11/China-Iberian peninsula. (also MSC and TNWA).
- 9/39 Hanjin Heavy Hands Over Maersk Kelso. Sixth of ten 6,477teu units.
- 9/39 Penultimate E-Class to be named Edith Maersk. Like “Elly” also “Edith” is a first for Maersk. Delivery late December.
- 9/39 Volkswerft Delivers Maersk Brownsville. Another ultra-fast panamax ship from the Stralsund-based Volkswerft (now part of Hegemann Group).
- 9/38 Makutu Concludes Series for Safmarine. Last of four 5,078teu units. Safari-1 service.
- 9/38 Odense Hands Over Elly Maersk. Sixth of eight 14,500teu ships. Two sisters to follow. After these a number of 10,000teu units to follow.
- 9/37 Maersk Diadema Aground. 4,546teu/German managed. Grounded off Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico. Towed free by local tugs after several hours. Minor damage.
- 9/37 Maersk Altair Delivered. 9,500teu. First of four from Samsung Heavy. AE-2 service.
- 9/36 Maersk Neuchatel Aground off Tema. The 2,474teu Schulte/Hamburg vessel hit sandbank late July. Maersk Beater’s 230-tonne pull not sufficient to free the ship. Svitzer Salvage will unload containers.
- 9/36 Daewoo Hands Over Maersk Tanjung. 8,400teu. New T-class. Three ex-P&O Nedlloyd sisters already in the Maersk fleet.
- 8/35 Ishikawajima Harima Delivers Maersk Singapore. 8,452teu. Last of eight. Originally P&O Nedlloyd Moretti.
- 8/34 Maersk Semakau Delivered. Seventh 7,000teu unit in less than three months from Hyundai’s Ulsan yard.
- 8/34 Maersk Line Will Charter Rickmers Jumbos. Four 13,100teu Bertram R. units from Hyundai HI. Possibly also a set of brother Erck’s (E.R. Schiffahrt) ULC bottoms.
- 8/32 Sofia Snaps. Maersk Sofia, 8,500teu, in Europe. Ex P&O Nedlloyd Montevideo.
- 8/32 Will Seaspan Order ULCS for Coscon?. The Canadians close to sign eight 12,500teu ships possibly for Coscon. If so, Erck Rickmers set of 13,100teu ships might go to **Maersk** together with a series of ships from Bertram Rickmers.
- 8/32 Maersk Kendal Delivered. 6,500teu. Fifth of ten.
- 7/30 L-208 to be named Elly Maersk. First Elly. Delivery in August.
- 7/30 Selected Vesel Deliveries. Maersk Senang. 7,000teu. AC-2 now fully upgraded to ships of 7,000teu.
- 6/26 Maersk Sembawang and Maersk Sebarok. Fourth and fifth 7,200teu. AC-2.
- 6/26 Maersk Sofia Delivered. 8,500teu. Ex P&O/Blue Star order. AE-8.

- 6/26 E-class Adds Ebba. Fifth of 14,500teu class. End 2007 AE-7 entirely E-class.
- 6/26 Volkswerft Delivers Maersk Buffalo. Fifth of seven. TP-8.
- 6/24 K-Class grows. New vessel: Maersk Kushiro, 6,500teu.
- 6/23 New vessels: Maersk Sentosa and Maersk Serangoon delivered from Hyundai HI; Maersk Seletar-class, 7,200teu.
- 5/22 New vessel: Maersk Seletar delivered. AC1 Transpacific loop.
- 5/21 Ebba Maersk Christened.
- 5/20 Maersk Line to Launch New China-Med Sling (AE11).
- 5/19 Maersk Semarang Delivered. Second of two 8,400teu chartered to Maersk by Claus-Peter Offen.
- 5/19 We've Seen the Writing on the Wall. Two ships branded as "Maersk Lines" (sic).
- 5/18 Maersk Kuantan at Hamburg. 6,500teu.
- 4/17 Maersk Line Revamps Transpacific AC2 (Southern China/Mexico and Panama). Six new +8,000teu vessels of Maersk Seletar-class. Massive investments in the Mexican Lázaro Cárdenas port (refer to ports section).
- 4/14 Safmarine Mafadi Delivered. Third of four 4,800teu vessels.
- 4/14 Fifth Leviathan to be Named Ebba. Evelyn Maersk (4) directly to revised AE7.
- 3/13 Maersk Kuantan Delivered. Third unit of 6,500teu. Previous vessels Maersk Kowloon and Maersk Kwangyang.
- 3/13 Fourth E-class Plagued by Teething Troubles. Breakdown of bearing in main engine fuel supply unit.
- 3/12 Maersk Brooklyn Delivered. Fourth unit. 4,170teu at 30 knots. Brooklyn and sisters are the fastest container vessels in existence. Far East/US-east coast via Panama.
- 3/11 Tanker Collides with SA Helderberg. Details of the collision between Danaos owned/Safmarine employed 3,101teu vessel and Singapore-flagged tanker Ocean Sapphire of 77,000 tonnes. All containers discharged at Tandjung Pelepas.
- 3/10 Moroccan Interests Buy Boxship Quartet. Four 1,600teu vessels on Maersk charter (Maersk Vigo, -Valetta, -Venice, and -Vancouver) sold to undisclosed Moroccan interests (International Maritime Transport of Casablanca?).
- 2/8 Maersk to Streamline North American Rail Services. Continued streamlining of operations now hits intra-American rail transport due to cost increases. No services to 18 inland destinations including major cities like Denver and Kansas City.
- 2/7 A Stellar Vessel Class for Maersk Line. Four 9,600teu ships from Samsung in 2007/2008 to be named Maersk Altair, -Antares, -Alfirk, and -Algol.
- 2/6 Maersk Dubrovnik Delivered. Last of four 5,000teu standard-panamax ships for German Patjens Reederei. Long-term chartered by Maersk.

- 2/6 Emma, Estelle, Eleonora, Evelyn. Yard number L-206 will be delivered as Evelyn Maersk. Previous Evelyns of Maersk.
- 1/5 Maersk Denton Grounds off Le Havre. The Claus Peter Offen owned/Maersk chartered ship refloated by three tugs after two hours.
- 1/4 Maersk Kwangyang Delivered. Second of ten 6,500teu ships from Hanjin.
- 1/4 Safmarine Mulanje. Second G-class to Safmarine.
- 1/4 Ham'Süd, Maersk Line and NYK Enter Cooperation. Joint service between Asia, South Africa and South America. Three present strings replaced with two new integrated loops. String One operated with ten 3,500teu ships, String Two will employ ten 2,500teu vessels.
- 1/3 Maersk Reshuffles Asia-Europe Services. Reshaped AE7 to be transferred into an all-E-class Asia/Europe sling. AE2 reshaped to a dedicated North China and Korea loop. The present AE1 will continue to directly serve Scandinavia (Aarhus and Gothenburg).
- 1/3 Nomen Est Omen – Or Maybe Not. Hyundai-built ships – announced as 6,500teu ships – to have Singapore-related names: Seletar, Sentosa, Serangoon, Sembawang, Sebarok, Senang, and Semakau. The S-names could point towards a true intake of 8-9,000teu per ship.
- 1/2 Maersk Line: E-Class Speculations Aplenty. Industry sources suggest Maersk considered selling the new 13,500teu E-classes in a money raising exercise. AE-7 to be restructured into an E-class loop.

MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY, USA

- 12/50 December Fender Benders. The 219-metre Kauai was hit by a freak wave in the Pacific near Cape Flattery. The bridge windows of the forecastle superstructure were smashed causing loss of steering system. No other damage.

MISC BERHAD/MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY (member of Grand Alliance)

- 12/49 Taiwanese Shipyard Delivers Wan Hai 603. 6,039teu. Supposed to follow her two earlier sisters into a charter with **MISC Berhad**.
- 10/41 Wan Hai Takes Delivery of Second 6,000teu Ship. Wan Hai 602/6,039teu from CSBC's Kaohsiung yard. Also Wan Hai 508/4,250teu taken over. WH 602 chartered to **MISC Berhad** of Malaysia (one of three).
- 8/35 Wan Hai Ships Will Trade for MISC. Quartet of 6,039teu vessels chartered to MISC Berhad.
- 1/5 MISC takes Delivery of Bunga Seroja Dua. The 7,900teu ship is one of two sisters built at Daewoo/Okpo.

MOL/MITSUI O.S.K. LINES, Japan (member of The New World Alliance)

- 12/50 Koyo Hands Over MOL Premium. 6,350teu. Asia to Europe.
- 10/43 Hyundai Delivers MOL Endowment. 5,078teu. Last of four. PS-3 service.
- 10/41 MOL Celebration Delivered as APL's Flagship. APL France/8,100teu. Bought or chartered from Mitsui?.
- 10/41 Big Ship Orders Keep Pouring In. Order for five 6,700teu ships confirmed and five more 6,700teu units added to contract.
- 9/36 MOL Earnest Delivered. 5,078teu. Third of four HHI built panamax-es for MOL. Until 2010 the Ulsan yard will build 25 similar units.
- 8/34 MOL Creation Premieres in Europe. 8,600teu. Increasing CMA CGM's FAL service to nine vessels adding leeway to the tight schedule.
- 8/33 MOL Proficiency. 6,350teu. Two more (plus 1?) P-classes to follow.
- 7/30 Selected Vessel Deliveries. MOL Experience. 5,078teu. Second of four.
- 7/30 MOL Creation Delivered. +8,000teu. One bay shorter, one row wider in class. Will increase FAL-loop to nine ships.
- 6/24 MOL's First Korean Container. New vessel: MOL Explorer; first of four 5,078teu units.
- 5/20 A Glimpse of MOL Creation. New vessel: 8,000teu; yard Mitsubishi Nagasaki.
- 1/2 MOL Launches New C-class. First of six (plus 1) 9,100teu vessels nearing completion. MOL Creation. Asia-Europe loop.

MSC/MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY, Switzerland

- 12/51 New Ships Under the Christmas Tree. MSC Asya from Samsung. 9,600teu. MSC Cordoba from Daewoo's Mangalia yard. 4,884teu, owned by German Conti.
- 12/49 MSC Korea Grounded. 3,424teu/1996. The ship lost all power while departing the port of Savannah, Georgia. No major damages.
- 11/48 GL Statement Sparks Big Boat Rumours. Evergreen to finally go ahead and charter eight or nine ultra large ships?. Germanischer Lloyd/Hamburg claimed that one set of ordered vessels would not be 12,500teu, but 14,600teu units (**for MSC?**).
- 11/45 Samsung Delivers 9,600teu MSC Candice. Third of four. Last ship MSC Asya in December.
- 10/42 MSC Monterey Launched as NSB's 100th Ship. 4,884teu from Mangalia, managed by NSB Niederelbe. Europe/South AmericanEC.
- 10/42 Five Ultra-Large Loops for Mediterranean Shipping?. Pipeline now at 36 ships of at least 12,500teu plus nine units of about 11,000teu. Replacements and one/two new loops would greatly boost MSC's capacity in the Asia/Europe trade. Maersk has only confirmed one additional set of big boats, plus possibly secretly secured at least one more set of boxboat leviathans.
- 10/41 Carriers Add Asia-Med Slings. MSC Jade Express. Several upgrades. Four +8,000teu ships brought in. (also Maersk and TNWA).

- 9/39 There's Life in the Old Dog Yet. Frankfurt Express sold for scrap recently now sold again and chartered to **MSC as MSC Athina**. Previous world record holder.
- 9/37 MSC Plans Terminal at St. Petersburg. Investment of EUR 310 million until 2010. Capacity 250,000teu.
- 8/34 MSC Sells Ships. Pinch pennies for financing. Four 2006 panamaxs sold to Singapore for re-charter.
- 8/33 MSC Rosaria Delivered. 4,860teu. Fourth unit from Mangalia, four sisters to follow.
- 7/31 Samsung Delivers MSC Pina. 9,580teu. Second of four.
- 7/30 MSC Napoli's Final Hours. Beached, bombed, and broken into two.
- 6/25 MSC Alexa Collision.
- 6/23 Samsung-1708: MSC's First Super Jumbo? Redesigned vessels; 380m long/50m wide; approx. 13,000teu.
- 5/21 Samsung Hands Over MSC Sindy. First unit; based upon the earlier series of MSC Pamela/9,178teu type.
- 5/19 MSC Lisbon Premieres. 9,600teu.
- 4/16 Even More Jumbos for MSC. 16 ships upgraded from 9,700teu to 12,000 or 13,000teu. Antwerp/Berendrecht-locks maxes.
- 4/14 New ship: MSC Carouge. The 4,900teu Daewoo ship chartered from Conti.
- 3/13 MSC Signs 13,200teu Jumbo. Originally a 9,700teu design/Daewoo. 2010.
- 3/12 MSC Joanna Bumps Into Dredger. Crashed into the large hopper dredger W.D. Fairway (Tianjin, China).
- 3/12 MSC Welcomes MSC Lisbon. Last of nine 9,178teu ships; owned by C.P. Offen. Might actually be an updated version of 9,580teu slots.
- 3/12 New Ship: MSC Bremen. 5,040teu panamax owned by German Oltmann.
- 2/9 MSC and CMA CGM Opt for Super Jumbos. Capacity increases for up to 16 vessels each from South Korean shipyards. From around 9,600teu to around 11,000teu by 2010.
- 2/8 MSC Boxship Collides on Maiden Voyage. MSC Roma/9,178teu/2006 collides with French trawler. No person injured/no pollution. Roma continued voyage.
- 2/7 MSC Xian's Maiden Voyage. First appearance of the 8,200teu ship in northern Europe. Completed the upgrade of the Lion Service sling to min. 8,000teu. E.R. Schiffahrt owned & managed/CMA CGM chartered/MSB sublet.
- 1/5 MSC Napoli Update. The ship/wreck might remain beached for up to a year. Removing containers scheduled to take at least five months.
- 1/4 MSC Napoli Almost Sinks in English Channel Storm. First ever total loss of a post panamax container vessel. The 4,700teu vessel developed collapse of the hull structure in gale force winds and a nine metre swell. All crew rescued. In 2001 the vessel – as CMA

