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Report from the Naming Ceremony for Svenja, a New Ship Built by SAL

Heavy Lifter Business Division

The bottle of champagne smashed with a bang. Svenja Heinrich, the daughter of Hans Heinrich who is a partner of the SAL Group, in which our company holds a 50% stake, swung the champagne bottle that hung from the ship to christen it. At the same time, the steam whistle sounded three times to announce the birth of the ship. As I watched the champagne bubbling against the side of the ship at my first naming ceremony, I was reminded of the birth of the ship again.

On December 9, 2010 at the port of Hamburg in Germany, a grand completion ceremony was held for the new ship Svenja, which was built at the Sietas shipyard. Customers from a variety of industries and people from the media attended the ceremony, in addition to those involved with the SAL Group. Everyone enjoyed conversing with glasses of Glühwein (mulled wine) in their hands to celebrate the birth of the ship.



Ms. Svenja Heinrich

Here are some of the features of the new ship.

(1) The world's largest heavy lift capacity and fastest sailing speed

The most noteworthy features of the ship are the world's largest heavy lift capacity, with the ability to hoist as much as 2,000 tons of cargo (the largest capacity before the completion of the Svenja was 1,800 tons), and the fastest sailing speed for a heavy lifter at 20 knots, which is 3 to 4 knots faster than the fleets of its competitors. (A knot is a unit of sailing speed, and one knot is equivalent to 1,852 meters per hour.) The aim is to accommodate vast quantities of cargo, which continues increasing in size each year, and carry it at high speed, thereby offering services not provided by any other carriers.

(2) Dynamic Positioning (DP) system

The ship is able to keep itself in a set position in sea areas of great depths without anchoring, by



automatically controlling the thruster on the bow and stern. With this capability, the ship plans to participate fully in the offshore cargo transport business, whose volume continues to grow each year.

(3) Shallow draft

The beam width is 27.5m, which is 3.5m longer than that of existing ships, thereby increasing the size of the ballast tank. This has improved the stability of the ship and made shallow draft possible.

(4) Stability pontoon

When loading and unloading cargo using the crane, the stability pontoon enhances the stability of the ship and enables safer loading and unloading.

(5) Adjustable tween decks (interior decks)

The tween decks may be placed at three different heights to suit the size of the cargo. They may also be used as bulkheads to create partitions inside the hold when placed vertically. By pouring seawater into the tween deck and placing it at the bottom of the hold, the ship's center of gravity is lowered, thereby enhancing its stability.

In March this year, the sister ship of the cutting-edge Svenja, the Lone, is scheduled to be completed. With these two ships that we will present proudly to the world, even greater things may be expected of the SAL Group.



Gigantic Crane



Stability Pontoon



Adjustable Tween Deck

Witnessed the Official Sea Trial of KL Sandefjord, a Super-Sized Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) Ship

Contributed by Mr. Yoshihiro Yoshida, Captain, "K" Line Offshore AS



[photo by haraid M. Vaiderhaug]



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Left: Capt. Yoshihiro Yoshida

Between December 1 and 12, 2010, the official sea trial of the KL Sandefjord was held, the first new Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) ship ordered to STX OSV (formerly STX Europe) by our company engaged in the offshore supporting ship business. I boarded the ship on behalf of the company to witness various tests to make the ship even safer and more convenient from the standpoint of the owner. In addition, I held discussions with people from the shipyard on a number of issues relating to navigation and operation. Engineer Yamazaki from the Technological Development Team of "K" Line also attended the first official sea trial of an AHTS ship for our group.

Message from the Ocean A Story about a Rice Cake Pounding Festival at Sea

Hello, everyone. I hope things are going well for all of you. My name is Tohru Nakamura. I joined the company in 2008, and am currently serving as junior second officer on the Brooklyn Bridge. A rice cake pounding festival was held on the ship as we celebrated the New Year onboard.

