

WORLD SHIP SOCIETY HAVEN PORTS BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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(Photo by David Hazell)

If you receive this newsletter and you are not a member of the World Ship Society you are welcome to come along to a branch meeting without obligation. Contact Derek Sands on the email address on the last page of the newsletter.

There will be no branch meeting in July. In August we have our annual social meeting at the Shipwreck pub, Shotley Marina, 12 noon. Don't forget that unless you put your car registration in and spend money in the Shipwreck, you have to pay for parking.

Due to the wealth of images available this month as we are in the period of the longest daylight, the newsletter is in two parts to keep its size manageable for your email inboxes.

Recent Callers



Three cranes working on “**MSC Candice**” at Trinity seven, Felixstowe on 14th May. Seen from the passing Harwich to Hook of Holland ferry, she was built in 2007 by Samsung, Koje. She has been a fairly regular visitor but this may be her first call since her exhaust scrubber was fitted. *(Photo by David Hazell)*



Also seen from the ferry is “**CMA CGM Chopin**” which had arrived earlier in the day from Tanger Med. She would sail next day for Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Le Havre. She was built in 2004 by Samsun, Koje. *(Photo by David Hazell)*



Regularly seen on AIS in the harbour “**Lowestoft Provider**” is based at Levington Marina on the River Orwell. She is a workboat operated by Wood Marine, Lowestoft and has a maximum speed of 28 knots. Built by Lochine Marine, Rye, she is seen from the Hook of Holland ferry on 14th May. (Photo by David Hazell)



Looking in dire need of a paint job “**MSC Nicole X**” at number nine berth, Felixstowe on 15th May. She had arrived on the 14th from Napoli and would depart to Rotterdam on the 16th. Acquired by MSC in June 2024 she is the former “**A.P. Moller**” built for Maersk in 2000 by Odense Staalskibs, Lindo. (Photo by Derek Sands) (3)



Arriving from Rotterdam on 15th May “**Ever Acme**” makes another call at Felixstowe, heading for number eight berth. Leaving two days later for Hamburg, Rotterdam and Colombo, via Suez. Her keel was laid in February 2022 and she was launched in September, with completion by China’s Hudong-Zhonghua in December.

(Photo by Derek Sands)

In the photo below she gathers her tugs as she proceeds to the berth. *(Photo by Alex Dace)*





Arriving at Felixstowe on a ONE (Ocean Network Express) schedule is “**Xin Chang Sha**” on 16th May. We will be seeing more ONE vessels in Felixstowe as they switch some services from London Gateway. She has come from Rio de Janeiro via Rotterdam and would depart for Hamburg, Antwerp and Lisbon the following day. Built for COSCO by Dalian H.I., China in 2005 (*Photos by Alex Dace*)





Looking lonely at Trinity seven, Felixstowe on 17th May with no cranes to serve her and no boxes onboard! **“Expert”** departed the following day for Bremerhaven, then to the Waalhaven and Maasvlakte terminals in Rotterdam, before heading for Helsinki. Built by Fujian Mawei Shipbuilding in 2010 for Draxl Schiffahrts as **“Delia”** she moved to Buss in 2014 as **“Perseus”** and in 2020 to Elbspring GMBH as **“Elbspring”**. Since March 2025 she has been owned in the Netherlands by JR Shipping and renamed **“Expert”**. (Photo by Alex Dace)



Here is one with a name to make calling the ship on VHF difficult. **“CMA CGM Antoine de Saint Exupery”** rounds the Beach End with tug assistance on 17th May. She has come from Antwerp and would depart for Port Klang, Malaysia on the following day, via a bunkering stop in Las Palmas. She was built by HHIC-Phil, Philippines in 2018. (Photo by Alex Dace)



A sure sign that another shipment of cement is due at Harwich Navyard Wharf is the arrival of JST Services, Cargo Handler at 10.30 on 18th May. (Photo by Alex Dace)

Arriving just three hours later is Belgian flagged **“Marcus”**, seen across the rooftops as she closes in on her berth at Navyard. Built by Slovakia’s Slovenske Lodenice, Komarno as **“Rodau”** for Erwin Strahlmann, Germany. Like all her fleet mates she was sold off when Strahlmann was liquidated. She joined Boeckmans Shipping of Antwerp in 2012 and was renamed **“Marcus”**. She sailed for Ghent on the 20th. (Photo by Alex Dace)





Harwich's Ha'penny pier is the vantage point for this photo of **"Coolwater"** heading for Parkeston Tanker jetty on 20th May. She is inbound from Rotterdam's Botlek complex, and would head back there on the 21st. Launched by Eregli Gemi, Turkey in August 2007, she was completed in the Netherlands in July 2008 by Breko, Papendrecht. (Photo by Alex Dace).



