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EVENING INTELLIGENCE CLIPPINGS

SHI, Tesser, NTNU and DNV Sign MOU to Develop Nuclear-Powered Vessel

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Samsung Heavy Industries (SHI), Tesser Atomics, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and DNV have signed an MOU to collaborate on developing a nuclear-powered LNG carrier demonstration project. The initiative aims to create a vessel concept for transatlantic routes between the U.S. and Europe, integrating Tesser's fluoride-salt-cooled reactor. This partnership seeks to establish a commercial pathway for the design, construction, and commissioning of such ships, contributing to decarbonization efforts in maritime transport.

Eagle Read: This MOU represents a significant stride towards sustainable shipping, potentially revolutionizing vessel propulsion and setting new standards for environmental compliance and energy independence in global trade.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Gibson: Tanker Day Rates for Hormuz Transits Remain Above $1 Million

[CREW ALERT] Middle East | Global | Markets | War Risk

Tanker day rates for Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) transiting the Strait of Hormuz continue to exceed $1 million, significantly higher than rates for safer routes. This surge is attributed to severe risks in the contested waterway, leading many operators to avoid it and opt for ship-to-ship transfers outside the strait. The high costs contribute to elevated crude oil prices and have prompted many product tanker operators to switch to the crude market.

Eagle Read: Sustained high tanker rates in the Strait of Hormuz underscore persistent geopolitical instability, posing significant war risk premiums and operational challenges that impact global energy supply chains and seafarer safety.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Cyber Incident Disrupts IT Systems at Port of Santos for Weeks

Americas | Ports | Casualties

Brazil's Port of Santos, South America's largest port, has been recovering for weeks from a cyber incident that disrupted its IT systems. The incident, which began with a power outage on November 6, led to a ransomware intrusion that erased data and damaged administrative software, including security access control and billing platforms. While physical cargo handling remained operational through manual workarounds, the extensive disruption highlights the vulnerability of critical port infrastructure to cyberattacks.

Eagle Read: The prolonged cyber disruption at the Port of Santos exposes critical vulnerabilities in global maritime logistics, emphasizing the urgent need for robust cybersecurity measures to prevent cascading economic and operational impacts.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Report: Pentagon is Considering $15 Billion Loan to Navy Parts Supplier

Americas | Navy | Regulation | Markets

The Pentagon is reportedly evaluating a substantial $15 billion loan to Hadrian, a private startup specializing in automated manufacturing of parts for the U.S. Navy. This proposed mega-loan aims to expand automation within the Navy's industrial base to address skilled labor shortages and accelerate component production. The initiative has drawn attention due to the involvement of prominent investors, including the president's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr.

Eagle Read: A potential $15 billion Pentagon loan to a Navy parts supplier signals a strategic push towards automating defense industrial capabilities, critical for enhancing naval readiness and addressing supply chain resilience.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Solomon Islands Treaty Locks in a Shift to the West, Away From China

Oceania | Asia | Navy | Regulation

The Solomon Islands and Australia have signed a comprehensive treaty, marking a significant strategic shift towards Western alignment and away from China. The agreement, signed on November 25, reaffirms Australia as the island nation's primary security partner and explicitly prohibits foreign military bases on its territory. This pact follows reports that the Solomon Islands will not renew its 2022 security agreement with China, addressing regional concerns about Beijing's growing influence.

Eagle Read: This treaty fundamentally alters the geopolitical landscape of the South Pacific, securing a critical strategic partner for Australia and the West while significantly curtailing China's regional military ambitions.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

MSC Cruises Takes Delivery of the Third of Eight Ultra-Large Cruise Ships

[CREW ALERT] Global | Europe | Shipbuilding | Markets | Environment

MSC Cruises has taken delivery of the MSC World Asia, the third of eight ultra-large World Class cruise ships, from the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in France. The 216,638 gross ton vessel, delivered on November 25, features significant design updates from its predecessors and has a capacity for over 6,700 passengers and 2,100 crewmembers. The LNG-powered ship is set to begin its inaugural Mediterranean season in December, with further deliveries planned through 2031.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Thailand Plans Tricky Salvage of Grounded Vessel Carrying Ammonia Gas Cargo

[CREW ALERT] Asia | Casualties | Environment | Crew Welfare

Thai maritime authorities are planning a complex salvage operation for the gas carrier Unique 10, which grounded on submerged rocks off Koh Phaluai in the Gulf of Thailand on November 22, reportedly carrying ammonia gas. While the 16 crew members were uninjured and no oil leaks have been detected, the vessel sustained hull damage and water ingress into ballast tanks. Officials are assessing whether to refloat the ship with its cargo or conduct a ship-to-ship transfer of the hazardous ammonia, posing environmental risks to a nearby coral reef.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->

Brief Scare as Boxship Loses Steering Control Near Maryland Bridge

[CREW ALERT] Americas | Casualties | Ports

The containership GSL Nicoletta experienced a brief loss of steering control near Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Bridge on November 20, prompting its pilot to request an immediate traffic suspension on the bridge. The vessel, inbound for Baltimore, slowed and dropped anchors approximately 1.5 miles from the bridge, averting a potential collision. This incident, which is under investigation, has renewed concerns about bridge safety in the Baltimore area, especially following the 2024 Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.

Source: maritime-executive.com ->