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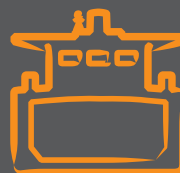
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M/T Front Signe as the M/T Pegasus approaches for STS operations off Southwold, UK.



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H.O.S.T Exceeds Expectations!



HANDS-OF-SEATEAM

The staff support of HOST has exceeded all expectations and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity. Since the initial start we have received another \$3,000 that has been donated despite no requests for further funding.

Now that we have committed to Gnanodaya School and Precious Heritage Orphanage, we have introduced a monthly payroll deduction which would allow a steady cash flow. This is not finalized yet but indications are that total donations will total around \$6,000 per month.

It was particularly heart warming to receive an e-mail from one of the ships stating; "Thank you for this brilliant idea, this is a step to reach and help the needy even though we're far at sea."

Chennai – Gnanodaya School & Hostel

HOST has funded renovations to the kitchen of the hostel with the "New" kitchen being opened 11th of October 2012. The accompanying photographs and the smiles on the children's faces illustrate the tremendous improvement that this has made.

We have also agreed to fund them up to \$1,500 per month for a minimum period of six months. This will enable them to cover teacher's salaries, utilities, medical care and so forth. Gnanodaya gives us a brief statement of expenditure every month that we distribute.



Manila – Precious Heritage Orphanage and School

Joel Santos, the President of Precious Heritage Ministries Foundation attended the Manila Officers seminar in September to introduce the good work they do. After his presentation, HOST presented them with a cheque for 137,000 peso (US\$3,250) to replace the orphanage roof, provide the children with their own lockers, and fund operators for a month.



▲ New Lockers for Precious Heritage Children's Home



We have also agreed to fund the orphanage up to \$1,500 per month for a minimum period of six months. This will completely fund the costs of food, medical supplies, utilities and school books for the children. Precious Heritage provides us with a statement of expenditure every month and this is sent to all offices and vessels for display on the notice board.



▲ Noraldin Diaz at Precious Heritage Children's Home

8-Year-old Noraldin Diaz's Story

Noraldin or "Dindin" was an unwanted child. His mother had several casual relationships before and after he was born. His mother's latest live-in partner, a drug addict, abused Dindin several times to the extent of hammering his head. Finally Dindin was taken to a place far from home and abandoned. He was left to beg for food and sleeping on the streets.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Nasugbu, Batangas took Dindin off the street and brought him to Precious Heritage Children's Home where he is now being provided with long term care thanks to HOST support.

Front Hakata Dry Docking

The M/T Front Hakata was recently directed to China for dry docking at Yiu-Lian Dockyard, on Mazhou Island. After de-slopping and de-mucking from the 6th Sept to the 10th Sept 2012 at Dayushan anchorage, the vessel was certified gas free for yard entry. The vessel entered Yiu-Lian Dockyard on the 11th Sept 2012 for 2nd special survey and associated docking, boiler and renewal surveys.

The vessel was kept in the yard for almost 18 days. In addition to almost 100% blasting which was carried out to the boot top and vertical bottom, the vessel had a change of colours to her hull and accommodation block. The slightly aged lady was happy with her new exterior makeup plus lipstick and sailed out with improved confidence.

All ship staff worked hard, while at the same time getting a chance to go ashore and relax at Sea World, a popular tourist spot with a few good places to let one's hair down.

After all repairs were finished, the vessel set sail for Singapore upon completion of sea trials on the 29th Sept 2012.



▲ Front Hakata entering the dock



▲ Four bladed propeller after polishing



◀ Capt. Pushkar Jha standing near propeller prior to polishing



▲ Front Hakata sailing after completion



Safety Officer Course at Chennai Training Center

On 17th to 18th October 2012, SeaTeam Training Center in Chennai held its 3rd Safety Officers Training Course for senior officers. The course highlighted the duties of the Safety Officer, Accident Investigation, Risk Assessment and Job Safety Analysis, safe working practices and company specific expectations. The course was attended by four Masters, four Chief Officers, two

Chief Engineers, two Second Engineers, a Second Officer, and a Third Engineer. Feedback from the participants indicated most found the course to be good and the content extremely useful. It is intended that the course will be conducted in both Manila and Chennai Training Centers at least three times a year so that all officers can be slated for attendance during vacation periods.