Making her first call at Felixstowe, **"Douce France"** rounds the Beach End on 20th May. Marfret vessel share with CMA CGM and Seatrade and would normally call at London Gateway. Built in China by Jiangsu Newyangzi SB, Jingjiang in 2020. She has 600 reefer plugs and trades to the Caribbean, Guyana and the Amazon. She had arrived from Vigo and Rotterdam and would sail to Le Havre and Philipsburg, Sint Maarten a Dutch island in the Caribbean. (Photo by Alex Dace)



Turning to berth with the aid of two local tugs. *(Photo by Alex Dace)*



Owned by Drevin Schiffahrts **“Mark D”** passes Felixstowe bound for Ipswich on 21st May. She was only completed in February this year by the GS Yard at Waterhuizen. She has come from Brake on the River Weser and would depart for Hamina, Finland later on the 21st. *(Photos by Justin Thyme)*





A somewhat surprise visitor on 22nd May “**Star Pride**” heads into the harbour at 6am. Bound for Parkeston Quay she had come from Dover and would depart later in the day for Zeebrugge. *(Photo by Alex Dace)*



Now heading up the River Stour having already passed Harwich. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*



Now outbound at 6pm, during her stay many of the passengers enjoyed cycling around Harwich and the surrounding area, presumably on their own bikes kept aboard. Many tandems were noted and the American accent was heard a lot. The ship was built in 1998 as **“Seabourn Pride”** by Schichau Seebeck, Bremerhaven. Seabourn Cruises sold her to Windstar Cruises of Miami in 2014 and she was renamed **“Star Pride”**.
(Photos by Derek Sands)





Hapag-Lloyd charter “**Cape Corfu**” heading for her berth at Felixstowe on 22nd May on a service diverted from London Gateway. Her last port was Antwerp. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*



Having completed her turn with the aid of a stern tug she will proceed stern first to the berth. *(Photo by Alex Dace)*



Heading towards Trinity seven now **“Cape Corfu”** was completed in 2021 by Guangzhou Wenchong for Meteora Maritime and is managed by Cape Shipping of Greece. (Photo by Alex Dace)



Discharge of her reefer boxes is in full swing at Trinity seven at 17.30 hours and she would leave at 02.30 the next day for Hamburg. (Photo by Derek Sands)



Another ship diverted from London Gateway is “**CMA CGM Fort Saint Charles**” seen here at Felixstowe on 22nd May. COSCO (Zhoushan) Shipyard built her in 2019, she has two sisters built in the same shipyard and in the same year. She had come from Dunkirk on the 21st and left on the 22nd for Le Havre and Guadeloupe.
(Photo by Derek Sands)

Below is a stern view of her taken from Shotley. (Photo by Alex Dace)





Passing Harwich inbound from Europort on her regular service Europort-Harwich, **“Thuleland”** on her way to number four berth Parkeston Quay. Chartered to Stena Line whilst the regular vessels are upgraded in China. **“Thuleand”** has been owned by Wallenius of Sweden since 2022. She was built as a paper carrier in 2006 by Aker Yards, Rauma being named **“Transpulp”**. Her owner became Classic Shipping in 2016 but they did not change her name. In 2022 she was renamed **“Thuleland”** by Wallenius. (Photos by Derek Sands)





Deep drafted on her arrival at Felixstowe from Colombo, Sri Lanka, “**MSC Olbia**” heading for number nine berth. She is owned in Greece by Dionysus Shipping and is on long term charter to MSC. One of a series of similar ships built by China’s Jiangsu Yangzi Xinfu Shipbuilding, she was launched in August 2024 and completed in December. Below she can be seen discharging at number nine berth in the evening of her arrival. (Photos by Derek Sands)





Outbound from Ipswich for Dordrecht on 23rd May, “**Eems Sky**” had arrived in ballast from Immingham on the 21st. She was built in Vietnam by the Hong Ha Shipyard, Haiphong in 2008.
(Photo by Derek Sands)



Arriving in the gloom of early evening, “**MSC Spring III**” making her first visit to Felixstowe on 23rd May. She has come from Le Havre and sailed the following day for Antwerp and Liverpool. Launched in June 2006 she was completed in August as “**Passat Spring**” for German owners. Bomar LLC became owners in 2014 renaming her “**Bomar Spring**”. She entered the MSC fleet in 2023 and gained her present name. (Photo by Derek Sands) (17)



Heading for Ipswich on 26th May **“Rix Flevo”** has come from Rotterdam. Her distinctive design gives away the fact she was completed by Hugo Peters Shipyard at Wewelsfleth, Germany, but her hull came from the Slip yard in Rybinsk, on the upper Volga, Russia. Built for German owner Hermann Buss as **“Frieda”** in 1996, she remained in German ownership when renamed **“Leeswig”** in 2007. Rix Shipping of Riga acquired her in 2014 and she was renamed. She is currently on charter to Balticshipping DK. (Photo by Derek Sands)



“SCI Delhi” attaches bow tug **“Svitzer Deben”** as she arrives at Felixstowe in pouring rain on 27th May. She has come from Mundra, India and would leave for Rotterdam on the 28th. Completed as **“Asiatic Summer”** in 2014 by Hyundai Samho, she went on charter to United Arab Shipping as **“UASC Zamzam”** in 2015. Owned in Germany by Oltmann she changed her name to the present one in 2024. (Photo by Derek Sands)



