

World Ship Society – Torbay & East Devon Branch

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Meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Alice Cross Centre, Teignmouth



Branch Newsletter: June 2014

Editorial

Following the departure of Antje Wulff in April, the biggest local news this month is the departure of our long-time resident, Sanko Mineral. Having arrived in September, she departed on the evening of 23rd May for Falmouth. Initially she was thought to be bound for lay up in the Fal, and although no news has arisen to contradict this, she has so far remained outside port limits. During her long stay she generated considerable interest outside of shipping circles; I was asked on multiple occasions why she was there, and the local public seemed particularly interested in the fate of the crew (my response was usually that I thought being permanently anchored that close to the pilot station was an excellent way to spend time!).

Branch Calendar

- 08/07/2014 Baywatch & Barges, Beauty & Beasts (John Eaton)
- 12/08/2014 Video Night
- 09/09/2014 Eric Walkom (subject TBC)

Branch Notes: May 2014

For our May meeting, David Walker presented an illustrated show on a weekend spent at Terneuzen last year. With visits to Antwerp and Rotterdam, members were particularly interested in views from the Pride of Hull, visiting the centre of Rotterdam as part of the annual World Port weekend. The meeting was accompanied by a commentary describing the ships and locations visited, and was complimented with audience participation from other members on the trip. We look forward to seeing the results this year's trip.

Shipping Movements: June 2014

Teignmouth

- Casablanca** (94/3002dwt, ATG) arrived 01/05/2014 from Klaipeda and sailed 03/05/2014 for Casablanca.
- Aristote** (83/1821dwt, BHS) arrived 03/05/2014 from Southampton and sailed 06/05/2014 for Bendorf & Merzig via Moerdijk.
- Lyrika** (94/2350dwt, LTU) arrived 03/05/2014 from Rostock and sailed 06/05/2014 for Dieppe.
- Sea Shannon** (98/2268dwt, NLD) arrived 08/05/2014 from Lillebonne and sailed 09/05/2014 for Amsterdam.
- Celtic Explorer** (93/3604dwt, NLD) arrived 12/05/2014 from Aveiro and sailed 13/05/2014 for Ridham.
- Taranto** (95/3009dwt, ATG) arrived 14/05/2014 from Sittingbourne and sailed 14/05/2014 for Castellon.
- Danica Hav** (84/1720dwt, BHS) arrived 15/05/2014 from Wallesea and sailed 15/05/2014 for Gdansk.
- Martin** (86/1412dwt, GBR) arrived 15/05/2014 from Teesport and sailed 16/05/2014 for Granville.
- Sea Charente** (96/2100dwt, NLD) arrived 15/05/2014 from King's Lynn and sailed 17/05/2014 for Wandelaar PS.
- Prasident** (95/3002dwt, ATG) arrived 16/05/2014 from Dagenham and sailed 17/05/2014 for Aveiro.
- Rodau** (04/3712dwt, ATG) arrived 17/05/2014 from Lisbon and sailed 18/05/2014 for Cork.
- Frisium** (92/2355dwt, NLD) arrived 17/05/2014 from Amsterdam and sailed 19/05/2014 for Dunkirk.
- Eems Star** (08/2650dwt, NLD) arrived 19/05/2014 from Klaipeda and sailed 21/05/2014 for Birdport.
- Sea Kestrel** (93/2225dwt, CYM) arrived 24/05/2014 from Port Talbot and sailed 27/05/2014 for Antwerp.
- Baltiyskiy-201** (94/2803dwt, MLT) arrived 25/05/2014 from Dundalk and sailed 27/05/2014 for Figueira da Foz.
- Bounder** (86/3202dwt, ATG) arrived 29/05/2014 from Lillebonne and sailed 31/05/2014 for Rotterdam.
- Maxime** (05/2460dwt, ANT) arrived 29/05/2014 from Shoreham and sailed 30/05/2014 for Fecamp.
- Eems Spring** (09/2600dwt, NLD) arrived 30/05/2014 from Wismar.

