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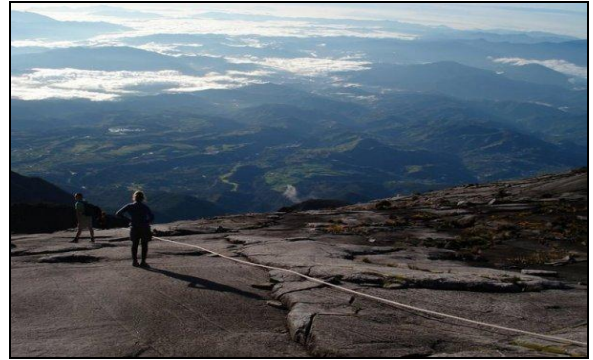
This is our first issue of the year, so may we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2011.

## Company news

**We've got a mountain to climb** - At 4095 metres (13,495 feet in old money), Mount Kinabalu is the highest mountain in South East Asia and the 20<sup>th</sup> highest in the world, but a team from the Marine Travel Company will take on this challenging climb in order to raise funds for the Sailors Society. The three person team comprising of **Dave Thompson, Sarah Curtis and Dawn Gibbs** will take 2 days for the ascent and hope to reach the Summit on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. "I've never done anything like this before" said Sarah, "I'm not into keeping fit, so it will take a lot of work from me over the next few months. It is a great cause though, very close to my heart and this will be a massive personal achievement"

The Sailors Society sustains a network of trained Chaplains, who work tirelessly to provide welfare and support for merchant seafarers and their families, around the world. "Over 95% of the world's trade is transported by sea, yet seafarers are often forgotten," said Dawn. "I'm privileged to have this opportunity to do something positive for others. I know it will be difficult but my friends and family are right behind me. We've had lots of promises already, but we need more so please dig deep and donate now".

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**Mt. Kinabalu, looking down.**

## Travel News

Schengen Visa upon arrival in Amsterdam has been re-instated for ship's crew travelling on KLM under the following conditions: All crew who have been given 10 days or less notice before travelling can apply for the visa on arrival at Amsterdam. The Dutch Immigration at Schiphol may interview the seaman concerning:

- when he was informed about his crew change
- the reason(s) for 10 days or less notification
- when the e-tickets were issued
- why he did not apply for the Schengen visa in his home country etc.

The NL Immigration's new policy is that seamen who have more than 10 days notification period of their travel have sufficient time and must apply to their local NL embassy for a Schengen visa before departure. If they judge a seaman has had more than 10 days notice they will reject an application for a visa on arrival in AMS.



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## Airline News

**Lufthansa** has created a new club called the "Oil and Energy Club" which offers exclusive benefits, such as complimentary day rooms, lounge access, waitlist priority etc. to members. The club is aimed at LH passengers connected with the Oil and Gas industries who travel frequently to Oil and Gas destinations. For conditions, benefits and details of how to enroll, go to;

[www.oil-and-energy-club.com](http://www.oil-and-energy-club.com)

**Air France** is to begin service to Tripoli in Libya with effect from the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. The service will operate 4 times per week with A320 aircraft from Charles De Gaulle.

**Iberia** has added a through check-in service to their website, enabling passengers to get boarding cards on code-share and connecting flights, for details go to; [www.iberia.com](http://www.iberia.com)

**Croatian Airlines** a member of Star Alliance has announced two new routes. From April 27<sup>th</sup> it will begin service between London and Rijeka once a week and between Zadar and Munich twice a week.

**KLM** will re-launch the Amsterdam to Miami route with four flights a week from March 27<sup>th</sup>. The service was originally suspended in September 2004.

**British Airways** will increase its service between London Gatwick and Tampa from five flights a week to daily with effect from March 27<sup>th</sup> 2011.

## Clipper Round the world Yacht race

The Marine Travel Company has once again been appointed as the official travel supplier for the race which will begin from the UK in August 2011. Excited crew members from all round the world gathered recently at the London Boat show to listen to briefings from the Clipper race team and key suppliers. The new crews also learned that the story of the last race, titled "against the Tide" will be broadcast initially on Quest as six one-hour television programmes beginning at 9p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. The Quest channel can be found on freeview channel 38 and Sky Channel 154.

## Sporting News

The Marine travel Company has become a sponsor of Kent rally driver Louise Cook in her ultimate goal to become the first female World Rally Champion. Louise competed in last year's BRC rally Challenge with her best result being in the Isle of Man rally. She finished among the top ten overall in the BRC challenge and is looking forward to an even higher placing in 2011.



Louise Cook, Rally Driver



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