



**MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY  
SOUTH AFRICA**

*The Pictorial Newsletter*

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*The Chairman  
Says .....*

I have been asked to relay the usual message for this newsletter just after having heard on the radio that the M/V Cordigliera has sunk off Port St. Johns in a severe South West gale. 23 Persons have disappeared with their ship which was moored for several days just in front of our office building in Durban.

I am sure that the entire shipping community is as shocked and sad as I am. The ships become bigger and bigger but the sea continues to be the strongest. Right now my thoughts are with my colleagues at sea on our vessels who continuously have to brave adverse elements in and around our treacherous coastline.

I ask you our marketing employees and you, dear clients, to not exaggerate with your complaints when our vessels may be delayed due to bad weather.

On a happier note I would like to express my great pride for the 4 new ships which have entered our fleet in the last 5 months. We continue to go from strength to strength thanks to the support we have from all of you.

I wish you all and your families a very Merry Xmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.



**VIP's**

**Mr. G. Aponte**, the owner of MSC, and his son **Diego**, visited South Africa in October. **Diego**, who is currently studying in London, will join the family business next year and made South Africa his first official visit. **Captain Sarno** presented him with the keys to MSC's National offices as a symbolic gesture of his initiation into the world of MSC.



*Pictured above are Diego Aponte, Sandra Sarno and Mr. G. Aponte.*



**"MSC ALEXA"  
THE PRIDE OF THE FLEET**

The 3300 TEU "MSC Alexa" was handed over to MSC by Italy's **FINCANTIERI** group in June. She is the largest ship ever built by the Italian yard and construction took **only 7 months**. The photograph (above) was taken in Felixstowe

when the vessel sailed on her maiden voyage and she is being deployed between North Europe and the Far East.

The vessel has been named after **Mr. Aponte's** daughter and her sister vessel named after his wife, **Rafaella**, was launched in October. (See centre page for more pictures of the MSC Alexa's Launch)

## MSC SANDRA – CENTENARY VOYAGE

The vessel MSC Sandra was recently in Durban where a celebration was held on board in recognition of her 100th voyage. Captain Aniello Corrado and Sandra Sarno (after whom the vessel is named) were presented with commemorative plaques and had the daunting task of blowing out 100 candles on the cake which was made especially for the occasion.



*Sandra is ably assisted in blowing out 100 candles.*

## LADIES 7-A-SIDE SOCCER Champions Again!!

The MSC ladies' team were, for the 3rd year running, the winners of the Shipping League tournament and were photographed with Mr. G. Aponte and his son Diego whilst they were visiting Durban. Vanessa Bonhomme was selected to represent Kwazulu Natal in Women's Inter Provincial Soccer in September.



*Back row (left to right): Larry Morris (Coach), Tasha Brown, Mr. G. Aponte, Diego Aponte, Alison Robertson, Rowena Norris  
Front row (left to right): Vanessa Naiker, Lizzy Thompson, Michelle Thompson, Annett Leverton and Vanessa Bonhomme.*

## IN HOUSE TRAINING

The staff of Durban and Joburg pictured below, took part in customer satisfaction telephone skills courses in July and August.



*Back row (left to right): Carolyn Gale, Colleen Strauss, Kuben Naidoo, Clive Naidoo, Sue Ally, Dagmar De Beer (training officer), Seggie Thavarayan and Gashen Naidoo  
Front row (left to right): Nicole Hollows, Cheryl Singh, Gloria Dube, Val Scheepers, Roshan Premchand, Pravesh Pillay and Vinod Motilal*



*And in Joburg Dagmar (left) was hard at work teaching professional selling skills. She is pictured with Gary Nash and Erica King both of Medtravel and Sandra Almanza, IIFreight*

