

# **SHORT SEA SHIPPING SUCCESS STORIES<sup>(\*)</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> HALF 2004)**

## **(466) New service between Rotterdam and Bilbao**

Already operating a Gdansk (Poland)-Hull (UK) regional box service, recently set up Antwerp-based Delphis (see Success Story 446. Issue number 8) now commences a weekly feeder service between Rotterdam and Bilbao, deploying one 400 TEU vessel. Delphis will operate this new service independently and is not tied to any feeder operator or deep sea carrier.

July 2004 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

## **(467) New barge service to take congestion out of Hamburg area**

Robert Eckelmann Transport und Logistik of Hamburg kicked off the "Container Taxi" project, operating within Hamburg and the lower Elbe River. Barges with a capacity of up to 50 TEU are being deployed. Subject to full occupancy, it could take annually some 100,000 trucks loads off the congested Hamburg roads.

July 2004 - Dyna Liners

## ***(468) Bremerhaven-Hamburg feeder service stopped***

*Lack of interest from potential users causes Eurogate to put a stop to its dedicated Bremerhaven-Hamburg (and vice versa) feeder service (see Success Story 322. Issue number 7)*

*July 2004 - Dyna Liners*

## **(469) Additional weekly link between Marseilles and Tunis**

CMA CGM started offering an additional weekly connection between Marseilles and Tunis within its present 5-ship shuttle system linking the French port, Genoa, Barcelona and Valencia with Algeria and Tunisia (see Success Story 347. Issue number 7)

July 2004 - Dyna Liners

## **(470) Increased capacity for service linking Bremerhaven and St. Petersburg**

Swan Container Line replaced the 375 TEU ship it operated between Bremerhaven and St. Petersburg by a 875-TEU unit. The feeder company is a joint venture between Bremen-headquartered Eurogate, line manager Döhle Schiffahrtslinien Agentur of Hamburg, NC Services, a subsidiary of Eurogate's Russian partner National Container Co. and Far Eastern Shipping Company (FESCO) of Vladivostok. For a short while, it operated two smaller vessels on the link (see Success Story 311. Issue number 7)

July 2004 - Dyna Liners

***(471) Service between Rosslare (Ireland) and Cherburg has been stopped***

*P&O has decided to stop its service linking Rosslare (Ireland) to Cherburg. No replacement is foreseen, placing in danger a very important trade and outlet for Irish cattle. An estimated export of over 200,000 head of cattle to markets in Spain, Italy, the Netherlands and France were supposed to use that service*

*July 2004 – SPC Ireland ([www.shortsea.ie](http://www.shortsea.ie))*

**(472) New service linking Ventspils and Lübeck**

As a consequence of the recent increase of freight volumes on DFDS Tor Lines route between Riga and Lübeck (see Success Story 342. Issue number 7), DFDS Tor Line will open a new route between Latvia and Germany, this time between Ventspils and Lübeck, with two weekly sailings. DFDS Tor Line already operates a high-frequency transport corridor between Kiel and Klaipeda in Lithuania, with six weekly sailings, as well as a corridor between Karlshamn in Sweden and Klaipeda, also with six weekly sailings.

July 2004 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(473) North Sea service expands to Immingham**

Concorde Container Line expands its sailingschedule (see Success Stories number 261, 344 and 386. Issues number 6 and 7). The ships will also be sailing to Immingham. Besides Immingham the service calls at Rotterdam, Antwerp, Grangemouth and Teesport.

July 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(474) New joint venture in European temperature-controlled transportation**

Three leading Dutch companies Visbeen Transport Groep BV of Nieuwe Tonge, Post-KogekoBV of Maasdijk and Geest North Sea Line BV of Rotterdam are joining forces to launch Coolboxx, a new pan-European initiative that will provide shippers of temperature-controlled commodities with a range of intermodal alternatives to road transport. The partners expect to have around 300 x 45ft new reefer units operational within the next two years. Initially, Coolboxx will focus on providing services between Continental Europe and the UK

July 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(475) New capacity for services in the Mediterranean**

Lloyd Triestino is to launch, with its first sailing at the end of this month a Mediterranean-Black Sea feeder service, deploying two around 1,000 TEU vessels. Also carrying boxes of its parent Evergreen the port rotation will be as follows: Taranto, Piraeus, Gemlik, Istanbul/Haydarpasa, Constanta, Odessa and Varna. At the same time the capacity of its IMS-Intra Mediterranean service will be boosted in capacity and two 1,500 TEU units will henceforth be employed on the Taranto, Alexandria, Limassol, Ashdod, Haifa, Mersin route. Piraeus is stricken from the schedule.

