

# **SHORT SEA SHIPPING SUCCESS STORIES<sup>(\*)</sup> (2<sup>ND</sup> HALF 2003)**

## **(304) Increased frequency for service linking Belgium to Finland**

Transfennica (majority owned by Spliethoff, Amsterdam) increased the number of weekly sailings from Antwerp to Hamina (to three) and Hanko (to two). Other ports served are Rauma and Paldiski (Estonia).

July 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

## **(305) New service linking Spain, Italy, Malta and Tunisia**

Grimaldi Naples has started a new short sea service linking Valencia, Salerno, La Valletta and Tunis. Grimaldi has deployed a ro-pax with a capacity for 172 trailers and 80 reefer plugs.

July 2003 – SPC Spain ([www.shortsea-es.org](http://www.shortsea-es.org))

## **(306) New service linking Spain to Algeria**

Sloman Neptun has included the port of Cartagena in its service linking North European and UK ports to Oran and Argel (Algeria). The sail from Cartagena to Oran will take place every 12 days.

July 2003 – Boletín informativo del Puerto de Cartagena

## **(307) New link Antwerp-Rome (Civitavecchia)**

The Grimaldi Euromed service serves the Roman region via the port of Civitavecchia. There are weekly sailings from Antwerp on Fridays with a fast transit time of 6 days. The ships take along cars and other ro-ro cargo, containers, project material and 'static' cargo.

July 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

## **(308) Expansion of the inland terminal on the Scheldt-Brussels Sea Canal**

The quay wall of the TCT Belgium inland terminal situated on the Scheldt-Brussels Sea Canal has been extended from 120 to 350 metres. This has been necessary owing to the constant increase in the volumes handled. Currently TCT offers a twice-daily barge shuttle to the port of Antwerp, five days a week, and a barge shuttle to Rotterdam three times a week.

July 2003 – Fast Forward

## **(309) New service linking Baltic Germany to Latvia**

Latvian Shipping Company has started a new regular line between Lübeck and Ventspils. The vessel deployed for the operation has a capacity for 120 trailers. It will do two services every week in each direction.

July 2003 – Le Lloyd's Anvers

**(310) Liverpool container terminal to be open all hours**

Seaforth Container Terminal at the Port of Liverpool is to open around the clock, five days a week. The four-month trial is the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company's latest response to trends in container traffic responsible for the arrival of 5 new shipping services in the past 18 months.

July 2003 – Le Lloyd's Anvers

**(311) New line between Germany and Russia**

Swan Container Line, a new company (25% EUROGATE), has started a feeder service between Hamburg, Bremerhaven and St. Petersburg, deploying two vessels (including 60 reefer plugs).

July 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(312) Increased capacity for ferry services in the Irish Sea**

Stena Line's brand new superferry, the Stena Adventurer will start service on the 1st July on the company's Holyhead (North Wales) - Dublin route. The 44,000 ton Stena Adventurer will replace the Stena Forwarder Ro-Pax ferry on the route. The deck capacity of 3,700 lane metres represents a 70% increase in freight capacity and includes double tier, bow and stern loading. The Stena Adventurer will operate in tandem with the HSS Stena Explorer, the world's largest fast ferry, which carries both tourism and heavy freight traffic. (see Success Story 96. Issue number 3)

July 2003 – SPC Ireland ([www.shortsea.ie](http://www.shortsea.ie))

**(313) Extra sailing for service linking the Netherlands to Portugal**

Portugal Joint services, under the flag of Holland Maas Shipping, Portlink, OPDR and NYK has improved its service linking Rotterdam to Lisbon and Leixoes/Oporto by raising its frequency 4 to 5 sailings a week

July 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(314) New service linking Rotterdam to Vyborg (Russia)**

RCLine and SCF St. Petersburg Line have started a new fortnightly service from Rotterdam to the Russian port of Vyborg (near the Finnish port of Hamina). Vyborg has excellent connections with the Russian hinterland. RCLine also calls at St. Petersburg. The company offers 20ft and 40ft standard, 20ft and 40ft reefer containers for this service.

July 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(315) More capacity for ro-ro service linking the UK, Netherlands and Germany**

Seawheel offers now 6 sailings per week between Rotterdam and Killingholme (east coast of England) and four sailings per week between Hamburg and Killingholme. The Hamburg sailing also calls at Esbjerg, Denmark twice a week. The Pasewalk, with a capacity for 75-80 trailers, joins the Zera, 115 –120 trailers, on the Hamburg route. Seawheel is also a lo-lo container operator, connecting the UK, Spain, Ireland, the Netherlands and Germany.