The ship is the first large "K" Line training ship with as many as 37 crew members on board. The crew comprises 21 Filipinos, 10 Japanese, and six Indians. The navigation route was set on CALCO-C, and the rice cake pounding festival was held after the ship's departure from Shanghai, the final port on the long and arduous voyage on the Asian side. A reception is held each time the ship departs from Shanghai, but on this voyage the departure occurred during the New Year season. The Japanese crew members expressed a strong wish to demonstrate Japanese culture on this occasion, so we decided to hold a rice cake pounding festival.

The weather was fine on the day of the festival, and the conditions were ideal for rice cake pounding, although some sea swells were evident. There was an air of excitement from early in the morning. I am really glad that everyone, including the foreign crew members, was able to experience rice cake pounding. The rice cake turned out to be a bit too soft, as it was difficult to adjust the amount of water. As for me, it was the first time I had tried rice cake pounding, and I was surprised to discover how delicious the rice cake is when it has just been pounded.

Why don't you plan a rice cake pounding festival on your ship as well? We are looking forward to the next festive occasion, as we will plan something exciting next time too.



The three crazy employees who joined the company in 2008 and the crew (the author is at the right-hand end of the front row)



Commemorative photograph of the whole crew with a wish for safe voyages in 2011



The crew members enjoy rolling out something that looks like a combination of rice cake and glue

Welcome to Charleston, South Carolina!

Contributed by Ms. Wilma McCord, "K" Line America, Inc., Charleston

What and where is Charleston, South Carolina? The City of Charleston was established in 1670 and was named "Charles Town" after King Charles II of England. The initial community was established on a site at the Ashley River and it's mission was to become a thriving port town. Well, that it became. In 1770 Charles Town was the fourth largest port in the colonies (behind Boston, New York and Philadelphia) and rice and indigo were it's major export products. And still today in 2011, the port is very important to the city of Charleston, SC. A lot of the architecture and history has been preserved and Charleston is a big tourist attraction where people come to visit the old plantations, homes and quaint little streets which were built way back then. The city is located in the southeastern part of the East Coast of the United States of America.

How about the current port? At this time, the Port of Charleston has four different terminals: Union Pier Terminal which has been primarily used for RoRo business and is in the process of being changed to a passenger cruise terminal; Columbus Street Terminal which is becoming the new RoRo terminal; and North Charleston and Wando Terminal which are the two container terminals. The Port of Charleston is in the process of building a fifth terminal, which will be a modern container terminal and hopefully will be in operation later this decade. In 2009 the Port of Charleston handled 1.37 million TEUs and 549,008 tons of breakbulk cargo.



Almost the whole CHS Office



The New Cooper River Bridge connecting downtown Charleston with the mainland was opened in 2005 and is a 2.7 mile (4.3 km) long, 8 lane bridge.



The Charleston Aquarium



The porches on these homes are very typical of these old homes. They were built that way to catch as much seabreeze as possible



BMW's ready to be loaded to a "K" Line RoRo vessel



The Barcelona Bridge called Charleston back in 2006

What does "K" Line offer vessel-wise in Charleston? Currently we offer 2 container services ex Charleston (Tasco to North Europe and Natco-2 to the Far East) and also about 6-7 sailings per month on our RoRo service.

What about the office? I am glad you asked! The "K" Line America (KAM) in Charleston functions as the Regional Logistics Office for "K" Line container services in the South Atlantic. We handle operations at the rail yards in Atlanta, GA, Charlotte, NC and Miami, FL and we are also responsible for vessel operations in the ports of Charleston, Savannah, GA, Jacksonville, FL and Port Everglades, FL. We have total 11 container vessel calls per week in those ports. Our office employs 13 people who work in export, import and equipment. The Charleston office has been in operation since 2001. Our employees come from all over the place: New York, Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Texas and also from Peru, the UK and The Netherlands and a few have lived here all their lives.

So what do we do besides having a good time taking care of our customers? We have established some fun routines all during the year. They always seem to involve food. For years now we have celebrated the holiday of Thanksgiving in our office. Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday in November and traditionally it is a time to give thanks for a bountiful harvest. The very first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621. Each of us brings their favorite dish to the office and we set that up around a turkey. Some of the foods people bring are sweet potatoes casserole, green beans, broccoli casserole, corn, oyster roll, buffalo dip and lot's and lot's more goodies. We usually have our Thanksgiving lunch the week before Thanksgiving, because we eat the leftovers for days. Our blessings are bountiful indeed!