▲ Attentive officers reflect concern



▲ Behaviour Based Safety presentation

Safety Winner Adds Focus on Safety

By Engine Cadet Lugsnay M/V Golden Zhejiang

It helps us to start focus during daily job to avoid accident. For me, the purpose of the scratch card is not only to win but to encourage us to work safely:

- To keep an eye to our fellow crew during unsafe act.
- Be aware of our environment on board and observe any unsafe condition at all time.
- Report immediately some near miss in order to prevent further occurrence of such particular accident.
- Do not hesitate to call the attention of any personnel who is in unsafe situation while performing his assign task, whatever his position in a polite manner, regarding with his personal protective equipment.
- We must not ignore safety on board.

That's all I can share on how to help the crew on board to stay focus for a quality safety and healthy environment.

I am very grateful to all the personnel and staff of this company who organize/implement this safety incentive scratch card program.

▼ Team Zhejiang winners



◀ Cadet Lugsnay with Capt. Gavilla

A Journey Accomplished Successfully

by Capt. S.Z. Peter

Our M/T Pioneer sailed for forty five days from Ceyhan, Turkey to Pasir Gudang, Malaysia and completed the voyage without any undue incidence. All through the voyage there was different weather at each leg of the journey. It was quite hot with calm seas all through the Mediterranean, but once in the Atlantic Ocean, variable weather was encountered. The North being quite calm and moderate, as per the seamen's expectation, however reaching South and rounding off the Cape of Africa, the ship's speed dropped drastically as it encountered the adverse current of Bengula and Aghulas. The South Indian Ocean was terrible, and worse than our expectations, with wind force going up to Beaufort scale of eight. High seas and sprays on deck did not allow much work to be carried on deck, so jobs were carried in the pump room and within the accommodation spaces.

Come Sumatera, anti-piracy precautions and watches were initiated. Speed was planned and adjusted in such a manner that the vessel did not have to wait to catch the High Tide at One Fathom Bank, while still fulfilling the Charter Party speed criteria. The critical location in the stretch of Malacca came during the night where watches were doubled and the Bridge Team had to remain vigilant to carry out the transit safely. The tricky leg between Racon D in the Philips Channel and Batu Berhanti required the most diligent watchkeeping.

Enroute in Singapore Straits, the ship slowed down to pick up fresh provisions and our Tech Suptd., Petter Lalic, as well as a Lloyd's Class Surveyor and three UTM technicians. The team boarded the vessel for conducting the first stage of the intermediate survey. Past midnight, the vessel anchored at a safe location NE off Horsburg Lighthouse.

Come morning, the full team got busy with ballast tank inspections and thickness measurement which went in full swing for the next three days. During this period most of the engine items were inspected and credited

in the survey list. The survey and inspection lasted for three full days.



▲ Red sky at night, sailors delight



▲ Moving forward on all horizons

A day or two at the anchorage was very much needed for reviewing and preparing the vessel for discharge. But the list of jobs pending never ends, as jobs are ticked off, new ones are added:

- One of the main engine units due for overhaul, had to be planned for maintenance and inspection.
- The accommodation front needed maintenance with spot chipping and painting, and the manifold connections had to be made ready for the discharge.
- The lifeboats and rescue boats normally lowered to embarkation deck during drills, had to be maneuvered in the water as part of the three monthly routine. The sea has to be pretty calm when doing this as the seamen always find it difficult to bring back the boats in position and hook them on.



◀ Fresh provisions

During this hectic period, the galley staff was really appreciated for the wonderful cuisine they prepared to keep our seafarers happy. Even with heavy load of work, and during these periods of stress, the spirits of the Pioneer crew were not deterred. We all appreciated



▲ Team lowering the Rescue Boat

each other's company during the non-working hours and our teamwork never suffered. Another journey lies ahead, but the Pioneer team stands ready to meet each new challenge and more.