July 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(316) New container service between the Netherlands and Portugal**

MacAndrews is starting a container liner service with the name Butterfly Service, offering weekly sailings between Rotterdam, Lisbon and Leixoes. The ships 'City of Oporto', 'City of Lisbon' and 'Margret' are employed for this service. They each have a capacity of 330 TEU. The ships depart Rotterdam each Monday and call at Lisbon and Leixoes after respectively 3 and 5 days.

July 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(317) Expanded service linking Germany/Netherlands/Spain/Portugal/Morocco**

Recently OPDR commissioned the 'OPDR Cadiz'. Together with the two sister ships 'Focs Tenerife' and 'OPDR Las Palmas' these vessels are employed on the container liner services between Rotterdam/Hamburg, Iberian Peninsula, Morocco, Canary Islands and Madeira. The new ships with a capacity of 698 TEU replace three ships of 450 TEU.

July 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(318) New Rotterdam – Dublin direct service**

Geest Ireland and Norfolkline Containers have launched a new weekly service linking Rotterdam and Dublin. This follows the two companies' co-operation that began with the launch of a joint service between Rotterdam and Drogheda, which cannot accommodate ships larger than 450 TEU (see Success Stories 38, 50, 67 and 116. Issues numbers 1, 2 and 3)

August 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(319) New service linking Travemünde and Helsingborg**

Hamburg-based TT-Line has opened a freight ferry service between Travemünde (Baltic Germany) and Helsingborg (Sweden). The link is operated by the two ships of its main Travemünde-Trelleborg operation, which will continue sailing that route for the remainder of the week.

August 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(320) New container terminal in Worms (Rheinland-Pfalz – Germany)**

A new container terminal suitable for multimodal transport has started operations in Worms. It has an operative surface of 8.500 square metres (3.000 20' containers). Rhenania Intermodal Transport GmbH (part of the British Wincanton Group) operates a daily link between Rotterdam, Antwerp, Zeebrugge and the container terminals in the Main and the Rhin.

August 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(321) New special niche service linking the Netherlands, UK and Portugal**

Holland Maas Shipping (HMS) recently started a special service aiming at local cargo, operating between Moerdijk (near Rotterdam), La Havre, Felixstowe and the Portuguese port of Figueira da Foz. The service is operated, restricted by draft restraints in the Portuguese port, by a small 220 TEU charter vessel. This is a standalone operation, without their partners to other destinations in the area i.e OPDR, NYK and Portlink (see Success Story 46. Issue number 1)

August 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(322) New shuttle service linking Bremerhaven to Hamburg**

A Eurogate container shuttle has been deployed to provide a daily service between Bremerhaven and Hamburg. A 300 TEU vessel has been deployed for the operation.

August 2003 – Logistics Pilot

**(323) Kaliningrad added to a service linking the Netherlands to Russia**

Baltic Express Line (BEL) added the Russian Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad to its Rotterdam-St. Petersburg service. To keep the weekly schedule, the number of 130 TEU ships has been extended to three.

August 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(324) New container service from Belgium to Norway**

Since the beginning of September, Lys-Line offers a direct service from Ghent to Larvik. Every Friday there is a departure from Ghent and the vessel arrives in Larvik on Sunday. In addition, Lys-Line starts sailing twice a week from Antwerp (by barge to Rotterdam) to the Oslofjord. Other Lys-Line destinations include Moss, Brevik and Kristiansand.

September 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(325) New service linking Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Morocco**

In September the Spanish shipping line Flota Suardiaz starts a weekly RoRo service between Flushing and Spain, Portugal, Morocco and the Canary Islands. The agent in the Netherlands is Havex in Flushing. The service will have fixed weekly sailings. The vessels will carry cars and other RoRo cargo, but also heavy- and project cargo and containers on a limited scale.

September 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(326) New link between Brunsbüttel and Bremerhaven**

Besides the existing link to Hamburg, Brunsbüttel will have a new weekly link to Bremerhaven. A 300 TEU vessel has been deployed for the purpose. The operator, Spedition Lexzau, intends to concentrate in Brunsbüttel containers from Scandinavia, Poland and Russia with final destination in Bremerhaven and Hamburg.

