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HUAL *Oceania* calls on Atlantic Terminal

The HUAL *Oceania* called the Atlantic Terminal recently, discharging inbound Far East freight before reloading with outbound Mediterranean and Middle East freight. *Oceania* was due to stop in Wilmington, Del., before crossing the Atlantic to Valencia, Spain.

The Panamanian-flagged *Oceania* is 199.54 meters in length, 32.62 meters wide, has a capacity of 6,051 units and a DWT of 19,048 MT, and can reach a cruising speed of 20 knots.

She was built by Toyohashi Shipbuilding Co. and is one of 27 ships in the HUAL fleet. *Oceania* is a flexible RO/RO vessel



Top photo – Harry Hussein, HUAL North America; Capt. S.T. Lim, *Oceania*; Dale Boyd, MPA; Roy Winegrad, vice president of marketing, HUAL North America.



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with a minimum deck height of 1.85 meters and boasts a pair of liftable decks.

HUAL made 70 port calls in Baltimore in 2003.

Agent: HUAL North America, Inc.

Stevedore: CERES 

~ By Pete Kerzel

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Star *Optimana* Calls Port of Baltimore

The Star *Optimana* called Dundalk Marine Terminal in early February with a cargo of pulp and lumber products. The ship's two 68-metric ton gantry cranes made short work of the discharge of 32,083 MT of cargo before continuing to Savannah, Ga.

The Star *Optimana* is 199 meters in length with a breadth of 32.26 meters; her deadweight tonnage is 48,661. The Singapore-flagged, open-hatch bulk carrier joins the Star Shipping fleet of 79 ships, 42 of which are the open-hatch type that can carry 2.3 million cubic feet of cargo. Two of the holds have removable tweendecks. The ship, which boasts two 68 MT gantry cranes, was constructed at the Oshimana Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., in Nagasaki, Japan.

On hand to welcome the Star *Optimana* were two representatives from the Port of Baltimore, who, along with Star Shipping's vice president of operations in Baltimore, visited the bridge with Captain Ernesto H. Mobo, the ship's master.

Captain Mobo pointed out that the covered area above the cargo cranes allows the ship to handle weather-sensitive cargos even in inclement weather.

Agent: Inchcape **Stevedore:** BalTerm **Towing:** Moran 

~ By Kathy Bergren Smith and Merrill Witt



Capt. Raul Mattson; Capt. Ernesto Mobo, ship's master; Joseph Guido, MPA; Rick Schiappacasse, MPA.



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