- CGM Normandie – hit a coral reef with 22 knots in the Malacca Strait. Stuck for one month.
- 1/3 MSC Charters CSCL Jumbos. 8,500teu CSCL Asia and similar newbuild. Also the 4,065teu panamax Sealand Racer chartered from Maersk for 30 months.
- MSC's fleet capacity share is now very close to ten percent.
- 1/2 Samsung Hands Over MSC Roma. The eight ship of nine 9,178teu units. Silk Express.
- 1/2 MSC Xian. The +8,000teu ship delivered by Hyundai Samho. Lion Service.

NORDDEUTSCHE VERMÖGEN/REDEREI H. SCHULDT

- 8/33 Norddeutsche Vermögen Inks Fourteen Ships. Four 4,600teu and four 8,402teu ships from Daewoo. Further two panamax ships and another quartet of 8,402teu ships were added. All vessels for 2010. NV's vessel pipeline.

NSC Schiffahrtsgesellschaft, Germany

- 5/22 NSC Mega Order Confirmed. Lloyd Funds and NSC have jointly ordered four vessels of 12,825teu at Subic Bay plus options for additional four.
- 4/17 NSC Linked to Potential Mega Order. Hanjin HI is said to negotiate with NSC over a series of 12,000teu newbuildings to be built at Subic Bay's second dock of 460 meters. Mid 2010.

NYK/NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Japan (member of Grand Alliance)

- 12/51 New Ships Under the Christmas Tree. NYK Deneb, 4,900teu from Hyundai. NYK Olympus from IHI's Kure shipyard. 9,120teu.
- 12/51 New Panamax: NYK Delphinus. 4,900teu. Sixth of nine.
- 12/50 Name Revealed: NYK Orion. 9,100teu. Second unit from IHI Kure.
- 11/47 Nebula – a New Panamax for NYK's Fast SCE Loop. NYK Nebula/5,000teu. Fourth of eight from Hyundai HI.
- 11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Eight/nine 4,900teu ships for NYK at Hyundai Heavy. Post-panamax design, low draft.
- 11/45 A First Glimpse of the New NYK Olympus. 9,100teu. From IHI/Kure. Shipyard rebranded.
- 11/44 NYK Oceanus' European Premiere. Second ship NYK Olympus. Next three probably NYK Orion, Olympia, and Omega. Two more orders of improved type added.
- 11/44 Constellation and Meteor for NYK. 4,922teu. Last five of eight ship order by January 2008. Transpacific.
- 9/37 Two New Ships for NYK. NYK Oceanus, 9,120teu. Grand Alliance's AE-3 seervice. NYK Daedalus, 4,922teu panamax with oversized accommodation block with facilities for training of nautical staff.

- 8/35 Bigger Vessels For NYK. Three ships of an advanced design from Ishikawajima/Kure for 2011. Hard to judge the capacity of the vessels. Approx. 10,000teu.
- 7/30 Order Book Update. Three units of 9,300teu in 2010/2011. Possibly some 15 to 20 percent larger.
- 6/25 New vessel: NYK Oceanus; 9,100teu; first of eight.
- 6/24 New vessel: NYK Virgo; last of four (9,100teu).
- 5/19 NYK Virgo Completes Quartet. Employed in Grand Alliance's EUR3.
- 4/17 A First Glimpse of NYK Venus. 9,200teu.
- 4/16 NYK Vesta's Maiden Voyage. 9,200teu V-class.
- 3/13 Hyundai Hands Over NYK Venus. Second of four 9,200teu vessels.
- 3/11 Hyundai Heavy Hands Over NYK Vesta. Second of 9,200teu ships. Grand Alliance's AE4 loop.
- 1/4 Ham'Süd, Maersk Line and NYK Enter Cooperation. Joint service between Asia, South Africa and South America. Three present strings replaced with two new integrated loops. String One operated with ten 3,500teu ships, String Two will employ ten 2,500teu vessels.
- 1/3 V for Vega. NYK's first +9,000teu vessel is largest in the Grand Alliance. Four identical ships from HHI and eight similarly-sized ships from Japan's IHI/Kure.

OFFEN, CLAUS PETER, Germany

- 8/34 Offen Signs Eleven ULCS. Six jumbos of 13,200teu from Daewoo, and five 12,500teu units from Samsung, all for 2011.
- 3/12 Offen Hunts After Shipyard Building Slots. Six 4,300teu at Hyundai Heavy, four 4,250teu units at Samsung. Available yard slots due to postponement of LNG carriers.
- 1/2 Offen Converts Containerhip Order in Favour of Tankers. Recently Offen ordered twenty 1,800teu feeders at Hyundai Mipo. Due to falling rates the far end of the pipeline has been converted to chemical tankers.

OOCL/ORIENT OVERSEAS CONTAINER LINE, China (member of Grand Alliance)

- 10/43 Volumes on the rise for OOCL. Q3's total revenues up 27 percent to USD 1.42 billion, cargo volumes up by 20.5 percent.
- 10/42 OOCL Places Orders At CSSC. Four 8,500teu units from China State Shipbuilding Corporation in 2010/2011.
- 9/36 Laeisz' Posen Delivered as **OOCL Bremen**. 2,742teu. Transatlantic Express/ATX-loop. Sister to Pona/CMA CGM Copernic.
- 8/34 Transatlantic Vessel Swap. OOCL and Hapag-Lloyd swap vessels on joint GE-1 and GE-2 services (Europe/Canada).
- 7/30 Order Book Update. Eleven 4,578teu ships from Samsung.
- 7/30 Selected Vessel Deliveries. OOCL Italy/5,900teu. OOCL Kobe and OOCL Yokohama, two sisters of 4,578teu. First units of 16.