September 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(327) New service to decongest road transport inside the Hamburg port**

Port Feeder Barge GmbH has started a service oriented to the some 140.000 containers that are carried by truck annually between the various services operating in the Port of Hamburg. A special flat vessel with its own crane and a 170 TEU capacity will allow carrying all kinds of containers all over the port of Hamburg.

September 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(328) 40' pallet-wide containers carried by vessels in the Baltic Sea**

Road to Sea (RtS), a subsidiary of Team Lines, is offering a door-to-door service to carry 40' pallet-wide containers between Bremerhaven, Hamburg, St. Petersburg and the Baltic States

September 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(329) Increased frequency for service linking UK to the Netherlands**

Feederlink is increasing the frequency of the container feeder service to twice-weekly sailings between Rotterdam and Immingham (see Success Story 125. Issue number 3) At the same time Feederlink will increase its ships capacity by introducing the 372 TEU mv 'Annette' to the trade. Feederlink offers a range of routes and services, linking the east coast ports of Grangemouth, South-Shields, Felixstowe and Immingham, to the European hub ports Felixstowe and Rotterdam.

September 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(330) Increased number of connections from Rotterdam to Norwegian ports**

The container liner service North Sea Container Line has extended her services by adding 8 new ports to their liner service from Rotterdam. These are: Sandnes, Agotnes, Knarrevik, Husoy, Jelsa, Dusavika, Sandessjoen en Lyngdal. For a number of these ports, it is the first time that they receive a direct call from the Netherlands.

September 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(331) New service between Benelux and Norway**

Samskip has started to operate a fully fitted container vessel on a fixed rotation schedule. The ship leaves Antwerp every Thursday and calls at the ports of Rotterdam, Oslo, Larvik and Fredrikstad. The total transit to Fredrikstad takes 5 days.

September 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(332) Vessel sharing agreement for routes between the Netherlands and Ireland**

Eucon Shipping & Transport, Eurofeeders and BG Freight Line have agreed to enter into a vessel sharing agreement (VSA). That will lead to a higher frequency and a better capacity utilisation on routes linking the ports of Dublin, Cork and Belfast to Southampton, Felixstowe, Le Havre and Antwerp. Under the VSA the 13 vessels operated by the three lines will offer the following advantages: 6 sailings per week in each direction between Dublin and Rotterdam, Increased peak capacity on all routes linking Dublin, Cork and Belfast to the ports of Antwerp and Le Havre.

September 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(333) Increased capacity for service linking Spain, Ireland and the UK**

The Greenock-Bristol service by Vapores Suardíaz, has added a third ship to its line linking the ports of Bilbao, Bristol, Dublin and Greenock.

September 2003 – Port of Bilbao

**(334) New service linking Spain, the UK and the Netherlands**

MacAndrews has started a new weekly service linking the ports of Bilbao, Felixstowe and Rotterdam.

September 2003 – Port of Bilbao

**(335) Two new services linking Sicily with the North of Italy**

The Franza di Messina group of companies has started two new services. One linking Catania and Leghorn, three times a week, and another one linking Catania with Salerno, once a week. A ro-pax ship is doing the service, with a capacity for 130 trailers, 300 cars and 1000 passengers.

September 2003 – Porto Nuovo

**(336) More capacity for an Intra-Med service**

With four ships PONL operates its IMS route, connecting main haul trades with niche destinations in the Eastern Mediterranean from Cagliari and Damietta. The capacity of those ships has been increased from 600 to 1,000 TEUS.

September 2003 - P&O NedLloyd Frontline

**(337) Increased capacity for a Mashreq-Maghreb service**

CMA CGM is adding a third ship to its new Mashreq-Maghreb Service, increasing its frequency to weekly and two new ports of call: Barcelona and Genoa (see Success Story 297. Issue number 6)

September 2003 – Dyna Liners

***(338) Service linking Belgium to Spain and Portugal cancelled***

*Flota Suardiaz cancelled the ro-ro service between Ghent (Belgium) and ports in North of Spain (Santander) and Portugal (Setubal) in initiated last April (see Success Story 276. Issue number 6)*

*September 2003 – Le Lloyd's Anvers*

**(339) New service between Rotterdam and Vyborg (Russia)**

Russian Renaissance Container Line has started a fortnightly container service between Rotterdam and Vyborg (near St. Petersburg). Initially, one 200 TEU vessel will ply the route.

