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From the Captain's Desk

The shipping industry is experiencing in South Africa one of the worst economic crisis of the last decade. Competition has never been so fierce and the volume of the rand never so low!

Our company has reacted with the usual rapidity and flexibility to accommodate the new market needs and our statistics show an encouraging volume growth.

This month "Containerisation International" has rated our company No. 2 in the world as number of ships and No. 4 in container capacity. We are steadily approaching the top!

Our annual cocktail party in Johannesburg was attended by 837 happy clients – all of them expressed to me their satisfaction for the level of service rendered by us.

As from 1st October, MSC terminated the joint service agreement with Norasia on the Far East/Europe trade and we now finally operate 10 of our own 3 450 teu vessels. This is a big challenge for us and represents an additional 1000 weekly slots for our own use, which is confirmation of our firm commitment to this service.

SALVATORE SARNO

MSC DIEGO – Towards a New Generation

1999 will be remembered in our organization not only as the last year of the millenium but as a mile-stone in our growth and development. The new "MSC DIEGO", with a capacity of 4000 teus, will be delivered at the end of January, followed at three monthly intervals by three sister ships. Along with six other new vessels, each with a capacity of 3300 teus, which have entered service over the last two years, MSC now have a very formidable fleet dedicated to the Europe/Far East trade.



D/Weight – 56 000 tons Length – 258 metres Breadth – 32 metres Speed – 23,7 knots Capacity 4000 teus

MSC AT AUCKLAND FOR THE AMERICA CUP (see page 10)



THE LOCAL SCENE

"FINALLY OURS!" MSC House – Port Elizabeth



Captain and Mrs Sarno fell in love with this building in March 1997. Since then MSC struggled to purchase this Historical National Monument, which dominates Algoa Bay, to be used as MSC's Port Elizabeth headquarters. It was built in 1858 and previously housed various educational institutions, the last being the Albert Jackson Primary School. Our intention is to maintain the old external facade, and re-structuring of the interior will commence in November to create a warm and modern ambience for what will become the "Best MSC House in the World!"



ONE YEAR DOWN THE LINE

MSC entertained their biggest reefer clients, Westminster Produce, to a luncheon on board the "MSC MIRELLA" to celebrate the success of their first year of partnership. The vessel in the background is the "MSC DURBAN" (Left to right): Philip West and Andy Connell of Westminster and MSC's Mike Economou and Mike Middleton

