

# WORLD SHIP SOCIETY

## ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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#### **BRANCH NOTES**

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.** The next meeting of the Branch will be held in the Riverside Centre, Newport Quay commencing at 1915. Following an opportunity for liquid refreshments, including coffee, there will be a DVD on the early years of the Island Branch by kind permission of Mariann Fricker.

#### **Forthcoming meetings**

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June.** Evening boat trip to Portsmouth Harbour, viewing the *Norwegian Epic* on route.

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.** Social Evening with David and Jane Williams

#### **Annual Elections**

The following have been elected for the coming year:

Chairman - Chris Bancroft

Vice-Chairman - David Williams

Branch Secretary - Tony Westmore

Branch Treasurer - Brian Ash

Visit Secretary - John Cheverton

Newsletter Editor - John Cheverton

Auditors - John Cheverton and Ken Lowe

Committee Members: Phil Holmes, Paul Letbe and Keith Walker (Guest members' Representative)

**June Boat Trip** This will take place on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, leaving East Cowes Trinity Pontoon at 1820 and Cowes Parade Landing Stage at 1830 to Portsmouth Harbour, with a stop at Gunwharf Quays, returning at approx. 2230. Tickets may be obtained in advance from Chris Bancroft @ £7 for members and guest members, £8 for non-members and £4 for children. Tickets purchased on the night will cost £10.

#### **SHIPPING INFORMATION**

##### **Southampton Shipping - March.**

1<sup>st</sup> - **ARTEMIS LEADER** 62,571/08 Panamanian (vc), **SUDERAU** 2,461/05 Antiguan (cg).

2<sup>nd</sup> - **VIENNA EXPRESS** 93,750/10 German (cc); **ZIM QINGDAO** 39,906/06 Liberian (cc);

**ALEXANDERGRACHT** 7,950/91 Dutch (cg).

3<sup>rd</sup> - **ARKLOW WAVE** 8,938/03 Irish (cg); **HMS DARING (D32)** 7,350 displ/09 Type 45 destroyer.

**MUNGO** (ex - Tarquence - 01) 664/80 Bahamas (cg).

4<sup>th</sup> - **ANTORA** (ex - Anpero - 07, Wani Tofte - 05, Anpero - 04, Northern Island - 01) 2,446/98 Gibraltar (cg); **KOSSAU** 2,461/07 Antiguan (cg).

5<sup>th</sup> - **GRANDE PORTOGALLO** 37,726/02 Italian (rr); **HELEN** (ex - Urgence - 02) 1,425/81 British (cg).

6<sup>th</sup> - **MARVELOUS ACE** 59,422/06 Panamanian (vc); **SEATTLE EXPRESS** 93,750/09 Liberian (cc);

**BOUZAS** 15,224/02 Spanish (vc).

7<sup>th</sup> - **MULTRATUG 7** (ex - Lady Moira - 97) 369/77 Dutch (tg) brought in sheerlegs *CORMORANT*, the crane section collapsed whilst at berth 101.; **ATLANT REGINE** (ex - Regine - 06) 5,799/96 Marshall Islands (cg); **SUAR VIGO** 16,361/03 Spanish (vc).

8<sup>th</sup> - **SAGA PEARL II** (ex - Astoria - 10, Arkona - 02, Astor - 85) 18,591/81 Bahamas (ps); **RED DUCHESS** (ex - Aasland - 05, Minitrans - 86, Bell Cavalier - 78, Valdes - 75, Bell Cavalier - 74, Valdes - 73, Geertien - 69) 1,285/69 British (cg); **CLONLEE** (ex - Vera - 07, P&O Nedlloyd Finland - 05, Vera - 02) 3,999/96 Isle of Man (cf).

9<sup>th</sup> - **APL OMAN** 50,963/10 Singapore (cc); **SAND HARRIER** 3,751/90 British (dg).

