

**Port of Helsinki at the springtime exhibitions – welcome to our stand!**

Logistics 10, Helsinki, Wanh Satama 20, April 2010 (section B 45)  
TransRussia 2010, Moscow, 27-30 April 2010 (section A 631, pavilion 1)  
RORO 2010, Bremen, 18-20 May 2010 (section D 30, hall 4.0)

**Green Attitude Recognition awarded to the European Cruise Council**

The Port of Helsinki awarded the ECC (European Cruise Council) with the Green Attitude Recognition on 16 March 2010 in connection with the Seatrade Miami event. The recognition was granted as a result of excellent co-operation in the development of a new cruise ship wastewater collection system, and due to ECC's consideration of the environment in all of its operations as well as tirelessly pursuing related co-operation.

ECC's 23-piece membership responded to the joint appeal to protect the Baltic that was issued by Helsinki and Turku last year and committed itself to utilising the free-of-charge wastewater discharge capability available at the Port of Helsinki.

Last spring, in collaboration with Cruise Baltics, the ECC and the Port of Helsinki organised the Green Cruise Day event where cruise companies presented their solutions to decrease the environmental impact of cruise ships to decision-makers, environmental authorities and the people living in the vicinity of the port areas.

**The upcoming cruise season will be slower than before**

Some 250 international cruise ship visits to Helsinki have been scheduled for the coming season so far. The number is expected to change slightly before the beginning of the season. The entire Baltic region will suffer from a slight drop in ship traffic during the coming season, but things are looking up for the following season in 2011.

A special treat for this year is that the Disney Cruise Line will make its first visit to Helsinki on 20 June bringing Mickey Mouse to entertain fans of all ages.

**Port of Helsinki receives the Most Efficient Port Services award**

The Port of Helsinki received the award for the Most Efficient Port Services at the Cruise Shipping Miami conference. The award is granted as a result of a vote held by Dream World Cruise Destinations magazine. Other ports that received the award in the same category were Barcelona, Kiel, La Romana, Muscat, Port Everglades, Rotterdam and Vancouver.

**ABC opened at Vuosaari Harbour**

On 17 March, an ABC service station store was opened at the Vuosaari Harbour. The two-floor establishment serves local customer owners and harbour visitors around the clock.

The lower floor houses the ABC-Market, which sells everyday goods 24 hours a day. The second floor contains a selection of restaurants with a total of 238 seats. In summer, the restaurant area expands into a 72-seat terrace. The second floor is open daily between 6 am and 10 pm. The parking area contains



96 parking spaces. In addition to the ABC service station store, the following companies and bodies provide their services at the Vuosaari Harbour: harbour operators, logistics companies, container depot, ship service companies, various authorities as well as companies providing services to heavy traffic.

### **Eckerö Line's M/S Translandia now runs its route more frequently**

The cargo ship M/S Translandia now makes the trip between Vuosaari and Tallinn twice a day during weekdays. At weekends, the ship runs the route once a day.

### **Effects of the dockworkers' strike on the Port of Helsinki**

The cargo traffic of the Port of Helsinki was, in total, 328,000 tonnes during the dockworkers' strike 4 March 2010-18 March 2010. During the corresponding period in the previous year, 5 March 2009-19 March 2009, the traffic volume was 350,000 tonnes. This means that the volume decreased by 7%. The transport figures of the Port of Helsinki were affected by the Finnish export and import, which was beginning to strongly favour truck transports on ropax and passenger ships.

### **ESPO 2010 Conference in Helsinki in May**

ESPO (European Sea Ports Organisation), the Finnish Port Association and the Port of Helsinki will hold the European Sea Port Conference **ESPO 2010 "Living and working with the ports"** at the Grand Marinassa hotel in Helsinki, 27-28 April 2010. The themes of the conference include port image, the interaction between cities and ports, and the financial outlook of port operations. The conference will be opened by Lord Mayor Jussi Pajunen [www.espo.be](http://www.espo.be).

### **Tallink Silja's head office to Jätkäsaari**

The construction of Tallink Silja's Finnish head office to Jätkäsaari is presently being planned.

The office will be located opposite the West Harbour's passenger terminal. The construction work is set to begin during the coming summer. Other office and commercial premises are being planned for the southern section of the same site.

### **Changes to the West Terminal's traffic arrangements**

Street network updates and the construction of public utility services on the Tyynenmerenkatu (currently Hietasaarenkuja) and Välimerenkatu (street to be built next to the Laivapojankatu Street) streets will necessitate temporary changes to the West Terminal's traffic arrangements.

The construction of Tallink Silja's head office, which will commence by the Bunker in June 2010, will make the ship-entry lanes for passenger cars and vans narrower. Additionally, the car route to the West Terminal will be moved. Passenger cars and vans arriving from ships will be directed directly to the Tullaajankuja Street by way of the Jätkäsaarenlaituri Quay.

The service traffic connections for cargo traffic, the harbour area and docked ships will, for the present time, remain unchanged.

The new traffic arrangements will become effective after Easter.

### **Signposting to Vuosaari Harbour to be improved**



Locating the Vuosaari Harbour's Hansa Terminal has proved a challenge to passengers. GPS maps are largely not updated and the programmes do not recognise, for example, Provianttikatu Street.

The Finnish Transport Agency, the Uusimaa Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment, and the City of Helsinki, together, are applying with the Ministry of Communications for permission to use new, so-called balloon signs. The signs would be set up on all incoming roads to Helsinki along the axis of the Kehä III ring road, on Sörnäisten Rantatie Road and at select locations along the regional road 170.

If all goes well, the new signs could be in place by mid-summer 2010.