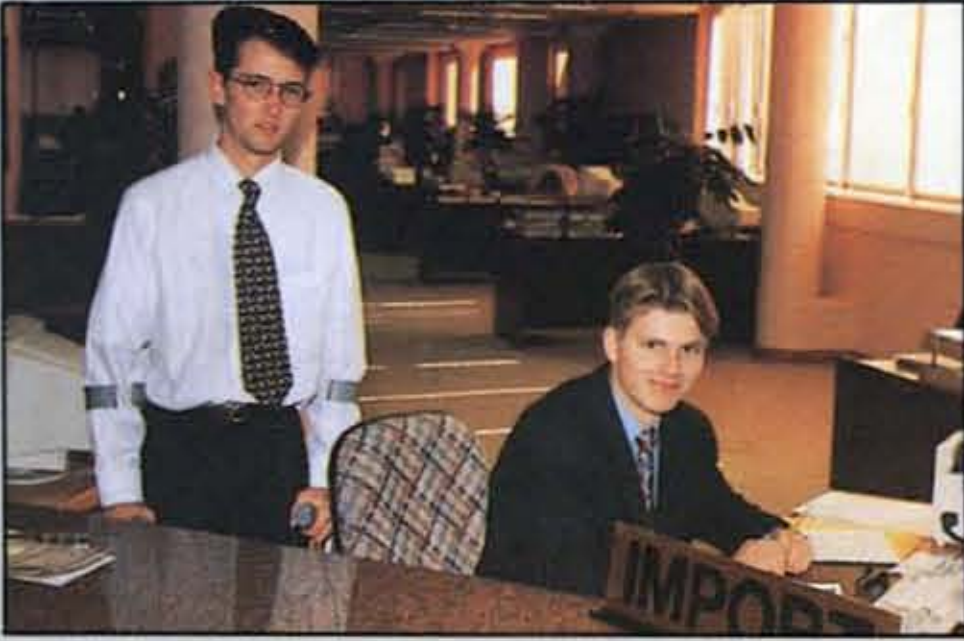


*Sue Ally (centre) celebrated her birthday during one of the training courses. If you can count the candles on the cake you can work out how old she turned!*



*Back row (left to right): Ross Sewpersad, Wendy Sherrard, Nikki Windrim, Jewel Singh, Neville Naidoo, Cheryl Singh, Brian Ramlakhan, Peggie Naidoo  
Front row (left to right): Dallas Sutton, Dagmar De Beer, Pandora Lewis, Pretham Arjoon and Sagren Govender*

**JOBURG**



*Bennie Roux and Julian Bester – Inward Freight*

**JOBURG**



*Sandton's Carrier Haulage Department (left to right): Craig Tilbrook, Kerry Gibson, Solly Bixa, Darryl Van Wyk, Vanessa Dippenaar and Adrian Ludick*



*Anna Symons – Inward Freight – recently transferred from the Cape Town Branch to Johannesburg.*