August 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(476) Increased capacity for Norwegian link**

Kystlink increased their capacity Langesund - Hirtshals by adding the new ferry M/F Envoy from May this year. This means that the company now offers departure/arrivals every day, including Saturdays and Sundays. According to Kystlink the new ferry has proved successful and the new sailing schedule proved popular among passengers and shippers alike.

August 2004 – SPC Norway ([www.shortseashipping.no](http://www.shortseashipping.no))

**(477) New Duisburg- Rotterdam barge connection**

Growing congestion in the Port of Rotterdam has made Geest North Sea Line launch its own twice-weekly barge service between the Port of Duisburg and Rotterdam Shortsea Container Terminal (RST).

August 2004 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(478) New service linking Antwerp to Malta**

Ecu-Line is starting a fortnightly service between Antwerp and Malta with a transit time of 6 days.

August 2004 - Le Lloyd

**(479) Bremerhaven included in Baltic feeder services**

The new structure of Mediterranean Shipping Company's Baltic Feeder Services following the inclusion of Bremerhaven will be as follows:

Loop 1 - 2x 1,400 TEU ships - Antwerp, Bremerhaven, St. Petersburg, Helsingborg

Loop 2 - 2x 1,400 TEU units - Antwerp, Riga, Kotka, Helsinki, Tallinn, Gdynia

Loop 3 - 2x 950 TEU vessels - Le Havre, Bremerhaven, Klaipeda, Rauma, Larvik

Loop 4 - 1x 950 TEU ship - Bremerhaven, Oslo, Gothenburg, Aarhus

Loop 5 - 1x 600 TEU bottom - Bremerhaven, Kaliningrad, Gdynia

(see Success Stories 8, 119 and 361. Issues number 1, 3 and 7)

September 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(480) New service between Rotterdam, Mediterranean and Black Sea**

Beluga Genchart Chartering in Rotterdam is launching a new conventional service from Rotterdam to Northern Africa, East Med and black sea area. The service has been set up for the transport of steel, break bulk and project cargoes. The semi liner services departs every month and call at the following ports: Algiers, Annaba and Skikda (Algeria), Constantza (Rumania) Marsa El (Libya), Alexandria and Port Said (Egypt), Tripoli (Lebanon), Izmir (Turkey) and Burgas (Bulgaria).

September 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(481) New regular service linking the Baltic, Mediterranean and Black Sea**

Beluga Chartering of Bremen initiated a regular ro-ro breakbulk service between ports in the Baltic, North Europe, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Among the basis ports are Antwerp, Beirut and Lattakia; others upon sufficient inducement. Moreover, a ditto 10-day frequency operation will be launched between the Adriatic and ports in North Africa (Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia) as well as the Levant (Lebanon and Syria).  
September 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(482) New service linking Riga and Nynäshamn (Sweden)**

Riga Sea Line (a subsidiary of JSC RSL of Latvia) will shortly launch a new ferry service, focussing of freight, between Riga and Nynäshamn (south of Stockholm). One 900-lane metre ro-ro ship is to be deployed. This service will supplement the current one operated by the same company between Riga and Fihammen (70 km from Stockholm)  
September 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(483) Capacity increase for Irish Sea service**

Irish Sea ferry operator Norse Merchant Ferries will add a third vessel to its Birkenhead - Dublin service next month, following increased demand for trailer capacity on the route. The line, has chartered a 70-trailer-capacity vessel for the service, providing over 400 spaces a week in each direction. It can also carry 12 driver accompanied units.  
September 2004 - SPC Ireland ([www.shortsea.ie](http://www.shortsea.ie))

**(484) New service between Novorossiysk and Istanbul**

Hardly known Russian operator Black Sea Container Shipping (BSCS) launched a container service between Novorossiysk (Russia) and Istanbul. One 400 TEU vessel just inaugurated the venture.  
September 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(485) New box service between Spain and Italy**

