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祝我们的读者新年快乐，牛年行大运！

Wishing all our readers a Happy & Golden Year of Ox



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Corporate News

Sale of our vessel, M.V. Nord Saturn

MV Nord Saturn has been with our company's management for slightly more than a year. She was sold on 18th February 2009 0200 UTC at Rizhao, China.

The Master and Officers together as a team conducted the transfer in the most professional manner.



4th Batch Training Cadets with Sinosin Staff

Sinosin's 4th Batch of Cadets Training

Sinosin Xiamen conducted training for our 4th batch of cadets from 24th February to

18th March 2009. A total of 16 deck cadets and 17 engine cadets attended this training.

The purpose of this cadet training is to introduce relevant international maritime convention in SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW and Alfa Safety Management Systems (ALFA SMS).

This is to inculcate into the cadets the importance of Quality System towards effective and safe operating procedures.

Sinosin Xiamen also target to train our cadets on the importance of English and instill learning English as their interest.

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Crewing Matters



Pre-Joining Induction for Senior Officers

The company recognizes the importance of properly equipping the Senior Officers with good understanding of Alfa Ships Management System (Alfa SMS).

As part of the company's safety process, Capt. Dong Yi Fei attended Alfa Singapore Office pre-joining briefing prior to taking command of M.V. Durban Bridge.

We are confident that Capt. Dong will be able to contribute and conduct his role as Master more effectively.

Pre-Joining Induction for 6 Crew Members

On 27th February 2009, Chief Engineer, Mr. Ji Yu Feng together with 5 other crew members attended a pre-joining briefing at Alfa Office prior to broading M.V. Cape Town Bridge.

The pre-joining briefing is an extension of our Onboard Management Team's Culture as each crew plays an important part in the performance of the vessel.



Cross-Training Programme

Sinosin Xiamen Staff

The Cross-Training is our Continuous Company Policy.

In line with our cross-training programme, Ray Du, our crew management executive from Singapore was attached to Sinosin Xiamen's Office from 11th to 13th February 2009.

Ray Du gave positive feedback and commented that he has gained good insight into SINOSIN's operating processes and procedures. Being able to observe first hand, he is confident of being more effective in carry out his duties.



Crewing Matters

Private Visit by Sinosin

Ms. Nicola Liu & Ms. Helen Wang from M/S Sinosin Marine Service Co., Ltd gave a wonderful surprise to our Alfa Office in Singapore. They turned up at our office during the Spring Festival.

Our guests were treated by warm receptions from our Account's staff.

This part of social exchange is encouraged by the company.

So should any of the sea-staff are in Singapore, you are warmly welcome to visit our office. We look forward to meet up with you.



Nicola & Helen with Accounts Department

Shipping Headlines

Reduction of Cargo Volume

We are all aware of the difficult economic crisis that is faced by all countries.

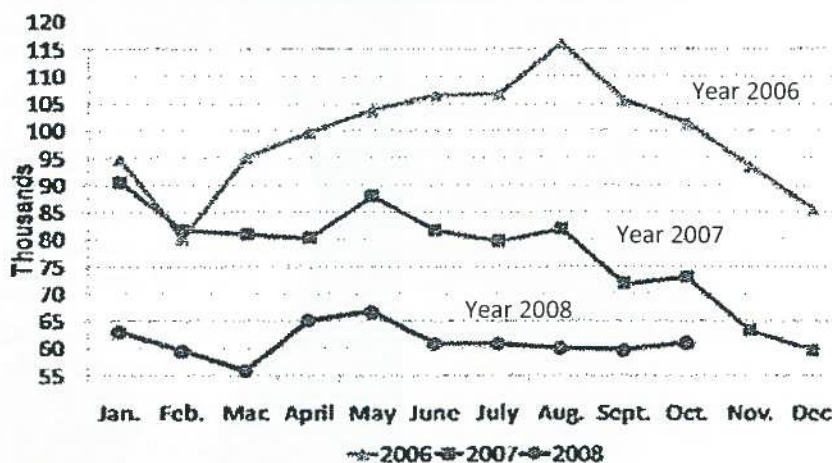
All the world leaders expect that the crisis will get worse before improvement will take place.