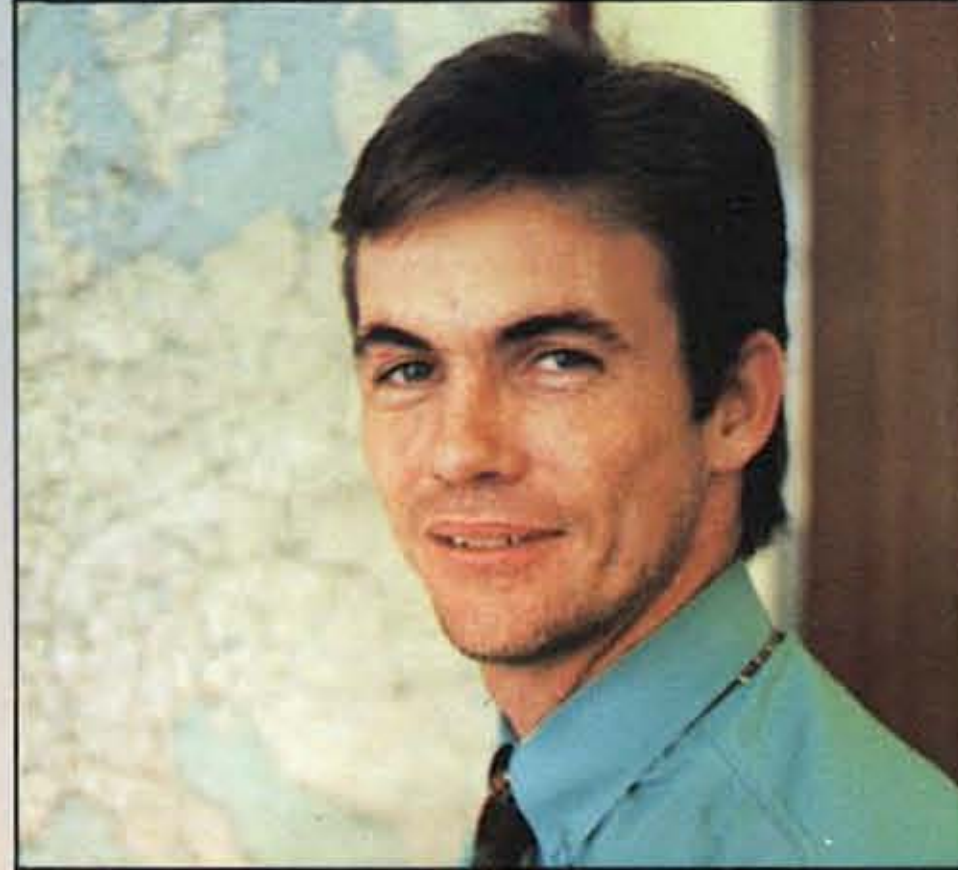


*Bessie Fourie – Secretary to Export Client Services – Jbg*



*The staff of Container Logistics – Pretoria (left to right): Danie Vergottini (Manager), L-Jean Horn (Rail Operator) and Andries De Jaager (Operations)*

**PLEASED TO MEET YOU**



*Jonathan Burke – Export Client Services – Jbg.*



*Georgi Georgiev, Export Sales, who joined MSC Jbg recently and hails from Varna, Bulgaria*



*Alina Bawela – a very important person – she dispenses the daily refreshments!*



*Mary Dunsmore – Captain Sarno's Secretary who has been with the Company for 5 years.*

**CAPE TOWN**



*The Export Freight Team – Cape Town (left to right): Lameez Jacobs, Anthea Kemp, Rochelle Johnson, Estelle Phillips, Sharon Naidoo, Rabea Solomon and (seated) Wardah Karriem*



*Durban's Accounts Department: Back row (left to right): Jerome Naidu, Sham Tajooden, Mona Elisha, Faheem Nazeer, Lynette Vandayer, Shaheed Ally, Raj Cuppusamy, Larry Morris, Narisha Singh, Mike Dahn, Lusha Sopnath, Kenny Kantilal, Maureen Rossouw  
Front row (left to right): Pat Middlebrock, Vanessa Naiker, Vanessa Bonhomme, Lena Morris, Sue Bailey, Khatija Dawood, Selvam Moodley, Charlene Visser and Denise Govender*



*The Medtravel Team: (left to right) Mike Thiart, Fabio Sembiante, Lisa Westcott, Michelle De Wet, Michelle Troughton, Alec Ingram, Ann Flockhart, Christine Frayne, Sianne Bodley and Sandra Sarno*

The "SYMPHONY" is due to arrive in South Africa at the end of November to commence her Summer cruise season and the "team" pictured (above) are already in full swing!! It looks like it's going to be a bumper season!!



*Anne Clarke – has taken over as Secretary PA to John Hildyard Jhb Director*

**FLEET STREET!!**



**MSC DON GIOVANNI**

Pictured above is the **MSC Don Giovanni** arriving in Durban whilst en route from Australia to Europe on her maiden voyage. She was built in Germany and has a capacity of 2500 TEU's. She is the first of MSC's brand new vessels to grace the shores of South Africa and we will be seeing a lot more of her.

**FLEET STREET!!**



**MSC ALEXA**

Pictured (above) with the master of the **MSC ALEXA** are members of staff from MSC's Geneva's head office who attended the launching ceremony in Genoa – Ferdinando Cibelli, Ivano Angelotti, Claudio Calabro, Lucio Vaccaro, Ivo Guidi, Captain Primo Gentile, Nello Maresca, Mario Maresca, Pasquale Formisano, Aligi Montanelli, Roberto Manghini and Gianni Aprea.