- 7/30 OOCL Southampton's Maiden Voyage. 8,063teu.
6/23 New vessels: OOCL Oakland and OOCL Southampton Delivered.
Oakland: 5,888teu. Southampton: 8,063teu (Shenzhen-class); last unit of twelve.
4/14 Introducing OOCL Kuala Lumpur and OOCL Seattle. 5,900teu units, fifth and sixth of eight. Deployed to Grand Alliance's EUM service.
2/8 OOCL Newbuilds: Seattle and Tokyo. OOCL Seattle/5,900teu standard post panamax. OOCL Tokyo/8,063teu premiered in Northern Europe.
1/2 Oceans's Eleven: OOCL Tokyo. Eleventh 8,063teu. A total of 16 units in the series.

PIL/PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LINES, Singapore

- 12/49 PIL Sells Off Ships to Lease Them Back. Pre-delivery sale of six ships of 4,250teu. More ships believed to join this procedure.
5/21 PIL's Kota Latif Concludes Capacity Upgrade. New vessel; 4,250teu.
4/17 Kota Laju in Europe. Third of Kota-L-class. 4,250teu. Sling: PIL and Wan Hai Steamship's joint Far East-Europe service.
2/8 PIL Goes Trans-Pacific. Joint service with Wan Hai/Taiwan with five 2,500teu vessels to commence late March.
1/3 Kota Lahir. 4,250teu Dalien standard type. Engaged in PIL's and Wan Hai's joint Far East-Europe loop.

REDERI AB TRANSATLANTIC, Sweden

- 2/9 Transanund and Transjorund. Two feeders of 809teu. Will trade between Hamburg/Bremerhaven and northern Finland.

RICKMERS & CIE/RICKMERS LINIE (Bertram Rickmers), Germany

- 10/41 Big Ship Orders Keep Pouring In. The deal with Hyundai is now believed to include five 7,000teu bottoms and four 8,500teu ships. 2010.
9/36 New Ships For Rickmers. 18 newbuildings/multi purpose heavy lift vessels from three Chinese yards. Four 30,000 dwt/1,888teu ships, 6 19,000 dwt, plus an unknown number of 17,000 dwt carriers.
6/26 Twelve New Container Ships for Rickmers? Four 8,400teu and four 6,800teu from Hyundai in 2010. IMO numbers for additional four 12,500teu units.

SAFMARINE – please refer to Maersk Line

SEASPAN CORPORATION, Canada

- 11/48 A Roundup of the Most Recent Orders. Five low draught 4,500teu ships from Samsung. For charter to K-Line.
9/38 HHI Order: Seaspan Inks Jumbo Octet. Eight 13,100teu ships for Seaspan in 2011. Twelve years charter to Coscon.

8/32 Will Seaspan Order ULCS for Coscon?. The Canadians close to sign eight 12,500teu ships possibly for Coscon. If so, Erck Rickmers set of 13,100teu ships might go to Maersk together with a series of ships from Bertram Rickmers.

SENATOR LINES, Germany (principal shareholder Hanjin)

11/44 Senator, Hanjin, and UASC to Launch CNX. China North Express in late November.

UNIFEEDER, Denmark

1/4 New Rambow Ships Upgrades Unifeeder Loop. Three 850teu ships will be introduced this month on their Antwerp/Rotterdam/Helsinki/Kotka route. Annual capacity up some 20,000teu. Another north European route upgraded by 13,000teu slots annually.

1/3 Unifeeder Ship Loses Boxes in North Sea Storm. Ten containers in the North Sea near the Elbe estuary lost by 698teu JRS Canis in a series of 8-metre waves. JRS Canis to Hamburg for repairs, authorities, and insurance.

UNITED ARAB SHIPPING COMPANY/UASC

(Bahrain/Iraq/Kuwait/Qatar/Saudi Arabia/U.A.E.)

11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. UASC has reportedly signed eight 8,500teu ships from South Korea.

11/44 Senator, Hanjin, and **UASC** to Launch CNX. China North Express in late November

9/39 UASC to Enter 8,500teu League?. In the market for 2010 delivery. Slow ships with a very economic main engine.

8/33 United Arab Reveals Names for Post-Panamaxes. Asia-Europe service to be upgraded from January 2008 from 3,802teu ships to eight 6,500teu ships to be named: Al Safat, Hatta, Al Bahia, Mayssan, Al Manamah, Jizan, Al Hilal, and Al Rawdah.

WAN HAI, Taiwan

12/49 Taiwanese Shipyard Delivers Wan Hai 603. 6,039teu. Supposed to follow her two earlier sisters into a charter with MISC Berhad.

12/49 Accident With Wan Hai 501. The ship badly dented upon arrival at Hamburg. No details to be found.

10/41 Wan Hai Takes Delivery of Second 6,000teu Ship. Wan Hai 602/6,039teu from CSBC's Kaohsiung yard. Also Wan Hai 508/4,250teu taken over. WH 602 chartered to MISC Berhad of Malaysia (one of three).

8/35 Wan Hai Ships Will Trade for MISC. Quartet of 6,039teu vessels chartered to MISC Berhad.

8/34 After the Collision: Wan Hai 207 Update. Engine room and steering gear damaged, if not destroyed. Difficulties with finding repair dock.

8/33 Wan Hai 601 – First of its Kind. 6,039teu. First of four.

- 7/31 Wan Hai 307 in Tokyo Bay Collision. The 150,000 dwt caper Alpha Action hit WH 307's stern and got stuck. No casualties.
- 2/8 PIL Goes Trans-Pacific. Joint service with Wan Hai/Taiwan with five 2,500teu vessels to commence late March.

YANG MING, Taiwan (member of CKYH Alliance)

- 11/48 A Roundup of the Most Recent Orders. All Ocean Shipping (subsidiary of Yang Ming) inked two 6,600teu units for 2012. Yang Ming's order book: 27 ships of 205,000teu.
- 11/44 K-Line and **Yang Ming** Launch AE-3. China-Northern Europe. Fortnightly service, ships of 4,031 to 4,298teu.
- 9/37 New Black Sea Service to be Launched. Asia/Black Sea Express by China Shipping/4 units of 4,250teu, and K Line, **Yang Ming** plus Zim with 1 similar unit each. From October/2007.
- 1/3 YM Ultimate Completes 8,200teu Series. Last of four. Five similar ships to follow from China Shipbuilding at Kaohsiung.
- 1/2 Selected Holiday Premiers. YM Unison. 8,189teu. CYKH AE-1 loop.

