



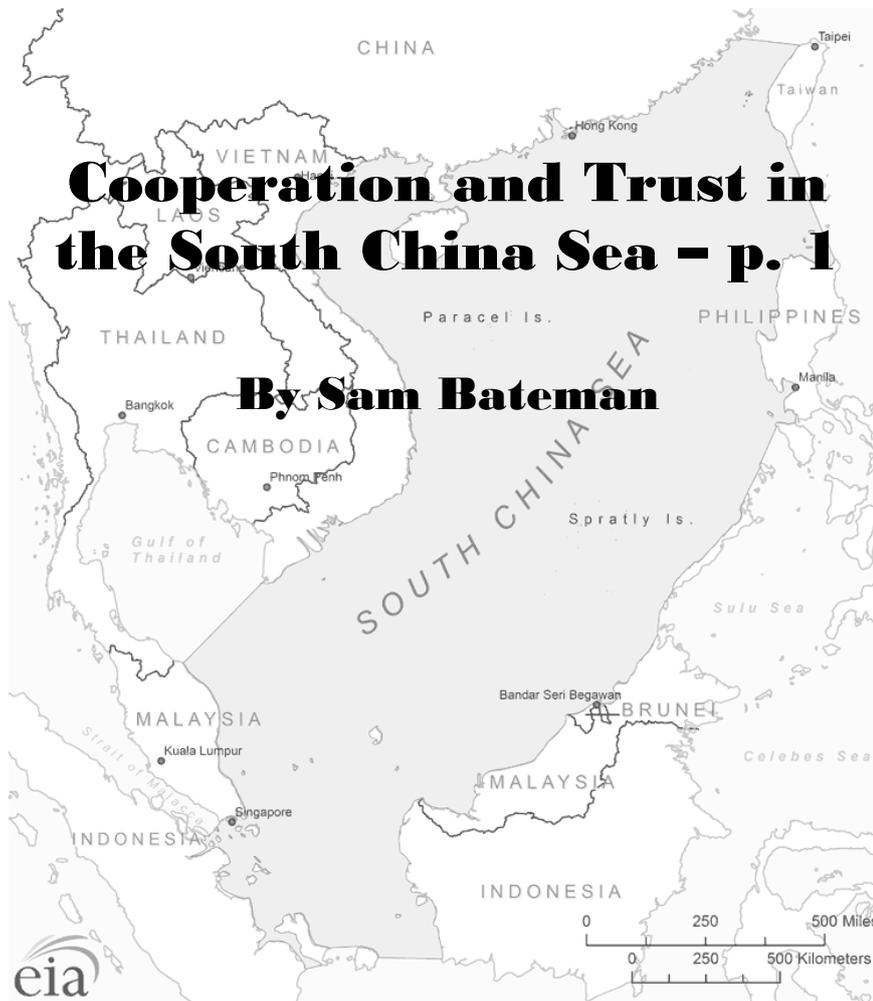
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Cooperation and Trust in the South China Sea

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A ‘chicken-and-egg’ situation has emerged in the South China Sea (SCS). What comes first – cooperation as a confidence-building measure (CBM), or strategic trust? One school of thought is that arrangements for functional cooperation on issues such as resources management, marine scientific research and marine environmental protection are CBMs or trust-building measures. The other school of thought is that this functional cooperation cannot proceed without strategic trust.

China is at the heart of the contention. Some commentators claim that the Chinese position is that CBMs are not possible in the SCS without first building strategic trust. However, other commentators take the opposite view. They believe that when China puts forward proposals such as the ASEAN-China Maritime Cooperation Fund and the establishment of expert committees on marine scientific research, environmental protection, search and rescue and transnational crime, it is actually proposing CBMs.

This puts the onus back on the ASEAN claimants who, in being slow to embrace the Chinese proposals, appear to be also saying that some form of trust is required before there can be cooperation. In this context, trust might mean some concessions by China with regard to its sovereignty claims in the SCS.

This reversal of the order of cooperation and trust is evident in the way in which the focus of negotiations on a Code of Conduct has shifted during the past decade. Article 6 of the 2002 ASEAN – China Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) identified the activities now the subject of expert committees, as well as the safety of navigation and communication at sea, as requiring cooperation pending a comprehensive and durable settlement of the dispute.

The ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on the Implementation of the DOC (ASEAN-China JWG) established in 2004 was tasked with formulating recommendations for developing cooperation, but the Guidelines for Implementing the DOC agreed in 2011 do not refer specifically to cooperation for management of the seas. Rather they identify CBMs as the initial activities to be undertaken under the ambit of the DOC without actually specifying what form these measures might take. Now negotiations between the claimants are focussed on agreeing a binding Code of Conduct for the SCS, the draft of which, according to reports, makes scant reference to the importance of cooperation and does not include any specification of possible CBMs.

While this “chicken-and-egg” situation exists, little is being done to protect sensitive marine habitats of the SCS, manage its [fish stocks](#), prevent transnational maritime crime, or conduct the research necessary to effectively manage the sea and its resources. The littoral countries to the SCS are all parties to the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and thus have a clear obligation to cooperate on these activities.

While it is possible that part of the current situation may be due to differences of interpretation and understanding with some subtleties of trust and confidence being “lost in translation”, there is also a pressing need to get back to basics. Maritime cooperation is a CBM that helps build trust and confidence. Cooperation on managing the SCS and its resources should proceed even as the disagreements are negotiated at the political level and the sovereignty disputes remain unresolved.

Naval Development & Policy

CHINA | 23 JULY | DEFENSE NEWS

China Unveils Coast Guard To Handle Sea Conflict

BEIJING — China's new unified coast guard agency has gone into operation, state media reported Tuesday, amid maritime disputes with its neighbors, and experts said more ships will be armed as a result. The China Coast Guard integrates the functions of marine surveillance, the existing coast guard that came under the police, fisheries law enforcement and Customs' anti-smuggling maritime police.

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INDIA | 1 JULY | AVIATION WEEK

India's First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Near Completion

India, looking to boost its naval presence in the Indian Ocean, is one step closer to putting its first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) into the water—as soon as August. The first sea trials are likely to follow 10 months later, says a senior government official. Still, the IAC, named INS Vikrant after India's first carrier, will not see deployment for another five years.

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PHILIPPINES | 3 JULY | ABS-CBN

Philippines to buy 2 frigates from Italy

MANILA - The Philippines is set to buy two Maestrale-class frigates from Italy, a defense official said Wednesday, as the Asian nation races to upgrade its military amid mounting territorial disputes with China. The frigates, along with 12 FA-50 fighter aircraft, are the most significant items on the government's 75-billion-peso (\$1.7-billion) military modernization budget over the next five years, Defense Undersecretary Fernando Manalo said.

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CHINA-RUSSIA | 10 JULY | THE NEW YORK TIMES

China and Russia, in a Display of Unity, Hold Naval Exercises

BEIJING — An armada of Chinese and Russian warships sailed in ceremonial formation in the Sea of Japan, off the port of Vladivostok, on Wednesday in what was the high point of joint naval exercises intended to show the growing unity between two countries with a historically uneasy relationship. China hailed the exercises as its military's largest deployment for maneuvers with a foreign country. State-run news media gave widespread coverage to the action, which included live firing drills.

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Japan white paper slams China's sea incursions

Japan issues a strongly worded white paper on China's potentially dangerous maritime activities. Japan's annual defence white paper has slammed recent Chinese actions in waters around Japan and called on Beijing to follow "international norms". The report, which was approved in a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, is titled "Defence of Japan".

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China Naval Fleet Seen Off Northern Japan

TOKYO, TOKYO PROVINCE — A Chinese naval fleet was Sunday spotted sailing for the first time through an international strait between northern Japan and Russia's far east, the Japanese defence ministry said. The two missile destroyers, two frigates and a supply ship passed through the Soya Strait from the Sea of Japan to the Sea of Okhotsk early Sunday, the ministry said.

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Move to nationalize 400 remote islands in the works

Japan may nationalize any unclaimed islands in its waters in a bid to bolster its territorial claims, a government source said Monday. The government plans to establish a new council aimed at strengthening the administration of Japan's 400 or so remote islands to ensure it has control over natural resources in the surrounding waters, the source said. The step might include islands that have no legal owners.

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S'pore & US hold maritime drill exercise in South China Sea

SINGAPORE: Singapore and the US are holding the annual maritime drill Exercise CARAT - short for Singapore-US Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training - from 15 to 26 July in the South China Sea. The Singapore Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) said Exercise CARAT 2013 will focus on sharpening conventional maritime warfare capabilities such as anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine capabilities, as well as maritime air operations.

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Exercise Talisman Saber 2013 begins

More than 28,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and women will be taking to the sea, land and sky in northern Australia as part of Exercise Talisman Saber 2013. Talisman Saber is a biennial training activity jointly sponsored by the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Joint Operations Command and the US Pacific Command to train the United States 7th Fleet and Australian Deployable Joint Headquarters staffs as a designated Combined Task Force.

