

newsletter



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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Company's first children's Christmas party was held in Cardiff on Saturday, 9th December. It was arranged by the Head Office Social Committee for children up to the age of thirteen. Thirty-five children attended. The afternoon was a great success, having a Conjuror/Punch and Judy, games and a magnificent tea. The event was extremely well organised and the children had a very happy time and were so well behaved. (How many children's parties can boast not even a tear all the afternoon?)

All parents and friends wish to extend their thanks to the Social Committee for all the hard work which they put into organising the party and for giving up so much of their time. Great credit is due to them for the success which their efforts produced.

The highlight of the party was the appearance of Father Christmas (our Chairman) complete with a large and very heavy sack of presents. He arrived in his own illuminated roof-top and chimney and to the sound of Christmas carols. It was a lovely sight to see the faces of the children. Each child solemnly received its present from Father Christmas (who, incidentally, must be the most kissed one in the business!) and was thrilled with what it had. All credit to Father Christmas for somehow knowing the exact present that each child wanted!

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DINNER DANCES

The Head Office Dinner Dance was held at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, on Tuesday, 12th December. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening. The Chairman particularly welcomed the Pensioners and the large number of local Sea Staff, who were at home this year and able to come along.

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London Office also held their Annual Dinner Dance on Tuesday, 12th December and, we hear, had a very happy evening.

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STAFF NEWS

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rowell on the passing of Mr. Frank Rowell (retired Chief Engineer) on 25th November. Mr. Rowell joined the Company on 2nd April 1925 and was first appointed Chief Engineer on the m.v. "DEVON CITY" in 1937. He retired on 1st April 1964.

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INDISPOSED: Our best wishes are sent to Mrs. Parker, wife of our Caretaker at Devonshire House, for a quick return to good health. Mrs. Parker is now home from hospital after an operation.

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BIRTH: Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Jennings on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Dawn, on 6th December. Mr. Jennings is a Chief Engineer with the Company.

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NEW STAFF: A warm welcome is extended to the following on joining the Company:-

Chief Engineer R. Ellison	Junior Engineer M.G. Hardy
Chief Engineer G. Hughes	Junior Engineer G. Tucker
Second Engineer G.B. Stevenson	Third Officer A.B. Baxter
Junior Second Engineer J.E. Spiller	Third Officer P. Martienssen
Fourth Engineer M.J. Burt	Catering Officer R.G. White
Junior Engineer S.H. Hocking	Catering Officer K.J. Baines
Junior Engineer P.L. Mahoney	

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CERTIFICATE SUCCESSES: We offer our congratulations to the following:-

G.P. Eyles	-	Class 3 Deck.
M. Causer	-	Second Class Motor.

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DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

Our thanks to Captain Gosset and the Bar Committee, m.v. "WELSH CITY", for their donation of £16 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which has been passed to them.

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After being requested to send money for extra postage for mail, Mrs. Rona Lightfoot has sent us the following amusing ditty, composed with the help of nursing staff. It is sung to "The Londonderry Air" and she hopes it will raise a New Year smile.

A Christmas Card I want to send across
the foam,
It's in your office in a pigeon hole.
Please, Sir, will you put on an extra
stamp for me,
You'll find two quid to cover it for thee.

3. I did receive a letter from J.P.
Reardon Smith,
Reminding me of postages like this.
He'd surely never ever be a
millionaire,
If he had all this blooming mail to
pay.

CHORUS: And when "Tacoma City" comes to
Rotterdam,
To Dublin or maybe to London Town.
Then I'll be there and I'll not have to
write the mail,
That keeps him happy all the time he is
away.

4. New Year in Scotland isn't very
far away,
I'll raise my glass if you will
post my mail.
We'll say Slainte Mhor to all the
fellows of the sea,
And wish success and riches to
the Company.

2. A Christmas Card I want to send across
the foam,
I plead with you to see it on its way.
My man on board is always looking for
his mail,
I'm sure you will not let it go astray.

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NEWS FROM GCBS

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NEW SHIPBOARD DISCIPLINE STARTS ON 1st JANUARY

New shipboard disciplinary arrangements will be brought into effect as new Crew Agreements are opened on or after 1st January, 1979.