ZIM, Israel

- 12/51 Zim Finally Launches Asia to Northern Europe Service. Early 2008, no partner. The loop to be quickly upgraded.
- 12/49 Evergreen to Charter Niki's Latest ULCS? Rumoured to have signed up to eleven jumbo bottoms with Niki Group, Greece. 12,600teu or 11,000teu? Evergreen and **Zim** to launch a joint Asia to Europe sling early 2008. Gradually to be upgraded to ULCS of 12,600teu.
- 10/41 Big Ship Orders Keep Pouring In. Second set of ULCS ordered from Hyundai HI. Eight vessels of 12,550teu/2012. Zim orderbook now at 400,000teu. Resale/charter or a heavy expansion of service network?.
- 9/37 Zim Confirms Jumbo Order at Samsung. Eight 12,600teu units for 2012 plus options for four sisters. Zim's order book at +40 vessels with an aggregate capacity of 313,818teu.
- 9/37 New Black Sea Service to be Launched. Asia/Black Sea Express by China Shipping/4 units of 4,250teu, and K Line, Yang Ming plus **Zim** with 1 similar unit each. From October/2007.
- 6/25 ZIM/Hyundai/Super Jumbos? Twelve 12,500teu/2010-2011. ZIM buys into Antwerp Gateway. New vessel pipeline.
- 3/11 Two More Giants for ZIM. Two 10,000teu ships from Hyundai. Order book now includes six 10,000teu and four 8,200teu ships.

ZODIAC MARITIME, Great Britain

- 8/32 Zodiac Inks Large Boxship Quintet. Five 10,070teu units from Hyundai Samho in 2010/2011. No charter information (Hyundai MM?).

2. Alliances

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

5/22 CKYH Skips UK Call. Loop #1 drops calls at Felixstowe. Loop #2 will continue to call at Felixstowe.

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

11/44 GA to Launch New Asia-Europe Service. EU-5 to employ mixed fleet of mid-sized vessels.

8/32 Grand Alliance Signs for Ten More Years. Cooperation aims at offering a higher frequency of sailings and considering an expansion of the scope of the partnership.

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

12/51 TNWA: Bigger Ships for The South China Express. Major modifications to its service pattern. From 5,300teu ships to units of 8,100 to 8,600teu. Ningbo and Yangshan to be included.

10/41 Carriers Add Asia-Med Slings. EBX (Eastern Med/Black Sea). Eight 2,500/2,700teu ships employed by Hanjin, UASC, MOL, APL, and Hyundai. (also Maersk and MSC).

5/21 TNWA and CMA CGM to Cooperate in Transpacific Loop.

3. Ports

12/50 Dubai Plans Mega Port at Jebel Ali. In the first quarter of 2008 phase two of a new terminal will be operational increasing the total capacity of this terminal to five million teu. Terminal two and a new complex of eight artificial islands to follow. In 2030 total annual teu capacity of Jebel Ali to reach 56 million teu.

11/47 Qingdao Qianwan Container Terminal. The development of the port complex. Nine million teu in 2007. Phase four will add a 2,460-meter-quay with 24 super post panamax gantries. Two berths ready by the end of 2008; remaining six berths in five years.

11/47 Deep Water Container Port for Karachi. Pakistan's first terminal for ultra large container vessels. Hutchison Port Holdings to build and operate the terminal. First phase in 2009; first module completed in 2011.

11/45 Kwangyang Port Expansion. The first terminals in 2002: Korea International Terminal (KIT)/Hutchison. Capacity today 2.8 million teu. The second facility – Gwangyang International Container Terminal – to be boosted to four million teu/year after third phase. Additional terminals planned.

- 10/41 Additional Berths for Hamburg's Terminals. Three of Hamburg's four major terminals undergoing massive modernisation programmes (CT Altenwerder, Eurogate, and HHLA's Burchardkai). Tollerort Terminal to add an additional berth.
- 9/38 Jade Weser Port in Trouble. Further delays in Wilhelmshaven due to botched construction tender. Start of construction put off to 2008.
- 8/35 River Elbe Dredging Takes First Hurdle. State of Niedersachsen reluctant to go for Hamburg's plans. Looks like a solution has been found.
- 5/21 Colombo/Sri Lanka: Lack of Export Slots Hits Sri Lanka's Economy. Colombo is losing business due to congestion.
- 5/20 Hamburg. Three Billion Euros for Hamburg's Port Infrastructure. Additional quays, extension of railway network, dredging, and improved flood protection. Forecast: throughput double and reach some 18 million TEU by 2015.
- 4/17 Port of Americas Progress (Ponce/Puerto Rico). Dredging and first quays completed. Annual capacity 2008 250,000teu increasing to 800,000teu.
- 4/17 Lázaro Cárdenas/Mexico. Maersk Line Revamps Transpacific AC2. Terminal to be extended to 1,350 metres. Capacity when completed two million teu for 18-wide ships. Terminal recently acquired by APM Terminals from Hutchison Whampoa.
- 4/14 Colombo Southport Project. Box terminals of the Sri Lankan transshipment port near capacity level. Once completed annual capacity reach 9.6 million teu.
- 4/14 Capacity Expansion at Hamburg Well Underway. At Burchardkai terminal (CTB) new equipment and rebuilt berths will double capacity to 5.2 million teu. Eurogate doubles 23-row gantries to 10 and adds a third large berth.
- 3/12 Hamburg Abandons HHLA-Tender and Opts for IPO. Protests from port workers cause cancellation of 49-percent stake sale. IPO for one third of the stock instead.
- 3/11 Strike action Delays Ships at Rotterdam. Strike hit Smit Harbour Towage causes delays for more than 70 vessels.
- 2/9 Competition Arises for Panama's Mega Port Project. Plans of PSA/Singapore to develop a Pacific terminal at former naval base feared to delay the mega project at the canal's western entrance.
- 2/9 Top Docks. 2006 turnover figures. Singapore #1 (25.8 million teu), Los Angeles #10 (8.47 million teu). Statistical details for Chinese ports.
- 2/9 Still Delays at Rotterdam. Severe congestion over last few weeks causes massive schedule deviations at Hamburg.
- 2/8 Brunei's Port Plans Are Taking Shape. First phase of this transshipment hub could be operational by 2010 at a cost of USD 450 million. PSA/Singapore could join the project.

