

## SALINA BAY ON STANDBY AS OIL IS REMOVED FROM COSTA CONCORDIA



Salina Bay stationed at Giglio Island

EMSA contracted oil spill response vessel, Salina Bay, is at the site of the Costa Concordia. The vessel arrived on 22 January from La Spezia to assist [SMIT Salvage](#) in its bunker removal and pollution response operations. The move is seen as a necessary precaution while these operations are underway. In case of significant spillage, Salina Bay can be mobilised immediately. The vessel is equipped with booms, sweeping arms, a skimmer and radar oil slick detection system. So far, no bunker pollution has been reported. CleanSeaNet has also been called on to provide satellite images over the next few weeks.

## BIOFUELS – A VIABLE OPTION FOR THE FUTURE?



What will tomorrow's refuelling look like?

Stricter SO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> emission requirements are driving the shipping industry to explore alternative fuels. Could biofuels be the answer? A [report](#) looking into their potential to propel ships has been published by EMSA. The report conducted by [ECOFYS](#) examines the cost, technical constraints and sustainability of such a development.

The outcome: six biofuels adapted to various engine types have been identified as possible solutions for the medium to long term - pyrolysis bio-oil, bio-ethanol, bio-LNG/bio-methane, straight vegetable oil, DME and biodiesel. The European Commission will now look into how these findings can be taken forward.

## NEW CHAIRMAN FRANS VAN ROMPUY MEETS EMSA STAFF

The newly elected chairman of the Administrative Board, Frans Van Rompuy, visited EMSA on 12 January. Mr Van Rompuy is Belgium's Director General of Maritime Transport (Federal Public Service of Mobility and Transport). The visit gave him the opportunity to meet senior management and EMSA staff.



New chairman addresses EMSA staff

## OIL RECOVERY VESSELS – PROCUREMENT IN VIEW

EMSA is launching a new procurement procedure to contract oil recovery vessels. The geographical areas to be covered are expected to be the Bay of Biscay, the Southern Atlantic Coast, and the Central and Western Mediterranean. Information meetings open to any interested party will be organised in France and Spain (from 6 to 10 February) and in Italy (from 13 to 17 February). A short description of the nature and value of the services can be found in the Prior Information Notice (PIN ref: 2012015913) published on 18 January 2012. For additional information, contact the following email address [NEG12012@emsa.europa.eu](mailto:NEG12012@emsa.europa.eu)

## EMSA TO PARTICIPATE IN 2012 INTERSPILL CONFERENCE



Oil spill response experts will gather in London on 13-15 March for the largest international conference in their field - [Interspill](#). EMSA will have a number of speakers at the event as well as a stand at the exhibition to present its own oil pollution response vessels. This is an opportunity to learn about best practices in the industry as well as EU preparedness. We invite you to join us at the ExCel venue in London's Docklands (stand T405).

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**Documents:** Work Programme 2012, Multi-Annual Funding Report 2012