**FLEET STREET!!**



Mr. G. Aponte and his daughter Alexa pictured at the launching of the vessel which is named after her.

**MSC ANIELLO - RE CLASSIFIED**



The "**MSC Aniello**" recently underwent a special survey for class renewal in Durban. This involved some major attention being given to the tail shaft, the holds, and the double bottom tanks in addition to extensive steel renewals.

The main engine was re-aligned to the propeller shaft and the accommodation was also spruced up and modernised before she sailed from Durban in pristine condition.

MSC are very proud of their fleet and all vessels now have "MSC" distinctly emblazoned on both port and starboard sides.



**MSC EDNA**

Mrs Edna Winter who is the wife of Bob Winter, MSC's Financial Director, looks delighted to be at the controls of the ship which has been named after her.

**MSC TO THE GULF AND INDIA**

In July the "**MSC ANGELA**" was the first vessel to sail from Durban to the Persian Gulf and India via East Africa. She is joined on this service by the "**MSC SARISKA**" and "**MSC ELENA**" with a fourth vessel planned in the near future which will then make this another of MSC's weekly services.



A rose amongst the thorns! Alexa Aponte photographed with the captain and officers of the "**MSC ANGELA**" in Durban.

**MSC ADDS WEST AFRICA TO ITS GLOBAL NETWORK**

**MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING Company** will add a further string to its global network when it launches a weekly **West Africa** service in December this year.

The lines weekly Mediterranean service will, from December, include Abidjan in its schedule, transshipping cargo for all ports in West Africa from this central hub.

**Delmas** will slot-charter space on the MSC vessels, and MSC will use Delmas's three-vessel feeder service in West Africa for oncarriage of cargo.

Northbound MSC's vessels will travel directly from Cape Town to Abidjan where cargo from South Africa, East Africa, Australia, the Far East and the United States will be feedered in West Africa on the Delmas service.

The line's Mediterranean service will lose only a single day through the diversion for transshipment in Abidjan.

MSC's Mediterranean vessels are all fully cellular with capacity for 1500 teus.