- 1/5 Yang Shan: Phase Three Operators Selected. Rumours suggest that an operating licence has been granted to a consortium of five partners.
- 1/4 Hamburg: Shortlist for HHLA Privatisation. Six companies selected for the 49.9 percent stake.
- 1/3 Container Port Strikes. In 2006 Rotterdam (ECT and APMT), Busan,

4. Shipyards

- 12/50 Hanjin's Subic Bay Super Yard. First part of giant facility opened. Total investment including a second large dock at USD 1.68 billion. Hanjin Heavy plans another even larger shipyard in the Philippines on the island of Mindanao. First ships from this facility in 2010.
- 11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Six 2,700teu ships for Laeisz from the **Aker Group's yards** in Germany. First ship late 2009.
- 11/46 A Roundup of the Latest Orders. Coscon close to signing 16 ships + four options of 4,250teu at **Jiangsu Yangzijiang Shipbuilding**. This yard has been extremely successful with its new 4,250teu design. New yard complex is being built.
- 11/45 A First Glimpse of the New NYK Olympus. The **Ishikawajima Harima** yard now rebranded to IHI Corporation. History of the shipyard.
- 10/42 Mangalia Bags Nine. Daewoo's Romanian offshoot to build nine 5,500teu vessels. 2011/2012. Buyer unknown, but a first time customer.
- 10/43 Dalien's 4,250teu Class. The Dalien Shipbuilding Group (and the two yards – now Number One and Two) are part of the China Shipbuilding Corporation. The combined orderbook accounts for a total gross tonnage of 2.8 million. Offers three types of container ships. Recent delivery: Laranna Rickmers (charter: CMA CGM Purple)
- 10/42 Sietas Hands Over First 168L Type. Ida Rambow/1,008teu. Modified version of type 168 semi-open-top feeders. Ida Rambow was built as a standard 168, and subsequently stretched at Norderwerft immediately after hitting the water.
- 9/38 HHI Order: Seaspan Inks Jumbo Octet. Eight 13,100teu ships for Seaspan in 2011. Twelve years charter to Coscon.
- 9/37 Mystery Owner Bags Five at HHI. Another Hyundai Heavy order for five 12,600-13,200teu units for 2011. No owner confirmed yet.
- 8/35 Norderwerft Lengthens First Type-168 Ship. Sietas subsidiary docked Ida Rambow, fresh from the building dock, for addition of 14.70 metre midship section. From 868teu to 994teu. A dozen of ships queuing to be stretched.

- 8/33 South Korean STX Bags Order for Nine ULCS. 12,400teu. To Greek Niki Group for charter to Evergreen (?), or to MSC (?).
- 7/31 Hegemann Takes Over Volkswerft. The A.P. Møller-Maersk Stralsund shipyard sold to the German Hegemann Group, which already owns two shipyards. Takeover includes pipeline of 1.14 billion Euros orderbook until 2010.
- 7/31 Samsung Orders World's Largest Floating Dock. The 500-metre by 89-metre, USD 100 million dock to build six to eight ULCS/year from August 2008. More Samsung investment in block factories.
- 6/26 Philippines Attract Maritime Investment. HHI's Subic Bay, Japanese groups' Balamban shipyard, COSCO's plans Sangley Point large scale shipyard.
- 6/23 Hanjin Heavy: More Orders for Subic Bay. Eight 3,600teu vessels for CMA CGM (2010). Options for additional 2. High reefer capacity/low-draft. For subsidiary Delmas?.
- 6/23 Daewoo Keeps Mum About Record Order. USD 1.31 billion order from European owner; 9,200teu vessels, probably 10.
- 5/22 Some Mixed Shipyard News. Japanese Ishikawajima-Harima group. STX of South Korea. Hanjin HI.
- 5/18 Japan's Box Boat Triangle. Yards: Koyo Dockyard, Nakai Shipbuilding, Ishikawajima-Harima HI, Imabari shipyard. Photos.
- 5/18 Sietas Feeders to be Lengthened? 126teu would be added by a midship section to type 168. New type 178 of 1,404teu.
- 4/16 Damen Hoogezand Delivers Jork Reliance. 812teu feeder.
- 3/10 Zhejiang Ouhua to Build Innovative Panamax. Four 5,303teu units of a new design for German GB Shipping/Buss Group. Forward deckhouse. 2009.
- 3/10 Sietas Delivers Violetta. The 1,856teu ship to Reederei Peter Döhle chartered by Mitsui OSK as MOL Drakensberg. Europe/South Africa SAECS-II sling.
- 3/10 Samsung's Standard Post-Panamax Ships. Analysis of the vessels of this class from CGM Normandie/4,734teu/1991/world's largest (later MSC Napoli) to CMA CGM's composer class (lead ship CMA CGM Bellini/2004) and the latest order, MSC's order for 6(+2+4?) 5,800teu units for 2008.
- 2/9 Samsung ready to Build 12,600teu Panamax. New terminology: panamaxes of 12,600teu utilising maximum dimensions of extended canal.
- 1/5 Daewoo Mangalia Wins Hamburg Süd Order. The five 6,000teu ships are to be built at the Romanian yard at Mangalia/Black Sea and delivered first half of 2010. High reefer capacity.
- 1/5 Ship Type Portrait: Koyo's Post Panamax Carriers. Koyo Dockyard, one of Japan's most famous ship builders in Hiroshima province, started building container vessels in 1988. So far Koyo built 31 post panamaxes; order book includes 26 vessels.

1/2 Uncertain Future for Odense Shipyard. Board members of A.P. Møller now seriously considers the fate of Odense Steel Shipyard. Options for further Maersk containership orders not confirmed.

5. Terminals

- 12/50 Maersk Announces Record Investment. During the next three years approx. USD 24 billion for ships and terminals. 15 new container terminals.
- 12/49 CMA CGM Buys Into New Terminal. Investing USD 309 in a container terminal at Xiamen, China. The Haicang port will enter service in 2009. Today the company holds stakes in 16 terminals or terminal development projects.
- 11/48 New Terminal for Qinhuangdao. A second facility to be built until 2010. Annual capacity 1 million teu.
- 11/46 Another Joint Terminal for Cosco Pacific and APMT. Cosco Pacific (terminal branch of Cosco Container Line) has acquired a 20-percent-stake in the Suez Canal Container Terminal. APM Terminals (A.P. Møller's terminal operating subsidiary) owns 55 percent. Coscon's Eastern Med calls of the Asia-Europe services to be shifted to SCCT.
- 11/46 DP World Buys Into Sokhna Port. 90 percent of shares of Egyptian Sokhna Port Development Corporation to DPW. Annual teu capacity to reach 1.2 million teu. 20 nautical miles from the Suez Canal's southern entrance. Additional terminals planned.
- 11/46 DP World Sells One Fifth of its Shares. Initial public offering to raise at least USD 3.5 billion for Dubai Ports World. Today 42 terminals in 22 countries. Teu handling capacity to be doubled to around 90 million teu by 2017.
- 11/46 New Terminal at Tacoma. Yusen Terminals (subsidiary of NYK) awarded license to build and operate a USD 300 million terminal. 2012. It will become the US-west coast's northern hub for the Grand Alliance.
- 11/45 HHLA's IPO Yields EUR 1.17 Billion. Sale of 30 percent of shares of Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG. Most of the money will be used to create additional container handling capacities.
- 11/44 New Container Terminals for Jacksonville. Terminal operators on the US east coast see future large-scale Asia-USEC slings via Panama. At Jacksonville two new terminals for MOL and Hanjin to supplement existing Talleyrand and APM Terminal.
- 11/44 Prince Rupert Terminal. First phase of the Canadian terminal operational soon. 400 metres quay, 4 super post panamax gantries, 500,000teu annually. Phase two in 2010 brings total capacity to two million teu.

