

ANCHORAGE

THE START OF A NEW ERA

2ND EDITION

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Editor's Note...

A lot has happened since the last issue of anchorage which was only 3 months ago in December 2007. We will try to highlight most of the events in the limited space allotted just to keep you abreast of the goings-on. In keeping this relevant, informative and most of all 'Light reading' for all you busy people out there, we have to be selective of the events which we choose to publish here. We have also received feedbacks, compliments and suggestions which are all much appreciated. My team and I have reviewed them and glad to incorporate some of the suggestions in this issue.

So, sit back a while, take a few minutes and browse through ... but do not forget the feedback! Only with this can we improve for the future editions.

Correction ...

In the last issue, we had inadvertently reported Mr. Nicholas Koh as being an 'accounts officer' when it should read as 'Accountant' instead ... we tender our apologies for the error (psst bachelorettes , ... this one is available!).



Changes in Head Office:

Capt Jamaludin b Jaffar

Roving Supt.

Ms June Tiong

Asst. Training Dept. Officer

Mr Bernard Tan

Asst. Purchasing & Admin Officer

Ms Patricia Tan

Asst. Accounts Officer

Ms Selvarany Vizayan

Asst. Marine Personnel Officer

Ms Melissa Darlene Francis

Training Dept. Executive

Mr Terence Wan

Tech. Support Officer

News Snippets

3 Training Officers:

Mr. Gwee Eng Chiang (T/CE), Mr. Arjun Jayasankar (T/CO) & Mr. Jaime Ugaddan (T/CO). Another T/CE will be joining the ranks soon!

Renaming of vessels : APL Kennedy – Hyundai Kennedy, APL Japan – Hyundai Japan, APL Iris – IRIS.

The management of APL Belgium was handed over to NSSPL on 15 Jan 08.

The editor of "American shipper" – Mr. Chris Gillis had done a trip onboard APL Beijing for her Panama canal transit. This event was later given a rave review for the hospitality given by the master & crew. We congratulate the ship team involved for a job well done in promoting a good image of NSSPL!

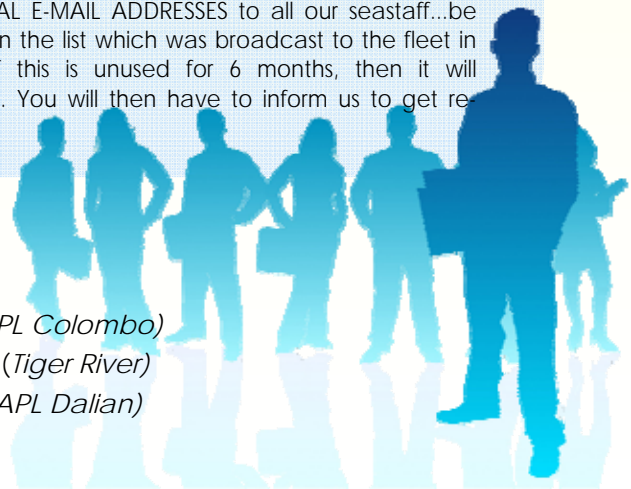
We have assigned PERSONAL E-MAIL ADDRESSES to all our seastaff...be sure your name is included in the list which was broadcast to the fleet in March. Just a reminder, if this is unused for 6 months, then it will automatically be cancelled. You will then have to inform us to get re-instated.

Promotions:

Chief Engineer: Min Aung (APL Colombo)

Chief Engineer: Hua Xing He (Tiger River)

Chief Engineer: Lu Yong Fa (APL Dalian)



News Snippets

The 'Financial Times' journalist Mr. Robert wright had written an article in this newspaper entitled 'The engine of trade' based on his short trip onboard the APL Pearl in Jan'08 from Salalah to Zeebrugge. All this was done to increase the publicity on the Maritme trade in general & APL in particular. Kudos to the APL Pearl team also!

Bunker savings overall for the Fleet was declared at 3.6 million USD Congratulations to all! Just goes to show what teamwork & dedication can achieve!!

Masters & Ch. Engineers who have not received their personalized copy of the RED BOOK - 'Rules of management'... please do so as soon as possible ... before we run out of it! ... do not be late or you'll be sorry!!

Long Service award - Presentation ceremony was conducted with a special lunch on the 25th floor penthouse of our building. All those listed recipients in the list which was broadcast to the fleet and have not collected their awards, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. Due to the value

of the gifts, we do not encourage distribution by proxy. Please arrange with me directly. This award is given for continuous service rendered for 10years or more as at end of 2007.

Epaulettes for all will be ready in April, so look out for it.

The new APL grey boiler suits with reflective bands will be ready by end of April or early May.

To encourage Innovative ideas in cost saving measures and suggestions on improvements for safety at work. CASH prizes will be given to the selected entries. Please direct all entries to Capt. Lee & myself for consideration and you stand to win 300/- for the first prize, 200/- for the 2nd , and 100/- for the 3rd prize In USD! Open to all! So hurry, do not delay! Entries must reach us by 1st May08.

Our latest move towards improving onboard welfare involves providing all our ships calling Singapore with Internet broadband for the vessel's period of stay. So look out for the announcement when this becomes available soon!!

New Arrivals



CONGRATULATIONS...to Mr. Goh Aik Tsan look what the stork brought in for him! It has been a long wait!



2/E Li Yong Gang - Baby Girl



2/E Zhang Ming Hong - Baby Boy

Wedding Bells...

Congratulations to Ch. Officer Mr. Cheah Swee Kin all that patience & hard work finally paid off!!



2/E Henrich A D'Souza



Fond 'farewell' to our 'boss'

NSSPL chairman, Mr. Goh Teik Poh who is now the CHRO



Remember our motto

A HAPPY SHIP IS A SAFE SHIP & DO THE RIGHT THING !

Till we meet again in the next issue

Farewell to a veteran...

To Mr. Alec Chew who has served with NOL for 36 years! He has now chosen to lean back & take it easy for a change as at 31 Dec 07.



Now...



Then...

Moving On

"If you do not join NOL, you are a traitor to Singapore". So say the message sent in Morse code from one of the early NOL ships, to me, sailing on a Danish-flagged ship. I had long completed my one year contract and was almost completing my second extended 6 months contract with the intention of making yet another 6 months extension. But with that message, I resigned, returned to Singapore and had to wait three and a half months before joining my first NOL ship – Neptune Zircon. That was almost 36 years ago. As for the sender, he resigned from NOL the following year! There was no reason for me to join NOL, besides not wanting to be a traitor. I was earning more, had only to do the Radio Officer's duties and owing to her 2-year chartered trading pattern, needed to work, at times, less than 7 days a month trading between Japan and China. In the 22 months onboard, the longest voyage was a 19-day trip from Kuwait to Dalian. Thereafter, we never spent more than a week at sea at any one time. Lastly, the food allowance than is still more than what is being dispensed off today in NSSPL. Port papers were handled by the Second Officer and portage bills by the Master himself. Although I had been offered better positions over the years, the last in 2006, I have remained and this partly on my wife's insistence that NOL/NSSPL is a good company to work for. My long service medals are as much hers than my. Recently a friend asked how long I have been in NSSPL, I replied "a long time, almost 36 years". In return, he exclaimed "That's not a long time, it's a life time!" However, all things good or bad must come to an end and when it's time to move on, we all do. Right or wrong, good or bad, I have been called a lot of things but no one has ever called me a traitor. Lastly, I wish everyone onboard and ashore "good health and safe passage". I will miss you all.