Bay of Brest on a beautiful winter day

The *Eide Traveler*, Norwegian flag, has been delivered for demolition in Ejsberg, Denmark. Bit by bit, EU-approved yards are taking hold on the global demolition market. See also the Varzuga p. 52.

The days when Maersk sent tugs from Denmark to Turkey for scrapping... and let them sinking off Brittany (December 22, 2016) without being prosecuted by the French justice system are not yet over, but the horizon is clearing.
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Destocking in Brest (France)...

At the crossroads of the transatlantic routes, the port of Brest takes in, if necessary, damaged ships, or those diverted by the French Navy for oil discharges, hit and run accidents or drug trafficings. Brest is at the same time a military port, a commercial port, a port of refuge, a port of repair and a port of sequestration. Ships at the end of their operational career quickly become ships at the end of their life. Brest becomes a cemetery when the shipowner renounces to pay the cautions, renounces the essential repairs and abandons its ship, sometimes with her exiled and unpaid crew. The slowness of the administrative procedures to declare termination of ownership's rights and designation of the scrapping yards is prolonging the agonies:

- 11 years for the Ocean Jasper arrested in August 2007 after sinking the creelfishing boat Sokaliq, finally towed for scrapping from the military port to the commercial port in 2018.
- 8 years for the Winner arrested in 2002 for drug trafficking, scrapped in a dry dock of the arsenal in 2010.
- 8 years for the Captain Tsarev, arrived in damage in November 2008, scrapped in Brest in 2016.
- 3 years for the Matterhorn diverted for oil discharge in May 2009, sent for scrapping in Bordeaux in 2012.

July 2, 2016, Brest's international maritime Festivals. On the left, the Antigone Z moored along the André Colin, a former passenger ship serving the islands close by Brest, the Karl in the centre and the Captain Tsarev on the right. © Erwan Guégueniat

Usually moored alongside in basin n°5, the "to be scrapped" are pushed behind closed doors at the end of an impound dock on the occasion of Brest's international maritime Festivals. Yet the scrapping of obsolete merchant ships in acceptable social and environmental conditions is to the credit of Brest and can legitimately fit in the international maritime Festivals when compared to the bleak scrapping of ships in Pakistan or Bangladesh.

The legal authorization in May 2016 of the Navaleo (ex-Recycleurs bretons) shipbreaking yard then its inclusion in the European Union list of approved yards, has opened the door to the scrapping and recycling of the end-of-life vessels that were carrying on deteriorating at the mercy of intrusions, fires, pillages, vandalism and water ingress.

July 2, 2014, the Antigone Z
December 7, 2016, the Karl
© Erwan Guégueniat
After the pioneering and painful scrapping of the *Captain Tsarev* in 2016-2017, Navaleo tried its hands on some passenger ships serving the Bay of Brest and the islands nearby.

Today, decongestion is taking shape with the planned demolition of three historic squatters:
- The *Antigone Z* detained in Douarnenez in April 2012 then deported to Brest in 2013 (cf. p. 9).
- The *Karl* arrived at the end of February 2015 with a financial dispute and back wages of the crew (cf. p. 23).
- The half Rhine river oil tanker *Therese Straub*, escaped from her convoy in tow to West Africa and recovered by the *Abeille Bourbon* in October 2019 (see on this subject “Shipbreaking” n°57, p. 8 "Europe-Africa : the on-going traffic" and "Shipbreaking” n°58, p. 4, "End of the run for the *Arion*").

The region of Brittany has attributed one million euros for their demolition. Navaleo, based on the eastern quay of basin n°5, will proceed afloat to the removal of asbestos and the cleaning of hulls, cutting up will be carried out in the drydock 1, next to basin n°5. The yard will also carry out the dismantling of the former Russian tanker *Varzuga*, which arrived in Brest on July 10 from Le Havre towed by the *VB Gascogne* after the failure of the tug *Christos XXIV*, which should have towed her from Murmansk to Aliaga, Turkey (see "All at sea", May 6, 2021, "What future for the *Christos XXIV* and the *Varzuga?*", June 18, 2021). Another arrival of an end-of-life vessel is expected in September-October, that of the *Rio Tagus*, discarded at Sète since October 2010, whose departure last June on a semi-submersible vessel failed and caused oil pollution. The authorised capacity of Navaleo has increased on paper from 10,000 t/year to 40,000 t/year. Its challenge today is to confirm that its technical and human resources capacities are sufficient to deal smoothly with this impressive workload and prevent the basin n°5 from being obstructed by a congestion.
… and destocking in Genoa (Italy)