The data on the right shows the sharp decline in container trade in 2006.

Dry-bulk carriers also suffer the same difficult operating environment.

All of us can contribute effectively to assist our ship owners to reduce their expenses.

2006-2008 ISO Container Transcontinental Volumes



Source: IANA Intermodal Market Trends and Statistics



Good housekeeping and good preventive maintenance are essential tools. Every Master and Chief Engineer are required to share their experiences and guide their staff to encourage good teamwork.

Quality, Safety & Assurance

US EPA Vessel General Permit



With effect from 19th June 2009, all ships above 300 GT in United States waters and within 3 miles off the territorial waters are required to submit a Notice of Intend to the Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) for the discharge of more than 8 cubic metres of Ballast Water.

If the Master is in doubt, he should clarify with the Port Agents or Alfa Marine Operations for immediate assistance.

US EPA is very strict in imposing this regulation. Therefore Masters are required to comply with the regulation accordingly.

Quality, Safety & Assurance

For PANAMANIAN & BAHAMIAN Registered Vessels

Certification of Ship Security Officers (SSOs)

This applies to vessels registered with Panama and Bahamas engaged on international voyages:-

- Passenger ships, including passenger crafts,
- Cargo Ships, including Cargo Crafts of 500GT and above,
- Mobile Offshore Drilling Units.

With effect from 1st July 2009, all SSO shall be required to have their SSO Certificates endorsed by the nearest Panamanian Consulate & Bahamian approved organization or institution.

All Masters shall take note of this requirement and where necessary, advise the Ship Managers in good time to ensure that the SSO comply with this requirement.

All vessels are provided with the Flag States Circulars.

Masters and Officers are required to keep up-to-date of all applicable regulations.

In general all applicable regulations are provided with 6 months to 12 months notice before coming into force.

2008 TOP Vessel Performance

It is our pleasure to announce that our good vessel, M.V. Bulk Paraiso has emerged as Winner of the "TOP Vessel Performance Award" for the year 2008 (Jun-Dec). Our heartiest congratulations to all officers and crew members on-board M.V. Bulk Paraiso for a great job done.

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Certificate No. TOP-08



TOP Vessel Performance Award

This certifies that

M/V BULK PARAIISO

Has achieved Excellence in her Performances

In accordance with

Alfa Ships Management Systems

For the year of 2008.



28th December 2008

Date of Issue

Ship-Shore Security Exercise on Pirates Attack

This was conducted in accordance with International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and Flag State requirements. A realistic scenario was injected to drive home the message on the need for the ship's team to exercise caution and alertness in sensitive areas.

By end of March 2009, we would have conducted this security exercise on 12 vessels in our fleet.

The exercise brought awareness to all the shipboard staff and prepare them to handle piracy prevention.



2/O of M.V. Bulk Paraiso was taken hostage

Issue Highlights

China Navy's in Somalia Waters



Chinese Navy's Missile Destroyer, "Haikou 171" patrolling at Somalia Waters

The world's maritime countries are stepping up security in the troubled waters off Somalia.

China is the latest nation to join in the international anti-piracy mission.

China now deploys two destroyers and a supply ship in the Gulf of Aden.

The Mainland authorities announced that the main task of the naval unit is "to protect Chinese ships and crew on board, as well as ships carrying humanitarian relief material for the international organizations, including the World Food Programme".

With effect from 6 Jan 2009, China and Hong Kong registered ships are encouraged to submit a "ship movement report" via email to the Hong Kong Marine Emergency and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (HKMRCC).

This ship movement report should be submitted 7 days in advance prior to the ship's ETA at the reporting lines:-

- A) Longitude 57° E for westbound ships from the Indian Ocean,
- B) Longitude 15° N for southbound ships through the Red Sea.

