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From the Captain's Desk



Our company continues its global expansion with the Far East now connected with South Africa.

A new "Gem" has been bought to grace our passenger fleet – the flagship "Melody". She will be in Durban on 20th April en-route to the Mediterranean where she will cruise for the summer months.

Another interesting event which has occurred in the last 3 months is about our competitors in South Africa. One of them has stopped their service on the European trade, as we predicted 1 year ago, and a new

one, even stronger, has just started the same service! Once again MSC's policy to give to our clients the best possible service at the most reasonable prices has proved itself.

I will ensure that everyone within this organisation continues to act along these lines. By doing this we are sure that we will always be THE COMPETITOR.

We are trying to give a new "International" format to this newsletter which will now be produced quarterly. We would appreciate the participation of everybody around the world, and on board our vessels in supplying us with interesting photographs and articles.

THE MSC RAFAELA

The lady after whom this mighty vessel is named is pictured below on a recent visit to Durban. Left to right: Madame Rafaela Aponte, her daughter Alexa and Mrs Sandra Sarno of MSC Durban.



In our previous newsletter we proudly reported the launch of the MSC ALEXA and now, pictured above is her sister ship the MSC RAFAELA, fully laden on her maiden voyage between Europe and the Far East. She has a speed of 23 knots and a capacity of 3,300 TEU's and was launched in October 1996.



**DURBAN
CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS
XMAS TREE PARTY**

*Pirates and Witches
And small Geisha Girls,
Sailors and Zulus
And Fairies with curls
Mermaids and Clowns
And Batman so tall
Met Father Xmas
With presents for all!!*



THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT MSC – DURBAN

Durban's Technical Department has a compliment of 60 people comprised of specialised staff who are skilled Electronic and Electrical Engineers, Mechanics, Welders and Boiler Makers. In February this year this team also took on the responsibility of maintaining and repairing MSC's reefer containers.



Left to right: Richard Welch, Antonio Palomba, Romano De Gennaro, Paolo Midiri and Andy De Wet

And the ladies Katrien Van Goethem, Anna De Gennaro and Dorianne Cavazzini

MSC - AROUND THE WORLD



The Sorrento office is the "Engine Room" of the Company and this title is well deserved. The dedicated team, some of whom are pictured below, are responsible for appointing first class officers and crew on all MSC's vessels, as well as the highly skilled technical staff who are permanently based in both Antwerp and Durban to carry out repairs and maintenance. Whenever the need arises they will fly technicians to any port in the world where specialised attention may be required to keep MSC's vessels running smoothly. They are also the vessels victuallers and the excellent meals served on board MSC's vessels bear testimony to the thought they put into the high quality Italian provisions which many of our clients have enjoyed whilst being entertained on board.

MSC'S TECHNICAL HEAD-QUARTERS – SORRENTO



THE BOARDROOM/TRAINING ROOM

MSC's Sorrento's premises are used to continuously train and update technical personnel in developments within the shipping and container industry.



The Technical Team



Captain Antonio Maresca
Director of Crew
Department



Captain Celestino Maresca
Director, Technical
Department



Captain Raffaele Langella
Chief Supervisor Deck
Department



Antonino Di Maio
Chief Supervisor Engine Room
Department



COLLEAGUES OF "YESTERYEAR"

The full complement of Deck Officers who were on board the first "Rafaela" in 1973 are still on duty! See them pictured above in the Sorrento Office at Christmas time.
Left to right: **Nunzio Borrino** (Radio Officer), **Pasquale Formisano** (2nd Officer), **Salvatore Sarno** (Chief Officer) and **Antonio Maresca** (Captain)



Aniello Mastellone
Supervisor Deck/Engine Room
Departments



In the line-of-fire,
Receptionist, **Monica Ercolano**



SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOUR

On 24th December a Cocktail Party was held in MSC Sorrento's office and the Aponte family were the Guests of Honour.

Seated in the front row with all the members of staff of Sorrento are some of the people who are at the helm of MSC's worldwide operation.

Left to right: **Sandra Sarno** (MSC Dbn), **Alexa Aponte**, **Madame Rafaela Aponte** and **Mr. G. Aponte**, **Diego Aponte** (standing) (MSC Geneva), **Captain Salvatore Sarno** (MSC Dbn) and **Pasquale Formisano** (MSC Geneva)

MSC BARBARA D



The MSC Barbara D is a regular visitor to Durban and is used exclusively between Durban and the Moçambique ports of Beira, Maputo and Nacala.

LENGTH	110,68	Metres	SPEED	13	Knots
BREADTH	15,00	Metres	CAPACITY	184	TEU
D/WEIGHT	4527	M/Tons	HOLD CAPACITY	5712	CBM



MSC SANDRA

LENGTH	124,50	Metres	SPEED	15	Knots
BREADTH	17,725	Metres	CAPACITY	238	TEU
D/WEIGHT	7320	M/Tons			



OBITUARY CAPTAIN STURLESE

MSC sadly announces the passing away of Captain Lorenzo Sturlese in February. He originally joined the fleet as Master of the "BRUNELLA" in 1978.