Genoa, Italy's largest industrial and commercial port, is not immune to squatters. Their presence tends to be diluted in the mass of traffics. With 17 and 15 years of patience or apathy from the authorities, Genoa easily beats Brest. "Shipbreaking" n° 26, p. 8, had reported the presence in the Ligurian port of the cargo ship Sentinel arrested in 2004 for smuggling of migrants (cf. p. 24), and of the tanker Theodoros discarded since 2006 (cf. p. 51). In December 2018, the Genoese yard San Giorgio del Porto was included in the European Union list of approved shipbreaking yards. To prove its worth, it had undertaken the deconstruction of the Costa Concordia in 2015. It is the only approved European yard on the Mediterranean coast. Its authorised annual capacity is 60,000 t lightweight, but until then it was running out of regular activities. The customs administration issued restricted calls for tender specifying that demolition could only be carried out in a EU-approved yard. The Turkish temptation was dismissed and the contract was awarded to the Genoa yard. It will cost to the Western Liguria Sea Port Authority (AdSP del Mare Ligure Occidentale), which includes the ports of Genoa, Savona, Pra and Vado Ligure, 655,737 € for the Sentinel and 978,000 € for the Theodoros. The Sentinel and the Theodoros were joined by the cement carrier Mar Grande (see p. 63). On July 1st, 2021, the three vessels were towed to basin n°3.

It is hoped that this time, this will be a successful departure for ship demolition, an activity that is as vital to maritime safety and crew safety as it is despised by the general public. The Italian yard will be able to catch substandard ships that are polluting in the Mediterranean and putting crews at risk. Bankrupt cruise ships should no longer leave Genoa to be scrapped in Aliaga, like the Pacific Princess, shortened to Acif, whose demolition caused the death of two Turkish workers (see "Ship-breaking kills in Turkey", August 12, 2013).
Endgame for the *Jesslyn Natuna*

The Palau-flagged *Cherish* was beached for demolition at Gadani (Pakistan) on April 30, 2021.

It is in fact the latest reincarnation of the *Jesslyn Natuna*, an old Indonesian FSO unit (Floating Storage and Offloading) which, for a year, had been looking for a shipbreaking yard tolerant with regard waste or rumours of waste. In spring 2020, the NGO Indonesian Environmental Care Committee filed a complaint about an illegal export of waste: the FSO was suspected of being contaminated with operational residues and oil sludge with an exceptional mercury compound content said to be up to 350mg/kg according to NGOs.

April 2020. Under tow and shortened to *J. Nat*, she was refused entry in Bangladesh and had to return to Singapore. (See "Shipbreaking" n°60, p. 6, "The one that escaped scrapping").

September 2020, new trial. The *J. Nat* ex-*Jesslyn Natuna* has been renamed *Radiant*. She leaves Singapore, still under tow, and arrived in early November off Mumbai (India). The Indian authorities have identified her clearly and do not authorise her to be scrapped by the Alang shipyards (see "Shipbreaking" n°61, p. 11, "A second trial for the *Jesslyn Natuna*").

April 2021. The *Cherish*, the new name painted on the hull of the ex-*Radiant*, ex-*J. Nat*, ex-*Jesslyn Natuna*, is beached unhindered in Gadani, although Interpol had alerted the Pakistani authorities about the possible presence on board of hazardous materials. Workers begin to cut away her bow. 20 days later, sludge samples are taken for analysis, and the activities of the yard are temporarily suspended pending the results. A few days later, the findings of the official inquiry are unequivocal: "the claim is..."
presumably untrue: the hull of the ship is crystal clear, and the rusted walls suggest that it did not have oil for a couple of years ".

Pakistan specialises in the demolition of serious burn and plague ships. Before the *Cherish*, the Gadani beaches received the oil tanker *Sam, ex-Samho Crown* in November 2020, which suffered an explosion at sea and a fire. They are also taking delivery of the oil tanker *New Diamond* which was ravaged by a fire in September 2020 off Sri Lanka. The *New Diamond* was sold as is in Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) for 560 US$ per tonne, i.e. nearly 22 millions.

