

Marfret flagship m/v Sormiou steps into the NASP service

Marfret is to upgrade its fleet with the introduction of a newer and larger owned vessel on the NASP (North Atlantic-South Pacific) service.

The new ship, the biggest ever to operate for Marfret in the Europe-East Coast North America-South Pacific-ANZ trade, will enter the NASP service in Rotterdam on 28th of March 2010.

The 2,602 TEU *Marfret Sormiou*, fitted with 440 reefer plugs and four 45-tonne cranes, will replace the chartered 2,226 TEU *Marfret Provence*, which will be returned to owners.

“We are proud to introduce a company-owned vessel to this important trade” Marfret general manager Bernard Vidil said.

“Marfret has a loyal and long-standing customer base in these regions and we are sure they will appreciate our commitment to improve our product.”

The NASP service operates on fortnightly frequency with a port call roster of Tilbury, Rotterdam, Dunkirk , Le Havre, New York, Savannah, Kingston, Manzanillo, Papeete, Lautoka, Noumea, Sydney, Melbourne, Napier, Tauranga, Manzanillo, Kingston, Savannah, Philadelphia, Tilbury

Marfret Sormiou takes its name from the Calanque de Sormiou, a beautiful fjord-like mountainous inlet between Marseille and Cassis on France’s Mediterranean coast.