▲ Galley staff preparing another nice meal

And She's Young Again...!

A poem penned by C/O Sajan & Cadet Kannan, M/T Front Cecilie

This is the story about ME, Yeah... I'm Front Cecilie.
 Born in China, N Now World is my Arena
 Delivered in month of June, here I depart from land of Sand Dune.
 Fully Laden here I GO, Yet not ready for Show.
 Sad I was a lil Bit, but I just didn't wanna QUIT.
 My deck had all turned Brown, was like a princess losing Crown.
 I was desperate for a Makeover, that's when "Men in Blue" Took Over
 Make a wish they Said, I requested "Paint me RED"
 Men worked hard from Dawn to Dusk, Valiant as Spartans with Mask
 Striding through Blue Ocean, I have men working with Passion
 SUN Rose from East N Dipped n West, Guys doing what they do Best
 As I started gainin My COLOR, was sure like Me there's NO Other
 Within days they were Done, N my new skin beaming under SUN
 Overwhelmed with JOY, here comes the Queen of TROY
 Filled with Euphoria, I reached KOREA
 Lost in My Looks they were silent for a While,
 Then all I heard was "Oppa Gangnam Style...!"



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Life 2.0

By *Shardul Pathak*
Junior Engineer, M/T *Front Njord*

21st September 2012, a date which is a milestone in my life. The day, my life's second innings started, the kid had finally grown up and was out to face the seas of the world. A dream I had for quite a long while was going to be a reality! After the knowledge that I would leave early morning the next day, everything became blur. To this day I have people complaining that I did not tell them of my departure. I would have, if I had known myself! Such are the mystic treasures of this industry. One has to be prepared for whatever is thrown in their way.

After a long flight that got me half way around the world (literally), a 3-hour car drive and a 4-hour boat ride, I finally saw my home for the next 7 months, M/T *Front Njord*. The feeling was nothing less than the emotions of a 5-year-old, when he is given the remote to his first ever remote control car. Here I must clarify, it was not all elation, minimal amount of anxiety did managed to creep its way through, also. However, all the anxiety and the little amounts of fear were driven right away by the warmth by which I was welcomed, shown to the conference hall and then asked to help people with shifting the stores which were being delivered to the ship. When the chief engineer or "bada saab", as he is called onboard, learnt that we had had a long journey he did ask me to take the day off and rest.

I do feel blessed to have a stupendous company onboard, the crew, who never forget to ask how am I adjusting to the sea life, and the seniors who make sure that I am right on my learning path. The captain very rightly put it in words when he said, "The crew is always nice." I must take an opportunity to say that the 2nd engineer is exactly as he was described to be in the office, helpful and understanding, the 3rd with his every smiling face is always there to help me out, and 4th engineer understands what it is like being a junior hence makes my life as easy as possible. There are many things I realized only once I came onboard, among which were my ability to use a treadmill in a rolling ship and my sudden love for food! The latter majorly because of all the delicacies our chief cook stirs up for us.

It was also quite an experience to see things, which were till now on a page, in a book, one could fit in a bag, to stand out in front of you. Big enough for me to have reality checks on a regular basis to fathom the size and scale of the enormity of everything onboard, right from the engine to the generators, the boilers or the sea water pumps.



▲ M/T *Front Njord* engaged in Ship to Ship Transfer at the Southwest Pass STS Area Off New Orleans, Louisiana USA



▲ Junior Engineer *Shardul Pathak* taking soundings

After two weeks, and regular updates on my social networking page about the life I have onboard and details of the Saturday evening and the swimming pool, a friend of mine came with a rather rhetorical question. She asked me, since I am living a childhood dream and having fun, do I miss home? The only reason I called it rhetorical was because no one needs to answer it.

I did indeed find a home away from home, the people are warm, the food is good, internet makes sure I am in touch with everyone. I couldn't have asked for anything better. SeaTeam is indeed the right choice for me!