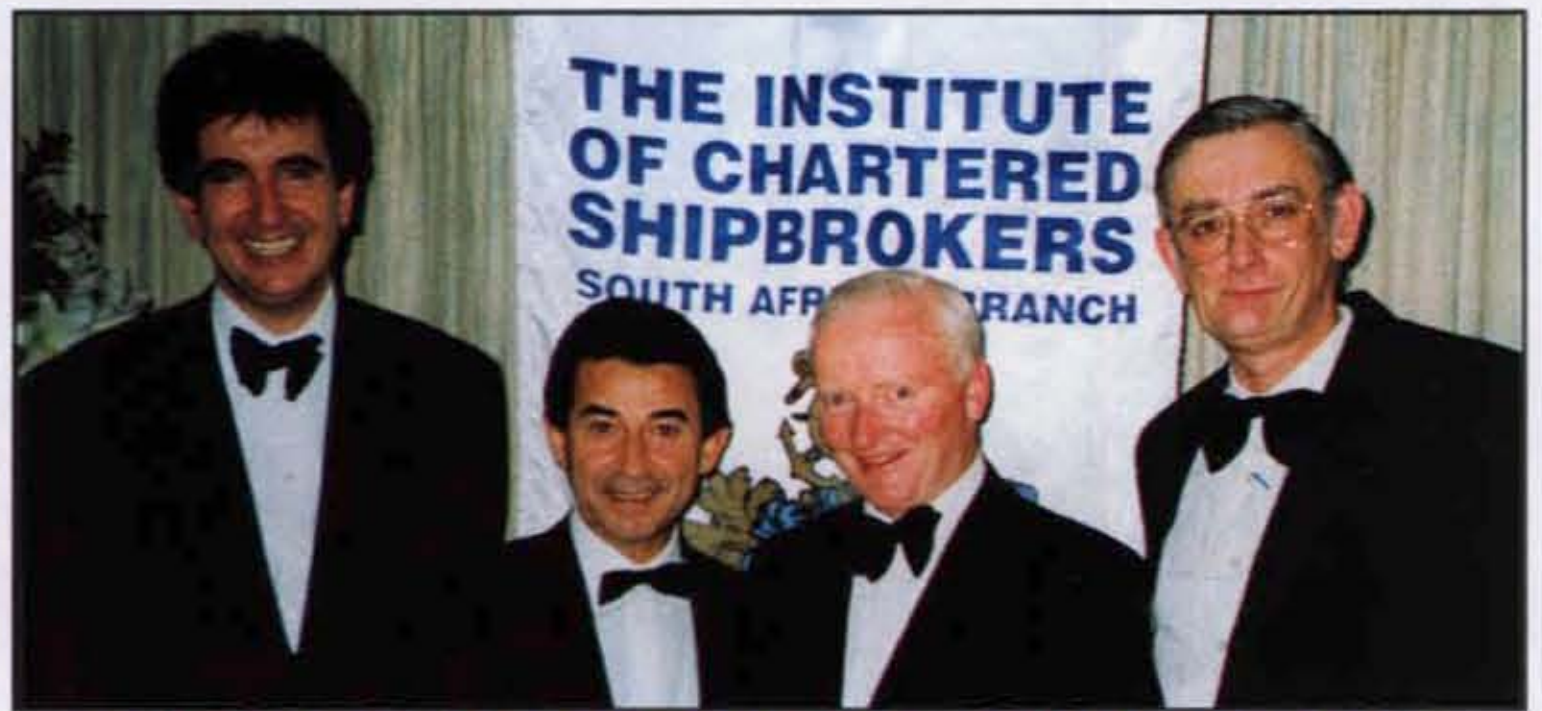


Pictured in August during an evening harbour cruise on board the "ROY FORBES" (Left to right): Capt Mario Morvillo (MSC), Themba Gwala (Portnet), Capt Salvatore Sarno (MSC), John Hyde (Portnet) and Deirdré De Klerk (MSC). There were twelve MSC vessels berthed in the port that evening!!



NEW PREMISES

Pictured above are MSC Logistics unusual new premises in Ladybrand. Management of traffic to/from Lesotho and the Free-State region will be controlled from there



THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS

Photographed at the Annual Dinner function in Durban are (left to right) Simon Mors (Vice President of I.C.S., London), Capt Salvatore Sarno (President of I.C.S., South Africa), Gordon McMillan (Chairman of I.C.S., Ireland) and Ricky Taylor (Chairman of I.C.S., South Africa)



RECENT APPOINTMENT

Nicolaas van der Reyden joined MSC Durban in February 1998 having completed the BA.LL.B Degree at Stellenbosch University in 1997. He has now enrolled to do his Masters Degree in Maritime Law at Natal University



A VERY SAD FAREWELL

CHARLES BROWN (seated) with his Import colleagues shortly before his untimely passing away in August following an illness which he bravely fought till the end. (Left to right): Nikkie Windrim, Kuban Naidoo, Mona Elisha, Pier Francesco Ronzi, Metz Nip, Vinod Motilal and Shannon Palmer

MSC – AROUND THE WORLD – SEALINER, ROTTERDAM

AN INTRODUCTION

Whilst Sealiner was founded in 1984 the actual agency operation only commenced in April 1985 when the first vessel attended to was the **Valeria Voy IOR**. During the next year the thirty five members of staff handled one hundred and twenty five ships and the staff complement has now grown to one hundred people.



*“Sealiner Building” in the centre of Rotterdam.
Sealiner’s offices are located on the first and second floors.*



The entrance of the “Sealiner Building”



MANAGEMENT

*Left to right: Bas Blijdorp (Deputy Managing Director),
Maurizio Aponte (Managing Director),
Theo van Ravesteyn (Deputy Managing Director)*



Secretaries of Sealiner

Left to right: Arda Kestens and Hanneke Aardoom



Ladies of the reception

Behind: Naima Maghnouji In front: Janny van der Spek



*A trolley, with an advertisement for Sealiner, in front of the
Town Hall of Rotterdam*



12th YEAR JUBILEE AWARDS CELEBRATION

*Left to right (Standing): Aad van
Lobberegt, Piet Stam, Ruud v.d. Spoel,
Jos v.d. Veer, Theo van Ravensteyn,
Andre Oversluizen, Cees Graafland and
Managing Director Maurizio Aponte.
(Seated): Richard Gemin, Paula
Hernandes, Arjan Vermaas, Marja Lippe
and Marie Sie.*

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“RSC” – MSC’s Train Terminal in Rotterdam

Three exclusive block trains are operated daily, each with a carrying capacity of eighty five containers



Train Co-ordinators

Left to right: Theo Lans, Erna Buket, Maria Sie, Arjan Vermaas (Sealiner’s waterclerk) and Bert Wevers