The burned-out ones, the old-fashioned floating storage units are bad wrecks for workers. Describing as "crystal" these dioxin deposits, toxic dust catchers, sludge wallows and deadly gas hiding places is almost like endangering the lives of others. The 26 victims of the tanker *Aces* in November 2016 died in vain (See "Shipbreaking" n°46, p. 6-7).
Overview of the second quarter, April-May-June 2021

204 vessels to be scrapped. 1.4 million tons. More vessels (+14%) but smaller, tonnage is down by 16%, back to the average level of the 2020 quarters. The 3rd wave of Covid-19 has struck, especially in India, where yards, running out of oxygen directed to hospitals rather than to blow torches, remained closed for several weeks.

In terms of tonnage, Bangladesh is back on pole position (41%) ahead of Pakistan (22%). India falls to 3rd place with only 12% of the tonnage to be scrapped, hardly ahead of Turkey (10%).

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Tankers or almost nothing. The share of oil, chemical and gas tankers continues to rise. It now reaches 62% of the tonnage to be scrapped, a further increase of 11% compared to the previous quarter. Their overwhelming majority leaves the other categories with crumbs.

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<td>4 : reefer, 11 (5%)</td>
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<td>5 : general cargo carrier, 39,000 t (3%)</td>
<td>5 : bulker, 9 (4%)</td>
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Prices per ton continue to rise. In the Indian subcontinent, they are close to 600 US$ per ton, while in Turkey they are now stable at around 300 US$ per ton. A year ago, they were 300 US$ in the Indian subcontinent and in Turkey US$ 175. Prices per ton for chemical tankers and their stainless steel tanks reach up to US$ 875. As an example of the escalation of purchase prices by scrapyards, the oil tanker Cavalier sold for demolition at 370 US$ per ton in February 2020 the COVID pandemic prevented her to reach the yards. She was sold again in May 2021 at 570 US$ per ton.

180 ships were scrapped in the Indian sub-continent, China and Turkey, that is 92% of the global tonnage, 82% of which in the sole Indian sub-continent.

149 ships (73%) were delivered a seaworthiness certificate issued by a member of the IACS (International Association of Classification Societies) prior to demolition.

100 vessels (49%) were detained prior to scrapping. The Olympic podium of substandard vessels distinguishes the Togolese flag, with the gold medallists (11 detentions each) Safi (p. 24) and Siham 1 (p. 24) and the bronze medallist Youssef M (10 detentions, p. 25), along with the Panamanian flag and its reefer Island Reefer (p. 31), ex aequo with Youssef M.
overview of the second quarter, from April 1 to June 30, 2021

85 vessels (42%) were built in the European Union, Norway and the United Kingdom.

63 vessels were deflagged. 31% of the vessels to be scrapped were flying a funeral flag. Saint Kitts and Nevis (25) was ahead of Palau (12) and Comoros (7).

54 years old. This is the age of the veteran of the selection, the tanker Theodoros built in La Rochelle (France) as the wine tanker Aragon (p. 51), discarded in Genoa since 2006, to be broken up by the Genoa yard San Giorgio del Porto (see p. 5), an EU-approved facility. Seven other 50-year-old ships are doomed to the blowtorches, including the 52-year-old reefer Antigone Z, discarded in Brest (p. 9), the 51-year-old livestock carrier Kenoz (p. 11), the 51-year-old Canadian ferry Apollo (p. 12) and the 50-year-old trawler Dong Won 701, scuttled in New Zealand (p. 74).

31 years old. This is the average age of all categories.

12 years old. This is the age of the youngest ones. Three of them are offshore service vessels hit by the oil crisis and scrapped in Alang, the Pelatigue Tide, Reg McNee Tide and Tommy Sheridan Tide. The chemical tanker Gagasan Johor and the car carrier Sincerity Ace, also 12 years of age, which suffered respectively a collision (p. 55) and a fire (p. 35), were beached in Bangladesh.