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N. KOREA - PANAMA | 16 JULY | THE NEW YORK TIMES

Panama Seizes Korean Ship, and Sugar-Coated Arms Parts

It started with a tip: that a rusty North Korean freighter, which had not plied the Caribbean in years, was carrying drugs or arms amid more than 200,000 sacks of Cuban brown sugar. It ended with a five-day, eventually violent standoff between Panamanian marines and 35 North Korean crew members, armed largely with sticks, who were subdued and arrested while their captain, claiming he was having a heart attack, tried to commit suicide.

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N. KOREA - PANAMA | 18 JULY | BBC NEWS

Panama charges North Korea weapons ship's crew

Panama has charged the crew of a North Korean ship detained in Panama after it was found to be carrying weapons. Prosecutor Javier Caraballo accused the 35 crew members of endangering public security by illegally transporting war material. The charges came just hours after North Korea urged Panama to release the ship and its crew without delay. Police found the weapons under bags of sugar. Cuba has said it had sent the weapons to North Korea for repairs.

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INDIA-MYANMAR | 26 JULY | DEFENSE NEWS

India Boosts Defense Ties with Myanmar

NEW DELHI — India — hoping to improve ties with Myanmar to counter the growing influence of China in the region — will help its neighbor build offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) and train the Myanmar troops at Indian military institutions. The decision to build OPVs was reached Monday during talks between visiting Myanmar Navy chief Vice Adm. Thura Thet Swe and Indian Navy chief Adm. Devendra Kumar Joshi.

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CHINA-JAPAN | 26 JULY | CHANNEL NEWS ASIA

Japan eyeing Marines, drones in long-term defence plan

TOKYO, Japan: Japan needs amphibious units and surveillance drones to protect its outlying islands, the defence ministry said Friday, as possibly-armed Chinese coastguards plied the waters near a disputed archipelago. In a paper that had been widely reported on Thursday, the ministry said it was necessary to boost the strength and range of forces that could be used to protect Japan's far-flung territories.

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PHILIPPINES | 28 JULY | THE ASAHI SHIMBUN

Philippines to move air force, navy near disputed sea

MANILA--The Philippines plans to relocate major air force and navy camps to a former U.S. naval base north of Manila to gain faster access to waters being contested by China in the South China Sea, according to the country's defense chief and a confidential government report.

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U.S. raises military assistance to the Philippines

Washington will raise its military assistance to the Philippines by about two-thirds, Manila's foreign ministry said on Wednesday, helping its oldest security ally in Asia defend vast maritime borders against what it sees as Chinese assertiveness. Albert Del Rosario said Washington had increased its military assistance package from \$30 million next fiscal year to about \$50 million, the highest level since U.S. troops returned to the Philippines in 2000.

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Maritime Safety and Security



CHINA-PHILIPPINES | 14 JULY | THE JAPAN TIMES

Manila keeps eye on Beijing in South China Sea

MANILA – The Philippines is keeping vigilant in light of China's "clear intent" to beef up its military presence in the South China Sea, particularly in a shoal located inside the Philippines' 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic zone, according to classified Philippine government papers seen by Kyodo News.

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SOMALIA-YEMEN | 1 JULY | REUTERS

Exclusive: Arms ship seized by Yemen may have been Somalia-bound: U.N.

(Reuters) - An Iranian ship laden with arms seized by Yemeni authorities in January may also have been bound for Somalia, according to a confidential U.N. report seen by Reuters on Monday. Yemeni forces intercepted the ship, the Jihan 1, off Yemen's coast on January 23. U.S. and Yemeni officials said it was carrying a large cache of weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, being smuggled from Iran to insurgents in Yemen.

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AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA | 5 JULY | REUTERS

Australian navy rescues troubled boat as Indonesia, Australia talk refugees

An Australian navy vessel came to the aid of a suspected asylum seeker boat in distress south of Indonesia on Friday, as leaders of the two countries met to discuss refugees, one of the key issues in Australia's upcoming general election. The boat, around 42 nautical miles south of Java, had requested assistance and been spotted by a customs surveillance aircraft, Australian Customs and Border Protection said.