Where there is a substantial change to the ETA, the movement should be re-submitted.

A Change to the position and dimensions of the UKMTO Transit Corridor in the GOA

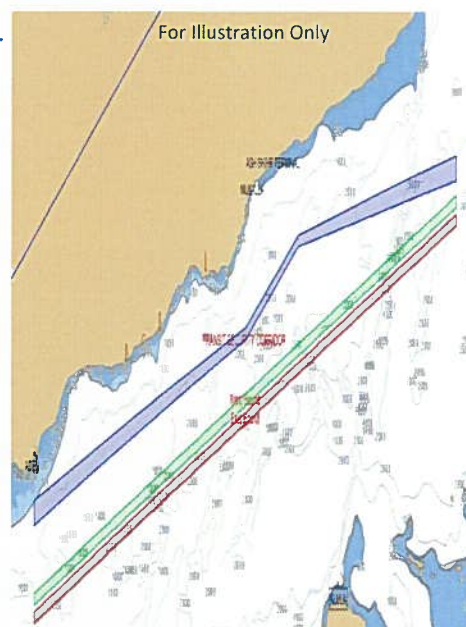
In cooperation with European Union Naval Force (EUNAFOR) ATALANTA and the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) is revising the internationally recommended UKMTO Transit Corridor through Gulf of Aden (GOA) in response to feedback from the international maritime community. This revision is intended to reduce the risk of collision between vessels utilizing the corridor, provide a measure of traffic separation, and allow

maritime forces to conduct deterrent operations in the GOA with a greater degree of flexibility.

Effective from 1st February 2009, at 0001Z, the revised UKMTO Transit Corridor has come into effect in the following coordinates:-

- 12 00°N 45E
- 14 30°N 53E
- 11 55°N 45E
- 14 25°N 53E
- 11 53°N 45E
- 14 23°N 53E
- 11 48°N 45E
- 14 18°N 53E

The UKMTO Transit Corridor is not marked or defined by visual navigational means, nor is it intended to be a dedicated traffic separation scheme but in order for warship patrols to be effective. Vessels transiting the GOA are strongly recommended to adhere to these guidelines regarding the use of UKMTO Transit Corridor.



Miscellaneous



Quality Manager, Capt. Tan is conducting the training in Alfa Office

Staff Training - Root Cause Analysis

On 12th Feb 2009, Alfa Office conducted a in-house training workshops for the Ship Managers and staff.

Capt. Tan, our Quality Manager was the Trainer.

The workshop was well attended. It served as a refresher course to the Ship Managers who are already acquainted with this tool. However for other staff, this is a structured tool that would be adopted for their daily work when they encounter work difficulties or defects.

All Masters are encouraged to guide their officers under their command to make full use of this tool onboard to continually make work improvements.

Commercial Visit to International Registries (FE) Ltd Singapore Office

On 23rd February 2009, our commercial department made a visit to the Marshall Islands Ship Registry's office in Singapore.

This is to prepare the potential of acquiring vessels registered under Marshall Islands.

It is noted that Marshall Islands Registry has been growing in commercial shipping. Previously, Marshall Islands was popular registry for pleasure vessels and craft.



Alfa Commercial Representatives with International Registries' Branch Manager & Assistant Officer



International Registries' (Hong Kong Office) Technical Marine Manager & Fleet Operations Manager with Alfa Chief Operating Officer

International Registries (FE) Ltd Hong Kong Office Representative's Visit to Alfa Office

As a follow up to the commercial department's visit to the Marshall Island Registry's office in Singapore, the Marshall Island Registry's Hong Kong office counterpart returned a visit to our Alfa Office on 26th February 2009.

The visitors reiterated that Marshall Islands work on 24/7 and strives on quick response. As such, all vessels registered with their registry are assured of prompt service support.

Festive Celebrations at Alfa



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- *Crew Management*
- *Commercial Management*
- *Engineering Consultancy*
- *Dry docking Superintendency*

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