

# World Ship Society – Torbay & East Devon Branch

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Branch Newsletter: January 2014

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## Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of the branch newsletter. The newsletter is intended to be a forum for any branch news, and will each month include details of forthcoming meetings as well as the branch notes that appear in Marine News. In addition, we will be including a round-up of the month's shipping. I hope that, in time, members may consider submitting short articles of local maritime interest. Beyond the standard branch and shipping information, the newsletter will be what members make of it, so I hope you enjoy this first edition, and it is over to you!

## Branch Calendar

14/01/2014 By Barge, Paddler and Steamer (*David Eeles*)  
11/02/2014 Vancouver in the 1990s (*WSS Slide Show*)  
11/03/2014 *Bernard McCall*

## Branch Notes: December 2013

Our December Meeting started with an act of remembrance for our Secretary of many years, Bob Collins, who sadly passed away early in December. We then continued with an illustrated talk by David Walker on his trips to the Netherlands earlier this year. Ships in Felixstowe, Amsterdam, and the Rotterdam area were featured including some excellent views of the maiden voyage arrivals of the Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller in the Maasmond and the Majestic Maersk at Felixstowe. A most interesting and enjoyable talk to round off our year, thank you David.

In late December, members of the branch had the opportunity to visit the Paper Moon while alongside at Teignmouth. The captain of the vessel, Andrzej Sitko graciously hosted the group for coffee, before being presented with a photograph of the ship to mark her many calls at the port this year (she has been the most frequent ship to call at Teignmouth in 2013). Many thanks to Captain Sitko for hosting the group, and to Hugh Rodway for organising it.

## Shipping Movements: December 2013

### Teignmouth

**Baltiyskiy-202** (94/2803dwt, MLT) sailed 03/12/2013 for Rahja.  
**BBS Star** (99/3211dwt, NLD) arrived 01/12/2013 from St. Malo and sailed 03/12/2013 for Solvesborg.  
**Frisium** (92/2355dwt, NLD) arrived 01/12/2013 from St. Nazaire and sailed 02/12/2013 for Lillebonne.  
**Sea Ruby** (92/2225dwt, CYM) arrived 01/12/2013 from Port Talbot and sailed 03/12/2013 for Caen.  
**Peak Oslo** (85/2376dwt, CKI) arrived 02/12/2013 from King's Lynn and sailed 02/12/2013 for Rotterdam.  
**Parsival** (95/3001dwt, ATG) arrived 04/12/2013 from Cardiff and sailed 05/12/2013 for Aveiro.  
**Paper Moon** (90/2717dwt, ATG) arrived 06/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 07/12/2013 for Rotterdam.  
**Sea Charente** (96/2100dwt, NLD) arrived 09/12/2013 from Northfleet and sailed 10/12/2013 for Plymouth.  
**Mannin** (72/-dwt, GBR) sailed 10/12/2013.  
**Mana** (86/1900dwt, ATG) arrived 11/12/2013 from Wismar and sailed 11/12/2013 for St. Malo.  
**Ferro** (91/3504dwt, BRB) arrived 14/12/2013 from Ghent and sailed 17/12/2013 for Amsterdam.  
**Sea Shannon** (98/2268dwt, NLD) arrived 17/12/2013 from Delfzijl and sailed 19/12/2013 for Gravesend.  
**Leine** (05/2928dwt, ATG) arrived 17/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 19/12/2013 for Margate Rds.  
**Paper Moon** (90/2717dwt, ATG) arrived 21/12/2013 from Rostock and sailed 22/12/2013 for Amsterdam.  
**Frisium** (92/2355dwt, NLD) arrived 26/12/2013 from Amsterdam and sailed 28/12/2013 for Radicatel.

### Lyme Bay

**Sanko Mineral** (08/50757dwt, JPN) arrived 15/09/2013 from Redcar via Falmouth, awaiting orders.  
**Mir Jalal Pashayev** (06/6970dwt, MLT) arrived 05/12/2013 from Portbury and sailed 06/12/2013 for Ipswich, sheltering.  
**Norfolk Express** (95/45240dwt, BMU) arrived 18/12/2013 from New Orleans and sailed 20/12/2013 for Southampton, awaiting a berth at Southampton.  
**Oregon Highway** (07/17699dwt, PAN) arrived 21/12/2013 from Southampton and sailed 28/12/2013 for Veracruz, drift sheltering.  
**Zhou Shan Hai** (09/57000dwt, PAN) arrived 21/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 28/12/2013 for Key West, sheltering.