Import Sales Manager
Marja Lippe



Import Ops Manager
Andre Oversluizen



Import South Africa, Australia, Indian Ocean, North Eastmed

Behind: Corina Bazen

In front (left to right): Nanette Erer and Sascha Aardoom

Import East Africa, West Africa, Portugal, Canary Islands, Eastmed, South America and Mexico

Standing (left to right): Angelique Scheurkogel, Auke van Santen, Clara Herbschleb.
Sitting: Petra Mak



Import US North Atlantic, South Atlantic/Gulf and Canada

Behind:
Machiel van Alphen
In front:
Theo den Besten

Import Far/Middle East

Standing (left to right): Art Boxman, Nico Arnold.
Sitting:
Jos van der Veer



MSC – AROUND THE WORLD – SEALINER, ROTTERDAM



Export Australia – Standing (left): Anja de Graaf, (right): Peter Zoet, Sitting: Albertina Kleinhuis



Export South Africa – Standing (left to right): Cok Smits Schouten, Vera Goedhart, Cora Stam. Sitting: Bianca Stoks



Export Indian Ocean, Portugal, Canary Islands and West Africa
Left to right: Jan Willem Kooistra, Tineke Houtzager, Monique Brandwijk



Export Greece/Turkey – Standing (left to right): Soeriah Treurniet, Werner Klingler, Maria Sie, Petra Stam. Sitting: Iris van Efferen



Export East Africa
Left to right: Arian Driessen, Marguerite Swan, Theo Lans



Export US North Atlantic/South Atlantic and Canada
Standing (left to right): Irma Verschuren, Erna Buket, Brigitte Bas. Sitting: Gert Marquart, Bert Wevers



Export Eastmed – Standing (left to right): Rob van Rijn, Diane Rappange, Peter van der Giesen. Sitting: Mirella de Jong, Wilma Prins



Export South America/Mexico
Left to right: Mariette Buquet, Claudia Hagenars, Richard Schoonderwoerd

MSC – AROUND THE WORLD – SEALINER, ROTTERDAM



Sealiner Consolidation & Forwarding B.V.

Left to right: Mirjam Baris, Maarten Langbroek, Astrid Kestens, Carlo Smit



Outside Sales

*Left: Aad van Lobberegt
Right: Aad Horsten*



Export Far/Middle East

Standing (left to right): Judi Hemmes, Hans Smulders, Miranda van der Kleij, Sitting: Janny Hommerin



EDP Department

Standing (left to right): Nico Eelhart, Paul de Ruijter, Ruud van der Spoel. Sitting: Pim Leeuwenburgh



Container Control Department

Standing (left to right): Cees Graafland, Han Jongsma

Sitting: Bianca Weijers

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT



Left to right: Fraukje Fortuin, Judith van Vliet, Gerda van Dal

Two FAMOUS Ladies

A few months ago two MSC vessels were named after (left) "DYMPHNA" van Ravesteyn and (right) "LEVINA" Blijdorp (see page 8)



Left to right: Arjan Nieuwland, John van Veen, Edwin Zwaal



Left to right: Laurens de Ligt, Aroena Jhagroe

MSC ANIELLO – 100th VOYAGE

(The Best Little Ship in the Fleet)



MSC ANIELLO

Length – 154,62 mt Breadth – 22,90 mt D/Weight – 15967 mt
Speed – 18 knots Capacity – 400 teu



CAPTAIN SARNO presents a congratulatory plaque to **CAPTAIN VINCENZO RUGGIERO** on behalf of the **“Best little ship in the fleet”**. **CAPTAIN RUGGIERO** has been with MSC from when he first went to sea as a cadet



The Captain with the officers

Left to right (Standing): Raffaele Ruggiero (Cadet), Antonio Indiano (3/E), Zoran Dormis (I/E). (Seated): Michele Inserra (C/O), Capt Vincenzo Ruggiero and Jovan Sterija (R/O)



The “Casanova” Captain

Surrounded by some of the ladies from the office. Left to right: Julie Vaccaro, Ana De Genaro, Metz Nip, Maria-Laura Palomba, Heather Douglas, Capt Ruggiero, Deirdré De Klerk, Mary Dunsmore and Sandra Sarno

“MSC JAMIE” 1ST VOYAGE

(Sister Ship of the new MSC SABRINA)



MSC JAMIE at Cape Town on her maiden voyage

Length – 242,60 mt Breadth – 32,20 mt D/Weight 43033 mt
Speed – 21,5 knots Capacity – 2812 teu