These have been worked out and agreed between the GCBS, the five seafarers' unions and the Department of Trade. They will eventually have the backing of legislation but meanwhile are being introduced by NMB Agreement.

The present list of disciplinary offences, and the Masters' powers to levy fines will be abolished. Instead all crew members will be subject to a Code of Conduct. The Code lays down the standards of behaviour which are required of all seafarers, lists specific misconduct which may warrant a penalty, and sets out the procedure to be followed on board when a breach of the Code takes place.

Penalties for a breach of the Code comprise Informal Warnings, Formal Warnings, Written Reprimands, and in the most serious cases Dismissal from the Ship. Dismissal can take place at a port abroad and a crew member may be required to contribute up to a week's pay towards his repatriation expenses. Very detailed procedures have been laid down for hearings on board before any such decisions are reached.

As new Crew Agreements are opened on or after 1st January, they will contain new clauses by means of which each crew member who signs on will agree to comply with the Code of Conduct. One hundred thousand copies of the Code have been printed by the NMB and each seafarer will be given one when he first signs on or re-signs in 1979.

Anyone who is dismissed from a ship for a breach of the Code of Conduct will be reported to the Merchant Navy Discipline Organisation, a new joint employer/union body, which has been set up by the NMB. If his dismissal is confirmed by his company he will have to appear before a Local Disciplinary Committee which will consider his future in the shipping industry. These Committees will be formed of union and employer representatives in equal numbers. Committees may impose a caution, instruct the MNEA to suspend a seafarer's Establishment Benefit or cancel his registration, or in the most serious cases recommend to the DOT that his Discharge Book be withdrawn which will mean that he can't get another job at sea. Appeals will be to a Central Disciplinary Committee in London which again will have joint representatives.

Both unions and employers are agreed that the advantages of the new system are that :-

it is an up-to-date system, based on consent through signing the Crew Agreement, rather than an old-fashioned one imposed by law;

everyone will have a copy of the Code and know just where he stands;

the end result will be to exclude from service in the ships people whose bad behaviour is a menace to others.

Courses about the new procedures have already been attended by well over 3000 Masters and senior officers. The NUS and MNAOA have also run courses for their members.

The starting date is 1st January, but the changeover to the new system will only take place when a new Crew Agreement is opened. So the new system will come into effect gradually during 1979.

1st December, 1978

VESSEL	GARDIFF CITY	DEVON CITY	EASTERN CITY	FRESNO CITY	NEW WESTMINSTER CITY
Master	W.D.Jones	J.S.Murray	J.Vaughan	J.C.Lee	J.Porteous
Chief Officer	E.J.Dunk	E.W.Welmaley	R.V.Duncan	F.Scott	J.E.S.York
Second "	D.H.Smith	J.Ross	R.T.Herraman	G.D.Evans	I.M.Stewart
Third "	T.J.Ward	D.J.Herring	A.Tay	R.O'Shea	J.Erdley
Radio "	D.S.H.Thomson	N.C.Sanders	P.J.Barker	P.Bradley	F.D.Hartwell
Chief Engineer	D.M.Parsons	R.J.Trigg	D.N.Henry	J.J.Baghurst	D.R.Inglis
Second "	C.J.Burton	R.A.Rees	G.J.Griffiths	P.J.Fredergast	C.D.Morgan
Third "	R.M.B.Jenkins	D.E.Simons	R.S.Allen	C.G.French	R.Thomas
Fourth "	M.Crawford	M.J.Hugill	C.Rees	R.H.Moore	I.S.Extton
Junior "	K.J.O'Brien	S.G.Morris	K.M.Plenty	R.A.Barrow	B.J.Fexton
Junior "	J.R.Sampson	M.Taylor	J.J.Jones	C.R.Brennon	K.R.Tonks
Junior "			M.D.Staines		
Electrician	R.Emms	E.D.Parker	B.Gawcherley	J.W.Roberts	D.G.Jarvis
Catering Off.	P.J.Keogh	P.F.Akers	G.J.Harhey	J.A.Patrick	P.D.Smith
Gadets	R.Hughes-Jenkins		M.Williamson	S.F.Collins	R.J.Taylor
	S.J.Smith		M.P.Owens	A.F.Miller	D.T.Shorthouse
				T.A.Savage	
				G.K.Lee	