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JAPAN | 7 JULY | INQUIRER NEWS

Japan to launch satellites to monitor oceans

TOKYO—Japan is planning to launch satellites to monitor the world's oceans, a report said Sunday, as Chinese government ships plied waters around islands controlled by Tokyo and claimed by Beijing. The Cabinet office plans to launch nine satellites in the next five years to counter piracy and monitor the movements of foreign ships intruding into Japanese territorial waters, the business daily Nikkei reported.

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Japan extends anti-piracy mission, MSDF to join multinational forces

The Japanese government decided Tuesday to extend by another year the dispatch of Maritime Self-Defense Force escort vessels to combat piracy in waters off Somalia, while for the first time allowing the MSDF to jointly operate with multinational forces. Under the new framework, approved Tuesday by both the country's top security panel and the Cabinet, one of the two MSDF vessels will be used for a joint operation to oversee a wider area in the sea to prevent pirates approaching commercial vessels.

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S. Korea, China agree to cooperate on fisheries control in Yellow Sea

QINGDAO, China, July 12 (Yonhap) -- China's navy has agreed to control Chinese fishing boats illegally operating near the tense inter-Korean border with North Korea in the Yellow Sea, the South Korean Navy said Friday. The agreement, reached between the visiting South Korean Navy chief, Adm. Choi Yoon-hee, and his Chinese counterpart, Wu Shengli, is seen as a sign that the two countries, which fought against each other in the Korean War, are more prepared than ever to develop their relations even in the military sector.

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Somali Piracy Down

Somali piracy has fallen to its lowest levels since 2006 focusing attention on violent piracy and armed robbery of the coast of West Africa an International Maritime Bureau (IMB) global piracy report said. Worldwide the Bureau's piracy reporting centre (PRC) recorded 138 piracy incidents in the first six months of this year with 177 incidents for the corresponding period in 2012. Seven hijackings have been recorded this year compared with 20 in the first six months of 2012

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EU Naval Force Welcomes Chinese PLA Navy Escort Task Group Admiral To Portuguese Flagship

On Thursday 11 July, Commodore Jorge Novo Palma, who is the Force Commander embarked in the EU Naval Force's counter piracy flagship, NRP Álvares Cabral, welcomed on board Rear Admiral Yuan Yubai and a delegation from the Chinese PLA Navy. Rear Admiral Yuan Yubai commands the Chinese PLA Navy Escort Task Group from his flagship CNS Harbin. At the same time, a delegation from the EU NAVFOR Force Headquarters paid a visit to the CNS Harbin.

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CHINA – VIETNAM | 18 JULY | DOW JONES

Vietnam Accuses Chinese Vessel Crew of Beating Vietnamese Fishermen

HANOI--Vietnam has accused crew members of a Chinese vessel of searching two Vietnamese fishing boats in waters near the Paracel Islands, beating the fishermen and taking away their personal items. "This has violated Vietnamese sovereignty over the Hoang Sa archipelago (also known as the Paracel Islands)...and violates the spirit of treating fishermen in a humane manner and international laws," Luong Thanh Nghi, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said in a statement on the ministry's website Thursday.

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EU-MALAYSIA | 19 JULY | CHINA DAILY

EU taskforce says talks underway to free hostages in Malaysian vessel

NAIROBI, July 18 (Xinhua) -- The European Union (EU)'s anti- piracy taskforce said Thursday that talks are underway to secure the release of hostages in a Malaysian flagged ship held by armed pirates. "It is understood that negotiations are on-going between a hostage support program and the pirates to try and secure the safe release of the hostages," the EU Naval Force said in a statement..

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MALACCA STRAIT | 22 JULY | NEW STRAITS TIMES

Fewer Malacca Piracy Attacks

KUALA LUMPUR: A REPORT by the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) said the number of pirate attacks along the Straits of Malacca had dropped substantially because of the increased number of patrols by littoral states authorities since 2005. The global piracy report of the IMB, which is a division of the International Chamber of Commerce, however, advised ships to continue maintaining strict anti-piracy watches when transiting the straits.

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AUSTRALIA | 25 JULY | BBC NEWS

Australia asylum needs military solution, says Tony Abbott

Australia's opposition has called for a military solution to fight people smugglers, as the toll from the sinking of an asylum boat rose to 11. Opposition leader Tony Abbott said the issue was "a national emergency", and he would ask a military commander to tackle the boats, if elected. The migrant boat sank off Indonesia's Java island, a transit point for people-smugglers, on Wednesday.