- 10/41 Expansion Scheme Launched at Suez Canal Terminal. SCCT's annual capacity to be doubled to 5.1 million teu in 2011.
- 10/41 China Oceangate Terminal (Cosco Pacific/APMT/Guangzhou Port Group) adding four berths. Now a total quay length of 2,100 meters, 16 meters clearance, and an annual capacity of 4.2 million teu.
- 10/41 Additional Berths for Hamburg's Terminals. Three of Hamburg's four major terminals undergoing massive modernisation programmes (CT Altenwerder, Eurogate, and HHLA's Burchardkai). Tollerort Terminal to add an additional berth.
- 9/37 APMT Inaugurates Two New Terminals. APM Terminals/Xiamen Port group open Xiamen Songyo Phase 1 with three berths of a total of 1,246 meters/17 meters clearance. At Portsmouth, Virginia, APMT inaugurated a three-berth-facility with 1,150-meter-quay and an annual capacity of one million teu.
- 9/37 MSC Plans Terminal at St. Petersburg. Investment of EUR 310 million until 2010. Capacity 250,000teu.
- 8/34 Chennai Plans Container Terminal. India's first +13,000teu terminal ready in five years. Volume might be around five million teu in 2017.
- 8/32 APMT's African Ventures. Apart from Port Said and Tangier, APMT expands in West Africa. Luanda (Angola), Apapa and Onne (Nigeria), Tema (Ghana), Abidjan (Ivory Coast), and Douala (Cameroon).
- 7/31 APMT Opens Tangier Terminal. First stage of the new Moroccan transshipment terminal inaugurated. Two berths, 800 metres, 16 metres clearance at the quayside, eight super post panamax gantries, annual capacity 1.3 million teu. Eurogate's Tangier Med Two Port to add another 3.5 million teu capacity to the area.
- 7/30 Rotterdam Terminal Tender Awarded. Rotterdam World Gateway (DP World/the New World Alliance/CMA CGM) awarded Maasvlakte 2 operating concession (2013). Four million teu, 1,900 metres of quay, clearance of 20 metres alongside.
- 6/24 Terminal: Green Light for London Gateway; DP World.
- 6/23 Five More Supergantries for Eurogate Hamburg (superpostpanamax). Until 2013 13 more large gantries for additional and rebuilt quays.
- 4/16 APMT Considers New US West Coast Terminal. Rumour suggested Oregon's Coos Bay half way between San Francisco and Tacoma. USD 250 m, 2014.
- 2/9 Mawan's Triple-Lift Gantries. Shenzhen's Mawan terminal first to install ZPMC ultra-large gantries (3 units).
- 2/9 DP World Favoured Bidder for HHLA Stake? Hamburg's city parliament to make a HHLA-decision in summer. HHLA workers to fight the sale of the 49.9 percent share.
- 2/8 PSA Signs Gwadar Port Concession.40-year joint venture concession with local partner. The multi purpose/container terminal lately under

- missile attack by (suspected) local militant groups not liking foreign money in Pakistan.
- 2/8 Flushing Container Terminal Proposals. No final go-ahead for Westershelde Terminal project (2,000 metres of quay/five large berths). Alternative proposal for converting multi-purpose terminal to containers (1,400 metre quay).
- 2/6 Kaohsiung Terminal Project Launched. With 9.8 million teu annually Kaohsiung presently #6 in the world. Existing berths to be rebuilt; an oil pier to be converted to a 1.5 million teu terminal; plus a giant new port with a container quay of 7,500 meters.
- 2/6 DP World to Build Terminal at Quindao. 2.2 million teu; USD 448 million; quay length of 1,350 metres; operational 2008/2009.
- 1/4 Giants Clash in the Race for Maasvlakte 2. Shortlist narrowed down to two bidders - DP World/New World Alliance and MSC/PSA - for the 3.5million teu facility to be operational by 2013. Maasvlakte 1 taken by APM Terminals, due to open one year later.
- 1/2 DP World Sell off Sekou Shares. The minority terminal stake sold to China Merchants Group. Shekou, Chiwan and Mawan to be integrated into one large container port. Annual capacity of Shekou 3.8 million teu (plus 700,000teu soon). The capacity of all three terminals in western Shenzhen 11 million teu.

6. Trade Lanes

- 5/22 Asia-Europe Trade Grows Beyond Expectations. Teu count up 20 percent in the first four months compared to 2006. Only 15 percent was expected.
- 2/6 Asia-Med Services Boosted. Two new liner services to be launched. COSCON and CMA CGM start Asia/Western Med with seven 3,500 to 4,000teu ships. COSCON, Yang Ming, and K-Line to serve eastern Med with seven 3,000teu ships.

7. General

- 12/51 Containership-Info Takes a Holiday Break. No newsletters for a few weeks. The usual coverage will resume in January. Thanks to all readers and contributors.
- 11/48 German Box Ship Costs Take A Leap. Operating costs for German KG container vessels have risen by 16 percent in 2006. Some German ship owners claim that financing ships abroad presently results in significant savings when compared to the KG model.
- 11/48 GL Statement Sparks Big Boat Rumours. Evergreen to finally go ahead and charter eight or nine ultra large ships?. Germanischer

