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PRESS RELEASE

Bermuda Container Line - 1500 VOYAGES

The Bermuda Container Line shipping service celebrates 1500 voyages from Port Elizabeth, N.J. with the arrival of the CMV Oleander on Sunday 17th May 2009. Nearly all of these voyages have been undertaken by the two Oleander's owned by Bermuda Container Line Ltd. with the exception of a handful of voyages undertaken by chartered-in ships while the owned vessels were in dry-dock.

The first Oleander was on the route from 6th December 1979 to November 1990 and completed just over 500 voyages in the service. The present Oleander has been in service since November 1990 and has completed over 950 voyages. During these 1500 voyages the ships in the service have travelled 2,130,000 nautical miles and brought 239,000 containers to Bermuda.

In addition to the containers BCL ships have carried a wide variety of other cargo such as the ubiquitous Bermuda pink buses, engines for Belco, live animals including elephants, horses, cows, pigs and even bulls. On the 1500th voyage itself the Oleander has 3 large fire engines for the Bermuda Fire Service.

The crew who have served on BCL's ships include a number of nationalities such as Dutch, Filipino, Canadian, Polish, Russian and, of course, Bermudians. The present captain on board is Jacek Jurszo and he has been with BCL for a year.

The Oleander will arrive at Two Rock passage at 2:30 pm on the afternoon of Sunday 17th May were she will be met by a tug with water cannons to escort her into Hamilton Harbour.

Later this year, in early December, Bermuda Container Line will also celebrate 30 years of service to Bermuda. In commemoration of these two anniversaries and the 400th anniversary of Bermuda, BCL is a sponsor of the Tall Ships Festival in Hamilton June 11th to 15th, part of the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 and, in particular, of Bermuda's own tall ship "Spirit of Bermuda".