September 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(340) Increased capacity for feeder service linking Antwerp to the Baltic**

MSC is increasing the capacity of its feeder service between Antwerp and St Petersburg, Tallinn and Riga. By engaging two more vessels, each with a capacity of 1,438 TEU, MSC is increasing its total capacity to the Baltic States.

September 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(341) New sailings from Antwerp to Tunis with transshipment via Salerno**

Grimaldi Naples has started offering weekly sailings to Tunis (La Goulette) on Fridays. This port is reached within 13 days by Euromed service with transshipment via Salerno. Cars, trucks and machines (ro-ro), containers and general cargo on mafi are accepted.

September 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(342) Increased capacity for service linking Germany to Latvia**

DFDS Tor Line is introducing a third ro-ro ship on the Lübeck-Riga route, increasing the number of sailings to five a week.

September 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(343) Double capacity for a service between Belgium and the UK**

The ferry services operated by Dart Line between Zeebrugge and Dartford have doubled its capacity. The three Bazias vessels able to charge 75 trailers have been substituted by 3 Cosco vessels with a capacity of 155 trailers (see Success Story 220. Issue number 5)

September 2003 – Le Journal de la Marine Marchande

**(344) Additional port included in service linking Belgium to the UK**

Concorde Container Line will add Teesport (UK East Coast) to the schedule of its box service presently calling at Antwerp, Rotterdam, Grangemouth and Aberdeen. Two 350 TEU ships are deployed for this service.

October 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(345) Increased capacity for service linking Germany to Mediterranean ports**

The MCL Express has been deployed for the Maghreb/ CL-Line service provided by Cargo-Levant Schiffahrtsgesellschaft mbH. This multipurpose service links Bremen ports to ports in the South of Spain, Morocco, Algiers, Malta, Tunis and Libia.

October 2003 – Logistics Pilot

**(346) New container service linking Zeebrugge to Willebroek**

A fortnightly link has been started by Port Connect to transport 20-foot containers from Willebroek to Zeebrugge. Two ships are deployed for that purpose.

October 2003 – Le Lloyd's Anvers

**(347) New service linking Spain and the Maghreb**

CMA CGM has started a new line linking the Spanish East coast to the Maghreb. Five 560 TEU containerships are servicing the following ports: Barcelona, Marseille, Genes, Mersin, Lattaquié, Beirut, Alexandria, Tripoli, El Koms, Tunis, Skidda and Algiers.  
October 2003 - Le Lloyd's Anvers

**(348) New port included in service between France and the UK**

MacAndrews has included Bristol to its fortnightly service servicing Nantes-St. Nazaire (Montoir), Bilbao and Dublin. One 450TEU is deployed  
October 2003 - Le Lloyd's Anvers

**(349) New intra-European service**

Sea Consortium (trading as Xpress Container Service) set up a second intra-Europe service. Styled Bilbao-Gothenburg Express (BGX) two 650 TEU ships are weekly butterflying the route Gothenburg, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Bilbao, Le Havre, Rotterdam and Gothenburg again.  
October 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(350) Increased frequency for ro-ro service between Belgium and Sweden**

DFDS Tor Line has increased the frequency of its EuroBridge ro-ro service between Ghent (Belgium) and Gothenburg (Sweden) to seven sailings a week in both directions. The line is also including the Norwegian port of Brevik.  
October 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(351) New service linking Europe to Algiers**

Private Algerian operator Alconship initiated a multipurpose service between Marseilles and Djendjen, a congestion-free port in the north of Algiers.  
October 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(352) Increased capacity for service linking Norway to Germany and the Netherlands**

North Sea Container Line will employ a seventh ship on its services between ports in West and North West Norway, Hamburg, Bremen and Rotterdam, to which Immingham (UK) will be added. The vessels have an average container capacity of 320 TEU.  
October 2003 - Dyna Liners

**(353) Increased capacity for vessels servicing a Gothenburg-Ghent route**

Lys-Line (66% DFDS) will lengthen three of its multipurpose 'sideport' ships (forest products and containers) by 27 metres. I will increase their container capacity from 110 to 160 TEU each. The vessels will continue plying the Gothenburg-Ghent route, mainly carrying paper on behalf of Norske Skog.  
October 2003 – Dyna Liners