**Emerald Ace** (12/18334dwt, MHL) arrived 21/12/2013 from Bremerhaven and sailed 22/12/2013 for Baltimore, sheltering.

**Jin Zhu Hai** (09/76450dwt, CHN) arrived 21/12/2013 from Butzfleth and sailed 30/12/2013 for Norfolk (via Falmouth & Lyme Bay), sheltering.

**Duncan Island** (93/14140dwt, BHS) arrived 22/12/2013 from Antwerp and sailed 25/12/2013 for Cristobal, sheltering.

**Freedom Ace** (05/19093dwt, PAN) arrived 22/12/2013 from Bremerhaven and sailed 25/12/2013 for Vigo, drift sheltering.

**Arctic Sky** (96/7239dwt, PAN) arrived 23/12/2013 from Baltiysk and sailed 24/12/2013 for Alexandria, sheltering.

**Normed Antwerpen** (08/11184dwt, ATG) arrived 23/12/2013 from Bremerhaven and sailed 27/12/2013 for Alexandria, sheltering.

**Progress Ace** (03/19512dwt, PAN) arrived 24/12/2013 from Bremerhaven and sailed 26/12/2013 for Suez, sheltering.

**Hamburg Bridge** (09/98849dwt, PAN) arrived 25/12/2013 from Antwerp and sailed 28/12/2013 for Port Said, sheltering.

**Captain Markos NL** (06/58585dwt, BHS) arrived 25/12/2013 from Milford Haven and sailed 29/12/2013 for Karsto, awaiting orders.

**Sea Challenger** (98/7049dwt, CYP) arrived 29/12/2013 from Valko.

**Gas Evoluzione** (96/2981dwt, MHL) arrived 30/12/2013 from Port Jerome, sheltering.

**Bishu Highway** (09/17649dwt, JPN) arrived 30/12/2013 from Southampton, drift sheltering.

**Jian Hua** (00/73747dwt, HKG) arrived 30/12/2013 from Klaipeda, drift sheltering.

### **Babbacombe Bay**

**Swift** (87/1377dwt, GBR) arrived 14/12/2013 from Plymouth and sailed 16/12/2013 for Le Legue, sheltering.

**Sormovskiy-3056** (86/3804dwt, RUS) arrived 22/12/2013 from Klaipeda and sailed 25/12/2013 for Bordeaux, sheltering.

**Arklow Rally** (02/4400dwt, NLD) arrived 22/12/2013 from Ghent and sailed 25/12/2013 for Waterford, sheltering.

**Taranto** (95/3009dwt, ATG) arrived 23/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 24/12/2013 for Drogheda, sheltering.

**Tina** (10/3500dwt, NLD) arrived 24/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 25/12/2013 for Mindelo, sheltering.

**Rusich-1** (03/5485dwt, RUS) arrived 26/12/2013 from St. Petersburg and sailed 27/12/2013 for Barreiro, sheltering.

**Larensdiep** (07/7776dwt, LBR) arrived 27/12/2013 from Immingham and sailed 27/12/2013 for Aughinish, sheltering.

**Rusich-2** (04/5485dwt, RUS) arrived 29/12/2013 from St. Petersburg, sheltering.

### **Tor Bay**

**BW Oak** (08/58159dwt, IOM) arrived 07/12/2013 from Canvey Island and sailed 11/12/2013 for Houston (via Falmouth), repairs and underwater inspection.

**Thor Bronco** (08/8090dwt, ATG) arrived 14/12/2013 from St. Petersburg and sailed 15/12/2013 for Port Said.

**Sakarya** (08/11258dwt, MLT) arrived 20/12/2013 from Plymouth and sailed 24/12/2013 for Mongstad, Sheltering & awaiting orders.

**Amadeus** (03/2250dwt, NLD) arrived 20/12/2013 from Antwerp and sailed 24/12/2013 for Belfast, sheltering.

**Kento** (94/2300dwt, PAN) arrived 23/12/2013 from Antwerp and sailed 24/12/2013 for Drogheda, sheltering.

**RMS Laar** (85/2304dwt, ATG) arrived 25/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 27/12/2013 for Belfast, sheltering.