**SOME OF MSC'S CAPTAINS**



Raffaele Colombo – MSC Marina



Vincenzo Ruggiero – MSC Ornella



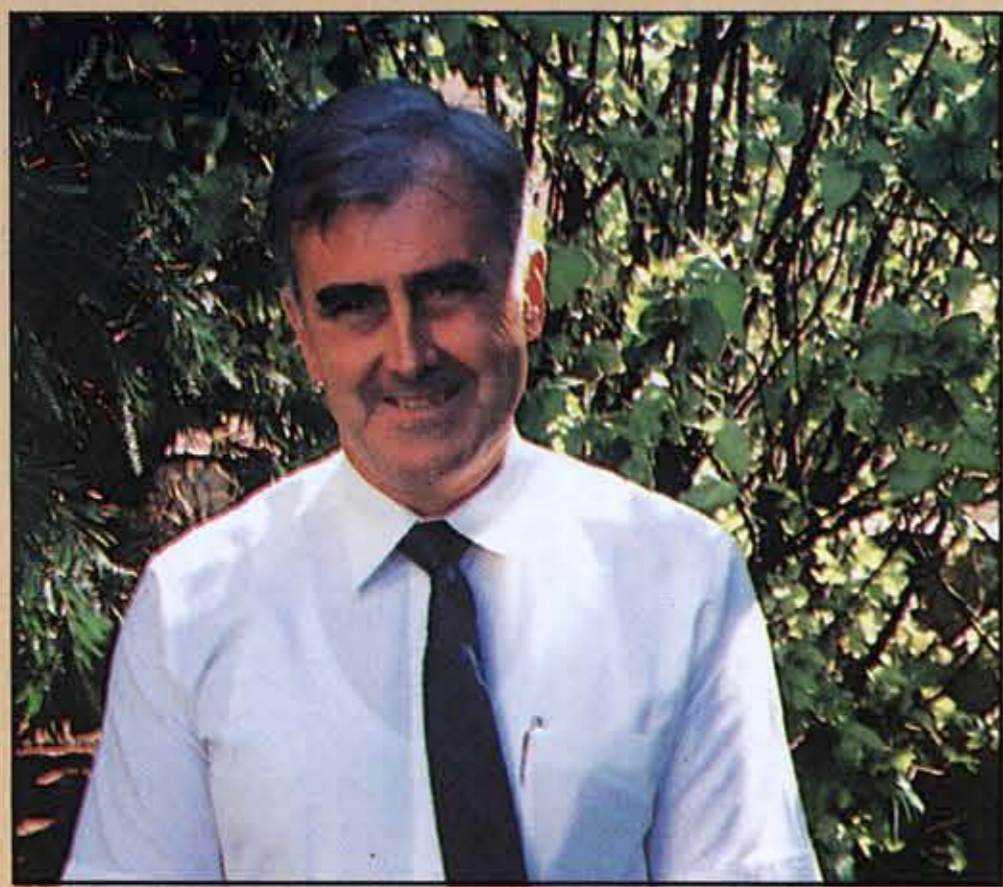
Giancarlo Giacobbe – MSC Mee May



Angelo Castellano – MSC Katie



Guiseppe Cafiero – MSC Alexandra



## Congratulations . . .

Pictured left is Alan Rolfe, Operations Manager, MSC Durban who was appointed Vice Chairman of the Association of Shipping Lines in April.

Right: Duncan D'Ewes (Exports) and Tracy Wands (Imports) both of MSC Johannesburg who have been successful in passing the Marine Institutes Practical Shipping Course.



### PORT CAPTAIN MIKE COOPER'S RETIREMENT

Four Captains were pictured below when MSC presented an antique naval telescope to Mike Cooper upon his retirement in June. At the same time a warm welcome was extended to Derrick Cooke who is the new Durban Port Captain.



Left to right: Captains Salvatore Sarno (MSC), Mike Cooper, Derrick Cooke and Mario Morvillo (MSC).

### ONE GOOD DEED DESERVES ANOTHER



ARTHUR WATERS – Manager of MSC, Port Elizabeth handing over a cheque for R10000 to ANDRÉ FRASER, Station Commander of the NSRI in Mossel Bay.

rough seas and in the early hours of the morning was transported to a private hospital in Mossel Bay.

It was in fact established that he was suffering with a severe case of bronchial infection and was later discharged.

The N.S.R.I. of Mossel Bay received their single biggest ever donation of R10000 when Captain Sarno decided to reward them for their sterling efforts in rescuing a crew member suspected of sustaining a heart attack off the "MSC Mirella" whilst she was en route from Cape Town to Durban.

Thanks to their heroic deeds the crewman was safely transferred from the vessel in

### A GRUELLING WALK !!!



Left to right: Maureen Rossouw, Carolyn Gale and Sue Owen

These three ladies took part in the Capital to Coast Ultra Walk in August. It covers a distance of 89 Kilometres from Pietermaritzburg to Durban along the same route as the Comrades Marathon. Over 3500 people participated in the walk and Maureen must be especially congratulated for winning a silver medal as she came 95th overall in a time of 11-32-06!!

### ONE FOR THE RECORD – MSC INSA

This aerial photograph of the "MSC INSA" shows the truly tight squeeze that had to be made when she was accommodated as the biggest vessel ever to dry-dock in Durban, with less than half a metre to spare on either side! MSC continues to break records!!