A NEW CAPTAIN FOR THE "BARBARA D"

Captain Salvatore Sarno (left) congratulates Francesco Maresca upon his promotion as Master on board the "MSC Barbara D". This vessel is dedicated to the service between Durban and the Moçambique ports of Maputo, Beira and Nacala.



Pictured on board the "MSC Barbara D" were 3 "belles" after whom vessels in the fleet have been named. They are from left to right Edna Winter (MSC Durban), Barbara Davies (Medité U.K.) and Sandra Sarno (MSC Durban).

**Dynamite comes in small packages!
Here they are - The Babies of the Fleet!!**

The vessels Aniello, Ornella, Sandra and Marina are all deployed between Durban, the Indian Ocean Islands and Madagascar. Always the innovator, MSC has had agency representation in obscure ports such as Tamatave, Diego Suarez, Nosy Be, Majunga and Tulear for many years and maintains the Lion's share of all trade with these destinations.



MSC ANIELLO -

LENGTH	154,62	Metres	SPEED	18	Knots
BREADTH	22,90	Metres	CAPACITY	400	TEU
D/WEIGHT	15967	M/Tons			



MSC ORNELLA

LENGTH	168,51	Metres	SPEED	16	Knots
BREADTH	22,86	Metres	CAPACITY	400	TEU
D/WEIGHT	15528	M/Tons			

MSC TRADER - THE "TODDLER"



Enthralled shipping enthusiasts voted the MSC Trader the "BABY OF THE YEAR" whilst she was in Durban being "spruced" up. She is used to ferry cargo between Tamatave (Madagascar) and ports such as Tulear, Majunga and Diego Suarez.

LENGTH	53,0	Metres	SPEED	9	Knots
BREADTH	10,6	Metres	CAPACITY	General Cargo only!	
D/WEIGHT	1000	M/Tons			



MSC MARINA

LENGTH	145,45	Metres	SPEED	14,5	Knots
BREADTH	19,40	Metres	CAPACITY	368	TEU
D/WEIGHT	11029	M/Tons			

"TWO MORE ADDITIONS TO THE FLEET"

The MSC Laurence and the MSC Veronique are the two latest vessels to join the MSC Fleet. They are sister ships to the MSC Clorinda and MSC Lauren which are pictured below and which are deployed on the Europe, S. Africa and Australia service. Those of us who are privileged enough to be based at a sea port will have noticed the distinctive MSC logo which now appears on the port and starboard sides of all our vessels.



LENGTH	221,70	Metres	SPEED	21	Knots
BREADTH	32,20	Metres	CAPACITY	1978	TEU
DISPLACEMENT	46,039	M/Tons			



"LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE!!!"

The picture above says it all. No graph or diagram could depict the growth of MSC better than the two model ships pictured above which are built on a scale of 1 : 200. The first "Rafaela" (1971) is dwarfed by the MSC Samia (1997). As MSC's vessels have progressed in size and stature so the company itself has grown to become No. 9 in the world. Definitely a force to be reckoned with!!

MSC SAMIA			RAFAELA		
LENGTH	264,500	Metres	LENGTH	114	Metres
BREADTH	32,200	Metres	BREADTH	14	Metres
SPEED	21	Knots	SPEED	15	Knots
CAPACITY	2068	TEU	CAPACITY	20	TEU

THE "MSC SARAH" AT DUBAI

On 8th March the MSC Sarah docked in Dubai on her first call since entering the Gulf trade. Presentations were made to the master upon arrival.



Left to right: Capt. Leonidas, Ioannis, Ravi Chopra, Gn. Mgr. Freeport, John Pugh DPA, Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, Asst. Mg. Dir. DPA, escorted by another member of DPA Customer Services.



Left to right: Ravi Chopra Gen. Mgr. Freeport, Capt. Leonidas Ioannis, Capt. A. Bakshi Operations Mgr. Freeport, Siraj Baug Operations Exec. Freeport.

MSC – PORT LOUIS

On the 4th March the Master of the MSC Ornella entertained key personnel who are involved in the Importation of bulk maize into Mauritius. Pictured below at the luncheon are:



*Back row – The Chief Officer, 2nd Officer, Captain Di Gregorio and the Chief Engineer
Front row – Jean How Hong (Executive Director, Happy World Foods), Jocelyn Fanchette (G.M. Meaders Feeds), Nicholl Roussety (Director, MSC Mauritius) and Patrick Hardy (G.M. Livestock Feeds)*

OUR BREMEN CONNECTION

Uli Cottäus of F.H. Bertling, Bremen was recently on a visit to Durban and is pictured below with his MSC Durban contacts.