VESSEL	PORT ALBERTNI CITY	PRINCE RUPERT CITY	TACOMA CITY	VANGOUVER CITY	VICTORIA CITY
Master	D.L.G.Jones	O.J.T.Lindsay	A.D.Lightfoot	L.W.Staines	J.Cann
Chief Officer	T.J.Hunter	I.Woolard	I.C.Scott	J.S.Pearshall	A.M.W.Mitchell
Second "	K.Jones	J.W.Gurton	A.C.Prosser	P.J.Godding	I.Cowan
Third "	R.J.Elliott	D.P.Kirley	N.R.Jackman	P.W.Bates	T.L.Lawrence
Radio "	D.P.Sidmead	R.G.Chogg	K.H.Sellar	M.W.Kinross	S.G.W.Whitmore
Chief Engineer	D.Archbold	J.Fitzsimmons	R.Ellison	J.Scott	G.J.R.McBride
Second "	R.U.Bell	G.J.Morris	K.Darward	H.C.Convery	P.R.Bryant
Third "	R.E.Russell	S.J.Davies	C.Hughes	A.McNally	G.F.Smith
Fourth "	R.C.Wells	M.J.Burt	P.John	D.C.Pulley	D.J.Coombs
Junior "	P.Price	W.N.Crossley	K.D.Hill	D.F.Barkess	R.Brown
Junior "	R.I.Hall	J.W.Cable	S.D.Barron	P.W.Munro	D.Wright
Junior "					
Electrician	D.Osborne	E.H.Sennington	I.Hughes	N.J.Doyle	K.F.Bean
Catering Off.	D.C.M.Trinick	D.D.Hill	L.R.Seabrooke	G.K.Pasmore	A.H.Fox
Gadets	C.G.Everett	J.H.Evans	S.F.Lowry	M.S.Morgan	M.R.Hart
	C.E.Broad	N.B.Wilson	I.D.Bird	J.M.Vincent	R.W.Price
	P.Martin	J.C.Brown	J.D.Bateman	J.D.Smith	A.Brandram-Jones
	M.J.C.Lockwood	C.S.Weeks	G.J.McKenzie		
	M.P.Henry				

VESSEL	MELAN CITY	ATLANTIC	CELA	AMPARO	ELENA
Master	R.A.H.Vanner	D.B.Jack	E.A.G.Boyer	T.W.D.John	P.J.Boroughs
Chief Officer	C.T.Parker	R.P.Graham	R.S.McKay	T.Haxley	R.T.Alford
Second "	J.B.Pritchard	M.F.Marco	R.G.Hayton	I.A.Burley	A.K.Smith
Third "	P.Hartianssen	H.D.Johnson	H.R.Lovibond	C.A.Prescott	P.A.Dorgan
Radio "	D.G.Short	W.P.Gameron	E.A.Willlocks	V.F.Cullen	H.P.Everett
Chief Engineer	L.G.I.Taylor	G.Hughes	R.M.Paddock	B.M.Draper	L.M.Williamson
Second "	D.P.Jones	D.T.Wood	H.R.Green	C.B.Stevenson	W.A.Bruce
Third "	A.G.Vincent	J.E.Spiller	K.D.Aust	J.H.Davies	A.C.Coombs
Fourth "	K.R.Warner	A.D.Gowling	H.W.Davies	A.M.Baxter	M.C.Smith
Junior "	R.M.Stead	P.N.McCormick	R.H.Reed	C.J.Brown	G.Reynolds
Junior "	J.Rettslick	G.Tucker	A.Keast	M.G.Hardy	P.J.Cole
Junior "	S.H.Hocking				
Electrician	J.T.Loratne	I.Willoughby	E.R.Clark	J.F.Crawford	D.G.Grant
Catering Off.	S.P.Smith	K.J.Baines	L.Slawinski	R.C.Moylen	L.B.Surrey
Gadets	D.J.Knox		S.J.Voss	P.R.Cook	
	S.J.Laws			M.A.Evans	
	M.R.Dunstall				
	J.J.Hudson				
	M.J.Cummins				
	J.H.Coleman				
	C.J.Wren				

