

# 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



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## Editorial

A few interesting vessels graced our waters in June, some of whom were visiting as a part of the 70th anniversary commemorations of the Normandy landings. That, in combination with some interesting callers at Teignmouth and Tor Bay has meant that the good summer weather can be put to good use photographically! I hope you enjoy the photographic content of the newsletter. As we move into the second half of the year I am starting to think about the programme for next year (already!). I have filled some of it, with a combination of external speakers and talks from our own ranks; if anyone would like to have a slot in the calendar and they have not spoken to me, please contact me in the next few weeks.

## Branch Calendar

12/08/2014 Video Night (*David Eeles*)  
09/09/2014 Eric Walkom  
14/10/2014 Ken Cload

## Branch Notes: June 2014

In June we held a members evening, with members invited to bring along short talks. This usually provides us with a wide range of subjects, and this year did not disappoint. The first talk was by Tom Walker, who showed photographs from recent visits to Southampton. This was followed by a presentation of local postcards from the late 1800s and early 1900s which was accompanied by an interesting and informative talk. Finally, David Walker presented two short talks: the first featured some of his early photographs from the 1990s, and the second showed ships seen on recent trips to the Thames. Throughout the evening we saw photographs of almost every conceivable type of ship, and images covering three centuries. An excellent evening in all, many thanks to all who contributed.

## Shipping Movements: June 2014

### Teignmouth

**Eems Spring** (09/2600dwt, NLD) sailed 02/06/2014 for Babbacombe Bay.  
**Helsinki** (97/4221dwt, ATG) arrived 02/06/2014 from Goole and sailed 03/06/2014 for Barcelona via Fowey.  
**Aristote** (83/1821dwt, BHS) arrived 05/06/2014 from Rotterdam and sailed 06/06/2014 for Bendorf via Moerdijk.  
**Antwerp** (08/3600dwt, MLT) arrived 08/06/2014 from Sittingbourne and sailed 11/06/2014 for Castellon.  
**Valentin Pikul** (94/2917dwt, MLT) arrived 10/06/2014 from Santander and sailed 11/06/2014 for Mjoesund.  
**Ben Varrey** (86/1544dwt, IOM) arrived 14/06/2014 from Teesport and sailed 17/06/2014 for Bendorf via Moerdijk.  
**Pinnau** (03/3687dwt, ATG) arrived 16/06/2014 from St. Nazaire and sailed 17/06/2014 for Babbacombe Bay.  
**Parsival** (95/3001dwt, ATG) arrived 24/06/2014 from Dagenham and sailed 26/06/2014 for Aveiro.  
**Beaumotion** (03/3836dwt, NLD) arrived 26/06/2014 from Sharpness and sailed 26/06/2014 for Castellon.  
**Nekton** (96/3246dwt, NLD) arrived 26/06/2014 from dir Humber and sailed 27/06/2014 for Sfax.  
**Daan** (01/2953dwt, NLD) arrived 28/06/2014 from Rostock and sailed 29/06/2014 for Delfzijl.

### Lyme Bay

**Irene** (93/65671dwt, GRC) arrived 15/05/2014 from Tor Bay and sailed 20/06/2014 for Norfolk, awaiting orders.  
**Gas Evoluzione** (96/2980dwt, MHL) arrived 09/06/2014 from Portland and sailed 11/06/2014 for Stanlow.  
**MTS Victory** (76/-dwt, GBR) arrived 15/06/2014 from Rotterdam and sailed 18/06/2014 for Las Palmas, Escorting barges BREEZE and NIC to West Africa.

## Babbacombe Bay

**Eems Spring** (09/2600dwt, NLD) arrived 02/06/2014 from Wismar and sailed 07/02/2014 for Rouen.

**Pinnau** (03/3687dwt, ATG) arrived 17/06/2014 from Teignmouth and sailed 21/06/2014 for Birdport.

## Tor Bay

**Pembroke** (98/-dwt, GBR) arrived 06/06/2014 and sailed 08/06/2014, D-Day 70th Anniversary.

**Hammonia Antofagasta** (08/35534dwt, LBR) arrived 16/05/2014 from Gibraltar and sailed 19/06/2014 for Antwerp, underwater inspection.

## Torquay

**Dasher** (88/-dwt, GBR) arrived 06/06/2014 and sailed 08/06/2014, D-Day 70th Anniversary.

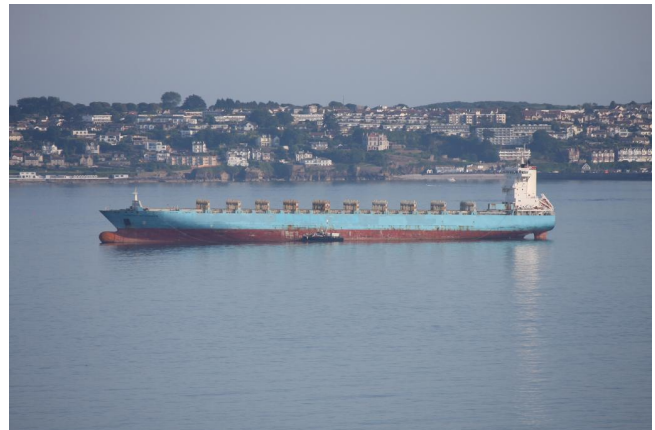
**Exploit** (88/-dwt, GBR) arrived 06/06/2014 and sailed 08/06/2014, D-Day 70th Anniversary.