48 vessels (24%) belonged to shipowners established in the European Union or the European Economic Area. Twenty-five of them were broken up in yards located on the Indian subcontinent, 12 in European yards (including 4 vessels abandoned by European shipowners in European ports) and 11 in Turkish yards.

28 km is the length of the convoy of to be scrapped vessels.

135 vessels (66%) are less than 150 m long, 39 between 150 and 200 m and 30 over 200 m, including 5 VLCCs or FSOs and 1 VLOC over 300 m.

The heaviest is the VLCC EM Vitality beached at Chattogram (p. 41). Her sale brought in more than US$ 24 million for the shipowner and the middlemen.
16 times in this issue, the British Virgin Islands are mentioned. Road Town, the capital of this 151 km² archipelago, is a major player on the global shipbreaking market scene. While there is much room for improvement in the management of hazardous waste abandoned in end-of-life ships, the management of the financial products from this industry should also be improved.

The fact that the last owner of the ro ro *Shun Fa* is Yong Hong Co Ltd, a subsidiary created from scratch and entrusted to the good care of the Hong Kong-based Xin Hong Trading and Industry Co Ltd with a legal and banking domicile in the British Virgin Islands, means that some or all of the 3 million US$ from the sale to a Bangladeshi scrapyard will transit through the Caribbean.

The fact that the last owner of the car carrier *Sincerity Ace* is Falcon United Ltd, a subsidiary created from scratch and entrusted to the good care of the Indian-based Machtrans Management with a legal and banking domicile in the British Virgin Islands, means that some or all of the 5.25 million US$ from the sale will transit through the Caribbean.

This capital, which is fleeing to the Caribbean, would certainly be very helpful for improving the accommodation and working conditions of the workers on site.

The enthusiasm for the British Virgin Islands of the last owners of ships can be explained by the total exemption from taxes, by the archipelago's trumpeted and claimed ability to attract profits from all over the world, by the shield of anonymity, by the possibility of transferring and repatriating assets without having to pay fees and by the fact that the official currency of this British overseas territory is the US dollar. All the advantages of this paradise made of beaches and banks are rolled out. The international and intercontinental transactions are carried out with linguistic fluidity. English is the official language and the translation costs are minimised. No law is adapted or modified without consultation with the banking sector. Finally, the government is boasting the sovereignty of a territory that is not accountable to any State in the world. Thanks to its historical financial opulence, the archipelago has no foreign debts and does not have to be afraid of pressure from any creditor State. In short, the sky is blue despite some cumulonimbus clouds from France and the European Union and competition from the United Arab Emirates. The British Virgin Islands have everything to attract the profits of a shameless and borderless industry for a while.
Livestock carrier


Cervantes, Le Havre (France), December 1992. © Pascal Bredel
Al Baraka 5, Jeddah, (Saudi Arabia), May 1, 2018. © Ivan Meshkov

Kenoz (ex-Corriedale Express, ex-Hoegh Pride). IMO 7022356. Ex-general cargo carrier converted in 1982 at the age of 12. Length 183 m, 10,600 t. Deflagged from Panama to Palau for her last voyage shortened to Enoz. Classification society International Register of Shipping. Built in 1970 in Turku (Finland) by Wartsila; lengthened in 1976 from 157 to 183 m. 51 years old. Owned by Mavar Shipping Corp SA registered in Panama care of Hijazi & Ghosheh Co (Jordan). 3 detentions: in 2004 in Fremantle (Australia) and Singapore and in 2016 in Cartagena (Spain).

As the general cargo carrier Hoegh Pride. © Arne Luetkenhorst
As the livestock carrier Kenoz, January 2018, Las Palmas (Canary Islands, Spain). © Alan Soutar

The Kenoz was included in the EU-approved fleet of substandard livestock carriers (cf. the report published by Robin des Bois "78 EU-approved livestock carriers"). Acquired by British Virgin Islands-registered South Coast Ltd for demolition in Bangladesh. 490 US$ per ton.

