

'caught in the net'



On 2 February 2006 - the first day of Paris MoU PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign MARPOL 73/78 Annex I – oil tanker m/v MATALOBOS, IMO no. 7111690 with call sign YLAI, sailing under the flag of Latvia was inspected in Szczecin, Poland.

The Class and statutory certificates issued by Germanischer Lloyd (ISM by Russian Maritime Register of Shipping) were found valid. The Oil Record book (last entries 31.01.2006) recorded only 0.58m³ sludge on board. Entries about bilge water were missing. The Port State Control Officer (PSCO) found the bilges/tanks alarm panel **red** during investigation of the bridge. Bilge tanks, engine room bilges, pump room bilges, high level alarms were activated.



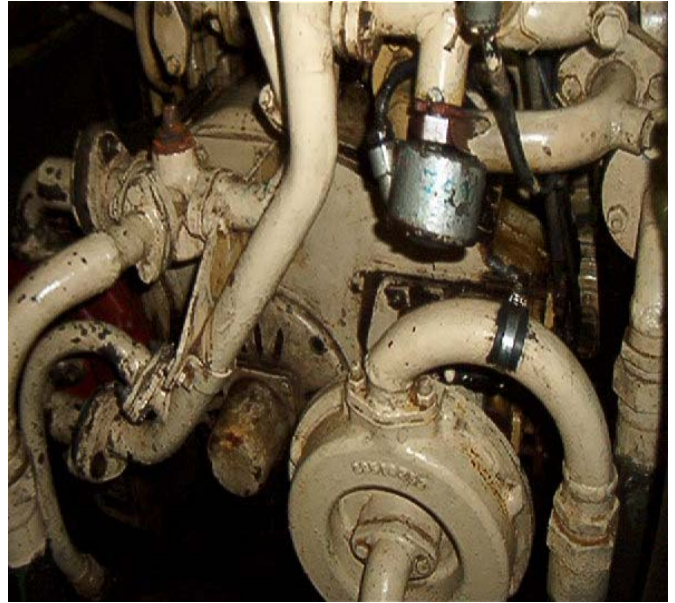
Engine and pump room, bilge



Engine room bilges disposed ashore sludge tanks full



Pipes corroded



Poor condition of the piping bilges full

The PSCO noticed that engine room bilges and pump room bilges were full. The oily mixture was flowing to the floor plates. The PSCO found a lot of goods in the engine room without necessary lashing. Some of the engine cooling water pipes were in poor condition.



A lot of scraps lashing missing



According to the information given by the Master he only ordered the port authority disposal of 6m³ oily mixture (bilge tank) no order by the Master for disposal of any garbage or oily mixtures were received by the port authority. The ship was detained until the 20 m³ oily mixtures and garbage were disposed of.