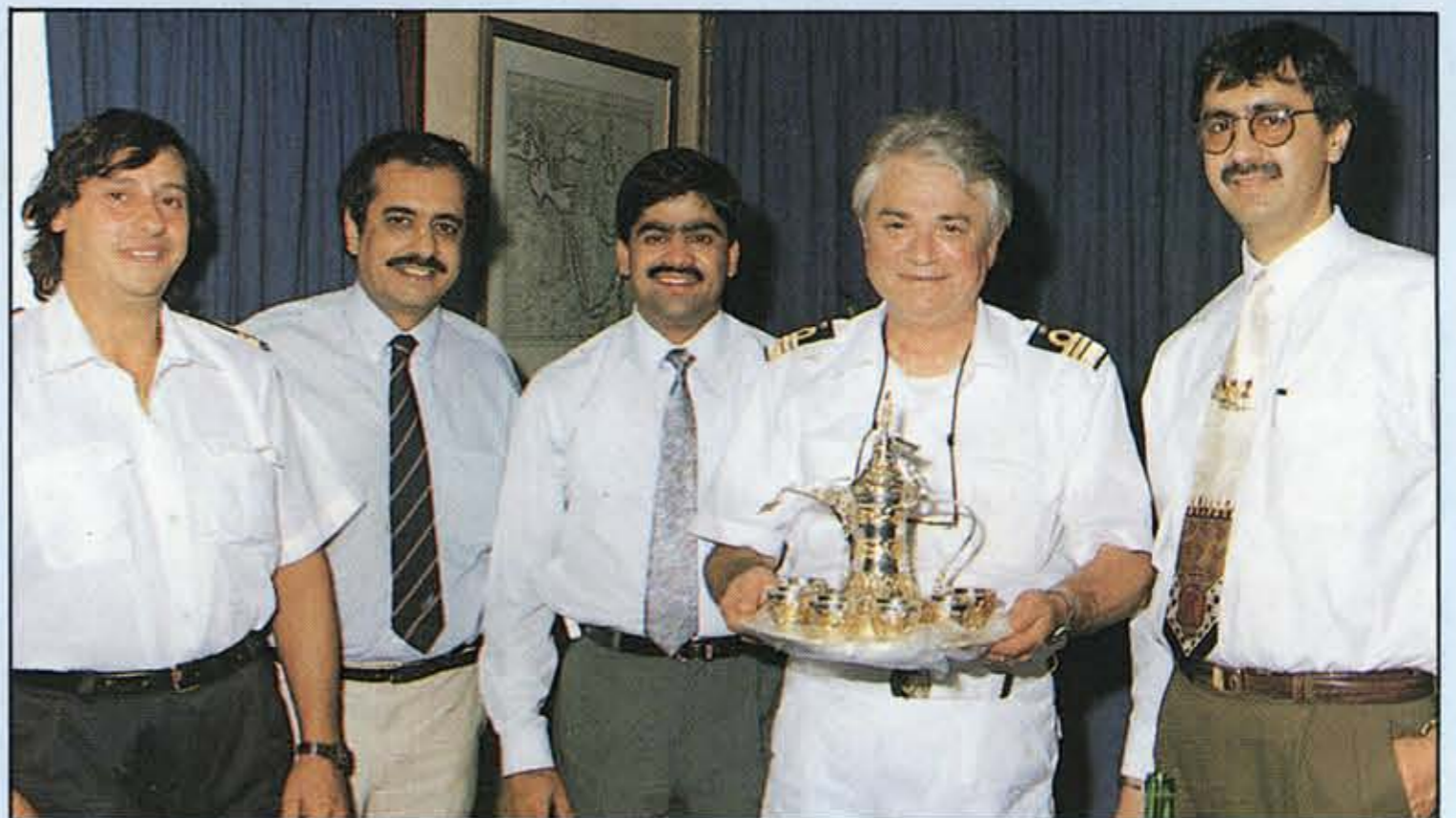
Left to right: Jens Taden, Charles Brown, Nikki Windrim, Uli, Maaike Bestenbreur and Vinod Motilal

NORTH AND SOUTH HEAD EAST!!

Val Kyle (MSC Port Elizabeth) and her family recently travelled to East Africa on board the M/V SYMPHONY and are pictured below being welcomed on board the ship by Captain Giuseppe Orsi.



Left to right: Captain Orsi, "JJ" (Cruise hostess) Bryan and Val Kyle and their children Carmen and Justin.



THE 'MSC SARISKA' AT DUBAI

Captain Andrea Ascheri is pictured above with some of the Port Authorities during a presentation they made to him when his vessel called at Dubai for the first time.

"News Flash"

Hearty congratulations to Pasquale and Sibille Formisano of MSC Geneva on the birth of their daughter Sophie who entered our Universe on 1st April.