78 EU-approved livestock carriers

Enoz, Chattogram, July 2021. © Asif Evne
Ferry


The ferry Apollo had a thousand lives. She spent the first part of her career in Northern Europe as Apollo. She was then operated in the Baltic Sea by the Finnish shipowner Viking Lines on various services between Finnish and Swedish ports. Sold in 1976 to the Danish company Olau Lines, she became the Olau Kent operated on the Sheerness (United Kingdom) / Vlissingen (Netherlands) service. After Olau Lines went bankrupt, she passed from hand to hand, including in 1980 Nordisk Faergefart (Denmark). From 1984 onward, she was chartered by several companies which operated in the Channel: Brittany Ferries on its Plymouth-Roscoff route which renamed her Benodet, then Channel Island Ferries and British Channel Islands Ferries as Corbiere between Portsmouth and the Channel Islands and finally Truckline Ferries as a freight ferry between Poole and Cherbourg.

She was again sold in 1991, she returned to the Baltic Sea first still as Corbiere, then Linda I and finally recovered her initial name Apollo in 1995. Shipowners and charterers followed one another.
In 2000, the 30 year-old Apollo left for Canada. She has just been acquired by Labrador Marine Inc., a subsidiary of the Woodward Group (Canada), which has operated her her until 2018 between St. Barbe (Newfoundland) and Blanc-Sablon (Labrador).

In January 2019, Société des Traversiers du Québec (STQ) needed a vessel to replace the F.A. Gauthier, usually connecting Matane on the southern shore of the St. Lawrence estuary to Godbout and Baie-Comeau on the northern shore. The F.A. Gauthier, a LNG-powered ferry, has been suffering repeated engine failures since she was commissioned and had to be withdrawn from service for long term repair works. The STQ then bought the 49-year-old Apollo for 2.1 million Canadian dollars. The emergency purchase of the reservist turned out disastrous. The CEO of the STQ would later admit that the vessel was purchased in good faith and without inspection. The Apollo was indeed in bad condition, not to say dilapidated. The necessary repairs increased the cost of the investment to 3.5 million dollars. The old ferry suffered mobility problems. She allided with the wharf at Godbout in February 2019, then at Matane in March. The Transportation Safety Board reported watertight issues, structural deformations and defective electrical systems. Faced with the prospect of additional costs, the STQ threw in the towel. The Apollo was withdrawn from service on March 19 and moored in Quebec City at the STQ's garage dock while awaiting a decision on her fate.
In September 2019, the mayor of Godbout announced that the Apollo would be sunk in the St. Lawrence estuary to become an artificial reef. This business and tourism project with alleged environmental and educational objectives was developed by the non-profit Société Apollo, purposely established and headed by the mayor himself. Société Apollo bought the ferry for the symbolic price of one dollar and obtained from the STQ the payment of 2 million dollars to carry out clean-up works prior scuttling. For the STQ, the amount is equivalent to what it would have had to pay to have the Apollo broken up in a yard. In 2017, the Camille-Marcoux, predecessor of the F.A. Gautier, was recycled by Marine Recycling Corp of Port-Colborne on Lake Erie at the cost of 2,3 million dollars.

Société Apollo planned to scuttle the ship in September 2020 off Godbout. At the end of April 2020, the company announced that the project had been postponed to 2021: the Covid crisis was delaying clean up works and the authorizations from the various Quebec and federal ministries had not yet been obtained. The Covid crisis is a good excuse, the extent of the preparatory works has obviously been underestimated. Current standards require hydrocarbons, oils and coolant fluids to be removed and equipment likely to contain them, including engines, to be steam cleaned. Société Apollo initially planned to sink the ferry with her asbestos contaminated materials. Regulations prohibiting asbestos and asbestos containing materials came into force in Canada on December 30, 2018. During scuttling and immersion, asbestos is likely to be released under the pressure of water and explosives. Accordingly, asbestos boards must be removed according to a strict protocol. After the asbestos removal, plastic sheathing and copper wiring will also have to be removed. As of October 2020, one year after the project was launched, only two of the nine decks have been treated, $1.7 million has been spent, at least 6 would be needed in total. New turn of events, Société Apollo was running out of funding and gave up on its reef. The ferry was sold again for a symbolic dollar to Dalhousie Marine Recyclers, a New Brunswick scrap dealer. Société Apollo agreed to use what remained of the STQ contribution to pay the cost of the tow from Quebec City to Dalhousie.