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SOMALIA | 25 JULY | YAHOO! NEWS

Somali pirates now protecting illegal fishing biz

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Frustrated by a string of failed hijacking attempts, Somali pirates have turned to a new business model: providing "security" for ships illegally plundering Somalia's fish stocks — the same scourge that launched the Horn of Africa's piracy era eight years ago. Somali piracy was recently a fearsome trend that saw dozens of ships and hundreds of hostages taken yearly, but the success rate of the maritime hijackers has fallen dramatically over the last year thanks to increased security on ships and more effective international naval patrols.

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THAILAND | 29 JULY | BANGKOK POST

PTT, Thai navy insist oil slick safe

PTT Global Chemical Plc (PTTGC) and the Royal Thai Navy say the oil slick off Rayong province has been contained and is unlikely to cause environmental damage. Locals along Mae Ramphung Beach of Muang district and nearby beaches said Sunday there was no longer an oil odour noticeable in the air, as there had been on Saturday. The spill took place on Saturday about 20km southeast of the Map Ta Phut industrial estate in Rayong.

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INDIA-SRI LANKA | 31 JULY | THE TIMES OF INDIA

Sri Lanka arrests 65 Indian fishermen

COLOMBO: Sixty-five Indian fishermen in nine trawlers have been detained by the Sri Lankan navy for allegedly violating the international maritime border. Naval spokesman commander Kosala Warnakulasuriya has said that 34 of them in five trawlers were arrested off the coast north of Point Pedro in the north, on Tuesday.

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NATO-SEYCHELLES | 31 JULY | NATO

NATO counter-piracy force exercises with Seychelles Coast Guard

Dutch Frigate HNLMS Van Speijk, part of NATO's counter-piracy Operation Ocean Shield, together with the Seychelles Coast Guard, conducted a maritime exercise this week focusing on search and rescue operations. The exercise which took place on Monday (29 July 2013) was meant to build closer cooperation and coordination between the Coast Guard and NATO warships patrolling the Indian Ocean. Van Speijk's port visit to the Seychelles presented a valuable opportunity to maintain and improve the skills needed to support seafarers in distress.

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Shipping, Ports, and the Maritime Economy

CHINA-JAPAN | 17 JULY | REUTERS

Exclusive: China in \$5 billion drive to develop disputed East China Sea gas

Chinese state-run oil companies hope to develop seven new gas fields in the East China Sea, possibly siphoning gas from the seabed beneath waters claimed by Japan, a move that could further inflame tensions with Tokyo over the disputed area. Beijing had slowed exploration in the energy-rich East China Sea, one of Asia's biggest security risks due to competing territorial claims, but is now rapidly expanding its hunt for gas, a cheaper and cleaner energy to coal and oil imports.

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SINGAPORE | 1 JULY | SHIP & BUNKER

Singapore Bunker Prices Slide to New Low

Singapore IFO380 bunker prices today continued to ignore the gains made in the crude markets, and slid to a new low for the year of \$584.00 per metric tonne (pmt), \$4.00 lower than the price on Friday, data from Ship & Bunker shows. The product's price has fallen \$24.50 pmt since the start of the year, but rising prices at the start of 2013 saw the benchmark grade hit a high of \$663.50 pmt on February 13, putting the spread for the first 6 months of the year at \$79.50.

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SINGAPORE | 2 JULY | MARITIME PORT AUTHORITY

Oil spill following collision between Oriental Pioneer and the Atlantic Hero

At about 0530hrs on 2 July 2013 (Singapore time), the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) received a report that a South Korean-registered bulk carrier, Oriental Pioneer, and a Bahamas-registered bulk carrier, Atlantic Hero, had collided at about 6.6km south-west of Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal. One of the Oriental Pioneer's bunker tank was damaged and approximately 100 metric tonnes of fuel oil was spilled.

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SINGAPORE | 2 JULY | BLOOMBERG

Singapore Starts Cleanup of Oil Spill After Ships Collide

Singapore deployed anti-pollution craft and patrol vessels to clean up an oil spill after two bulk carriers collided. About 100 metric tons of fuel oil leaked after a bunker tank on the South Korean-registered Oriental Pioneer was damaged in the collision with the Bahamas-registered Atlantic Hero, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore said in a statement. The accident occurred about 6.6 kilometers (4 miles) south-west of Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, the MPA said today.

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SINGAPORE | 3 JULY | SHIP & BUNKER

MPA: Singapore Bunker Spill Vessels Were Issued Warnings Prior to Collision

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) says two vessels that yesterday collided resulting in a bunker spill at the port, were issued warnings by MPA's Port Operations Control Centre prior to the collision. The warnings, along with other information, were given when the vessels were about 1.5 nautical miles (about 2.8km) apart, MPA said.