Also arriving on the 27th was “**NYK Demeter**” on an Ocean Network Express schedule that previously called at London Gateway. Built in 2007 for Nippon Yusen Kaisha by Hyundai, Ulsan, she has come from Rio de Janeiro, via Algeciras and Rotterdam and sailed for Hamburg on the 28th. (Photos by Derek Sands)





Regular caller **“Falstria Swan”** passes Felixstowe inbound for Ipswich from Amsterdam on 28th May. She will load waste oil for recycling in Denmark and she would leave for Kalundborg on the 29th. (Photo by Mick Warrick)



Seaspan’s **“Cosco Japan”** has emerged from a five yearly dry docking with her company’s black hull instead of the previous Cosco grey. Seen here entering the harbour on 30th May she had made the short journey from Zeebrugge. (Photo by Derek Sands)



Now seen passing Felixstowe's viewing area as she heads for her berth at Trinity Terminal. Launched in September 2009, she was completed by Hyundai, Ulsan in March 2010 as "**Cosco Japan**". She has been on charter to Cosco ever since from Seaspans Corp. (Photo by Mick Warrick)



Following "**Cosco Japan**" into the harbour is "**Kristel**" of Hansa Shipping, Tallinn. Their fleet has expanded to fifty one vessels over the last few years. Launched as "**Greta**" by Yichang Shipyard, China she was completed for Dutch owners by Damen, Foxhol in December 1999. Acquired by New Constellation Ltd of Valletta in 2012 who gave her the same name as the company. She entered the Hansa fleet in 2016. (Photo by Derek Sands)



“Kristel” passes Felixstowe viewing area as she heads for Ipswich to load at the grain terminal. Below she is seen heading up the Orwell. (Photos by Mick Warrick)





It seems the loading of grain at Parkeston Quay has become more frequent recently. “**Arklow Clan**” passes Harwich outbound from there to Dublin on 30th May. She had arrived in ballast from Erith on the 27th. She was the third completed in 2017 of a series of nine ships by Ferus Smit, Westerbroek. (Photos by Derek Sands)





Heavily laden “**MSC Aliya**” in the harbour approach channel on 1st June, she will soon turn sharply to starboard on her final approach. A product of Hyundai, Ulsan in 2019 she was completed in August of that year. Her prominent exhaust scrubber was fitted before 2022. *(Photos by Derek Sands)*



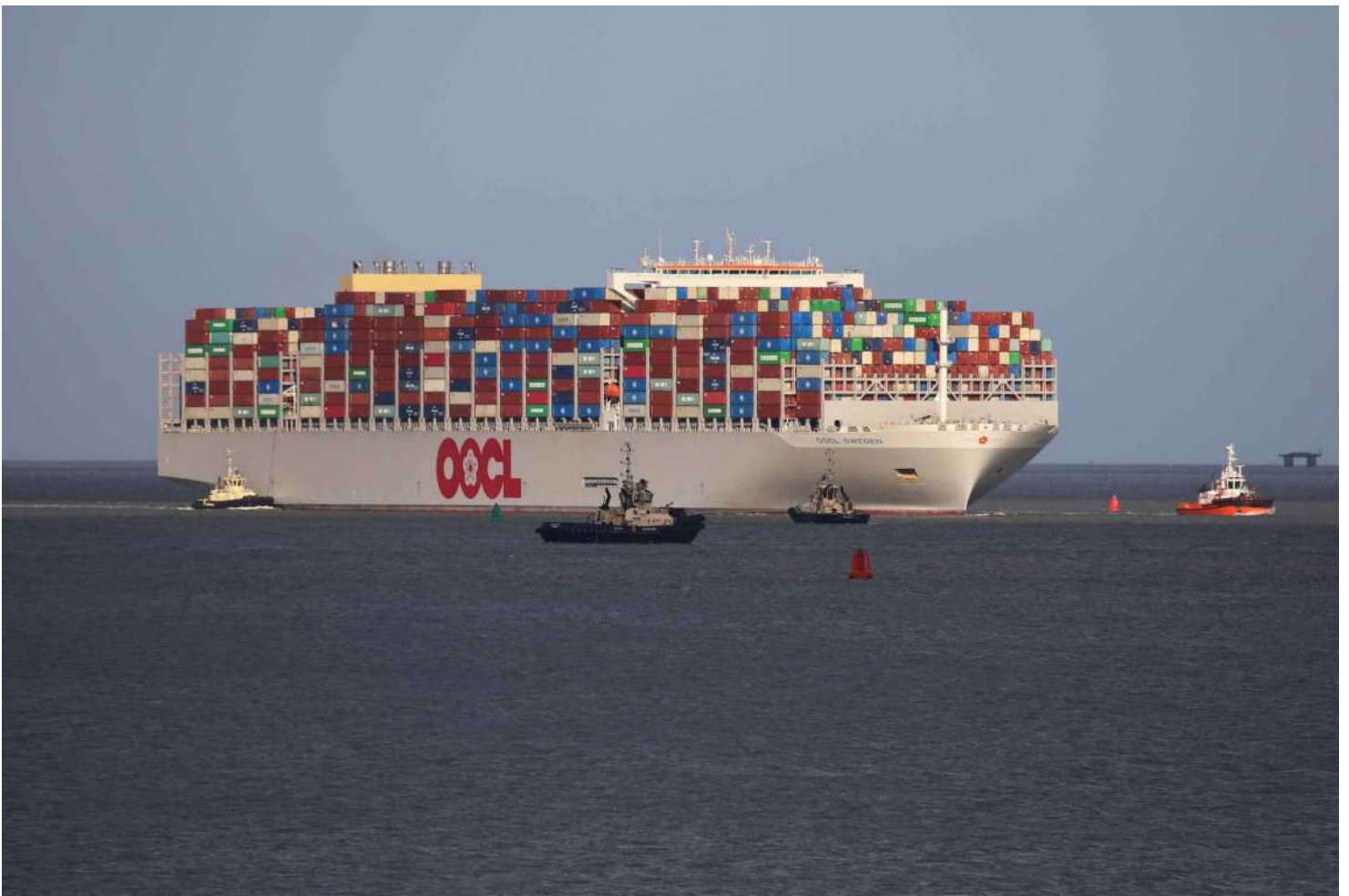
Attaching the bow tug!