German Transmed Schiffahrts-Verwaltung initiated a twice-a-week box service between Spain (Tarragona, Alicante) and Italy (Genoa, Salerno) deploying two 150 TEU capacity vessels.  
September 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(486) New service between Gdynia and Gothenburg**

DFDS is starting a new ro-ro service between Gdynia and Gothenburg with two weekly departures. The service will link into the company's network of routes from Gothenburg to two British, two continental and one Norwegian ports (see Success Stories  
September 2004 - Baltic Transport Journal

**(487) Capacity increase for service linking Dunkirk to Lille**

Nord Container Service (NCS) has increased in one third the capacity of the barge service linking Dunkirk to Lille. A total of three barges (78, 52 and 20 TEU) will service this route.

September 2004 - Le Lloyd

***(488) Four services discontinued after company restructuring***

*P&O Ferries will close 4 out of its 13 services operating in Europe. That will mainly affect the links between Portsmouth and Le Havre and the one between Caen and Cherbourg, that will not be serviced by this company anymore. A reduction will also take place in the Irish Sea where one of the seven ships deployed there will be taken out of the service.*

*September 2004 - Le Lloyd*

**(489) New service linking Bilbao-Le Havre-Rotterdam-Goteborg-Thamesport**

Hatsu Marine, is opening a new weekly service called Intra Europe Service (IES) linking Bilbao to the main North Sea Ports (Le Havre, Rotterdam, Goteborg and Thamesport)

September 2004 - Boletin Informativo del Puerto de Bilbao

**(490) New service linking Bilbao and Avonmouth, Bristol**

Vapores Suardiaz Bilbao is starting a new weekly service linking Bilbao to Avonmouth, in Bristol. The 'Orion' has been deployed for the operation.

September 2004 - Boletin Informativo del Puerto de Bilbao

**(491) Increased frequency for service linking Liverpool to Bilbao**

MacAndrews (CMA CGM) is doubling the frequency of its service linking Liverpool to Bilbao. With the deployment of the 448 TEU containership 'Doerte', the company will be able to offer a total of two departs from Seaforth Container Terminal every week, due to Spain (see Success Story 409. Issue number 8).

October 2004 - Le Lloyd

**(492) New link La Spezia-Barcelona-Casablanca**

Cie Marocaine de Navigation (CoMaNav) and MSC started a joint service connecting La Spezia and Barcelona with Casablanca. One 1,400 TEU 24-knot ship is to perform a 9-day roundtrip. The new service comes in addition to existing arrangements of both carriers (see Success Story 252. Issue number 6)

October 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(493) New service along the Rhine**

Rhine container is starting a so-called 'Short Sea Service' from Rotterdam to Duisburg.

October 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(494) New service between Flushing and Spain**

Early november Flota Suardiaz wil start with a new weekly service between Flushing and Spain. This weekly RoRo service is added to the existing service between Flushing, Santander, Vigo, Setubal, Casablanca, Las Palmas and Tenerife. (see Success Story 325. Issue number 7) The new service is based on a new contract with Opel. On a yearly basis 20.000 fabric-new cars will be transported from Bilbao to Flushing and Zeebrugge

October 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

***(495) Service between Helsinki and Muuga discontinued***

*Scandlines AG will discontinue the service operating the link between Helsinki and Muuga (Tallin) link.*

*October 2004 - Dyna Liners*

***(496) Service linking North Europe with Tunisia and Turkey to be suspended***

*Marico of Rotterdam is suspending its Armada Lines Continent Mediterranean Service (North Europe-Tunisia-Turkey). After the Med Express (see Success Story 100. Issue number 3) was stopped earlier this year, it started an 11-day frequency standalone service deploying two average 600 TEU vessels. This service did not prove to be competitive vis-a-vis carriers operating ships with capacities of over 4,000 TEU in this trade on a weekly basis.*

*October 2004 - Dyna Liners*

**(497) New Zeebrugge/Immingham ro-ro service**

DFDS Tor Line is starting new daily ro-ro service with two vessels between Zeebrugge and Immingham. DFDS has a co-operation agreement with Dart Line regarding stevedoring and terminal operations in Zeebrugge and also a marketing co-operation, whereby Dart Lines and DFDS Tor Lines services from Zeebrugge to Dartford and Immingham will be offered to joint customers providing connections to both the South and the North of the UK.