Lyme Bay

Sanko Mineral (08/50507dwt, JPN) arrived 15/09/2013 from Redcar via Falmouth and sailed 23/05/2014 for Falmouth, awaiting orders.

Irene (93/65671dwt, GRC) arrived 15/05/2015 from Tor Bay, awaiting orders.

Tor Bay

Apollonia (02/28741dwt, MLT) arrived 04/05/2014 from Portland and sailed 06/05/2014 for Havana.

Irene (93/65671dwt, GRC) arrived 14/05/2014 from Rotterdam and sailed 15/05/2014 for Lyme Bay, underwater inspection.



Recent visitors: two vessels to call at Teignmouth in May were the Taranto (left), seen sailing on the evening of 14th May for Castellon with clay, and Rodau (right), photographed arriving on the morning of 17th May from Lisbon. (Photographs: David Walker)

50 Years Ago – June 1964

Tom Walker

June 1964 was a busy period for Teignmouth in respect of ships arriving - 58 in total (although none appear to have exceeded 1000 tons dwt.). These were mainly Dutch, West German, and Danish flagged vessels, but there were a three Spanish (the FINAMAR 689g/55, MIRENCHU (713g/57), and PUERTO DE BILBAO 650g/60), a number of British (mainly coal cargoes), a couple of French, and a Panamanian (a rare occurrence back then).

The Panamanian was the ANTONIO MIGUEL (470g/38) built by Lytham Shipbuilding and Engineering at Lytham as the steamship Rowanfield for Zillah of Liverpool. She had been sold to a Danish company who renamed her Rowan in 1957 and re-engined her with a diesel. She was on her delivery voyage to her new owners and took a cargo of clay. Subsequently she had several name changes under the Greek flag before being broken up in Italy in 1983.

As usual, the majority of cargoes were clay, but inwards cargoes included coal (8), timber (2 - the BISHORST (373g/53/DEU) and the SABA (400g/31/NLD) both from Finland), fertilizers (1), and slates (ELDORITA 201g/20/GBR owned by Coppack and registered in Chester). Other than clay the only other outward cargo was scrap.

Metcalf dominated the coal trade and vessels included the DANIEL M. (448g/36), ELLEN M. (534g/36), MARIAN M (695g/55), MOIRA M. (678g/37 - she arrived in May but sailed on the 2nd), MICHAEL M (691g/55), MONICA M. (534g/36), and THOMAS M. (592g/38). Other British flagged vessels included the ROYALGATE (546g/53), and International Shipbroker's MARINUS V. (239g/35).

Older visitors included the Danish MARION (252g/18) converted from a sailing cargo ship in 1936, and the small Dutch ship ANTJE (199g/03).

Clay cargoes went to Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden, with what seems to have been a regular monthly cargo to Irvine in Scotland (taken in the TRUDE K. (293g/51/NLD).

Brixham Pilots were also fairly busy mostly boarding deep sea pilots for ships bound for the Thames, and the vessels I have noted were Shaw Savills ILLYRIC (11256g/60), the Blue Funnel Victory ship TANTALUS (7713g/45), and Ellermans CITY OF HULL (8458g/47). Callers at Tor Bay for either bunkering at Brixham or to collect stone at Berry Head quarry Zillahs GRANGFIELD (504g/54), Everards CENTURITY (770g/56), and the Coast groups (Queenships) RICHMOND QUEEN (1326g/58).

The West German ship GINNEHEIM (9718g/55) arrived at Tor Bay and I believe she went to anchor.

On the 10th. Royal Mails ANDES (26435g/39), steamed close in around Lyme Bay, and was an amazing site with her white hull and yellow funnel standing out on a clear (and very sunny) evening.

All in all it was a memorable month's shipping, even though all ships were seen without leaving Teignmouth. I helped in Dad's photographic business during the daytime in summer months so watching ships was limited to evenings only with some quick trips to the Seafront when callers at the shop would let me know of anything in the Bay and cover could be arranged.

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.