Nearing the berths and before her swing to port, to be “head out”. (Photo by Derek Sands)



Arriving at Felixstowe from Sheerness, “**Svitzer Tiger**” has come to assist with the berthing of the “**OOCL Sweden**” on 1st June. Built for Ocean SRL of Italy by Uzmar Shipyard, Istanbul and managed by Svitzer. she entered service on 17th January 2025. (Photo by Derek Sands)



Gathering her tugs about her as she approaches the sharp turn in the approach channel on June 1st. “**OOCL Sweden**” has come direct from Singapore and would sail for Zeebrugge on the 5th. One of a series of twelve by Nantong COSCO KHI, she was delivered on 24th May 2024. (Photos by Derek Sands)





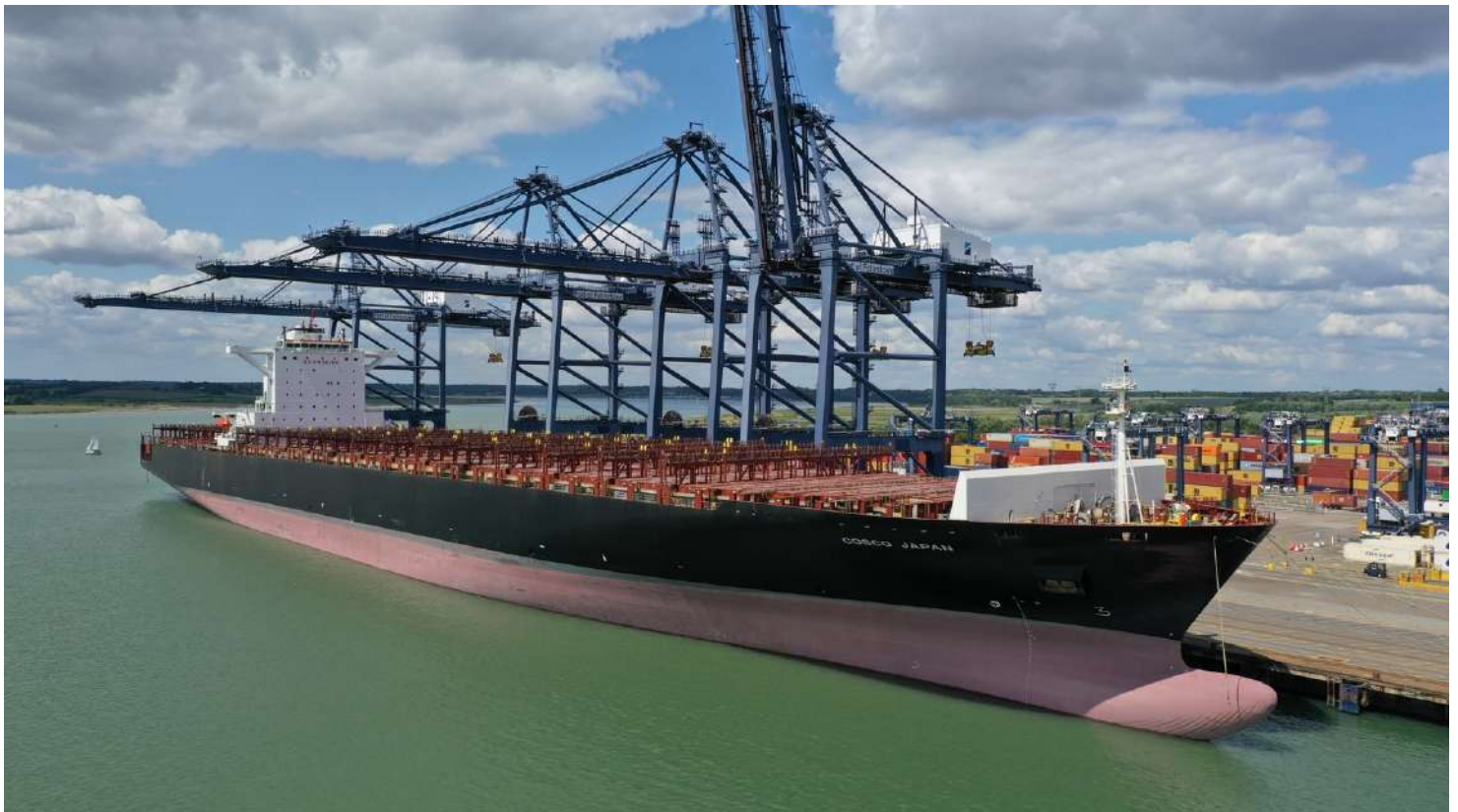
“Selene Prahm” arrived at Ipswich on May 31st from Fredrikstad, Norway and is seen alongside Cliff Quay on 1st June. She sailed for Erith on 2nd June. *(Photo contributed)*