VESSEL	JOSEFA	MARIA ELISA	SARA LUPE
Master	M.E. Jones	R.F. Stuart	W.J. Cross
Chief Officer	I.R. Boulton	D.J.A. Nicholl	A.P. Jaggars
Second "	J.P. Andrews	A. Thomson	S.P. Gofford
Third "	M.I. Frazer	J.A. Doody	S.K. Breedon
Radio "	R.H. Smith	J.N.A. Clark	G.T.S. Watts
Chief Engineer	W.J. Gill	H.L. Fletcher	G.M. Guthbertson
Second "	T. Graham Russell	P.J. Walker	M.J. Vates
Third "	A. Doubler	J.L. Magill	T.E.J. Sperrin
Fourth "	S.C. Ward	A.J. White	G. Gaywood
Junior "	S.R.W. Jenkins	R. Goddall	C.L. Taylor
Junior "		N.C. Williams	R.S. Hodgson
Electrician	G. Shaddock	J.D.W. McLaren	R.S. Batey
Catering Off.	R.C. Pierce	G.J. Lyons	I. Hayward
Cadets		G.D. Handell	R.W. Davies
		T.D. Bennett	P.C. Weychan
		S.F. Broderick	A.M. Russell
		M. Cox	E.J. Naughton
		P.A. Vaughan	R.A. Holloway
		P. Borley	

Below are listed Officers at home on voyage leave as at 20.12.78. Every endeavour is made to ensure that the list is as accurate as possible at the time of printing.

Masters:	G.S. Gerlick, T.R. McNulty, D.L. Bell, R. Skinner, R.L. Crawford, A.L.G. Gosset, J.J. Birrell, J.J. Kalnins, T. Lawson, M.C. Hurst, R.B. Whitting.
Chief Officers:	D.W. Ellis, D.W. Aubrey, W.D. Howell, H.W. Slayman, W.G. Wood, M.J. Bellamy, R.E. Baker, J. Sharples, D.G. Toon, P.M. Raverat, K. Milburn.
Second Officers:	N. Jerron, K.J. Cribbin, N. Davies, E. Single, J.L.O. Higgins, A. Abel, F.C. Coles, R.T. Herniman, J.T. Pagler, J. Heisterman.
Third Officers:	K.G. Whittingham, A. Tay, N.M. Howard, G.P. Eyles, A.P. Morris, J.C. Neale, T.J. Tudball, I.G. Miller, F.D. Todd.
Radio Officers:	A.J.L. Gottle, J.R. Mathews, R.G. Miller, B.J. Carter, E.G. Bramham, J.A. Heslop, I.F. Bullock, C.G. Mezey, D.R. Wilkinson, P.J. Barker, W.P. Budden.
Chief Engineers:	J. Cornack, R. Chambers, D.J. Jennings, G.N. Trott, E.R. Morgan, M.M. Queen, D. Harrison, M.G. Seaman, F.W. Evans, M.E. Rayner, R.E. Diamond, D.N. Verry, D.N. Amey, N.B. Shilstone.
Second Engineers:	D.G. Wedlake, N. Nesbitt, P.H. Evans, M. Murrell, M.J. Gabics, A.G. Hodgson, R. Smyke, P.E. Payne, J.R. Hocking.
Third Engineers:	D.B. Evans, R.C. Pucchet, K.A. Velda, R. Taylor, D.G. Lewis, M.R. Ferritt, E.L. Mallett, R.S. Allen, W.H. Tucker, P.D. Slade.
Fourth Engineers:	S.J. Staines, M.G. Evans, W.J. East, K.W. Newton, G.E. Ashton, M.D.W. Evans, K.R. Negole, L. Rees, M.R. Parkin.
Junior Engineers:	J.M. Cavanagh, K.J. Nieldner, P.P. Morse, P. Curran, K. Wiltshire, D.G. Davies, E.L. Lloyd, M. McKeone, M. Morgan, D.A. Hayden, T.P. Young, D. Calfyn, J.J. Jones, C. Higgins, D.J. Jarvis, P.M. Deschamps, R.P. Phillips, G.O. Fletcher.
Electricians:	K.W.G. Hampton, J.A. Cratiger, M.G. Davies, J. McIver, P. Tyerman, P.D. Kyle, J.P.O. Mahoney, J.P. Rowman, C.G. Swaton, P. Willmott, A. McRae.
Catering Officers:	D.R. Hartshorne, D. Gossell, P.P. Delaney, D. Kelly, P.W. Lever, J. Bonner, M.H. Frost, J. Buckmaster, G.R. Pammore, C.J. Barry, A.A. Gouldie, R.A. Peach.