*Staff from MSC Joburg are pictured right in the foyer of their building with some VIP visitors from abroad.
Left to right: Jenny Bingham, Craig Tillbrook, Cindy Mendez Mino Sarno, Madame Rafaela Aponte (MSC Geneva), Anne Clarke, Alexa Aponte (MSC Geneva), Yoav Cohen (MSC Geneva) and Mike van Hear*





Fabrizio and Julie Vaccaro, Paolo and Giovanna Midiri, Deirdré De Klerk

*Scene Around
The Durban Christmas Get Together*



Bruce and Deborah Lennon, Debbie and Dean Nelson



Maaiké Bestenbreur, David Bertram and Nikki Windrim



Brian and Annette Peterson, Tony and Jenny Viegas



Sue and Wally Ally, Leon and Linda Hovell, Bella Diaz



Vassie Appanna, Vimla Naiker and Lalitha Naidoo



Pepe Di Manzo and Ruth Zulu
(Big is Beautiful!)

All in the Family



25th Wedding Anniversary

Sandra and Salvatore Sarno are pictured with their sons, Antonio (left) and Rosario, when they celebrated their 25th Anniversary in Italy on 15th December 1996. They renewed their wedding vows in the same Chapel in Nocera Inferiore, Salerno where they were married in 1971.



Sydney Reddy (pictured left) recently joined MSC Durban in the capacity of "Major Domo" and is responsible for the administration of our board rooms but has become a "Jack of all trades"!!!



Pictured above is Tracy Wiggill of MSC East London with her husband, Rodney



Lutfiyya Nazeer is the daughter of Nadia (MSC Accounts Department) and was born on 14th August 1996

"MSC JOBURG"



On the 14th February St. Valentine visited MSC Joburg.
-Left to right: Jolanta Georgiev, Lauren Nightingale, Rene Mitchell, Lisa Pangione, Beverly Jones and Sylvia Mitchell



Mavis Abrahams, Mary-Ann Shwartz and Patricia Lesofe



Sharon Lendon

MSC's ANNUAL BUDGET/STRATEGY MEETING HELD AT THE BREAKERS RESORT HOTEL FEBRUARY 1997

Pictured below are the Directors, Managers and staff from Marketing, Client Services and the various Freight Departments who all contributed to the success of the very constructive meeting.



MSC DEPOT – DURBAN ANNUAL CLIENT FUNCTION

Pictured from left to right are members of staff and clients who attended the Depot's Annual Xmas function.

Debbie Allen and Jimmy Carrol – Textainer



Steve Hunt, Tony Dehan, Allan Govender and Bala Naidoo all of Safmarine, Segie Thavarayan from MSC, Kevin O'Neil from Saftainer, Nan Govender from Safmarine and Greg Payne from Container-rite.

The "MSC Sonia" arrived in Durban from Australia in January and on board was a land-cruiser which is equipped with computerised instrumentation which can measure the physical properties of food items being eaten by wild animals. Professor Gordon Sanson of Monash University, Melbourne, was in Durban to take delivery of the vehicle and his African field work will take 6 months through at least 4 countries including South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. As a matter of interest Prof. Sanson was called as an expert witness in the infamous "Did the Dingo do it" trial involving the Chamberlain family.

Pictured with the landcruiser at SACD are left to right: Jennifer Reid (Botonist), Prof. Gordon Sanson and Dennis Moodley of J.H. Bachman.

UNUSUAL CONSERVATIONIST



"DJ", Kas Padayachee, Mervyn Padayachee from MSC, Sandra Govender and Seelan Govender from Nantai and Alex Ramsamy from Portnet.

A HOLE-IN-ONE WINS TRIP-FOR-TWO

Bruce Bonin (Schenker & Co.) and his wife Ruth are pictured below enjoying their cruise to Bazaruto on board the Luxury Liner M/V Symphony. Bruce won the trip as a prize for scoring a hole-in-one at the Container Logistics Annual Golf Day in October 1996.



MITB ON THE FLOATING CRANE

In February the MITB (Maritime Institute Training Board) held their Annual Awards Ceremony in Durban. Students from as far afield as Zimbabwe attended and upon their arrival in Durban MSC hosted a "braai" on board the floating crane which took them on a tour of the harbour. For many of the 100 students who all hail from the Clearing and Forwarding Industry it was the first time they had seen vessels actually working in the port.

Pictured on the floating crane are Claudia Brown, Roland Pucher, Gail Plouwright, Samantha Borrett, Sally Wasserman and Mark Buchel all of Heneways and Craig Robeck of Project Freight.



CONTAINER LOGISTICS – SWAZILAND

Mr. Lawrie Bateman (left) congratulates Mr. Tony Viegas on his appointment as General Manager of Container Logistics, Matsapa, Swaziland.

