The Phoenix Arises

P&O Nedlloyd’s *Adriana* arriving at Lyttelton, N.Z – March 2004
Photograph by Captain Steven Pridmore of the *Taranaki*

P&O Nedlloyd’s recent charter vessels from Reederei Blue Star have started trading to New Zealand & Australian ports recently, complete with Blue Star Funnels. While they are hardly of *Auckland Star* proportions and will not please the purists, it is nice to see the funnel at sea again.

There are several vessels sporting the Blue Star Funnel, including the *Juliana & Teslin* shown below.

Thanks go to Steven Pridmore & Brian Dobbie for the photos and the Master of the Adriana for the info.
P&O Nedlloyd Adriana.
(Ex. Adriana Star)

Port of Registry: Monrovia   Nationality: Liberia Official No: 90704 IMO No: 9275024
Builder: Hyundai Heavy Industry Co. Ltd., Korea
Delivered: 15/10/2003 Call Sign: A8DG6
Length Overall 210.07m Length BPP 199.0m Breadth 30.20m Summer Draft 11.50m
Gross Tonnage 26833 T Net tonnage 12743T DWT 34315 T Summer Displacement 45747 T
Main Engine: Hyundai Sulzer 7RTA72U-B   MCR 21560kw x 99rpm NCR 19404kw x 95.6rpm
Bow Thruster 1000kw
Owner: Nauto MBH   Operator: Reederei Blue Star

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P&O Nedlloyd’s **Juliana**
Melbourne Blue Star Line Reunion 2004:

Alan and Maria Knott organised a reunion the 16th/17th March, at Mitcham, Melbourne followed by a morning seeing the Yarra, the docks and piers on the way to Williamstown for fish and chips. Friendships were renewed. Some, who had met through work ashore, had not realised that Blue Star Line was a common link in their career.
Those who were there

Alan & Maria Knott
Andrew McKintosh
Bob Kempster
Cameron & Lesley McDermid
Chris & Carla de Jong
Doug & Audrey Schultz
Euan & Jan Crawford
Graham & Helen Poynter
Graham & Helen White
Ian Wood
Ifor & Clare Owen
Joe & Margaret Owens
John & Denise Whitehead
Malcolm & Margaret Dent
Michael & Margaret Hills
Mike & Tracy Higginbottom
Myles B Foster
Peter & Julie Burnham
Peter & Moira Cannell
Peter Bielawski
Robin & Julie Aitken
Roger & Gail Tonge
Tony & Esme Smith
Tony & Kathy Beale

Melbourne
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Many thanks to Chris de Jong for the above.

Obituaries:

Mr. Stephen James Mayhew (Barbados) 3rd April 2004

Stephen Mayhew was the manager of the Booth Line Barbados agency office for many years. Apart from being Booth Line’s agent, with the advent of Barbadian crews on Blue Star and later ACT vessels, he was responsible for coordinating crews.

On first meeting, one was taken aback by his strong Barbadian accent, as he was from a long line of “white” Barbadians. On many visits to Bridgetown he was always a welcoming figure, he and his wife offering generous hospitality for the short duration of our stays.

He had become a well known personality in the Caribbean shipping industry and was a leading figure in the development of the industry in his native Barbados, where he was a longstanding member and Trustee of the Shipping Association of Barbados.

A knowledgeable man with a charming personality and a well developed sense of humor, Stephen Mayhew will be missed by all who knew him.
Captain Donald M. McPhail 7\textsuperscript{th} April 2004

One of those icons of Blue Star Line passed away on the 7\textsuperscript{th} April 2004. Captain McPhail was one of those larger than life personalities, who had a distinguished career in Blue Star Line and ACT. He was a Master of the old school who was respected by all who sailed under him. Not one to suffer fools gladly, he was never the less strict but fair. Some may have feared him, but under that strict nature laid a wicked sense of humour when the outer layer was penetrated. A superb ship handler, I had the good fortune to sail with him on several ships including those of ACT. His funeral was on the 14\textsuperscript{th} April 2004.

Matt Pallet 12\textsuperscript{th} May 2004

George Mann wrote:

It is with great sadness we have to report that retired Engineer Superintendent Matt Pallett died on the 12\textsuperscript{th} May. He had not been in good health for some time but will still be sadly missed by all his family and friends. He had made very many friends throughout the world during his working life as he was a most affable and likeable person.

Matt spent the majority of his working life with Ellerman Lines Ltd rising to the rank of Chief Engineer. On the formation of A C T A, staff from Ellermans, Cunard and Blue Star were selected for service on these new container ships and Matt was an early appointment. He was soon to be appointed Superintendent and take on the task of running the technical operation of the New York office. There he was responsible for the ACTA vessels throughout the Eastern Seaboard of the USA as well as Blue Star ships. In addition he also attended to the small Booth Line Ships trading to New York from Brasil.

Following the formation of BSSM in 1974 the overseas technical offices were gradually closed and Matt, together with Gordon Green (NZ) and Murdo MacKenzie (AUST) were subsequently relocated to Liverpool. Further re-organisation took place in 1984 with the consolidation of all remaining technical staff in the group being transferred to Leadenhall Street where Matt spent several years before being granted early retirement in 1988. Considerable travel was carried out by all the Superintendents from these two offices in attending to all the vessels in the fleet as trading patterns changed and drydockings took place all over the world. Matt was no exception and spent much of his time away from home including a spell in Japan re-engining of the ACT vessels.

After retirement Matt and Diana eventually moved to Banbury to be nearer their daughter though Matt did feel it was a bit too far from the sea where he had spent most of his working life. One of his main hobbies was fly fishing and he never missed a chance to enjoy it, even tying his own flies, but he had always been a great model maker having cast and painted whole armies of foot soldiers in precisely the correct livery. He also crafted detailed scale models of various ships. Matt and Diana were avid collectors of small antiques and loved to attend antique and collectors fairs. His love of marine paintings is well known and he had many fine examples in his home.

We can only offer Diana, Charles and Caroline and their families our most sincere condolences and express our sadness at his passing. We must however celebrate his life and recall our pleasure in knowing and working with him.

The Editor:

With an easy to get on with nature, he was always a welcome visitor to vessels arriving at New York and other U.S. east coast ports. During a wet-dock in New Orleans after a tug had stove in one of our banana doors, I enjoyed sampling the Southern Cuisine in his company on several
occasions. Always generous with his friendship he will be sadly missed.
His funeral service was held on 21st May at St Paul's Church, Banbury. Our thoughts are with Diana, Charles & Caroline.

Best wishes

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