Whilst in Durban, **CAPTAIN ESPOSITO** was presented with a welcoming plaque by **CAPTAIN MARIO MORVILLO**



Captain of the Monterey

CAPTAIN MICHELE DE GREGORIO (right) is pictured on board the **MSC DON GIOVANNI** with **FRANCESCO GARGIULO** (C/O) and **ACHILLE (O’PAZZO) ESPOSITO** (C/ENG). On 12th December **CAPT DE GREGORIO** will be on the bridge of the **“MONTEREY”** when she arrives on her eagerly awaited first voyage to South Africa. She will complement the **SYMPHONY** for two months of the summer cruise season



On Board the MSC FRANCESCA

The Captain and Officers of the **MSC FRANCESCA** hosted a function on board for MSC’s Technical and Operations Personnel and their partners

TWO MORE ADDITIONS TO THE FLEET – SISTER SHIPS

These two ships have been named after the daughters of BLAS BLIJNDORP (LEVINA) and THEO VAN REVESTYEN (DYMPHNA) who are both directors of Sealiner, Rotterdam. Specifications: Length – 241,31 mt Breadth – 32,20 mt D/Weight – 43224 Speed – 21,5 knots Capacity – 2830 teu



MSC BARBARA – Last Voyage

Captain MARIO CESARO and Chief Engineer VINCENZO FORMISANO looking very sombre as they were leaving on the BARBARA D on 30th August when she sailed from Durban on her final voyage. This little ship has honestly served MSC for two hundred and nine voyages all in the very often treacherous waters of the Indian Ocean Islands

CAPT SERGIO FAVENTO (centre) with MIKE ECONOMOU (right) of MSC Cape Town, photographed on the bridge of the MSC GIOVANNA during an educational tour for pupils of Blouberg Ridge Primary School. Mike's son, Mark, is standing next to him

GRAND EQUIPMENT FOR A GRAND DEPOT



In July the "MSC INSA" arrived from Felixstowe to discharge two Linde Reach Stackers which form part of the equipment for MSC's new full container depot in Durban. They are capable of lifting loads of up to 40 tons, and cost R2 million each. The new facility will help our clients tremendously in overcoming the limited stack periods allocated by Portnet

THE LOCAL SCENE

SPORT REPORT

Grindrod's Annual 7-a-side Soccer Day



LADIES "A" TEAM

Unfortunately the ladies did not retain the trophy they had held for four years. There was, however, a dispute over the legitimacy of the team who knocked them out of the quarter final



LADIES "B" TEAM

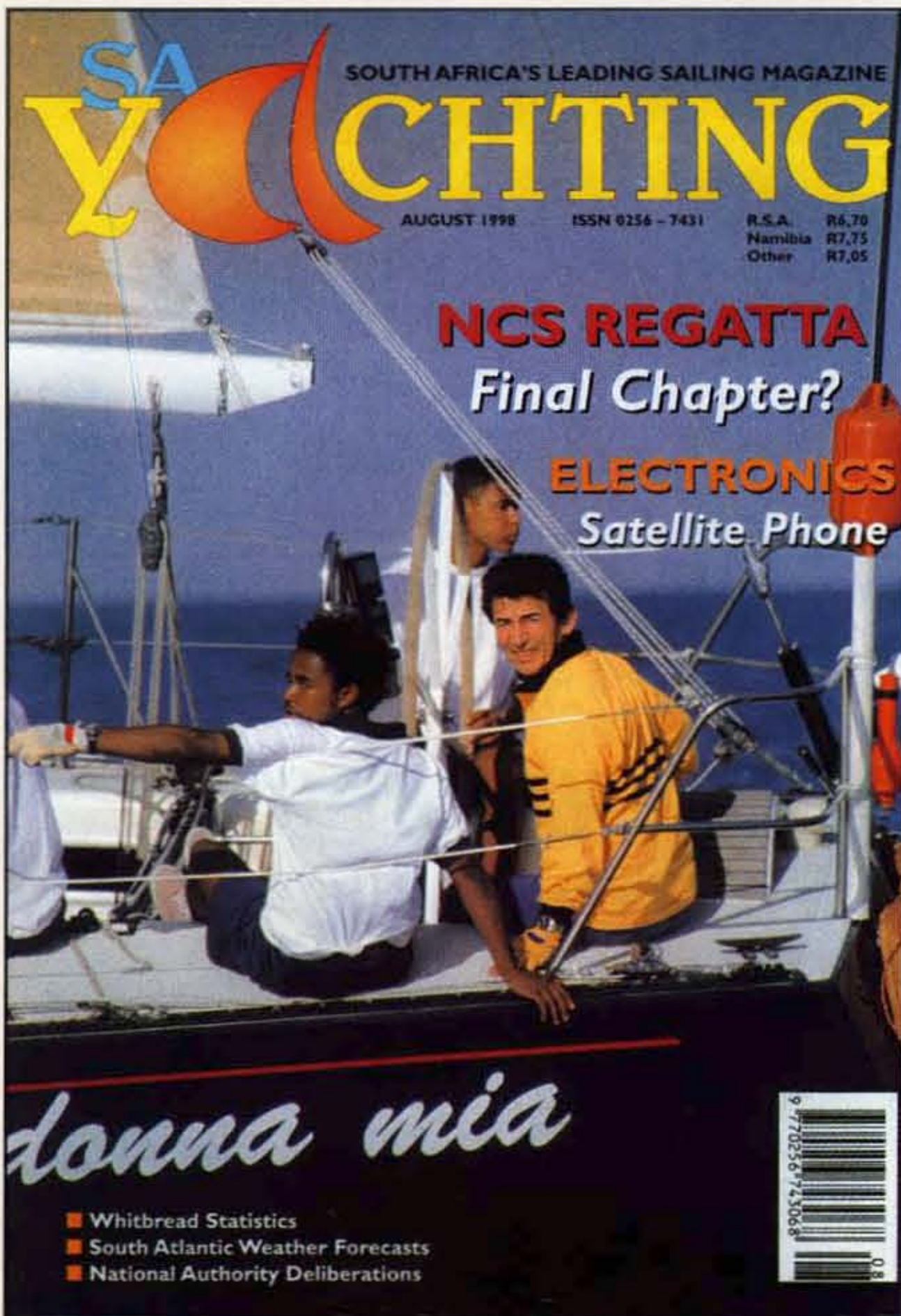
Pictured with **CAPTAIN GIUSSEPE ORSI** of the **SYMPHONY**, and their coach **Larry Morris**. They did extremely well to reach the semi-final with top goal scorer being **Lena Morris** (left, front)