***(354) Capacity reduction in two Europe-Mediterranean services***

*The container arm of Navigation Maritime Bulgare (Varna, Bulgaria) has taken one ship out of each of its two Europe-Mediterranean standalone loops, a one-way capacity reduction of some 22,000 TEU on annual basis.*

*October 2003 – Dyna Liners*

**(355) New call at Lisbon for a Europe-Mediterranean service**

Turkon (a subsidiary of Kasif Kalkavan, Istanbul) added Lisbon as southbound port of call to the schedule of its North Europe-Mediterranean service. Before proceeding to Istanbul, Gemlik and Izmir, the (three) 1,100 TEU ships at first call at Barcelona, Marseilles and Genoa.

October 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(356) Larger capacity for service linking Belgium to the UK**

FAS, the feeder arm of CMA CGM is putting larger capacity to the two one-ship Continent-UK services it initiated earlier this year. One 850 TEU ship is replacing a 600 TEU unit on the Le Havre-Liverpool-Dublin run and a 360 TEU vessel is taking over from a 300 TEU unit between Zeebrugge, Rotterdam and three UK West Coast ports: Grangemouth, Teesport and Immingham (see Success Story 256 and 287. Issue number 6).

October 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(357) Expanded capacity for weekly intra-Mediterranean service**

After the forthcoming delivery of its two 900 TEU newbuildings, Agricultural Export Co. (Agrexco) of Tel Aviv will expand its weekly intra-Mediterranean service. The rotation is to become Ashdod, Haifa, Genoa, Valencia and Marseilles. The ‘sideloader’ reefer ships are of an extraordinary hybrid design, able to combine the carriage of (conventional) refrigerated fruit, containers, cars and general cargo.

October 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(358) New pallet capacity at the Port of Rotterdam**

Dutch company Van Bon has opened a new 6,000 pallet capacity fruit terminal at the Port of Rotterdam to handle Spanish fruit imports shipped by short sea services.

October 2003 – The Needham Report

**(359) New feeder service between Antwerp and Baltic ports**

Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC) is, as from mid-September introducing another feeder service between Antwerp and the Baltic. A fixed-day weekly operation will be launched, deploying 600, 900, 950 and 1400 TEU tonnage calling at the Belgian port, Gdynia (Poland), Riga (Latvia) and Tallinn (Estonia).

October 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

### **(360) New service linking Gothenburg with Antwerp**

As from 23 September 2003, MSC is offering a weekly container feeder service. The vessel has a capacity of 1,100 TEU and will link Gothenburg in Sweden with Antwerp. The transit time is 4 days.

October 2003 – SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

### **(361) Baltic shipping service extended to Gothenburg**

The container door/door service MSC Baltic from Mediterranean Shipping Company is calling also in Gothenburg. The weekly MSC Baltic service is maintained with seven vessels in four different loops. From Antwerp the service will call at: Aarhus, Oslo, Larvik, Gothenburg, Kotka, Helsinki, Rauma, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Klaipėda, Riga and Gdynia. MSC offers door-to-door transport and has all types of containers with the exception of reefers.

October 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

### **(362) Increased capacity for container service in the Atlantic Arc**

X-Press Container Lines is deploying two additional ships (698 and 656 TEU) for its operations connecting Hamburg, Rotterdam, Bilbao, Le Havre, Thamesport, Rotterdam, Gothenburg and back to Hamburg. It is a weekly service for Feeder containers but also for Door-to-door container services.

October 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

### **(363) For the first time cars are loaded at Duisburg ro-ro facilities**

Cobelfret has started loading passenger cars at Duisburg Cobelfret-Terminal. This new terminal is multimodal and allows the port of Duisburg to enter the market of Car Logistic services.

October 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

### **(364) New link between Baltic Germany and Estonia**

CH-Line is operating a new link between Lübeck and the Muuga port in Tallinn. The 'Gladis' ro-ro vessel with a 80-Trailer capacity has been deployed to do a weekly service that will be oriented to forestry products in the first place. Currently some 130 weekly services link Lübeck ports to other ports in the Baltic.

October 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

### **(365) Increased capacity for service linking Rotterdam to Norway**

CoNor Line/Wani Shipping is deploying a bigger ship on their combined container/conventional service to Norway. The new vessel is bigger and faster than her predecessor and has a 35 tonnes crane on board. Because of this even more ports in Norway can be called at. The ship sails every Monday from Rotterdam to the following ports: Lyngdal, Kvinesdal, Sandnes, Stavanger, Tananger, Kopervik, Karmoey, Haugesund, Sauda, Husnes, Agotnes, Bergen, Mongstad, Farsund, Floro, Maaloy, Aalesund and Orkanger.