October 2004 - SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(498) Increased capacity for service linking Gothenburg and Immingham**

The newbuilding TOR Freesia is to be deployed in Tor Lines service between Gothenburg and Immingham, the so called AngloBridge route. Two other ships, Tor Begonia and Tor Petunia will be deployed on this route, which will have seven weekly departures in each direction. That is the result of substantial transport agreements that DFDS has entered into with large European industrial customers.

October 2004 - SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(499) Four new services starting from Bremerhaven**

MSC is starting a container terminal operation at Bremerhaven in cooperation with EUROGATE, the MSC GATE. Four weekly shortsea services into the Baltic Sea start from new terminal, taking own feeder containers as well as door/door containers:

Loop1 (Russia-Sweden): Antwerp - Bremerhaven - St. Petersburg – Helsingborg,  
Loop2 (Lithuania-Finland-Norway): Le Havre - Bremerhaven - Klaipeda - Rauma - Larvik,  
Loop3 (Norway-Sweden-Denmark): Bremerhaven - Antwerp - Larvik - Oslo - Gotenburg - Aarhus,  
Loop 4 (Russia-Poland): Bremerhaven - Kaliningrad - Gdynia  
October 2004 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(500) New service between Ireland and the Netherlands**

AC IRELAND Line, a new shortsea shipping line, is launching a service operating between the Netherlands and Ireland. Dutch firms AC Holding, the parent of AC Forwarding, and Hudig Veder & Dammers are joint partners in the new shipping line. Initially, the service will be weekly, sailing between Rotterdam, Warrenpoint and Dublin.

October 2004 - SPC Ireland ([www.shortsea.ie](http://www.shortsea.ie))

**(501) Ro-ro Radicatel-Southampton service to increase**

English Channel ro-ro operator Channel Freight Ferries (whole owned by Clarkson shipping services) is raising capacity on its Radicatel-Southampton service through the introduction of day crossings in addition to night ones, lifting capacity by 66%. The service is done by two 1984-built vessels, the CFF Seine and CFF Solvent, each with capacity for 100 freight units and up to 12 drivers.

October 2004 - Lloyd's List

**(502) New container service between Rotterdam and Ireland**

A new Container Liner Service running initially once a week, with a 3,300 tonne vessel, will provide a scheduled connection between Foynes and the port of Rotterdam. The service is being run and managed by Teamlines GMBH, a subsidiary of the Finnlines Group. The greater Mid-West Region, stretching from Galway to Kerry and across the Laois to Tipperary, is the intended catchment area in Ireland..

November 2004 – SPC Ireland ([www.shortsea.ie](http://www.shortsea.ie))

**(503) Increased capacity for slings linking N. Europe and Eastern Baltic ports**

Kursiu Linija added a fourth vessel to its Gdansk-Klaipeda-Ipswich loop, as well as a third unit to the Hamburg-Bremerhaven-Klaipeda-Kaliningrad link (see Success Stories 377 and 439. Issues numbers 7 and 8). The Kaunas, Lithuania based intra-Europe cargo-focussed carrier now operates seven 150 to 500 TEU ships in its services connecting continental Europe and the UK with the eastern Baltic. It reckons to increase its last year's 60,000 TEU full container carryings to 100,000 TEU in 2004.

November 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(504) Service linking Rotterdam, Bilbao and Felixstowe is expanded**

Delphis is introducing a second ship on the route between Rotterdam and Bilbao. Now two sailings a week can be offered. Furthermore the second ship - de MV Rheintal of 390 TEU – calls also Felixstowe (See Success Story 466)  
November 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

**(505) New service linking North Sea Ports to Libya**

In addition to its existing services to Greece and Turkey (see Success Story 194. Issue number 4), Empros Lines Shipping of Piraeus is launching a separate monthly breakbulk liner service between the North Continent (base ports: Antwerp, Bremen and/or Hamburg) and ports in Libya.  
November 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(506) Kaliningrad included in services linking the Baltic and the North Sea**

Baltic Container Lines (BCL) included weekly calls at Kaliningrad (Russia) in its Baltic ports portfolio served from Hamburg and Bremerhaven, furthermore comprising Gdynia, Szczecin, and Klaipeda (see Success Stories 19 and 2. Issue number 1)  
November 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(507) Increased capacity for service linking Rotterdam and Norway**