She is seen here on her way up the Thames for Erith on the 3rd, to load for the Swedish port of Falkenberg. She has been a frequent visitor to the Haven ports since she was completed by Koetter-Werft, Haren/Ems in 1994 for Hammann and Prahm. *(Photo by John Pitcher)*



Featured earlier in this newsletter and making the voyage in ballast from Hull, **“Kristel”** is seen alongside Ipswich grain terminal on 1st June. She will load for Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland and depart for there on the 4th. She arrived at Warrenpoint on the 11th and left the following day for Varberg, Sweden, via the Pentland Firth at the top of the UK. She is currently en route to Kaliningrad, Russia as this is written. She joined the Tallinn based Hansa Shipping in 2016 under her current name. In 2012 she was **“New Constellation”** before Hansa acquired her. *(Photo contributed)*



A freshly painted and recently dry docked **“Cosco Japan”** alongside Trinity seven, Felixstowe on 2nd June. Not a box to be seen on board, she will load for Hamburg. *(Photo contributed)*



Loading completed, Seaspan's "**Cosco Japan**" departs Felixstowe for Hamburg on 6th June. Although she has been repainted in Seaspan colours she remains on charter to Cosco. She was built in 2010 by Hyundai, Ulsan and is capable of around 8,000 TEU. (Photo by Alex Dace)



The rare sight of three COSCO vessels at Trinity terminal on 6th June left to right "**Cosco Japan, Cosco Indonesia**" which are both chartered vessels and "**Cosco Shanghai**". Berth nine was also occupied by Cosco Shipping Alps.



“**Mia Maria**” makes her way through the harbour heading for Ipswich on 2nd June. She had loaded wheat at Viewrow, Germany and left there on 30th May. Launched in November 2011 by Chernomorskyi SZ, Mykolayiv, Ukraine, she was completed by Damen, Bergum as “**Famke**” for Irish owners. Immediately chartered as “**Huelin Dispatch**” for service to the Channel Islands from Southampton, this finished in 2023 and she is now owned by Irving Management Ltd of Lithuania, and flies the Cypriot flag. She left Ipswich for Emden on 5th June but anchored off Bawdsey until the 12th. (Photos contributed)





Arriving in Ipswich with a cargo of wheat from Viewrow, Germany on 5th June, “**Katarina**” is seen alongside Cliff Quay the following day. She would leave for Ghent on the 9th. Built in China by Zhenjiang Hexing Shipbuilding, Wenling in 2011 as “**Najade**”. She departed for Ghent on the 9th to load for Solvesborg, Sweden. (Photos contributed)





Evidence of the cargo she has loaded is obvious at the Old Power Station berth Ipswich on 5th June. **“Wilson Wisla”** will finish loading on the 6th and sail for Akureyri, Iceland. Recognisable as a product of Slovakia’s Slovenske Lodenice, Komarno, she was completed in 1996 as **“Arcturus”**. Her German owners chartered her out as **“RMS Arcturus”** and in 2004 as **“Hav Arcturus”**. She reverted to **“Arcturus”** in 2006 and was sold to Norwegian owners in 2007 as **“Tove”**. Wilson acquired her in 2019 and she gained her current name. (Photo contributed)



Loading at Ipswich grain terminal on 6th June is **“Scot Leader”**. She had arrived in ballast from Rochester the previous day and would depart for Aarhus, Denmark on the 10th. She was built in the Netherlands by Royal Bodewes, Hoogezand and delivered on 23rd July 2024, one of four sisters. (Photo contributed))



Currently relieving on the Harwich-Europort freight route for Stena, **“Jutlandia Sea”** passes Harwich outbound on 3rd June. Rumour has it that this may become permanent with the returning from upgrading in China **“Stena Foreunner** and **Foreteller”** switching to the Immingham route. Built as **“Tor Jutlandia”** by Jinling Shipyard, Nanjing in 2010, she became **“Jutlandia Seaways”** in 2011 and her current name was acquired in 2020.
(Photo by Derek Sands)



Seen from a high vantage point as she passes Harwich on 11th June. *(Photo by Alex Dace)*