- Lloyd/Hamburg claimed that one set of ordered vessels would not be 12,500teu, but 14,600teu units (for MSC?).
- 11/47 Bunker Prices Force Shipping Lines to Rethink Schedules. The daily bunker bill much higher than the daily charter rate for an average ship. One extra ship on an Asia-Europe sling would cut that sling's bunker bill by 40 percent.
- 10/43 Recent Deliveries of Small and Mid-Sized Vessels. 97 new vessels since June 2007.
- 10/43 Panama Canal Authority to Rethink Expansion Scheme? Lloyd's Register and Ocean Shipping Consultants want larger docks: ship's beam up from 49 to 51 metres, length from 366 to 380 metres.
- 10/43 First 16,000teu Beast on the Horizon? Samsung Heavy working on the design of larger ULCS. Wheelhouse/accommodation block amidships, engine room aft. New floating dock ready in 2008.
- 10/42 Will Evergreen Change Its Mind? Recent ULCS order spree has left **shipping analysts** split about where the market is heading: oversupply situation or absorption of all the new leviathans?.
- 10/42 US Housing Slump to Effect Pacific Volumes? North American imports are stagnating. Container traffic may remain flat or even decline this year.
- 9/39 No Newsletter for Week 40. Reason time constraints. Returns a week later.
- 9/39 TS Singapore Hits Quay in Tokyo Bay Typhoon. 1,118teu. Dragged anchor.
- 9/37 Containership-Info Hits 100,000. A very successful year: the website's visitor count has reached 100,000. Thanks to all our visitors, - and "stay tuned".
- 9/37 Panama Canal: Work Begins on Mega Project. Third set of locks could begin operations in 2014 or 2015.
- 8/35 We Want Hamburg Names. Editors complaining: Not enough "XXX Hamburg" ships. Shipping Line executives of Hanjin, MSC, China Shipping, and Maersk should consider the petition.
- 7/30 Now Available: Newsletter Contents Register. For the first half of 2007. Search function. To be updated at irregular intervals.
- 7/30 **Our Summer Special: Jumbo Container Ships. "The Big Boats Are Coming"**. A close look at the +12,000teu ships. 27 pages. Download from the "miscellaneous" section.
- 7/30 Order Book Update. Please also refer to "Companies" section. ULCS not included. For ULCS please refer to the summer special: "Jumbo Container Ships" in the "miscellaneous" section.
- 7/30 Selected Vessel Deliveries. Please also refer to "Companies" section.
- 6/26 The Newsletter Takes a Summer Break. Returns mid-July.
- 6/25 Latest orders. Thien&Heyenga: Eight 8,400teu. Oltman; YangMing; WanHai; ShipFinanceIntl.
- 6/25 X-bow feeder.

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- 5/21 Shop 'til You Drop: Order Boom Continues. A total of twenty new orders of +8,000teu vessels within the last seven days. Hapag-Lloyd: eight 8,750teu (2009-2010); unnamed (CMA CGM?): six 8,500teu (2010); Norddeutsche Reederei H. Schuldt: eight units including four 8,400teu; Hansa Treuhand AG: two 8,500teu units. Thien & Heyenga: four 4,400teu units.
- 5/20 Container Order Book Update. Seaspan: eight 8,202teu; Claus-Peter Offen: four 8,500teu; Norddeutsche Vermögen: four 4,334teu; Thomas Schulte: four 3,500teu; until 2010 world fleet to reach 14.1 million teu.
- 5/20 Recent Deliveries: Small and Mid-Sized Ships. List of 122 ships delivered during the first four months of 2007.
- 4/14 Small Cause – Big Effect. River barge lost 32 containers on the Rhine near Cologne. Five days of clean-up, river closed, and 400 barges queued.
- 5/18 Box Ship Order Spree Goes On. C.P. Offen: four more 8,400teu; Zim: one 10,000teu; MOL: three 6,300/6,800teu; Schulte Group: five 6,600teu for charter to APL; and more.
- 4/16 New Ships – New Names. Maersk Line, Hyundai Merchant Marine, NYK, Hapag-Lloyd, Hamburg-Süd, COSCON.
- 4/16 Will Herzs Be HLCL's White Knight? Analysts believe Hamburg's Herz family might buy Hapag-Lloyd or a controlling stake.
- 4/14 The Newsletter's Easter Holiday. No newsletter for week 15.
- 3/13 Malacca Strait Toll Proposed. USD 0.01/DWT for safe navigation and fighting piracy. A question of territorial rights and the ambit of national jurisdiction.
- 3/13 Pimp My Orderbook. All shipping lines, all Far Eastern shipyards, - almost.
- 3/13 Editor's Notice: Ship Arrivals. The list: "Ships of Interest in Northern Europe" is now available as a pdf-download from the misc-section.
- 3/12 Mid-Sized Money Makers. Sub-panamax ships around 2,800teu for feeder services as well as standalone loops outside the maritime highways. +2,000 units could be absorbed until 2015.
- 3/12 Panama Toll Hikes Spark Shipper's Protest. Massive complaints from the big players in shipping. Increases from eight to +ten percent per annum for first three years. Canal Authority: "you will have to get used to it".
- 3/11 Roro-Container Vessel Capsized in the Port of Antwerp. The Grimaldi vessel Repubblica di Genova started listning and finally toppled. No one injured.
- 3/11 GL's Future Panamax Proposal. Hamburg's Germanischer Lloyd's proposal for a 12,500teu max design to exactly fit the enlarged Panama Canal. Slightly enlarged version could take 14,000teu.
- 3/11 Ships of Interest in Northern Europe. March to May first scheduled calls of new ships (this list) in Northern Europe's ports.

- 3/10 Corrected. Newsletter 9: proximity and competition between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, not Shanghai.
- 2/9 Suez Tries to Lure Asia-US Traffic. Transit-fee discounts for Suez Canal to divert traffic from Panama before completion of new large locks.
- 2/8 Hefty Rate Increase to Fund Panama Canal Extension. Average passage tolls rise af 12 percent per annum until 2010 cause shipping lines to rethink routings. Asia-US east coast via Suez.
- 2/7 A Look at the Boxship Order Book. World boxship fleet: 3,982 units/aggregate capacity 9.5 million teu. Units will increase by 30 percent, capacity by 48 percent. Vessel delivery peaks in 2008 with 1.5 million teu. Post panamax capacity is set to rise by +70 percent until 2010.
- 2/6 A New Dimension of Baltic Feeders. Larger feeders needed due to steep rise of cargo throughput especially at St. Petersburg. Standard size rise from 750teu/850teu up to 1,700teu. High ice class in the north/low draught in the south (Kiel Canal). CMA CGM, Maersk, Delphis, and MSC in action. Maersk states that 2,800teu ships could be deployed. New terminals ready for panamaxes (Gdynia & Helsinki).
- 2/6 Recent Deliveries: Small and Mid-Sized Ships. List of 51 new ships.
- 1/4 Kyrill Causes Delays and Damages. The low pressure system Kyrill caused problems in its way. At Rotterdam CMA CGM Claudel bumped into an oil jetty causing a severe oil spill. Tug boats used to hold some ships at their berths.
- 1/4 Four Dead in Ferry-Feeder Crash. The 672teu Susan Borchard and the fast commuter ferry Segesta Jet of Italian Railway/Bluvia collided near the entrance to the Sicilian port of Messina. Four ferry crew members died.
- 1/4 Removal of Rokia Delmas Delayed. The wreck of the ConRo vessel, grounded October last year, is not expected to be cleared before this summer.
- 1/3 What's Inside the Box? Non-ferrous scrap (aluminium/copper), shredded recycling plastic, agricultural bulk products as examples.
- 1/2 Let's Set Sail Into 2007. During New Year break the editors have added several hundred new photos to the vessel galleries.

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