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CHINA | 4 JULY | LLOYD'S LIST

Shipping takes a reality check over China LNG demand

IT IS taken as a given within the shipping industry that China, the world's largest energy consumer, has a voracious appetite for liquefied natural gas, as it strives to turn its smog-filled inner cities into more pleasant places to live and work. However, several recent developments now challenge that expectation.

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SINGAPORE | 10 JULY | PLATTS

Singapore MPA says bunker license cancellations a bid to regulate industry

The recent spate in bunker fuel license cancellations is part of an attempt to regulate the industry in Singapore, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, or MPA, said Wednesday. It is "part of our efforts to assure customers on the reliability of the quality and quantity of bunkers delivered in the Port of Singapore as well as to maintain the integrity of the local bunkering industry," an MPA spokeswoman said in an emailed response.

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JAPAN | 11 JULY | LLOYD'S LIST

Maritime Innovation Japan plans to expand

MARITIME Innovation Japan (Mijac), the latest product of consolidation efforts within the country's maritime sector, aims to become its leading platform for research and development projects that offer ship technology solutions to clients at home and abroad. Oshima Shipbuilding, Shin Kurushima Dockyard, Tsuneishi Shipbuilding and Sanoyas Shipbuilding established Mijac in April amid calls for Japanese yards to merge operations to create economies of scale.

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CHINA | 15 JULY | SINOSHIP NEWS

Largest private shipping company in Anhui bankrupt

Shanghai: Anhui Wuhu Shihui Jianghai Shipping, the largest private shipping company in Anhui province, has gone into bankruptcy, and the boss of the company has run away and is nowhere to be found. Several ships of the company received a bankruptcy notice while they were still in operation. Some of ships have been unable to dock or have been kept in custody by ports as the company has stopped paying relevant charges.

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INDIA | 19 JULY | DECCAN CHRONICLE

Coastal shipping set to bring down cargo cost

Sriperumbudur, TN: Soon a car manufactured at a Sriperumbudur plant near Chennai would be able to reach Mithapur in Guj-arat within five days, thanks to development of coastal shipping in India. While the companies can move 50 truckload of cargo in one ship, the water transportation method would also bring down manufacturing cost of the product, fuel expense and reduce carbon footprint.

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SINGAPORE - UAE | 19 JULY | SHIP & BUNKER

Dubai Seeks Tech Ideas in Singapore

Dubai Maritime City Authority (DMCA) says it is looking to Singapore for ideas on launching new technologies to automate and improve maritime services in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). DMCA officials visited the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) of Singapore to explore practices and technology adopted there, including information technology for bunkering permits, licensing and permits and crew assessment.

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MALAYSIA – QATAR | 23 JULY | LLOYD'S LIST

Qatar delivers its first LNG cargo to Malaysia

QATARGAS, the world's biggest liquefied natural gas producer and exporter, has sold its first cargo to Malaysia, opening a new trade route as traditional exporters in Southeast Asia now become importers of LNG to meet their growing energy needs. The landmark cargo of LNG was sold to Malaysian energy company Petronas and loaded onto the 2007-built, 152,900 cu m vessel Seri Begawan.

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WORLD | 25 JULY | SHIP & BUNKER

Future Ship Power Study: Great Potential for Emission Reductions

There is "great potential" for emission reductions in shipping, but no single solution will fit all vessels, according to a new report by the U.K.'s Royal Academy of Engineering. The report considered options including liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkers, battery power, alternative fuels, and nuclear power, addressing both fuel efficiency and environmental sustainability

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AUSTRALIA | 30 JULY | THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE

Ship Detained in Australian Port Over Oil Spill Suspicion

Australian authorities have issued a detention order to prevent a ship from leaving the Port of Brisbane while an investigation into an oil spill continues. The order was issued on Tuesday afternoon to the master of the Dominica-flagged Danny Rose, which was docked at Fisherman Islands' wharf near where the oil was discovered.

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Sri Lanka plans LNG terminal in Hambantota

July 31, 2013 (LBO) - Sri Lanka's state-run ports agency is planning a liquid natural gas terminal in its southern port in Hambantota for power generation and LNG bunkeringis also on the cards, in a strategic plan running up to 2020. SLPA chairman Priyath Wickrema said the strategic plan 'Vision2020' will enable Sri Lanka to be a logistics hub in the region and Hambantota will play a key role.

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