

イギリスの雑誌「Ships Monthly」のご紹介

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学会ニュース 2025-251 (0204) 【学会ニュース ヨーロッパの日本製フェリー (補足)】でもご紹介したイギリスの船関係の趣味雑誌「Ships Monthly」の次期3月号で「さんふらわあ」の特集記事が載ることがわかりましたので、今年の3つの号の目次をもって、改めて、ご紹介したいと思います。

私は、この雑誌を高校生の時代からもう50年以上購読し続けて、かつ保存しています。始めの頃はモノクロで我が「世界の艦船」と同様に単一の発行会社で、内容的にかなり専門的だったと思いますが、2000年前後に大手の総合雑誌会社に取り込まれて、大型化(A4)とカラー化と共にビジュアルでより大衆的なものになりました。過去には、東海汽船や日本のフェリー等の他、旧帝国海軍の特集等もありましたが、ページ数から見た私の主観で商船8、艦艇2くらいの割合で、それも現代のものが多く、我が「世界の艦船」とは比べものになりませんが、造船や運航等に関する技術的な内容はありません。昔はなかなか記事を読み切ることができず、見出しと写真を中心にすることが多かったのですが、今はGoogle翻訳等も有り、苦勞は少ないです。

また、購読するのに、昔は現金を直接送ったり、一時、池田事務局長の下で集団購入がなされた時代もありましたが、現在はオンラインとクレジットカードで簡単に購読でき、デジタル版も充実しています。

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(1) 2026年3月号(2月23日発行案内有) (デジタル版は即時、紙版が日本に届くのは約2週間後)
メインの特集は「STENA FUTURA」で「さんふらわあ」の特集記事があります。

The image displays two pages from the 'Ships Monthly' magazine. The left page is the 'CONTENTS' page, featuring a large 'CONTENTS' header at the top. Below it, there are several sections: 'COVER' with a preview of the magazine cover, 'REGULARS' listing articles like '14 CARGO', '16 PRESERVATION', and '25 SHIPS PICTORIAL', and 'SHIPS PICTORIAL' itself. The right page is the 'FEATURES' page, listing articles such as '20 BIBBY LINE', '40 HMS ILLUSTRIOUS', '28 MARITIME MOSAIC', '50 INTO THE FUTURA', '56 CARSKEY BAY TRAGEDY', '30 ULTRA LUXURY', '36 USS HARRY TRUMAN', and 'FERRY FOCUS' with sub-sections like '44 SAILING WITH SUNFLOWER', '60 SHIPSPOTTING', and '62 CHARTROOM'. The magazine title 'Ships Monthly' is visible on the left page, and the website 'WWW.SHIPSMONTHLY.COM' is at the top right of the right page. At the bottom of the right page, it says 'MARCH 2026 • Volume 61 • No.3'.

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客船「アンドレア・ドリア」(沈没)と衝突した客船「ストックホルム」の最後となった「アストリア」が引退したことに伴う、彼女の足跡をたどる特集がありました。また、件の日本製フェリー「ノルサン」の最後の活躍の場となった「GNV アンタレス」(その前が、「プライド・オブ・ブルージュ」)の写真とニュース記事、九州郵船のジョットフォイル新造等のニュース記事もありました。



COVER
NEW FERRY ARRANMORE BLU IN PROFILE
Ships
MONTHLY
FAREWELL TO AN ICON
ASTORIA
LINED FROM THE
PERSIAN GULF
HMS LIVERPOOL
TYPE 42 WORKHORSE
WANDERINGS IN THE HIGHLANDS
PICTORIAL FAST FERRIES TO CHANNEL ISLANDS
COVER The cruise ship Astoria has finally gone to the breakers after a remarkable career of more than 70 years, described on page 44.
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客船「キャンベラ」の特集がありました。「けやき」の写真とニュース記事もありました



COVER
NEW FERRY FLOAT-OUT OF ROYAL DOCKFORD
Ships
MONTHLY
THE LEGENDARY LINER
P&O'S CANBERRA
BLUE FUNNEL ON THE THAMES
PICTORIAL CRUISE SHIPS VISITING PORTLAND
COVER The career of the P&O liner Canberra, which was launched in 1960, is described on pages 20-25.
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Float-out for new Mersey ferry, ICM farewell to cargo vessel Silver River, next-generation icebreaker for COG, Cook Strait set for ferry upgrade, and Stena Futura named.
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