The end of the ordeal? Too easy. In Dalhousie, the municipality opposed the demolition of the asbestos-plagued vessel. Dalhousie Marine Recyclers passed the buck to a certain company, Travmer. In April 2021, the Apollo was still in Quebec City. The president of Travmer, René Renault, conceded that the ship would probably not be demolished in Canada.

On June 27, the Panamanian-flagged tug Mirjana K (IMO 7420742) arrived in Quebec City. The website of the port of Quebec announces the departure of the convoy for July 29 at 12:01. Both ships finally left on August 2. Towards Aliaga.
**Duba Bridge** (ex-Bridge, ex-Mercedes Del Mar, ex-Blue Bridge, ex-Ionian Bridge, ex-Bass Trader). Ex roulier converted in 1997. IMO 7356252. Length 142 m, 7,455 t. Deflagged from Cyprus to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to Bridge according to the Equasis database or Duba according to her AIS (Automatic Identification System). Classification society Registro Italiano Navale. Built in 1976 in Dyke End (Australia) by New South Wales Govt Dockyard. Owned by Cyprus-registered Costavia Shipping Co Ltd care of European Sealines SA (Greece). 3 detentions: in 2000 in Brindisi (Italy), in 2013 in Iskenderun (Turkey) and in 2017 in Brindisi again. Sold for demolition in India.

**Hanil Goldstella** (ex-Hanil Carferry No. 2, ex-Ferry Settsu). IMO 9117351. Length 189 m, 10,560 t. Deflagged from South Korea to Comoros for her last voyage shortened to Stella 1. Classification society Korean Register of Shipping. Former Japanese ferry built in 1995 in Kawajiri (Japan) by Kanda Zosensho for Hankyu Ferry KK that was transporting passengers, vehicles and freight between Kansai area (Kobe and Osaka) and Kyushu island, the southernmost of the four main islands of the archipelago. Ferry Settsu could transport 810 passengers and 77 vehicles. She was sold in 2015 to Hanil Express Co Ltd established in South Korea. In 2021 she was acquired by Liberian-registered Nora Seaway Ltd prior to her departure for demolition in Bangladesh. Ferry Settsu was a sistership of the ex-Ferry Suou which became the South Korean-flagged Santa Lucino and was scrapped in Bangladesh in February 2021 (cf. "Shipbreaking" # 62, p. 27).

The *Lady Caroline* was one of the 106 substandard ships listed by Robin des Bois in May 2020 (cf. "Shipbreaking" # 59, p. 30). On February 17, 2014, the *Just Mariam* had been controlled by the French Customs in Le Havre anchorage area while she was on her way to Tripoli (Lebanon) after a 34 year-long career in Northern Europe. At the time, the ship had just been acquired by Faros Shipping also owner of the *Just Mariam* (with 2 « i ») in casualty off Brittany a week earlier on February 11, 2014 and arrested for drug trafficking in June 2014. The *Just Mariam* renamed *Med Dream* was detained in 2014 in Mersin (Turkey) then in 2015 in Tasucu (Turkey). In May 2019, the International Labour Organization was informed of the abandonment of the ship and her crew in Latakia, Syria. The crew of 13 Egyptian, Syrian, Lebanese and Indian nationals claimed for 9-month unpaid wages, lacked provisions and got supplies from seamen’s association. The shipowner ignored all calls for negotiation. The ITF covered the costs for the repatriation of the crew and support the seamen’s claim for their owed wages. In May 2021, the *Lady Caroline* was at last beached in Aliaga scrapyards.

![Aliaga, May 2021. © Selim San](image)

*Prince (ex-Wind Ambition, ex-Cesme, ex-King of Scandinavia, ex-Venus, ex-Scandinavica, ex-Tarak L, ex-Scandinavica, ex-Stena Scandinavica, ex- Prinsessan Birgitta).* IMO 7347548. Length 152 m. Cyprus flag. Classification society Polish Register of Shipping since August 2020. Built in 1974 in Turku (Finland) by Wartsila for a consortium of Nordic shipowners, she was initially operated on the service between Göteborg (Sweden) and Frederikshavn (Denmark).