Officers on sick or study leave as at 20.12.78:- J.G. Shirley, C. Sizer, P.F. Lewis, P.C. Roberts, T.A. Smith, W.P. Barnes, M.J. Clarke, J.M. Smith, T.H. Jowett, P.A. Ballard, J.R. Ashlie, M.G. Ingram, A.L. Bruce-Smith, A.A. Field, R.W. McInnes, M.W. Savory, P.G. Stoker, J. Fooks, K.D. Morgan, J.N. Beach, M. Ditchett, G.E. Stevenson, R.J.D. Sprange, W.M. Powell, A. Edwards, A. Robin, A.J. Ridge, D.M. Ellis, R.M. Strong, M. Gasser, I.C. Pearce, W.A. Stone, P.J. Rigby, A.R. Redman, A.P. Hughes, T.A. Price, A. Price.

Cadets at home on voyage leave, study leave or sick leave as at 20.12.78:- R.E. Williams, M. South, G.M. Kivell, A.H. Tanner, J.D. Moore, R.E. Strickles, A. Williamson, T.J. Fuller, G.R. Paikero, G.R. Garland, A.R. Parker, J.C. Thomas, M.R. Penny, I.J. Morgan, D.R. James, M.G. Adams, W.E. Watkins, C.B.C. Jones, A.J. Salter, P. Collins, L.P. Jasper, M.J. Millward, R.L. Munson, R.E. Parsons, K.J. A. Price, J.A. Thomas, G.A. Brooks, A.N. Francis, A.J. Fletcher, M. Richards, A.J. F. Buck, M.R. Penner, M. Jones, T.C. Lansell, D.D. McLandrie, P.W. Knibbs, J.A. Akhurst.

SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 13th December 1978

M.V. "GARDIFF CITY" This vessel is on Time Charter a/c to Salen. She has been in Manzanillo since 17th November, and due to congestion and line priority she is not expected to complete discharging until 20th December earliest. She then arrives and sails Long Beach approximately 25/30th December. She is indicated to redeliver at the end of January at Taiwan.

M.V. "DEVON CITY" Under Time Charter a/c NYK. At present discharging pipes at Ras Shukeir (Red Sea). On completion vessel transits the Suez Canal 18th/19th December, and calls at Souda Bay in Crete prior to her arrival Benghazi on 22nd December to complete discharge until 6th January 1979.

M.V. "EASTERN CITY" Operating under Time Charter a/c Showa. Vessel is now discharging Yellow Corn and will complete discharging at Kawasaki 18th, Nagoya 19th/21st, and Yokkaichi 22nd/25th. She then sails for Port Dampier where she is expected to arrive about 6th January to load Iron Ore until about 9th, when she sails for Hamburg expecting to arrive about 16th February.

M.V. "FRESNO CITY" This vessel is on Time Charter a/c to B.H.P. She is now unloading Steel and Pig Iron at Mombasa, and should complete by 16th December. She then sails for Karachi where her ETA is 24th to complete discharging around 21st January when she re-delivers.

M.V. "NEW WESTMINSTER CITY" Under Time Charter a/c Alianca. She completes loading Steel at Victoria on 16th December, and sails for Houston ETA/D 30th December/3rd January, New Orleans 4/8th, and Mobile 9/14th to discharge.