DFDS Lys Line is deploying a new 750 TEU vessel in its Rotterdam - Norway (Oslo Fjord) service (see Success Stories 121 and 324. Issues number 121 and 324). The newbuilding is replacing the current 450 TEU ship and will be able of accommodating 45' pallet-wide containers under deck.  
November 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(508) New service linking Rouen and Southampton**

In addition to the night-time sailings on offer since January, Clarkson's Channel Freight Ferries (CFF) will henceforth offer daytime freight-only sailings on its Rouen - Southampton link. Two ships with each capacity for around 100 freight units are plying the route.  
November 2004 - Dyna Liners

***(509) LoRoPax vessels project in the Baltic stopped***

*Scandlines AG put its ambitious Via Mare Balticum (see Success Story 203. Issue number 4) project on ice, at least for the time being. Amongst others, it included the design of three LoRoPax vessels, capable of carrying four cargo trains plus 500 trailers as well as containers on the upperdeck in cellular structures.  
November 2004 - Dyna Liners*

**(510) New container sailings to Saint Petersburg**

De Keyser Thornton Group is starting a new container service between Antwerp and St. Petersburg, with a 128 teu vessel (Leonid Leonov). The sailings will first take place every 14 days. Afterwards, the frequency will be raised to a weekly service. The transit time Antwerp – St Petersburg is 5.5 days.

November 2004 - SPC Flanders ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(511) New maritime link to St. Petersburg**

Cargoes destined for Russia are now accepted on MacAndrews existing weekly services from Iberia and the UK, and are transhipped in Rotterdam onto the guaranteed twice-weekly container service to St Petersburg that is operated by MacAndrews parent company, CMA CGM. With this MacAndrews is starting operations in the Baltic States and Russia, extending its container shipping services already offered to the Polish market. Port-to-port transit times offered: 10 days from Bilbao to St Petersburg; 9 days from Liverpool and 15 days from Lisbon and Leixoes.

November 2004 – SPC Germany ([www.shortseashipping.de](http://www.shortseashipping.de))

**(512) New conventional service between Antwerp and Tunis**

Global Rina Shipping is launching a conventional service between Antwerp and Tunis. With two vessels of 5000 and 3000 DWT each, and a fortnightly frequency, this service will call Antwerp, Iskenderun and Tunis.

November 2004 - Le Lloyd Anvers

**(513) New service between Marseilles and Algeria**

Taking slots on a joint service operated by Marfret and SudCargos (Delmas), Marseilles-based Crosslinks started a weekly reefer container service between its home port and Algiers (Algeria).

December 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(514) New service between Egypt and Slovenia**

Egyptian Container Line (ECL) just commenced a twice-weekly multipurpose service between ports in Egypt and Koper (Slovenia), deploying two ro-ro vessels. Trieste may be added at a later stage. The operation will lift conventional cargo plus Egyptian perishable export cargoes in refrigerated containers.

December 2004 - Dyna Liners

***(515) Shuttle service linking Hamburg-Brunsbüttel and Cuxhaven to be closed***

*DFDS is closing the service that it started in 2003 between Hamburg, Brunsbüttel and Cuxhaven (see Success Story 368)*

*December 2004 - Le Lloyd*

**(516) The port of Pozzallo included in one intra-Mediterranean service**

MSC added the port of Pozzallo (Sicily, Italy) to the schedule of one of its intra-Mediterranean feeder services (see Success Stories 49 and 123. Issues number 1 and 3)  
December 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(517) New dedicated services to Syria**

Grimaldi Naples recently introduced a fortnightly ro-ro multipurpose service between ports in the Adriatic (Ravenna, Venice, Koper) and at the Levant (Limassol, Tartous, Alexandria). One 1,000 lane metre ro-ro ship with a capacity for 300 TEU is being deployed. Limassol is serving as the hub for relay with the carrier's various other services crisscrossing the region.  
December 2004 - Grimaldi Naples

**(518) New service connecting Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine**

UFS (United Feeder Services) launched a new intra-Black Sea feeder service connecting Constanta (Romania) with Illichevsk and Odessa (both Ukraine) as well as Varna (Bulgaria), Alphaliner reported. All four newly launched direct Far East-Eastern Mediterranean-Black Sea services have the Romanian port on their schedule.  
December 2004 - Dyna Liners

