



## Shippax News Bulletin – 14

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### Corsica Linea close to charter EUROFERRY CORFU

Shippax understands that the Grimaldi Group is close to sign a deal with Corsica Linea to charter out the 1999-built Seapacer Class EUROFERRY CORFU.

This news comes just two weeks after it was announced that Baleària would charter the FINNCLIPPER from Finnlines which, as built, was a sister to EUROFERRY CORFU.



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## Pella Sietas Werft gets contract for hybrid ferry from AG Reederei Norden-Frisia

AG Reederei Norden-Frisia has signed a contract with Pella Sietas Werft for the construction of a sister ship to the 1,786-gross-ton FRISIA III, the company's flagship which was built in 2015 by Cassens-Werft, the Emden-based shipyard that recently announced it would close down its business in mid-2018.



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## New ferry to be built for CalMac's Kennacraig-Islay service

A day after Scottish ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) warned passengers of potential major disruption to its services this summer due to its ageing fleet, more positive news arrived from Scotland's Ministry for Transport and Islands, Humza Yousaf, who announced that a new ferry is to be built for CalMac's Kennacraig-Islay service, to replace the 1985-built HEBRIDEAN ISLES.



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## Baleària fleet changes

As previously reported, the BAHAMA MAMA is on her way to Almeria to replace the DENIA CIUTAT CREATIVA on the route linking Almeria with Melilla.

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## MED STAR on her way to the Gibraltar Strait

The Moroccan operator Inter Shipping has seen the ferries AMMAN and NOVA STAR leave its fleet, but these will soon be replaced with the arrival of the MED STAR this Sunday, 8 April.

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## BREIZH NEVEZ 1 delivered from French Piriou Shipyard

The 43.5-metre ferry BREIZH NEVEZ 1, which will serve the 18-kilometre route between Lorient and Groix Island, has just been delivered by the French Piriou Shipyard to Morbihan County Council and is ready to be operated by Compagnie Océane as from 10 April.

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## MSC further expands ro-ro network

### UPDATE:

As expected, MSC has introduced con-ro capacity from Linea Messina on its new service from Izmir to Trieste. The 2,471-lanetre and 2,000-TEU JOLLY TITANIO and JOLLY COBALTO have been renamed MSC TITANIO and MSC COBALTO for this purpose.

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## Colourful Greek ferry owner passes away

Gerassimos 'Makis' Agoudimos, one of Greece's more colourful shipowners, has passed away in his late seventies in a Swiss hospital on 31 March.

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## Lengthened PETER PAN floated out but not ready yet

The lengthening of PETER PAN is taking longer than first expected and although the now 220-metre-long ro-pax left the 'Floating Dock V' of German Dry Docks in Bremerhaven on Easter Monday, the exact re-delivery date to TT-Line is still unknown.

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## VARD and Viking Ocean Cruises sign an LoI for new cruise ship series

The signing of an LOI took place today, 4 April, between VARD and Viking for the design and construction of two new cruise vessels, with an option for two more. The vessels will belong to a new series of cruise vessels for Viking, the company that already has 16 ocean cruise ships and 24 river cruise ships already delivered or on the order books.



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## CalMac warns of major service disruption this summer due to ageing fleet

With Scottish ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) facing its busiest year ever in 2018, it's not really the best time for the company to be warning passengers of unexpected delays on all routes, especially this summer, due to its ageing fleet – but that's what new interim Managing Director Robbie Drummond has done!



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## FRS Helgoline's new fast ferry set to leave the Philippines for Hamburg

#### UPDATE:

The new ferry has been given the same name as the one it is replacing, HALUNDER JET. The ship has just (3 April) arrived in Algeciras where builders Austal will perform some additional work before it continues its way to Hamburg, with the exact date of arrival not yet specified.



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#### Rederi AB Gotland published its 2017 year-end results

Rederi AB Gotland which – in addition to Destination Gotland AB, its ferry arm – also includes property management, hotel operations and Stockholms Reparationsvarv AB together with Nya Skärgårdsbolaget AB, has released its year end result for 2017.

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## 2018 first quarter statistics for Tallink Grupp

The 2018 first quarter statistics for Tallink Grupp show increases in the number of transported cargo units and passenger vehicles, while passenger numbers dropped marginally.

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## Uljanik Shipyard to get lifeline from the Croatian Government

### UPDATE 2:

Croatia's Kermas Energija has now been selected as the shipyard's new strategic partner after consultation with unions.

Two more LoIs were received ahead of the decision, one from the DIV Group, and the other from Asian Bond Ventures in Hong Kong. A restructuring programme of the yard will now follow with workforce cuts and a strategic shift for the yard to focus more on high added-value projects such as the construction of cruise ships and hopper dredgers.

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## GRAND SPRING to join Anek Lines fleet?

### UPDATE:

GRAND SPRING has meanwhile been acquired by Anek Lines and following renaming into ASTERION II, she left China for Greece on 1 April. She will make a call at Singapore on 7 April.

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## First of two LNG-powered ferries for Baleària launched

The first of two LNG-powered ferries being built by Visentini for Baleària, was launched on Thursday 29 March. The HYPATIA DE ALEJANDRIA is expected to enter service in early 2019.

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## Grimaldi Group and Fincantieri sign LoI to make two Cruise-Class ro-paxes larger and greener

UPDATE:

After the signing of the LoI on 5 March, Fincantieri and the Grimaldi Group signed the contract for the lengthening and refurbishment programme of CRUISE ROMA and CRUISE BARCELONA on 30

March. Construction of the two 29m midship sections will begin in 2018 and the lengthened ships will be redelivered before the summer of 2019.

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## SAPPHIRE PRINCESS sails to the UK following Singapore upgrade

Princess Cruises' 115,875gt 2004-built SAPPHIRE PRINCESS sailed from Singapore on 28 March on a 28-day voyage to Southampton in the UK to begin the vessel's maiden season cruising out the UK to destinations in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, following the end of her Asia cruise season.



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## Singapore's Majestic Fast Ferry orders seven more 39m fast ferries from Indonesian yard

Singapore-based fast ferry operator Majestic Fast Ferry has ordered a further seven 39m fast ferries from Indonesian shipyard PT Cahaya, located on the island of Batam, to a design from Incat Crowther.



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