10<sup>th</sup> - **CENTAURUS LEADER** 62,195/04 Panamanian (vc); **L'AUDACE** 15,224/99 Spanish (vc).  
 11<sup>th</sup> - **EURO SPIRIT** 48,346/98 Liberian (vc); **SORMOVSKIY 3003** 2,491/81 Russian (cg); **ARCO DEE** 1,309/90 British (dg); **MORNING CAROLINE** 60.876/08 Panamanian (vc); **CLIPPER MISTRAL** (ex – Caribbean Express – 09, CEC Mistral – 07, Arklow Mistral – 02) 6,310/98 Bahamas (cg).  
 12<sup>th</sup> - **MULRASALVOR** (ex – D.H. Bravo – 03) 145/94 St Vincent (tg) *towed away sheerlegs CORMORANT following the accident, together with MULTRATUG 7*; **MULTRATUG 17** (ex – Isaogullari Vega 12 – 08) 498/08 Dutch (tg) *brought in replacement sheerlegs GPS APOLLO*; **BALTIC HIGHWAY** 42,238/01 Panamanian (vc).  
 13<sup>th</sup> - **SAVANNAH EXPRESS** 94,483/05 German (cc); **ARABIAN BREEZE** 28,116/83 Singapore (vc).  
 14<sup>th</sup> - **BALLYHEALY** (ex – Hunter – 07, Deike – 98) 1,949/81 Panamanian (cg); **APL RIYADH** 40,741/10 Liberian (cc); **CAPE MANUEL** 28,007/07 Cypriot (cc); **FLINTERHUNZE** (ex – Hunzedijk – 05) 2,548/00 Dutch (cg).  
 15<sup>th</sup> - **TORINO** 61,328/09 British (vc); **CMA CGM JADE** (ex – Sabine Rickmers – 07) 39,906/-7 Marshall Islands (cc).  
 16<sup>th</sup> - **CITY OF LUTECE** (ex – Sea Hanna – 02, Mouju Maru – 00) Maltese (vc); **KOMET III** (ex – Portugal Bridge – 97, Komet III – 96, Gracechurch Comet – 96, Komet III – 91) 4,169/91 Antiguan (cf).  
 17<sup>th</sup> - **NINA BRES** 2,658/07 Danish (cg); **HOEGH TROVE** (ex – Hual Trove – 05) 58,684/00 Norwegian (vc); **VICTOR HENSEN** (ex – La Cour – 04, Victor Hensen – 01) 464/75 Maltese (rv).  
 18<sup>th</sup> - **APL WASHINGTON** 75,582/09 Hong Kong (cc); **MIGNON** 67,264/99 Swedish (vc).  
 18<sup>th</sup> - **LORD** (ex – Nord Vision – 09) 30,053/04 Panamanian (bu); **OOCL LONG BEACH** 89,097/03 Hong Kong (cc).  
 20<sup>th</sup> - **OOCL SHENZHEN** 89,097/03 Hong Kong (cc); **THAMES** 2,929/74 Panamanian (dg).  
 21<sup>st</sup> - **TALISMAN** 67,140/00 Norwegian (vc); **CMA CGM JAMAICA** 41,899/06 Cypriot (cc).  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - **PEARL ACE** 45,796/94 Panamanian (vc); **DOLFIJN** 1,987/89 Antiguan (cg); **WESTSUND** (ex – Strathfoyle – 02, Clausentum – 93) 366/80 Danish (tg) *towed away former Wightlink ferry CENRED*.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> - **SPIEGELGRACHT** 16,641/00 Dutch (cg); **NYK OLYMPUS** 98,799/08 Panamanian (cc) **BBC THAILAND** (ex – Sansibar – 08, Heng Yuon 7 – 08) 6,478/08 Antiguan (cg).  
 24<sup>th</sup> - **MEDUM** (ex – OPDR Porto – 08) 4,115/98 Antiguan (cg); **MICHIGAN HIGHWAY** 36,408/08 Japanese (vc).  
 25<sup>th</sup> - **CITY OF CHICHESTER** 2,074/97 British (dg); **HOEGH ASIA** (ex – Hual Asia – 06) 66,374/00 Bahamas (vc); **GEISE** (ex – Westerbølge – 06) 3,198/06 Gibraltar (cg).  
 26<sup>th</sup> - **CURITIBA** (ex – Rockies Highway – 02) 47,367/94 Panamanian (vc); **HESTIA LEADER** 63,007/08 Japanese (vc).  
 27<sup>th</sup> - **MAJESTIC MAERSK** 52,181/90 Danish (cc); **SYMPHORINE** 10,030/88 Luxemburg (rr).  
 28<sup>th</sup> - **NORDIC CHANTAL** (ex – Bremer Saturn – 06) 2,854/94 Norwegian (cg); **VENTURA** 116,017/07 Bermudan (ps).  
 29<sup>th</sup> - **OOCL KUALA LUMPUR** 66,462/07 Hong Kong (cc); **ELEKTRA** 57,018/99 Swedish (vc).  
 30<sup>th</sup> - **RBD BOREA** 7,545/07 Cypriot (cf); **TARIFA** 57,692/07 Bahamas (vc).  
 31<sup>st</sup> - **SMIT BUFFALO** 221/09 Dutch (tg); **GRAND CHAMPION** 59,217/08 Panamanian (vc)