There is very little on board as she passes Felixstowe outbound for Europort on 13th June. *(Photos contributed)*





A final view as she passes Felixstowe's viewing area outbound on the 13th. (Photo by David Hazell)



“Cosco Shanghai” sets off for Rotterdam from Felixstowe on 6th June. From Rotterdam she will call at Hamburg and Antwerp before heading direct to Piraeus. She was launched in May 2001 and completed by Kawasaki, Sakaide in July. (Photo Derek Sands)



“Cosco Shipping Alps” at number nine berth Felixstowe on 6th June. Chinese built in 2018 by Shanghai Jiangnan Changxing. She had arrived from Singapore, via Rotterdam, Hamburg and Zeebrugge on the 5th June and would depart direct to Port Klang, Malaysia on the 7th. *(Photo contributed))*



Making her second visit to Felixstowe on 6th June, **“Santa Marta Express”**. The Hapag-Lloyd service she operates on has been switched from London Gateway for the time being, due to the ongoing congestion at the Thameside port. Her Japanese owners have her managed from Paisley by Songa Shipmanagement a member of the Blystad group of Oslo, Norway. She was built by Hyundai, Ulsan in 2010 as **“Maersk Neinburg”** for long term charter to Maersk, this ended in 2021 when she was chartered by Hapag. She sailed for Hamburg, Antwerp and St John, Canada on the 7th. *(Photo by Derek Sands)* (36)



Having finished discharge of her cement cargo from Setubal, “**Marant**” is seen here at number three berth Navyard Wharf, Harwich on 6th June. (Photo by Alex Dace)



Viewed from Shotley this Belgian owned and flagged coaster will soon depart for Willebroek, Belgium. Part of the Erwin Strahlmann fleet until 2020 when acquired by Boeckmans and renamed “**Marant**”. She was built in 2006 by Slovenske Lodenice, Komarno as “**Linnau**”. (Photo by Derek Sands)

Below she is seen outward bound passing Felixstowe's viewing area. (Photo by Dawn Sapsed)



Recently working in the River Orwell and the port of Ipswich “**UKD Sealion**” is seen here on 6th June, off Cliff Quay. She was launched by Damen, Galati in October 2002 and completed by Damen, Gorinchem in January 2003 for UK Dredging (ABP). (Photo by Derek Sands)



“**MSC Anisha R**” heading for Felixstowe on 6th June, with the departing “**Cosco Shanghai**” in the background. She has come from Bremerhaven and would depart for Le Havre and Boston, USA on the 7th. Built in South Korea by Samsung, Koje in 2002 and launched as “**Santa Rafaela**” for Claus-Peter Offen she was immediately chartered to P&O as “**P&O Nedlloyd Remuera**”. In 2006 her charter was taken up by Maersk as “**Maersk Denia**” and just one year later by Hapag as “**Southampton Express**”. In 2009 she reverted to her name as launched and in 2016 she entered the MSC fleet with her current name. As the R in her name suggests, she has a large number of reefer points (1,300). (Photo by Alex Dace)



Seen earlier in the newsletter when arriving at Felixstowe, “**Svitzer Tiger**” looks impressive in this aerial view. (Photo contributed) (39)



“Svitzer Tiger” hurrying out of the harbour on 9th June heading back to her base at Sheerness.
(Photo by Alex Dace)



“Niklas” heading for Ipswich on 8th June from the Spanish port of Sagunto, which is just to the north of Valencia. After discharge she made the short voyage to Brightlingsea to load scrap for Pasajes, Spain where she arrived on 15th June. Her details can be found in the Brightlingsea section of the newsletter. *(Photo by Mick Warrick)* (40)



“**MSC Mombasa**” arrives on 8th June from Valencia. She would depart the following day for Rotterdam, Hamburg, Antwerp and Ashdod. She entered service in June 2024 after delivery by Hyundai Heavy Industries, Ulsan. *(Photo by Mick Warrick)*



Swinging for the berth with the aid of two tugs. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*



Making her first appearance at Felixstowe in August 2011 when named **“Maersk Effingham”** then only two months old. At that time owned by Pasen Shipping and managed by Zodiac Shipping of London. She was sub chartered to CMA CGM as **“CMA CGM Effingham”** in 2012 but reverted to **“Maersk Effingham”** in 2014. She entered the MSC fleet as **“MSC Elisa”** in 2018 and this was suffixed by XIII in 2022 to give her the name she carries currently as pictured above. She is owned by Sakura Shipping. *(Photo contributed)*



Arriving at number nine berth on 9th June, **“MSC Anita”** is deep drafted, like so many arrivals these days. She has come direct from Singapore and would leave for Bremerhaven on the 11th. Completed by CSSC (Tianjin) Shipbuilding in January 2024 she has an 11 cylinder diesel by WinGD Ltd. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*



Passing Harwich inbound on 10th June, “**Stolt Fulmar**” is destined for Parkeston Tanker Jetty. Built at La Spezia, Italy in 2000 she is probably nearing the end of her tenure with Stolt. She has come in ballast after discharging at Dagenham on the Thames. She would sail for Ghent later on the 10th (Photo by Alex Dace)