MENS MSC DEPOT TEAM



MENS TECHNICAL TEAM



MSC DONNA MIA and part of the crew were honoured with the cover page of the most important yachting magazine in South Africa. Although it's not (yet) *The America Cup*, **MSC DONNA MIA** shows consistently the usual MSC Grit



ALWAYS READY FOR A CHALLENGE

CAPTAIN SARNO (the Skipper) pictured with his crew (nick-named **Crayfish No. 1**, **Crayfish No. 2**, etc.) who sailed with him on the **MSC DONNA MIA** in the **NCS REGATTA**. The crew was comprised of 17 year old cadets from the Maritime Institute in Simonstown and by all accounts they came through the ordeal with flying colours

ALL IN THE FAMILY



VANESHIRI PILLAY (Telephonist MSC Durban) married **THUVENDRAN** on 21st March 1998



JENNY and ZANE VAN ZYL – both MSC Johannesburg, proudly showing off **KYLA BENITA** who arrived on 9th September

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

THE AMERICA CUP

MSC's sponsorship of **FAST 2000** has permitted the first ever Swiss challenge in what is undoubtedly the world's top racing event. At the helm will be three-time Olympic gold medallist, **JOCHEN SCHUMAN** from Germany. Two key members of his team are **MARC PAJOT** and **PIERRE FEHLMANN**, both world class sailors.

Immediately after the launch of the yacht the crew selection was made through an intensive training programme. The yacht was seen, with great interest, in South African waters whilst aboard the **MSC ALICE** en-route from Europe to New Zealand



OVERSEAS VISITORS



MSC GENEVA

Mr **Eddy Sigrist** from Geneva who is in charge of MSC's Worldwide Web of Transhipments photographed in Durban with **Captain Sarno**



DSR HAMBURG

Glenn Delve (left) and **Nikki Windrim** (right) pictured in Durban with **Wolfgang Braun**, the Marketing and Sales Executive of DSR/Stinnes, Hamburg



MSC BUENOS AIRES

Guillermo Zuidvijk, Operations Manager of MSC Buenos Aires, and his wife **Marianna** visited the Durban office whilst on honeymoon in South Africa



DUBLIN COMES TO DURBAN

Mr **Gordon McMillan**, Chairman of the Irish branch of the Chartered Institute of Shipbrokers, presenting a bronze model to **Capt Salvatore Sarno**, the Institutes South African President, during his recent visit to Durban. Mr McMillan is also the C.E.O. of **Leinster Shipping Agencies**, who are MSC's representatives in Ireland