#### **Hamble Shipping – March**

**ALFA BRITANNIA** 56,115/98 Bahamas (cr)  
**SENATORE** (ex – Adiane Jacob – 05) 41,526/04 Marshall Islands (pt)  
**MARE DI VENEZIA** 29,660/08 Italian (ch)

#### **Fawley Shipping – March**

**MAERSK NORDENHAM** (ex – Patrona – 04) 11,935/04 Maltese (pt)  
**BALTIC FAVOUR** 23,337/06 Cypriot (ch)  
**VALONCA** 60,185/09 Italian (cr)  
**MAERSK RIESA** (ex – Maersk Richmond - 06), 22,184/03 Bahamas (pt)  
**TORM ESBJERG** 29,733/08 Hong Kong (pt)  
**HISTRIA GEMMA** 25,814/10 Liberian (ch)  
**MARINOR** 42,835/08 Norwegian (pt)  
**MAR ELENA** 11,377/03 Spanish (pt)  
**PORT LOUIS** (ex – Meriom Pearl – 03) 24,910/02 Marshall Islands (pt)  
**STENA SIRITA** 77,410/99 Norwegian (cr)  
**TREFIN LEADER** 4,811/07 Maltese (ch)  
**TRANS IBERIA** 13,015/99 Norwegian (ch)  
**KNIGHTSBRIDGE** 7,891/09 Singapore (lp)  
**FRANK** 9,266/00 Gibraltar (ch)

**DELTA SAILOR** 62,320/05 Greek (cr)  
**PRO TRIUMPH** 57,773/09 Panamanian (cr)  
**CLIPPER SUND** 2,613/08 Norwegian (ch)  
**NAVION SCANDIA** 72,753/98 Bahamas (cr)  
**FURE STAR** (ex - Kollevik - 01, Flying Star - 06) 9,382/94 Faroe Islands (ch)  
**HAPPY GIRL** (ex - Sunny Girl - 95) 3,643/89 British (lp)  
**ZEPHYR** 1,621/85 Cypriot (lp)  
**STENA NATALITA** 63,051/01 Bahamas (cr)  
**KERLAZ** 23,244/04 Luxemburg (ch)  
**SIGAS COMMANDER** (ex - Kilgas Commander - 01) 2,458/96 Singapore (lp)  
**SPRING** 8,539/09 Marshall Islands (ch)  
**MAERSK REMLIN** (ex - Maersk Regent - 06) 22,184/03 Bahamas (pt)  
**OCEAN CREST** 29,304/09 Cypriot (ch)  
**NORD GOODWILL** 30,241/09 Danish (ch)  
**TORM TAMAR** (ex - Tamar - 08) 42,771/03 Singapore (cr)  
**CLIPPER CUILLIN** (ex - Crescent Cuillin - 07) 2,616/05 Bahamas (ch)  
**NAVION FENNIA** (ex - Futura - 03) 51,136/92 Bahamas (cr)  
**GAS LEGACY** (ex - Arago - 05, Regulus Gas - 02) 3,392/98 Cypriot (lp)  
**BALTIC FREEDOM** 23,337/06 Cypriot (ch)  
**MISTRAL** (ex - Derwent - 04) 3,494/90 Cypriot (lp)  
**KAREN KNUTSEN** (ex - Knock Whillan - 03) 87.827/99 Isle of Man (cr)  
**HILDEGAARD** 56,115/99 Bahamas (cr)  
**JOHN AUGUSTUS ESSBERGER** (ex - Tejo Chemist - 03, John Augustus Essberger - 97) 2,634/92 Madeira (ch)  
**PROMITHEAS** 66,919/06 Greek (cr)  
**T.C. GLEISNER** 23,298/05 Norwegian (ch)  
**SEACOD** 26,548/06 German (pt)  
**TRANS SUND** (ex - Lis Terkol - 96, Stol Lis Terkol - 94) 3,206/91 Norwegian (ch)  
**MERIOM GLORY** 30,345/08 Marshall Islands (ch)  
**CEYLON** (ex - Akebono - 04) 28,099/02 Singapore (pt)  
**AGRARI** 58,418/09 Greek (cr)  
**EAGLE ATLANTA** 57,929/99 Singapore (cr)  
**AEGEAN HARMONY** 61,473/07 Greek (cr)