October 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(366) Recovered fibre shifted from road to sea**

Since the beginning of this year, Interforest has carried 10.000 tonnes of new cargo between the Benelux and Sweden. Cargo that – if Interforst would not had started a call at Helsingborg – would have been transported by road. Over 40 trailers per month are being loaded at various depots in the Benelux for carriage by road to Interforest Terminal Rotterdam. These trailers are carried with vessels to Helsingborg on the Swedish south coast, where after they are picked up by trucks and transported to the hygiene mill at Lilla Edet. This year Interforest began shipping raw materials for SCA Recycling to Lilla Edet in addition to handling the transport of recovered fibre from the terminals at Rotterdam and Lübeck to Holmsund for the SCA mills.

October 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(367) New call for a Scandinavian and Baltic service**

Since October, Van Uden has added a new call to the door-to-door DtD Scandinavian and Baltic Service. The new destination is Riga, whereto a weekly container service is offered. Door-to-door deliveries are possible to all inland destinations in Latvia. With this addition Van Uden offers possibilities to Scandinavian, Baltic and Russian destinations.

November 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(368) Shuttle service linking Hamburg – Brunsbüttel and Cuxhaven**

Initially for a one year-trial period, DFDS Tor Line launched a shuttle service on the River Elbe between Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Brunsbüttel (at the Kiel Canal). It is meant to serve as a feeder service for its recently re-instated Cuxhaven - UK (Harwich and Immingham) service. Five days a week is the frequency of the service. DFDS Tor Line operates some 175 weekly sailings in the North Sea, with other services linking Lübeck to Riga, the Lisco Baltic Service Kiel/Mukran-Klaipeda and the line Cuxhaven/Harwich-Immingham.

November 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(369) New dedicated feeder service in the west Mediterranean**

Evergreen's Italian subsidiary Lloyd Triestino launched a dedicated feeder service connecting its Taranto hub with Alexandria, Limassol, Ashdod, Mersin and Haifa. Eventually, two 800 TEU ships will be deployed.

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(370) New ship for existing line connecting Sweden to Baltic Germany**

Nordö-Link (a subsidiary of Finnlines) will add a fourth ro-ro ship to its Malmö (southern Sweden) - Travemünde (Baltic Germany) route. The vessel will offer 1,700 lane metres of freight capacity (see Success Story 267. Issue number 6)

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(371) Bigger and faster ships for ro-ro line linking Sweden to Baltic Germany**

Stena Line will increase ro-ro freight capacity of its Gothenburg - Travemünde link by some 65%. Two faster units of some 2,800 lane metres will replace elderly ships of 1,700 lm each.

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(372) New regular service linking Latvia with the UK**

With sawn timber as base cargo, Hylcon Baltic Lines, in co-operation with Barwil-Andersson Agencies of Latvia commenced a regular service between Riga, Goole (every 3 weeks), Great Yarmouth and Liverpool (both monthly).

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(373) New ro-ro service between Sweden and the UK**

Cobelfret will start of a ro-ro service between Gothenburg and Immingham next January with a frequency of four sailings a week in both directions. The Belgian operator will deploy two 1,800 lane metre ro-ro vessels on this route, presently dominated by DFDS Tor Line.

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(374) Increased capacity for ships servicing a line linking Norway to Belgium**

DFDS Lys-Line will lengthen the three ships it deploys in its Norway - Ghent service by a 27 m section. It will increase the box capacity of the side port/container ships to 160 TEU (from the current 112) (see Success Story 131. Issue number 3)

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(375) New port for an intra-European car carrier service**

United European Car Carriers added Killingholme (Humberside, UK East Coast) as port of call to its intra-European car (and other ro-ro cargo) carrier services. The joint venture between NYK and Wallenius is diversifying into stevedoring to improve terminal operations at Le Havre (see Success Stories 40, 197 and 227. Issues numbers 1, 4 and 5)

November 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(376) Existing service to Libya upgraded**