Also for years we have picked a charity to show support around Christmas time. We have done Families helping Families, where we adopted a large family and bought all their Christmas presents for them. We have supported Our Sister's House (a house for battered women) and last Christmas we put packages together for the Charleston Seafarer's Society, who handed them out to all the sailors calling the Port of Charleston in December to help them have a merrier Christmas while being far away from home.



One fun thing we did with the whole office was playing in the Olympic Winter "K"ames in February 2010. While the winter games went on in Vancouver, we had our own version of winter games in Charleston. It does not get very cold during the winter, so we had to be very creative in coming up with our games. We drew two teams (which were named "K" Time and Ichiban) and came up with a game to play every day while the real Olympic Games were going on. Some examples of the games we played: Hockey Puck Throw (ball up recycle paper and throw as many as possible in a trash can), Musical Figure Skating (musical chair), Double Bobsled (we used chairs since bobsleds are hard to come by down here!), Speed Skating (okay, walking), Office Slalom and Golf Ball Curling. Whichever team won that day received a point and at the end of the "K"ames "K" Time beat Ichiban. We had a closing ceremony with medals and trophies on the last day of the Olympics together with a Hot Panini Potluck lunch. Lot's of fun!

All in all we like to have a good time while working hard for "K" Line and our customers. Make sure to come look us up if you ever come to visit our beautiful town.

Olympic Winter "K"ames



Ichiban - the runner up team!



"K" Time - the Olympic Champions!



Musical Figure Skating



Double Bobsled by the "K" Time team



Hockey Puck Throw - the Ichiban team in action!

K" Line Portugal Visit Porto Japan Week

Contributed by Mr. Isabel Azeredo, "K" Line (Portugal) S.A.

On 24th November, the office of "K" Line Porto (Portugal) turned out in full strength to attend one of the events organised as part of Japan Week, held at the Rivoli Theatre in Porto.

Japan Week is an annual event that takes place in a different city of the world every year. The first Japan Week to be held took place in the city of Florence in 1986.

2010 was the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Japan-Portugal Friendship Treaty, and Porto was the city chosen by the Japanese organisers as the setting for this great celebration of Japanese culture, held over five days and with free admission to the general public.

The event was organised jointly with Porto City Council, a variety of local cultural organisations and the International Friendship Foundation, a Japanese foundation based in Tokyo. The event also had the patronage of the Japanese Embassy in Portugal.

The programme began on the 20th November at 14:30, in the Palácio de Cristal gardens and in the Rosa Mota pavilion, with a variety of performances by Japanese groups (drums, Japanese folklore and traditional music) and included exhibitions of painting and Japanese arts at the Almeida Garrett Municipal library and the Soares dos Reis Museum.

For a period of 5 days the public of Porto, who attended the different events in large numbers, were able to immerse themselves in the many facets of the culture of the Land of the Rising Sun.

As well as promoting Japanese culture, the aim of Japan Week over its 30 years of existence has also been the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between the host country and Japan, and for this reason many groups from Porto shared the stage with the visitors from Japan.

And so it was on 24th November. Before going in to watch the show, the entire Porto "K" Line team enjoyed one of the specialities of Porto — the "Francesinha" steak sandwich — in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The show began with a performance by the Mitsukiyo-Kai — Tsugaru-shamisen group, followed by performances by the Porto Institute of Music and Dramatic Arts, the Kagura Wadaiko club (Japanese Shinto drums) of the Kyoto Koka Secondary School, and the Uryuyama Shinto dance group of the Kyoto Art and Design University, and the Porto "Pirmin Treku" Academy of Classical Ballet.