## Dartmouth

**Minerva** (96/2004dwt, BHS) arrived 14/06/2014 from Scilly and sailed 14/06/2014 for St. Peter Port, D-Day 70th Anniversary Cruise.

## Start Bay

**Hendrik S** (01/3200dwt, NLD) arrived 07/06/2014 from Rotterdam and sailed 08/06/2014 for Les Sables d'Olonne.



*An old favourite returned to Teignmouth on 14th June when Ben Varrey arrived from Teesport with potash. A visitor to Tor Bay in June was Hammonia Antofagasta, which was photographed on 17th June undergoing an underwater inspection. (Photographs: David Walker)*

## 50 Years Ago – July 1964

*Tom Walker*

July 1964 saw a drop in ships calling at Teignmouth to about 40 ships (compared to about 58 in the previous month). Most were for clay and arrived from either UK or French ports. To illustrate the diverse ports where the ships originated, on the 27th and 28th, four small ships arrived, two of which came from 'Paris', one from Totnes, and one from Exeter. The majority arrived to load clay, but inward cargoes included Swedish timber from Vansberg - AASE HOJ (299g/55/DNK), asbestos cement goods from Capelle in the Netherlands - MENJE (300g/39/NLD) and coal. Metcalf ships brought the coal with visits from the regulars DANIEL M. (448g/36) - two calls, ELLEN M. (534g/36) - two calls, MONICA M. (534g/36), PAUL M. (478g/38) and THOMAS M. (592g/38). The coal came from Blyth and Amble. As well as clay, outward cargoes included rails on the CETA (400g/63/NLD). Again none of the ships appear to have exceeded 1000 tons dwt.). Apart from the normal flags, British, Danish, Dutch, and West German, we also saw the Swedish flagged ELENA (487g/46). Other British flagged visitors included Watson's LADY SANDRA (356g/58) which called for clay.

Teignmouth's 'adopted' warship PELLEW (F62) anchored off the port on a three day visit. She was a Blackwood class anti-submarine frigate launched in 1954, and about 1,500 tons displacement. During her visit she was open to the public with the local pleasure boats ferrying visitors to the ship from portable landing stages near the Pier. During these visits, the ship's crew would be entertained in the town, and take part in various sporting events, notably a push ball

competition on the Den. This involve a large ball, something like 15ft. in diameter being pushed around a temporary field marked out on the Den with a goal at either end, hospital visits by participants were inevitable.

For a summer month, my records of Tor Bay shipping is rather scant, with only one ship, Zillah's GREENFIELD (504/53/GBR) calling for bunkers, and three for deep sea pilots, all British and bound for the Thames. These three were New Zealand Shipping's RANGITANE (21,867g/49), Harrison's HERDSMAN (6,822g/47), and Shaw Savill's CEDRIC (11,232/52).

On the wider shipping scene, July 1964 saw the launching of the County class guided missile destroyers FIFE (Fairfield, Clyde) and GLAMORGAN (Vickers Armstrong, Tyne).

Next month, I will recall events that put Teignmouth in the national news and probably changed the national perception of the town for several years, not least the road signs welcoming you to the town.

## **Pinnau: The Old and the New**

*David Walker*

June saw the first visit to Teignmouth of the Pinnau (03/2452gt; ATG). She was built by the Slovenske Lodenice yard at Komarno and until December 2013 is owned by Roland Ship Administration, a subsidiary of Erwin Strahlmann. She is one of a large class of ships, many of which are also Strahlmann-owned; many of the others are operated by Wessels and have also visited Teignmouth. She is shown (top) arriving on the morning tide of 16th June from St. Nazaire with a cargo of sunflower pellets. The bottom photograph shows the previous Pinnau to call at Teignmouth. She was built in 1963 by Buesumer Schiffswerft W. & E. Sielaff of Buesum as Rugia under the ownership of Heinrich Jentsch, with whom she remained until 1997. In 1975 she was renamed Truso, and then in 1983 she became Pinnau, always under the Antigua flag. In 1997 she was transferred to the Belize flag, sold to the Joseph Shipping Co and renamed Evontim, before passing into unknown hands in 2002. On 26th September 2005 she was on a voyage from Port of Spain to Grenada when she began taking water. The 16 crew safely abandoned ship, and she sank approximately 25 miles Bridgetown. She is shown here arriving at Teignmouth on the morning tide of 05/06/1997.



*(Photographs: David Walker)*



## **COSCO Netherlands**

*Roger Musselwhite*

We finish this month with an artistic photograph of COSCO Netherlands. She is the fourth of eight vessels built for COSCON with a capacity of 13,386TEU and was seen here landing a channel pilot on 12/06/2014 on a voyage from Antwerp to Port Said.



*(Photograph: Roger Musselwhite)*

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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.*