

This newsletter begins with the registration of the first call of cruise ship "**Spitsbergen**" to Lisbon. Built in Portugal, in the shipyards of Viana do Castelo, the ship would have the purpose of carrying out inter-island connections in the Azores.

After being arrested for several years due to debts, the ship was acquired by Hurtigruten Expeditions, thus preventing the early dismantling of a ship with so many problems for such a short age of existence.



PEDRO AMARAL-"SPITSBERGEN"

Cruiseship "Spitsbergen"

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)

Another relevant piece of news in the cruise ship sector was the first call, in Lisbon, of the ship "**National Geographic Resolution**".



Cruiseship "National Geographic Resolution"

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)

With regard to the containerization sector, the port of Lisbon began to register a notable growth in the number of calls and corresponding number of containers handled. With official numbers around 10% growth, they are a victory for Lisbon, after so many wasted years.

Examples of this growth were the ships' inaugural calls:

"**RDO Favour**" chartered by ONE, for the Mediterraneo - East Coast service of the United States.

"**CMA CGM Amber**" inserted in the Northern Europe - West Coast of Africa service.

"**Velika Express**" introduced on Hapag Lloyd Service linking Turkey to the United States

"**Ferdinanda S**" of the Portuguese Group GS (Grupo Sousa), which makes one of the Maersk Line services to Africa, connecting to the Maersk Container Terminal in Algeciras.

"**X-Press Kaveri**" chartered by Melfi Marine, for the Mediterraneo – Cuba Canada's Service.

"**Green Ocean**" inserted on Evergreen's "Intra Europe Service" and her sister "**Green Sea**"



PEDRO AMARAL-"RDO FAVOUR"

Containership "**RDO Favour**"

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)



Containership **"CMA CGM Amber"**

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PEDRO AMARAL-"VELIKA EXPRESS"

Containership **"Velika Express"**

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Containership "**Ferdinanda S**"

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PEDRO AMARAL "X-PRESS KAVERI"

Containership "**X-Press Kaveri**"

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Containership **"Green Ocean"**

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PEDRO AMARAL-"GREEN SEA"

Containership **"Green Sea"**

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)



PEDRO AMARAL-"GREEN SEA"

Containership "**Green Sea**"

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)

As for tankers that made schedules in Lisbon, the presence of Maersk Line ships has not been recorded for a long time. The ships "Maersk Katalin" and "Maersk Bering" were involved in fuel unloading operations.



PEDRO AMARAL-"MAERSK KATALIN"

Tankership "**Maersk Katalin**"

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)



PEDRO AMARAL-"MAERSK BERING"

Tankership "**Maersk Bering**"

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)

Ships that anchor in Cascais Bay, waiting for an available pier to load/unload in Lisbon, and also those awaiting orders to continue their assigned routes, continue to be present in the bay.



Bulkers **"Puma Max"** and **"Mohamad M"**

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)



Bulkers **"Spring Snow"** and **"Mohamad M"**

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)



PEDRO AMARAL-"NS PIONEER" + "VEGA GARNAT"

Tanker **"NS Pioneer"** and bulker **"Vega Granat"**

(Photo by Pedro Amaral)

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