M.V. "PORT ALBERNI CITY" This vessel is on Time Charter a/c East Asiatic. It is anticipated she will sail from Liverpool 15th December arriving Rotterdam 17th. She sails from that port 22nd arriving Antwerp next day, where she discharges for 2 days. She arrives Ghent 26th and re-delivers the next day, after which she drydocks for 8 days Amsterdam/Flushing and will be free about 5th January 1979.

M.V. "PRINCE RUPERT CITY" This vessel is on Time Charter a/c to China National. She is expected to complete loading at Petroleum Harbour Europeport on 13th December, and after transitting the Suez Canal is expected to arrive in China on 16th January 1979 completing at the end of the month.

M.V. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel is on Steel Service No. 62. Her itinerary reads: Seattle 13/15th December, New Westminster 16/18th, followed by Berth Service No. 99 with her anticipated dates being: Grofton 19/21st, Vancouver B.C. 22nd/6th January 1979, transitting the Panama Canal on 18th for discharging at Dublin, London, Boulogne and Rotterdam.

M.V. "VANCOUVER CITY" Delivered under Time Charter a/c B.H.P. She is now discharging Limestone at Newcastle, New South Wales. On completion of discharge loads Steel Products Newcastle, completing Port Keshla. Sails from Port Keshla around end December for Manila 13/16th January, Iligan 18/23rd and Pusan 29th/31st January where she re-delivers.

M.V. "VICTORIA CITY" This vessel is on Time Charter a/c Sumatrap. Her itinerary is as follows: Suez/Port Said 21st/22nd December, Hamburg 2/3rd January, Esbjerg 4/6th, Rotterdam 8/10th, Antwerp 11/12th, and Newport 15/18th January.

M.V. "WELSH CITY" This vessel should sail from Baton Rouge about 14th December with a cargo of Soya Beans and is expected to arrive in Hamburg on 28th December to complete at the end of the month. Her future business is not yet known.

M.V. "AMPARU" The itinerary of this vessel is as follows: Arrives and sails Salina Cruz 15/17th December, Manzanillo 18/20th, Guaymas 22nd/27th, Ensenada 30th December/2nd January, Yokohama 16/17th, Nagoya 18/20th January.

M.V. "ATLANTIC CITY" Vessel is at present anchored off Vera Cruz, and does not expect to berth until 30th December. Her further itinerary is not yet known.

M.V. "ELENA" This vessel sailed from Keelung on 12th December. Afterwards she is stemmed for Yokohama 17/18th, Chiba 19/20th, Kakogawa 21st/23rd, Kobe 24/26th, thence Manzanillo 12th/14th, Acapulco 15/17th and Puntarenas where her ETA is 20th January.

M.V. "GELA" This vessel is expected to sail from Vera Cruz on 14th December for Tampico arriving the following day, and sailing on 16th. Subsequently her itinerary is as follows: Progreso 20/21st, U.S. Gulf 23/28th and Antwerp 13/16th January.

M.V. "JOSEFA" Vessel is hove to in Bay of Biscay 12th and 13th December due to severe weather and is expected to arrive in Hamburg on 15th December earliest, possibly sailing 18th. Her expected itinerary from then on is Bremen 19/20th, Antwerp 21/23rd, Le Havre 24/27th, Liverpool 29th/3rd January, St. Nazaire 6/8th with arrival in Vera Cruz on 24th January.

M.V. "MARIA ELISA" She is at present making for Hamburg where she is expected to arrive on 18th December. She sails the following day for Rotterdam and should complete discharging by the 23rd, after which she drydocks for 8 days. It is anticipated she will sail on 4th January 1979, thence Antwerp 5/6th, Bremen 8/9th, Hamburg 10/11th, Le Havre 13/16th and Bilbao 19/20th January.

M.V. "NARA LUPE" This vessel is expected to sail from Genoa on 13th December for Barcelona where she arrives on the 15th. She sails the next day for Vera Cruz and should arrive on 1st January 1979. She leaves Vera Cruz on 6th. Then follows Tampico 7/9th, possibly New Orleans 11/11th, San Domingo 11/15th and Morehead City 19/21st January, arriving back in Naples early February.