#### **Portsmouth Shipping - March**

**USS VICKSBURG** 8,910 DISPL/92 American Ticonderoga Class Guided Missile Cruiser.  
**ELSEBETH** 10,519/98 Liberian (rf)  
**STAR QUALITY** 14,030/08 Panamanian (rf)  
**BENGUELA STREAM** 9,298/98 Dutch (rf)  
**TIMOR STREAM** 9,307/98 Liberian (rf)  
**EMERALD** 10,532/00 Liberian (rf)  
**STAR BEST** 14,030/07 Panamanian (rf)  
**TAURUS J** (ex - Delmas Lisboa - 10, Maersk Rostock - 07, Taurus J - 02) 14,062/02 Antigua (cf).  
**PAULINE** 9,981/06 Antigua (cf).  
**NORMAN ARROW** 10,503/09 British (ff)

#### **Solent Anchorage - March**

**RIVER TRADER** (ex - Teal - 09, Hoo Beech - 06) 794/89 British (cg)

#### **Cowes Shipping - March (submitted by Brian Ralfs)**

8<sup>th</sup> - **VISCOUNT** (ex - Lass Saturn - 08, Greifswald - 94, Lass Saturn - 93) 1,513/93 Barbados (cg) (M)  
 14<sup>th</sup> - **SHEPHERD TRADER** (ex - Lass Mars - 07, Mars - 92) 1,515/92 Barbados (cg) (M) also called on 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 25<sup>th</sup> - **ISLAY TRADER** (ex - Lass Moon - 07, Moon - 92) 1,515/92 Barbados (cg) (M)  
 26<sup>th</sup> - **CITY OF CHICHESTER** 2,074/97 British (dg) (M)  
 28<sup>th</sup> - **SWANLAND** (ex - Elsborg - 96, Artemis - 94, Elsborg - 88, Carebeka IX - 83) 1,978/77 Barbados (cg) (K)

K = Kingston Wharf, M = Medina Wharf

Key to ships - bu = bulk carrier; cc = container carrier; cf = container feeder; cg = general cargo; ch = chemical tanker; cr = crude carrier; dg = dredger; ff = fast ferry; lp = lpg carrier; ps = passenger ship;

pt = product tanker; rf = reefer; rr = roll-on, roll-off; rv = research vessel; tg = tug; vc = vehicle carrier.

### **Question of the Month**

Which is the oldest of the 39 cruise ships due to visit the Solent in 2010?

Last month's answer - The former American naval base at Hythe on Southampton Water.

### **Companies of the Past - Arosa Line**

Compania Internacional Transportadora became known as the Arosa line, in 1951, although their vessels were registered in Panama, they were a Swiss Company based in Geneva. Their first ship introduced on the Bremerhaven-Zeebrugge-Southampton-Halifax service was the **AROSA KULM** an interesting vessel built in 1919 as the U.S. army transport **CANTIGNY**. In 1924 she was converted to commercial use and was renamed **AMERICAN BANKER** sailing for the American Merchant Lines, mainly a cargo ship, she carried only 12 passengers. She was renamed **VILLE D'ANVERS** in 1940, and survived the war. Under Honduran flag she was renamed **CITY OF ATHENS** with her passenger capacity increased. In 1947 sold to Panamanian Lines, renamed **PROTEA** and after a major refit her passenger capacity was increased to over 900. In her final renaming she became the **AROSA KULM**, making her first call at Southampton on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1952.

The company eventually purchased three further ships to service the North Atlantic route, which will be featured in the coming months.

The **AROSA KULM** finally had a gross tonnage of 8,929, and when she arrived at Plymouth on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1958, en route from Jamaica to Bremen, she had a writ nailed to her mast by Customs officials. In April 1959 the company was declared bankrupt, and **AROSA KULM** was soon sold for scrapping in Bruges where she arrived the following month.