By adding a second ship, Mediterranean Shipping Company upgraded its Libya service to weekly. The rotation has become Piraeus, Benghazi, Tripoli, Palermo, La Spezia and back to Piraeus. The carrier also set up a feeder connection with the currently congested Ukrainian ports of Odessa and Ilichevsk (see Success Story 225. Issue number 5)

December 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(377) Upgraded capacity for service connecting N. Europe and the Eastern Baltic**

Kursiu Linija, operating two slings between ports in N. Europe and the Eastern Baltic is upgrading capacity. A second 350 TEU ship will be added to the Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Kaliningrad run, increasing the frequency to twice per week. On the service between ports in the UK, Belgium and the Netherlands to/from Riga, Klaipeda and Kaliningrad Kaliningrad, a third vessel will be operated, raising the frequency to two calls per week at some of the ports (see Success Stories 141, 151 and 275. Issues numbers 3, 4 and 6)

December 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(378) New loop-service connecting Mediterranean ports to Casablanca**

Navimed Società di Navigazione Spa (controlled by Rome-based d'Amico) and the Moroccan carriers IMTC and CoMaNav set-up a joint two-loop service connecting Leghorn, La Spezia, Genoa and Marseilles, as well as Valencia and Barcelona with Casablanca. The new operation, in which each carrier deploys one vessel of around 1,000 TEU, replaces existing services as Alphaliner reports.

December 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(379) Increased capacity for service linking Baltic Germany to Russia**

Sovcomflot will supplement its present Kiel - St. Petersburg service by a second ro-ro carrier, offering 1,600 lane metres of freight space (see Success Story 237. Issue number 5)

December 2003 – Dyna Liners

**(380) New service linking Bilbao, London (Tilbury) and Rotterdam**

Geest North Sea Line and Spanish partner Odiel Bilbao have entered into a vessel-sharing agreement with feeder specialist X-Press Container (Singaporean Sea Consortium Group) Line in a bid to provide twice-weekly sailings between Bilbao, London (Tilbury) and Rotterdam. Each partner is providing a vessel where 40 ft and 45 ft pallet-wide containers will be used.

December 2003 - Lloyd's List

**(381) Improved service connecting Helsinki and Rostock**

Finnlines will improve its service between Finland and Germany by offering a new connection between Helsinki and Rostock.

December 2003 – SPC Finland ([www.shortsea.fi](http://www.shortsea.fi))

**(382) Improved service connecting Helsinki and Gdynia**

Polfin Line will improve its service between Finland and Poland by offering additional sailings between Helsinki and Gdynia. The number of the departures will increase from the present three to five departures every week.

December 2003 – SPC Finland ([www.shortsea.fi](http://www.shortsea.fi))

**(383) New door-to-door container service between Germany and the UK**

Seawheel is offering a new door-to-door container service from Brunsbüttel to Google. Three times a week departures will accept 40ft and 45ft containers and 20ft and 40ft flat racks. This service will be linked to the existing one linking Duisburg to Tillbury.

December 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(384) New service linking Rostock to Helsinki**

Scandlines is now increasing capacity of the service it started past summer. The deployment of a new ro-ro ship will double the frequency of the service to twice a week. The Scandlines Group is owned 50/50 by Deutsche Bahn AG and the Danish Transport Ministry and operates 17 connections between Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and the rest of the Baltic States.

December 2003 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(385) Increased frequency for service linking Rotterdam with Finish ports**

The sailing frequency of the combined container/conventional service Oy Jit Trans / Outukumpu is being increased from weekly to 2 x per week. From Rotterdam en Terneuzen, the following Finish ports are called at: Tornio, Raahe, Oulu and Kemi.  
December 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

***(386) Aberdeen dropped from Rotterdam/Antwerp/Teesport/Grangemouth line***

*Concorde Container Line is cancelling the direct call at Aberdeen (UK North). The reason for this is a lack of transhipment cargo. For the new route the ships depart Rotterdam and Antwerp to sail to Teesport (UK central) weekly and to Grangemouth (UK North) 2 x per week (see Success Stories 261 and 344. Issues numbers 6 and 7)*  
*December 2003 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))*

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(\*) In November 2000 the Commission services in the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport started to compile news on Short Sea Shipping. Such news on start-ups, joint ventures, new services, new routes and innovations, among others, help to assess trends in the industry. For the sake of completeness failures are also compiled and highlighted in red. Issues previous to this one can be found in: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/maritime/sss/policy\\_succes\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/maritime/sss/policy_succes_en.htm)

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