



the manifest

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Welcome to the first edition of the manifest in 2008.

News

Air France/KLM is on the verge of buying regional carrier **VLM** although the move has been referred to the OFT. If it goes through Air France will become London City's largest carrier and could open the way for Isle of Man and Rotterdam marine fares amongst others.

Also at London City **BA** has announced plans to fly direct to Warsaw, Nice, Amsterdam and Barcelona as well as ambitious plans for an all-business class service to New York JFK.

TAP Portugal is joining the list of airlines insisting on APIS information before bookings are made. This ruling comes into effect from the 15th April on all **TAP** routes.

Lufthansa has increased its UK flight options with 3 flights a day from Bristol to Frankfurt. The German carrier has also introduced a direct service between Munich and Busan in Korea. The service operates on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays and is an extension of LH flight to Incheon.

BA has increased their fuel surcharges again across all long haul routes. We will advise if and when other airlines follow suit.

After a troubled end to last year **SAS** have announced expansion plans with new routes from Bristol to Stockholm & Oslo commencing in April.

Continental will be the first airline to make use of the open-skies agreement by commencing direct flights from Heathrow to New York and Houston. The move will complement their existing Gatwick services but also increase competition on the already busy route. Air France will also start a direct flight from Heathrow to Los Angeles on the 31st March.

Also commencing flights from Heathrow will be **Virgin Nigeria**. The weekly service between LHR and Lagos will complement their increase on flights to Accra and the opening of the Lagos – Cotonou routing.

New Airlines and marine fares



Cyprus Airways is the latest airline to offer us negotiated marine fares opening up routes to Larnaca and Pafos and on connecting flights to the Middle East & Africa



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!! IMPORANT!! New Schengen ruling

As of December the 21st 2007 Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic all became part of the Common Schengen area. Checks at land borders have been in place since January but air borders are due to commence rigorous checks commencing the 31st March. Nationals of Russia, The Ukraine and The Philippines will now require a Schengen visa if they are to travel via any Schengen country. If the above nationals do not have a visa they can only connect and/or transit through Moscow, Istanbul, London & Zurich

As this can be a very confusing system to understand please feel free to read more [here](#) or [here](#), alternatively contact us with any questions or queries.

Heathrow Terminal 5

On March the 27th London Heathrow opens its new [Terminal 5](#). Passengers will see a major change in the way they use the airport. With over 100 self check-in machines and 100 fast bag drops **BA** says you will travel from Front door to departures in under 10 minutes. With an emphasis on online check-in prior to travel the new terminal aims to speed everyone through to its vast departures area.

Security procedures may differ from other airports you have flown from so please [read here](#) for more details.

It is also worth knowing that the airport will be a "quiet airport" so there will be no calls for flights departing or boarding of aircraft. The airport has a mass of information screens and has put the onus on the passenger to ensure they arrive at their departure gate 30 minutes prior to departure. Some passengers may travel from Terminal 5B which will be served by an underground driver-less transit system. If you fly from here again make sure you leave plenty of time.

To read more go to www.terminal5.ba.com



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New Global Partnership

Over the last few years our marine travel client base has extended into Europe and further a field and we have also been

invited to tender for global marine travel and ships crew travel business.

With this in mind during mid 2006 we started a process to seek like minded marine travel and ships crew travel companies that operate the same business ethos as ourselves.

We have spent time & money both seeking and visiting various marine travel companies around the world.

We have Visited Latvia, Greece, South Africa, Philippines, Hong Kong, Ukraine, Turkey, Dubai and in the USA, to ensure the quality of potential global partners.

We are now delighted to announce that a group of the agencies we have now met have agreed to form a new global marine travel alliance.

Our aim is to be able support our existing customer base, by sharing fares and services that are available in the individual members' market place, we have tried and tested the services of the global partners already and a number of customers have benefited from fares that are not available to the UK market.

This is an exciting step forward for all of us in the marine travel company and we believe by creating this alliance that it gives us the ability to enhance the service we already offer you and indeed new customers.

To find out more about the new alliance, please click visit www.mtaseven.com.

Lounge Pass

Some of you will be glad to know we can now book airport lounges around the world.

Through Loungepass we now have access to over 130 lounges worldwide starting from around £12 per person. Contact us to arrange your own airport lounge before you fly. www.loungepass.com.



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Sailors' Society

We are proud and privileged to announce our adopted charity of 2008 will be the [British International Sailors' Society](#).

All staff of the company are involved in numerous fund raisers and have

already raised a tidy sum with activities such as January's Woolly hat week. Later in the year Managing Director Dave Thompson and Canterbury reservations guru Eddie will take on the Great South Run in Portsmouth. The next edition of the manifest will have details of sponsorship info should you wish to lend your support in the meantime if you wish to know more click on the link above to see the organizations website.

Clipper round the world race - Update

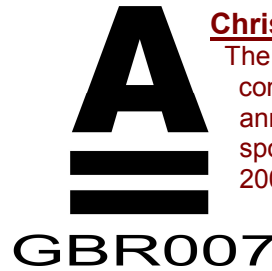
Since the last edition of the Manifest, ten ocean going yachts have raced from Liverpool to Santiago, Brazil and then onto Durban, S.Africa, they spent the festive period in Fremantle, Australia.



New Years Day saw them racing towards Singapore and then onto Qingdao, China. On the 23rd February they set off for Honolulu, Hawaii and they should arrive there on March 20th.



The race finishes in Liverpool on the 5th July and will have covered more than 34000 miles. www.clipperroundtheworld.com.



Chris Field

The marine travel company is pleased to announce their sponsorship of the 2005/06/07 UK national champion in Class A catamaran racing. Thanet resident

Chris has been racing catamarans since the age of 8, by the age of 12 he had already become the national champion in the 'Prindle 18-2' class with his father. Chris really is at the top of his sport and the Company is delighted to support Chris in his goal to succeed at both the European and World Championships in the coming years. Ultimately his long term goal is to represent GB at the 2012 London Olympics, but that will depend on the Olympic committee reversing their earlier decision and bringing the sport back into the Olympics. [Click here](#) to sign the online petition aimed at getting the sport re-instated by the Olympic committee. Chris will be creating a monthly diary exclusively for us, so please check back to our [website](#) to see how he is getting on!

Canterbury RUFC

With only a couple of games remaining it's going to go down to the wire. Although fierce rivals Mounts Bay and Cinderford appear to have things in the bag. Keep up to date with goings on at Merton Lane by going to www.cantrugby.co.uk. Good news for the team sees them playing in the Kent Cup final on the 6th April so we wish them the best of luck for the match.

NATIONAL LEAGUE 3 SOUTH

	Team	Pld	Pts
1	Mount's Bay	23	98
2	Cinderford	23	90
3	Canterbury	23	77
4	Ealing	23	77
5	London Irish	23	73

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