## ALL IN THE FAMILY



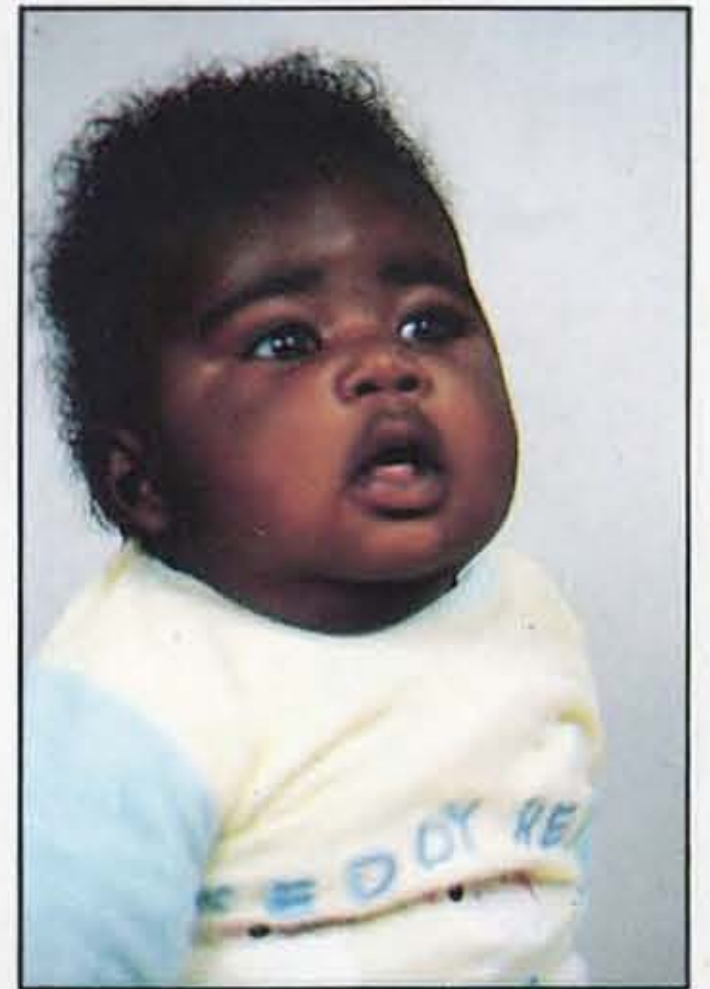
Left: **Glenn Delve** and **Heather Douglas**, both of **MSC Durban**, have announced their engagement. We wish them every happiness for the future.



Right: **Little Bretton** was born on 6th April and is the son of **Selvan Moodley** – Durban Accounts Department.



Bottom left: **Fabio Sembianti** (Medtravel) with his wife **Fedra** and 1 month old **Lorenzo** who entered our universe on 26th August.



Bottom right: **Holani Gowensa** is the daughter of **Joshua** and **Sibongile** and was born in Durban on 3/5/96.



## MEN'S SOCCER

Back row (left to right): **Larry Morris** (Coach), **Dicky Kassienath**, **Gerard Singh**, **Naseeb Singh**, **Siddique Basha**, **Mike Thiart**, **Kuben Naidoo**, **Raj Cuppusamy**, **Eddie Hollows**, **Shaheed Ally**, **Harry Govender**, **Jameel Mohamed**, **Mike Dahn**.

Front row (left to right): **Henry Vicent**, **Jerome Naidu**, **Justin Govender** (Team Mascot), **Eddie Sigrist** and **Bayanda Cele**.



## GOLF

Above Left: Representing **MSC** at **Portnet's Annual Golf Day** which was held at **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe** are (left to right) **Lawrie Bateman** (Container Logistics), **John Hildyard** (MSC, Jo'burg), **Keith Webster** (Transfreight) and **Ken McFerrier** (Nissan).

Below Left: Photographed are the players who make up **MSC's Industrial League Golf Team**. (left to right): **Dave Howden**, **Lawrie Bateman**, **Brian Peterson**, **Tommy McNaughton** and **Peter Lewin**.



**PROLINE**

## DOUBLE DECKERS FOR CAPE TOWN

Medmarine, who are agents for Proline, Hamburg, were involved with Container Logistics in unloading 20 Double Decker Buses in Durban which had been shipped from the Far East and were en route to Cape Town.

**PROLINE**



The "Pro Asia" entering Durban harbour with the buses stowed on deck.

