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HEAVY LIFT FOR WALLIS ISLAND Southern Pearl V179 used her two cranes in a tandem lift for the first time during cargo operations in Wallis Island. The ship's cranes were used together to lift a 60 tonne mobile crane which was loaded on board in Fiji. Captain Tarun Rishi, master of the Southern Pearl was pleased to report that the operation went very smoothly.

The Southern Pearl has two X 45 tonne cranes but they can be combined when necessary to lift heavier cargo on her scheduled service from her home port of Suva to her dedicated Central Pacific Trade, where she calls at Wallis, Futuna, Funafuti, Tarawa, and Kirimati.

CRS DEPOTS PURCHASE NEW OMEGA STACKERS. CRS depots in Mount Maunganui and Auckland are always striving to improve the service they offer to their customers. In this regard they have completely replaced their fleet of leased empty Container Stackers with brand new Company owned Omega 7ECH twin pick stackers over the last year. These state of the art machines can work stacks up to eight containers high, providing less potential downtime and quicker truck turn around time. CRS General Manager, Phil Thompson says, "CRS has decided that by purchasing our own stackers rather than leasing we have better control over the regular ongoing maintenance of the machines. It is easier to coordinate the servicing requirements to fit around depot operations and heavy demand periods. We want to simply be the best container depot in the region and the new machines will help us to achieve this goal." There are two of the CRS owned machines operating in Mount Maunganui and three in the Auckland depot.



CAPITAINE WALLIS TO NORFOLK ISLAND. The introduction of the Capitaine Wallis to the Norfolk Island Trade has proven to be a huge success so far with record liftings being recorded on the recent call of Voyage 018. Local Shipping manager for Transam Argosy, Michelle Cyster, said, "The total exchange of over 2100 Revenue Tonnes of cargo including 270 tonnes of exports, is the all time record for a single voyage for any cargo vessel calling at Norfolk." PDL has a long and proud history in Norfolk going back more than 30 years, starting with a vessel called Ile de Lumiere introduced by Jean Ravel, the father of our current CEO, Olivier Ravel. The unique service utilising lighters to carry the cargo from ship to shore has many challenges with all cargo devanned and discharged as break-bulk. Operations can be weather affected so the larger more stable Capitaine Wallis is perfect for PDL's efforts to provide customers with a reliable schedule between Australia, New Zealand and Norfolk Island.



NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR WG GENERA FIJI. Williams and Gosling are pleased to welcome Mohammed Aiyaz to the WG Genera family as General Manager. Mohammed has a strong background in audit and compliance having spent much of his career with the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji coordinating Operational activities. He was lead auditor and master trainer for the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme. Mohammad's experience and expertise will help to lift WG Genera even further ahead of the competition, improving compliance, and continuing the growth of their client base. His leadership skills will help to mould a strong and dynamic team in line with WG Genera's goals and plans for the future in Fiji.

TRANSHIPMENT TRADE COORDINATOR HEADING TO AUSTRALIA. After nearly 12 years with Pacific Direct Line, Juliette Solignac is relocating to Alice Springs with her partner Joe and her three children. Juliette has spent most of her time at PDL working in the Transhipment Department as Trade Coordinator where her accuracy, commercial acumen and amazing work ethic have played a large part in the rapid growth of the Trade volumes in this division. Trade Manager, Andy Payne said, "Juliette will be a huge loss to the team but we are hoping to encourage her to continue to carry out some tasks for us from her new home in Alice Springs. We also should be able to announce our replacement for Juliette very soon." Bon voyage Juliette from all your friends at PDL.



NEW CADET FOR SOUTHERN PEARL. Felix Tupuola Molitii from Tuvalu Maritime Training School has recently joined the Southern Pearl as a cadet thanks to the assistance from PIL Crewing Division in Singapore. Felix is pictured on the bridge with Captain Tarun Rishi and in the engine control room with the First Engineer. He has completed his Marine Engineer Class 3 certificate in New Zealand and requires sea time in order to gain his Certificate of Compliance. Felix's cadetship was confirmed by PIL after he completed the required additional tests before joining the ship in Funafuti. PDL is committed to working closely with the Maritime School and has always tried to provide local employment in the Pacific with all ships employing Fijian crew, but Felix is the very first Tuvaluan to become a cadet on our vessels. Manuia te Malaga! Felix. (have a good journey)



Thought of the Day: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel."
Maya Angelou

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