***(519) Difficulties for service linking southern Spain to Rotterdam***

*Dutch reefer warehousing and logistics operator Van Bon wishes to withdraw from its participation in the shortsea reefer project it initiated between southern Spain (Cartagena, Algeciras, Cadiz) and Rotterdam. Losses are said to be mounting, amongst others due to the fact that reefer container rates are 30% higher than when the project was started.*  
*December 2004 - Dyna Liners*

**(520) New service between Egypt and Italy**

Egyptian Container Line (ECL) has initiated a service between Egypt and Italy. This Green Corridor Initiative envisages the carriage of fruit and vegetables northbound and general cargo southbound. Whereas ECL will operate between Alexandria, Damietta and the Adriatic port of Trieste, Gilnavi Grandi Traghetti (subsidiary of Costa Container Lines) will serve the same Egyptian ports from/to Savona (Vado Ligure) on Italy's Tyrrhenian coast (west Mediterranean).  
December 2004 - Dyna Liners

**(521) New maritime link between Rostock and Uusikaupunki (Finland)**

Superfast Ferries (Attica) is starting a freight ferry service between Rostock and Uusikaupunki (Finland). Two ro-ro vessels will offer three sailings per week in both directions. Among the basis cargo is a contract to carry components for Porsches (Boxsters) for Valmet Automotive.  
December 2004 - Le Lloyd Anvers

***(522) Service between Dunkirk and Dartford to be stopped***

*For insufficient profitability, Dart Line (Bidvest of South Africa-owned) put a stop to its Dunkirk (France) - Dartford (UK) operation. It opened this route three years ago. (see Success Stories 104 and 170. Issues number 3 and 4). There will be no change to its Dartford to Zeebrugge and Flushing (Vlissingen) services (see Success Stories 220 and 343. Issues number 5 and 7).  
December 2004 - Le Lloyd Anvers*

**(523) New service linking Le Havre with Gennevilliers**

Two 176 TEU barges (MSC La Seine and MSC Express) have been deployed by MSC to service the route from Le Havre to Gennevilliers with three fortnightly rotations. This service is part of the port-to-port service offered by MSC to the Greater Paris area.

December 2004 - Le Lloyd Anvers

**(524) New All Weather Terminal in the Port of Kokkola**

The Port of Kokkola in Finland has built an All Weather Terminal (AWT) that is one of a kind in the Northern region. With 132 metres long and 35 meters high, the new terminal will significantly enhance the cargo handling operations, as the cargo will no longer be subject to rough weather conditions.

December 2004 – SPC Finland ([www.shortsea.fi](http://www.shortsea.fi))

**(525) New service to St. Petersburg**

Broekman Motorships, agent for NWS Lines announces that NWS Lines started a new container service to St. Petersburg. The ships depart once every two weeks from Antwerp to arrive six days later in St. Petersburg and then return to Antwerp again. This is the second new service for this new shipping line. In April of this year they already started a weekly service between Rotterdam and Kaliningrad.

December 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.be](http://www.shortsea.be))

**(526) Increased capacity for service linking ports in North Europe**

OOCL's Scan Baltic Express (SBX) services are being strengthened with the addition of a fifth vessel. Effective mid December there will be three SBX loops.

SBX 1: Rotterdam - Antwerp - Hamburg - Gdansk - St Petersburg - Hamina - Helsinki - Hamburg - Rotterdam. Weekly call with a 14 day round voyage time with two ice-class vessels - OOCL Neva and OOCL Nevskiy.

SBX 2: Rotterdam - Antwerp - Klaipeda - Helsinki - Hamina – St Petersburg - Tallinn (Muuga) - Rotterdam. Fortnightly call with a 14 day round voyage time with two ice-class vessels - OOCL Narva and OOCL Novgorod.

SBX 3: Rotterdam - Hull - Grangemouth - Antwerp - Rotterdam. Weekly call with a 7 day round voyage time with one vessel - Reggeborg. (see Success Story 444. Issue number 8)

December 2004 – SPC Holland ([www.shortsea.nl](http://www.shortsea.nl))

## **(527) New container service linking Zeebrugge with Duisburg**

PortConnect is launching a fortnightly service from Zeebrugge to Duisburg, Cologne and Koblenz. A 90 TEU capacity vessel will be deployed for the operation  
December 2004 - Le Lloyd Anvers

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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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