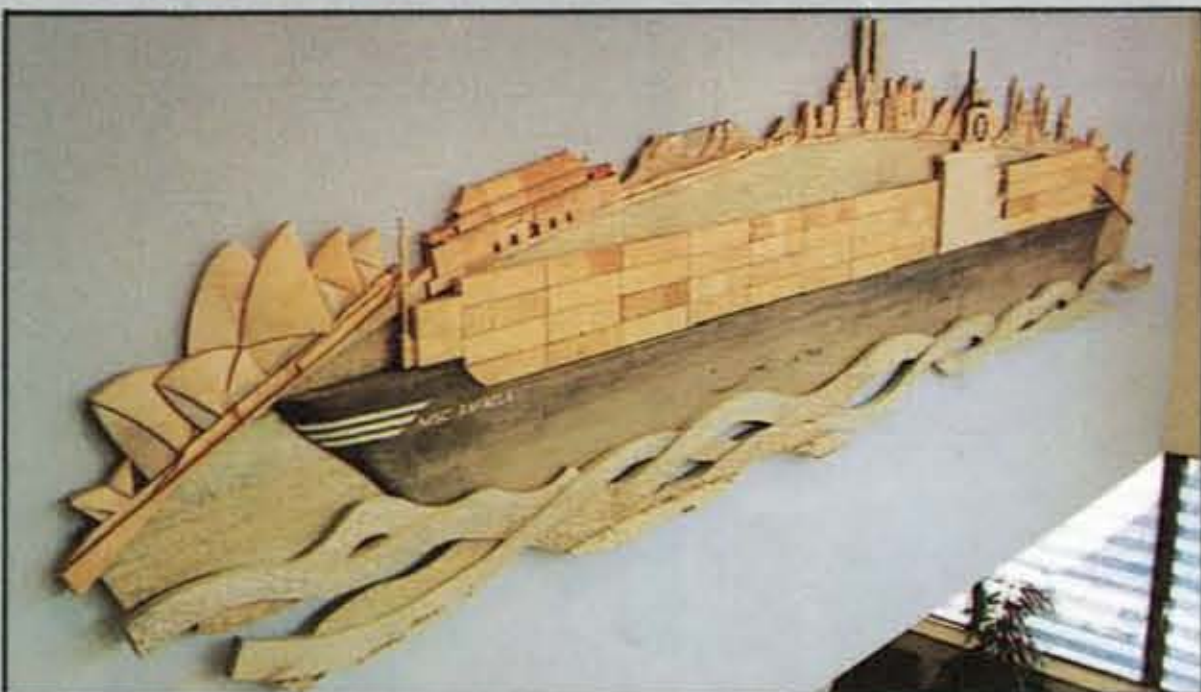


One of the buses being unloaded under the watchful eye of Jens Tiaden - Medmarine.



## MEDITÉ - UK

Mr. Roy Davies, Managing Director of Medité UK, pictured left with Mrs Norma Major, the wife of Britain's Prime Minister, at the official opening of Medité's new Head Office in Ipswich. Mrs Major unveiled a mural (pictured below) made in various types of wood which was crafted by handicapped people. The mural depicts the Sydney Opera House, the Forbidden City, Table Mountain, the Manhattan Skyline, the Pyramids, the Blue Mosque and the Houses of Parliament. Super-



imposed is the new M S C Rafaela and the whole affair is named "The World of MSC".



## CLIENTS ENTERTAINED

Some of our clients were recently entertained on board the MSC Michelle. In the photo are (left to right) The Chief Officer, Ross Sinclair (American Car Sales), Andrew Cochburn (Shave & Gibson), Maaike Bestenbreur (MSC), The First Engineer, Benny Nagoor (Turners), Nikki Windrim (MSC) and Conrad Cochran-Murray (Turners).



## KISSING COUSINS!

Edward Van Vliet, MSC Geneva, visited Durban recently where he met up with Eddie Sigrist, Manager of the Carrier Haulage department. They are blood cousins and were keeping up family ties.



## A SPLASH OF COLOUR

Pictured left with Capt. Sarno are members of staff who celebrated the Hindu Festival of LUXMI POOJA in August. On this day millions of Hindus around the world prayed to the Goddess LUXMI for health, wealth and prosperity.