The first group presented us with the sound of three traditional instruments, the shamisen (a three-stringed instrument), the Japanese harp and the shakuhachi (bamboo flute). The second performance displayed the perfect combination of Portuguese and Japanese instruments



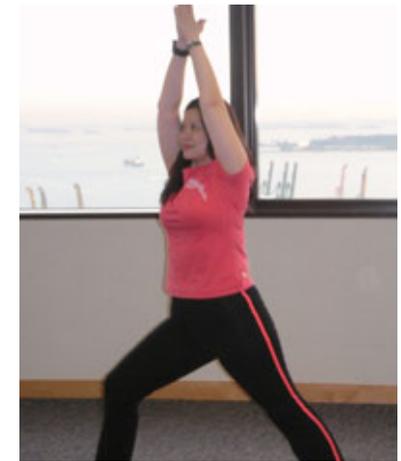
and songs, reaching a pinnacle of excellence in the interpretation of the National Anthem. The third performance involved the public in Shinto music and dance, and the show ended with a performance of traditional Japanese dance.

The beauty and harmony of the combination of the Portuguese and Japanese cultures will be forever engraved on the memories of the Porto public and especially on those of the “K” Line (Portugal) team, who were given the unique opportunity of appreciating a little of the art and culture of Japan.



Time to Tone and Flex Those Muscles...

Contributed by Ms. Sharon Kwok



For the well-being of staff, “K” Line Recreational Club (KRC) organized not a Yoga class, not a Pilates class, but an Aroma Stretch class.

“What is Aroma Stretch?” you may ask.

Aroma Stretch is a program that embraces both the beauty of Yoga’s flexibility and Pilates’ muscle strengthening and toning. This is how our typical Aroma Stretch session is.

Before class begins, the instructor will use the aromatherapy senses to calm everyone’s body and mind. This is especially useful as our class is held after a hectic work day. Instructor would also make an effort to find out each individual’s physical condition – be it a previous knee injury, lopsided spine curve, easily-strained neck condition. Thereafter he would recommend workout routines to help in correcting/improving the areas of weaknesses.

Classes are planned with the goal of correcting posture, improving muscle strength, tonicity and fitness. Each lesson is then designed to concentrate on working different muscle group. Like for March/April, he has emphasized workouts on strengthening the core and thigh muscles. Thus, crunches, leg raises, "mermaid" and "diamond" are inevitable.

"Mermaid"? "Diamond" Let me explain these layman terms. The former exercise, while lying on the floor, one uses the core muscles to raise the legs perpendicularly with inner thighs facing outward direction and pose is to be sustained. The heels form a fishtail-like posture, thus the term "mermaid" comes about. "Diamond" – in the same lying position, legs are lifted slightly above the ground, with the sole of the feet are placed together. Thus the legs form a shape like a diamond. These exercises are said to help train/tone the inner thigh muscles, reducing flabbiness, which are of great concern to the ladies.

Although for some, exercising can be quite challenging and tedious, but with the instructor's dynamic personality and creativity, the class is always enjoyable and rewarding, and all always end the class feeling more revitalized than before.

Editor's Log

Northeast coast of Japan was practically knocked sideways. I was at the office when it happened and it was unlike anything. I have ever experienced before. Lots of houses were submerged under water and debris or totally vanished into the Pacific. It's unbelievable how many lives were lost and how much damage it caused. Lots of broadcasters captured so many live images on film. It stunned our entire nation!!!

I was in Iwate Prefecture last summer, which was one of the most heavily damaged areas. It was so beautiful with lots of mountains. People were friendly and nice with children happily playing around in the river. Now that beautiful area looks like the world's ugliest place. It's really sad. Major concern we now have is radiation leak.

Until Friday afternoon, this place was a heavily populated city where people lived happily, but now many of the survivors can't even tell where their houses once stood.

I'm sure we'll get through this although it will take awhile for everything to be sorted out; but I think Japan's spirit remains intact. We have a tradition of helping each other and should be able to rebuild quickly!

Thank you for lots of warm-hearted messages from all over the world. Citizens from many countries came to Japan with sniffer dogs to help us recover from this mess, which reminds us that we are not alone during such a horrendous disaster.

Please send us lots of enjoyable articles as they will help us in restoring our confidence as we recover from this tragedy.