**Keret** (94/2300dwt, RUS) arrived 26/12/2013 from Hamburg and sailed 27/12/2013 for Sharpness, sheltering.

**Milady** (05/3817dwt, GIB) arrived 26/12/2013 from Shoreham and sailed 27/12/2013 for Figueira da Foz, sheltering.

**Sandettie** (04/2934dwt, NLD) arrived 26/12/2013 from Rotterdam and sailed 28/12/2013 for Iskenderun, sheltering.

**Milady** (05/3817dwt, GBR) arrived 28/12/2013 from Shoreham, sheltering.

**RMS Lagona** (00/2688dwt, ATG) arrived 30/12/2013 from Rotterdam, sheltering.

**Kento** (94/2300dwt, PAN) arrived 31/12/2013 from Drogheda, sheltering.

### **Start Bay**

**Liamare** (01/5842dwt, NLD) arrived 08/12/2013 from Mohamedia and sailed 09/12/2013 for Dordrecht, Sunday rest.

**SD Northern River** (98/4550dwt, GBR) arrived 09/12/2013 from Portsmouth and sailed 13/12/2013 for Portland.

## **50 Years Ago – January 1964**

*Tom Walker*

The year started with two ships alongside at Teignmouth, the Dutch coaster GLORY, 380 tons dwt and dating from 1939 and the somewhat older LISTA, 970 tons dwt then flying the Danish flag.

The LISTA had been built as a steamship back in 1918 at Hansweert (a location familiar to those who have got lost on the Solent Maritime Coach from time to time). She was launched as the Elgin, and had a number of names until 1934 when she was named Gun. During the War she traded coastwise for the British Government and her voyage record shows that she was a frequent visitor to Dartmouth, often from Goole. Her other South West port visits included Bridgwater, Newlyn, Falmouth, Fowey, Plymouth, and Devonport. She appears to have been 'based' at Fowey during the Normandy Landings, making several short voyages, although her destinations are not recorded for that period. In 1956 the Gun was

renamed LISTA and re-engined with a German diesel. She was re-flagged from Norway to Denmark. The LISTA was sold to Panamanian flag owners in 1966 and renamed Lena and was 'deleted' from Lloyd's Register in 1986 as her then existence was in doubt.

Unfortunately my records for January 1964 are again lacking, CSE homework filled most of my free time. In the 1960s my family was mainly known locally for my Father and Brother's activity in the local Chess world (rather ironic given the WSS' current location), both being Teignmouth champions at one time or another, and my brother, John at one time being Devon champion. On January 1st. I accompanied my brother to the start of the West of England Chess Congress at Plymouth. On this visit I recorded several interesting ships (unfortunately no camera with me). In the Sound the BARBRO BRATT (1,534/48), a Swedish steamer on a regular 'North Europe liner' call awaited a berth in Millbay Docks. Also at anchor was S William Coe's Dutch built BLACKTHORN (749/60) and Cable and Wireless' cable ship MIRROR (1,869/23).

The MIRROR had been based at Gibraltar for much of her life and had returned to Plymouth for de-storing and eventual sale for scrap. Her wartime service included repairing many cables damaged by convoys at anchor in the Mediterranean area and some work off neutral Portugal's coast.

At Cattedown Wharf, the coastal tanker ESSO BRIXHAM (758/57) was discharging and in Sutton Harbour, Stevenson Clarke's HAYLING (1,837/53) was waiting to discharge her cargo of coal.

In Millbay Docks Knight's tug KESTREL (223/55) was alongside the fresh water jetty and another of Cable and Wireless' cable ships the EDWARD WILSHAW (2,569/49) was in Willoughby's dry-dock. After a prolonged period on station at Mombasa, the EDWARD WILSHAW was being refitted prior to replacing the MIRROR on the Gibraltar station.

Next month's notes for February 1964 will include details of what is probably the largest ship to take a cargo from Teignmouth.

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*Many thanks to this month's contributors: Roger Musselwhite, Hugh Rodway and Tom Walker. Contributions for future issues, either short articles or news with a local maritime theme, are welcome. Please email them to David Walker.*