

# ON THE WATCH



## Cleaning the beaches of Oinousses

Atlas Maritime of Greece and the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (Helmepa) teamed up recently to get their hands dirty cleaning up the beaches of the island of Oinousses, the birthplace of many Greek shipping families.

A large contingent from both organisations took time off from bus-

ting Piraeus to join locals on the island including schoolchildren, students and their families. Among the group of 120 participants was Marigo Lemos-Patitsas and the island's mayor, shipowner Evangelos Angelakos.

Leon Patitsas, who also donned gloves and a hat and put his lower back muscles to work, says the

rubbish mostly consisted of plastic bottles washed up by the sea and cigarette butts from litter-bug beachgoers.

Helmepa's Konstantinos Andreadis adds that the clean-up effort was a good opportunity to highlight the need for people to change their habits when it comes to waste management.



**CHILDREN OF OINOUSSES:** With bags of trash collected from the island's beaches

Photo: Atlas Maritime

## BSMers take to the streets for good cause

As part of its efforts to give something back to the local community, Cyprus-based Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement (BSM) recently staged a charity walk in Limassol to raise money for children affected by cancer and other diseases.

The 10-kilometre (6.25-mile)

"Walk to Make a Wish Come True" around the city kicked off from company headquarters at Hansatic House and the participants later joined in the clean-up of a stretch of beach in co-operation with the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (Cympea).

BSM group marketing and communications director Adonis Volaris tells On the Watch that the winning team of walkers scored the highest tally of 17 points in the various games during the day and the highest amount of money collected — selling coupons for a total of EUR 2,250 (\$3,153). They also got to decide the location for the next BSM walk, which will take place in Singapore.

On hand at the opening ceremony in Limassol was Cyprus's minister of communications and works, Nicos Nicolaides, city mayor Andreas Christou and Cyprus Shipping Chamber director-general Thomas Kazakos.

Minister Nicolaides thanked BSM for its efforts and encouraged other companies to follow suit. The shipmanager's efforts culminated in the handover of generous cheque for EUR 26,350 in aid of a great cause: realising the dreams of child cancer patients.



**FROM LEFT:** BSM chief executive Andreas Droussiotis, George Penindaex, president of the Make a Wish Foundation, Adonis Volaris, BSM group marketing and communications director, Nikos Nikolaides, minister of communications and works, and the mayor of Limassol, Andreas Christou

Photos: BSM



**FROM LEFT:** Zhu Feng of Morgan Stanley, Marco Hammer of Oldendorff (Singapore), Francesco Ronsisvalle of Rio Tinto, Andreas Loftenes of FIS (Singapore), Huang Xiaoqiang of Farenco and Guy Broadley of FIS (Singapore) with four of the five Pussycat Dolls

Photo: FIS

## Backstage treat for fans of feline troupe

After a hectic couple of days for the forward-freight-agreement (FFA) market this week, it was time to relax.

So brokers from Freight Investor Services (FIS) and colleagues headed for the Singapore Indoor Stadium to watch US girl group the Pussycat Dolls (see photo).

Signs of panic among investors may have crept into the dry-derivatives market but the brokers looked pretty cool when they went backstage to meet the group.

Meanwhile, FIS boss John Banaszkiwicz was also in Asia recently, promoting iron-ore swaps, but he found enough time to watch the football play-off that saw his home team of Burnley return after more than 30 years to the top flight of English football.

Banaszkiwicz was in Shanghai and managed to track down a karaoke bar showing the match on Sky Sports.

No surprise that he was the only claret-and-blue fan from the Lancashire town with something to sing about in the bar.

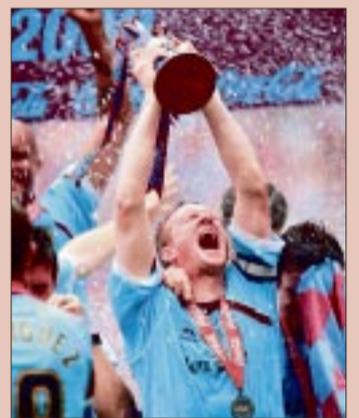
The FIS managing director discloses that he laid a bet that

Burnley would be promoted to the Premiership and "got a very good return".

Well what else should you expect from a FFA broker?

His mother still lives in the Burnley area and London-based Banaszkiwicz journeys back there every few weeks.

He's talking about maybe using his winnings to buy a Burnley season ticket. So watch out Turf Moor! A lot of spectators there just might be interested in FFAs and iron-ore swaps. Just may!



**THE JOY OF IT:** Back in the Premier League

Photo: Burnley FC

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