Unifeeder’s “**Elbsprinter**” heading for Trinity terminal, Felixstowe on 10th June. She left Rotterdam’s Maasvlakte complex earlier on the 10th. Her next port when she left Felixstowe would be London Gateway. Sainty Shipbuilding, Jiangdu, China were her builders in 2007 as “**Astrosprinter**” after two name changes she gained her present name in 2022. (Photo by Alex Dace)



Another ship arriving direct from Singapore on 11th June is “**MSC Angola**”. Completed in China on 10th October 2024 by Jiangnan Shipyard Group. *(Photos contributed)*





Tugs working hard to turn her off number nine berth. *(Photo contributed)*



Soon to be berthed head out on number nine berth Felixstowe. She left for Bremerhaven and Gdansk on 13th June. *(Photo by David Hazell)*



Proceeding down river from Parkeston Tanker Jetty on 11th June, **Trans Tind** had been helped away from the berth by “**Svitzer Sky**”. (Photo by Derek Sands)



A view of her from a high vantage point as she is about to pass Harwich. (Photo by Alex Dace)



She is heading for Rotterdam's Botlek complex and arrived there on the 13th. Built by Japan's Asakawa Shipbuilding in 2010 as "***Oriental Lotus***" she became "**Trans Tind**" in 2023. (Photos by Derek Sands)





Nice to be able to capture “**Svitzer Sky**” passing Harwich, heading back to her base at Felixstowe. She was contracted by Damen, Gorinchem to the Song Cam yard at Haiphong, Vietnam, who completed her in 2018.
(Photo by Derek Sands)



“**Lady Maria Fisher**” passes Felixstowe inbound for Harwich on 12th June. She has come from Moerdijk to load for Purfleet. She followed her sister “**Sir John Fisher**” into service in 2023 when completed by China Merchants Jinling Shipyard. She can burn conventional fuel or LNG in her propulsion engine.
(Photo by Mick Warrick)



(Photo by Mick Warrick)

Below she is passing Harwich outbound on the 13th heading for Purfleet via the North Spit.

(Photo by Derek Sands)





(Photo contributed)



Departing for Antwerp on 13th June, “**MSC Rosaria**” had arrived from Baltimore and New York on the 12th. This is believed to be her first visit to Felixstowe. She was launched as “**Buxstern**” in March 2007 but completed as “**MSC Rosaria**” in July by Daewoo-Mangalia, Romania. (Photo by David Hazell)



These two aerial views show off her neat and tidy lines as she leaves the harbour. *(Photos contributed)*





Alongside Trinity six, Felixstowe is “**Cosco Portugal**” on 13th June having arrived earlier from Antwerp. Built by Nantong Cosco KHI in 2014 she is 366 metres overall. *(Photo contributed)*

Below she is seen sailing on the 15th direct to Port Klang in Malaysia with an ETA of 14th July. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*





Hapag-Lloyd's Caribbean Express service switched to Felixstowe from London Gateway recently. The Thames based port was unable to cope with the increased volume the new Maersk-Hapag-Lloyd Gemini partnership has introduced. Chartered vessels dominate this service such as **"Cape Altius"** seen here departing for Antwerp on 13th June. (Photos by David Hazell)





Looking smart as she exits the harbour bound for Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp, before heading across the Atlantic. *(Photos contributed)*





Arriving at Felixstowe completely empty from Rotterdam's Maasvlakte complex, **"Escape"** will load empty containers. Completed as **"Akerdijk"** in 2011 by Sainty Jiangdu, and became part of the JR Shipping fleet in 2019 and renamed **"Escape"**. (Photos by Alex Dace)



With **"Svitzer Deben"** attached to her stern she makes for the berths. The funnel colours of JR Shipping can be seen and the long climb to the bridge!



These aerial views clearly show that she is completely empty. *(Photos contributed)*

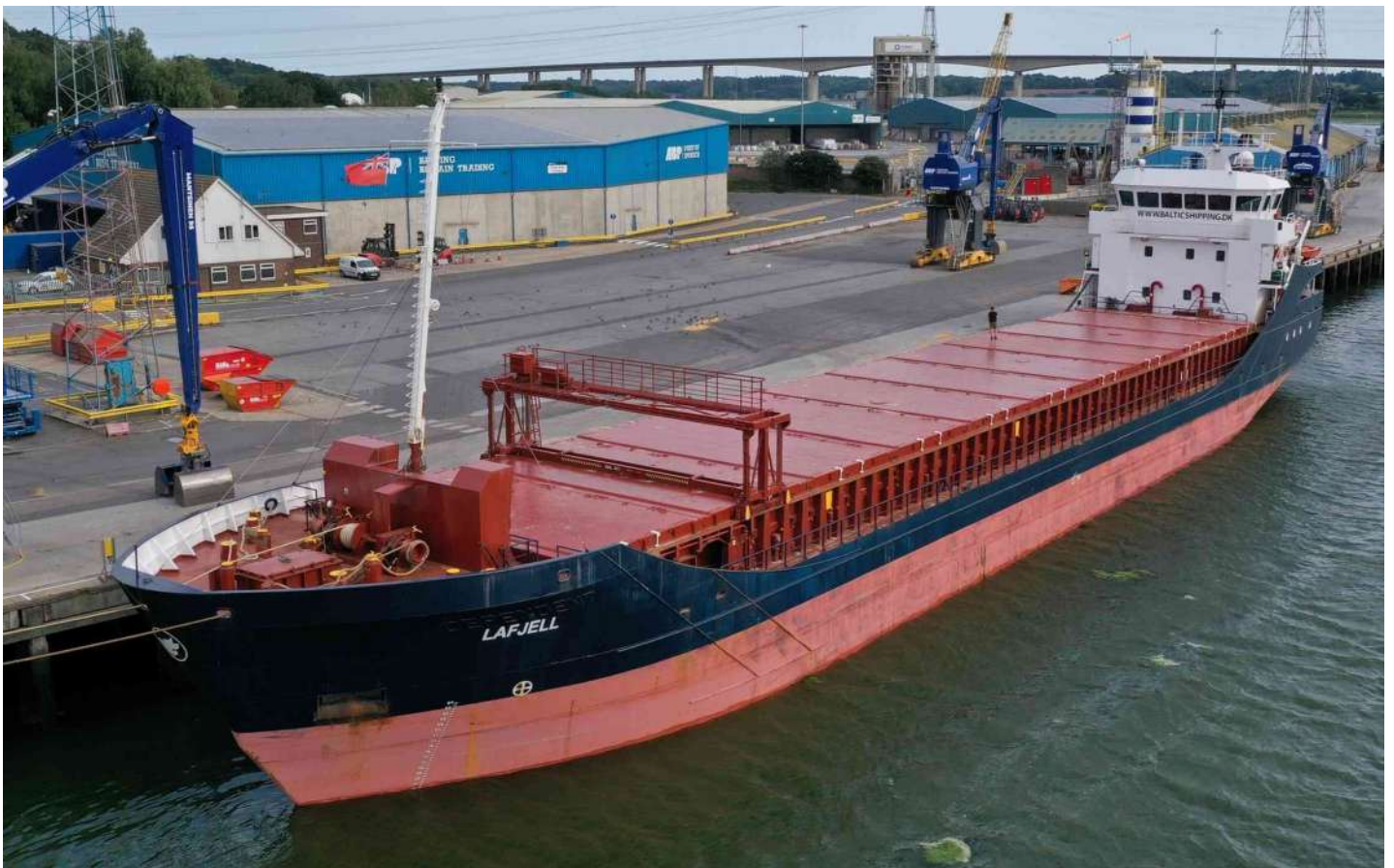




“Escape” leaves for Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg on 15th June with a good complement of empties on board. Leaving Hamburg she transited the Kiel Canal bound for Rauma, Finland. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*



Dunkirk veteran **“Pudge”** off Harwich on 13th June. One of the last wooden barges built she was from the Rochester yard of London and Rochester Trading Co. in 1922. Much of her working trade was from Ipswich to London. Her last cargo activity was as a motor barge in 1968. Since then she has been restored in various stages. *(Photo by Derek Sands)*



Norwegian flagged coaster **“Lafjell”** making a repeat visit to Cliff Quay, Ipswich on 14th June. She had arrived from Rotterdam on the 12th but did not sail for Swansea until the 16th, where she loaded for Santander, Spain. Built for Dutch owners as **“Dependent”** in 2001 by Peters Scheepswerf, Kampen. German owners acquired her in 2008 as **“Fehn Sirius”** then **“Fehn Polaris”** in 2014. In 2018 Kuper shipping of Latvia renamed her **“Kuper”** and in 2021 Fjell Shipping renamed her **“Lafjell”**. (Photo contributed)



Setting off from Trinity six with assistance from **“Svitzer Kent”** is **“MSC Sines R”** on 13th June. She had arrived from Antwerp on the 12th. (Photo by Derek Sands)



Launched as ***“Santa Christina”*** for Claus-Peter Offen, she was immediately chartered as ***“P&O Nedlloyd Bantam”***. Her builders were Samsung, Koje who delivered her on 30th May 2001. She reverted to her launched name in 2005 and was renamed ***“Christina Star”*** in 2010. She entered the MSC fleet under her current name in 2020. As she sails out of the harbour she is heading for Riga, Latvia. *(Photos contributed)*





“**MSC Jewel**” is on the Britannia service for MSC which has no calls in Felixstowe. So she is yet another ship diverted from London Gateway as she arrives on 15th June. She was built by Hyundai, Ulsan in 2019. Her next port was Antwerp and then Klaipeda. *(Photos contributed)*





Two more views of “**MSC Jewel**” as she passes Felixstowe viewing area. *(Photos by David Hazell)*





“MSC Olbia” being pulled off the berth as she departs for Le Havre on 15th June.
(Photo by David Hazell)

After her call at Le Havre, she will sail direct to Singapore. Jiangsu Yangzi Xinfu Shipbuilding delivered her in December 2024.
(Photos contributed)