![Prinsessan Birgitta. © Simplon postcard](image)

After her shipowner was acquired by Stena Lines, she was moved on the Göteborg to Travemünde and Kiel (Germany) routes and was renamed *Stena Scandinavica* in 1982. In 1987 she was chartered by Compagnie Tunisienne de Navigation (COTUNAV) for its Tunis-Genoa service, then in 1988 by Sealink British Ferries on the Dover/Calais and Dover-Zeebruge service as *Scandinavica*. In 1989 she was again chartered by COTUNAV and renamed *Tarik L*. In the 90s, she was sold a number of times and passed under control of the Norwegian shipowners Norway Line and Color Line and finally of the Danish
ferry

DFDS. She was renamed *Venus* then *King of Scandinavia*. She often left Northern Europe in the summer months to be chartered by COTUNAV. In 2002, she was acquired by the Turkish shipowner Reca Marmara Lines and operated as *Cesme* between Cesme, Turkey and Brindisi and Ancona, Italy.

![Stena Scandinavica, Göteborg (Sweden). © Rickard Sahlsten - Scan- Fakta om Fartyg.](image1)

![August 19, 2001, the King of Scandinavia departing Marseille, chartered by COTUNAV. © Malcolm Cranfield](image2)

She was converted in 2010 and operated by her new Dutch owner C-BED II BV as an accommodation ship in the offshore wind farms in the Irish Sea as *Wind Ambition*.

![Wind Ambition, January 2011. © Andrej Lickevic](image3)

Since she was acquired by A-Ships Management SA (Greece) in 2018, she had resumed ferry operations between Brindisi (Italy) and Igoumenitsa (Greece). She suffered regular power failure considered as grounds for detentions in 2019 in Igoumenitsa the in Brindisi. Sold for demolition in India. Her official status is still in service but she has just been deflagged to Comoros and left Greece for a long-distance voyage fictitiously towards Colombo (Sri Lanka).

![Prince, May 13, 2018, at Salamina yard (Greece) after purchase by her Greek owner. © Marc Ottini](image4)

![Prince, Katakolon (Greece), June 2021. © Hartmut Knape](image5)
ferry


Samsun, berthed in Haydarpasa (Turkey), May 23, 2011. © Marc Ottini

Samsun, Aliaga. © Selim San

St Pope John Paul II (ex-Superferry 12, ex-New Miyako), IMO 8217051. Length 173 m, 9,301 t. Deflagged from Philippines to Comoros for her last voyage shortened to St John. Classification society Korean Register of Shipping. Former Japanese ferry built in 1984 in Kawajiri (Japan) by Kanda Zosensho for Hankyu Ferry KK. The New Miyako was commissioned on the Osaka / Kitakyūshū route. She could transport 711 passengers and 75 vehicles (about the Hankyu Ferry ships, See also p. 15 in this ferry chapter, the section on Hanil Goldstella).

New Miyako. © Hankyu Ferry

The New Miyako was sold in 1996 when Hankyu Ferry reorganized its services and reduced the number of departures from Osaka. The 12-year-old ferry was sold for further service in the Philippines to William, Gothong & Aboitiz (WG&A). In 2012, WG&A was acquired by another Filipino company, Negros Navigation, becoming, after merging, 2GO, the biggest ferry operator in the archipelago. Sold as is in Manila (Philippines) to Liberian-registered Nora Seaway Ltd for demolition in Bangladesh.

Superferry 12, Manila, 2009; © Mcgutib

St Pope John Paul II, Manila, July 2018. © Capt Turboboss
Cruise ship


In the summer of 2020, the Norwegian shipowner Fred Olsen announced the sale of its two historic liners Boudicca and Black Watch and tried to reassure fans. The two ships would not be scrapped but would serve as accommodation vessels. After an online farewell, the two sisterships left Rosyth on the Scottish coast in September and October 2020 and headed for Tuzla shipyard, Turkey, where they were to be converted to their new purpose. Robin des Bois had serious doubts about the project. On May 17, 2021, the Boudicca was beached in Aliaga scrapyard nicknamed Edi.

See “Shipbreaking” # 61, p. 6-7 about the career of the Boudicca, named after the Celtic queen. Her sisterships should not survive long after her. The youngest sibling, the Albatros, supposed to become a floating hotel in the Red Sea actually became the Gabonese-flagged Tros heading towards Alang. The only one left is the Black Watch, still spotted at Tuzla, probably waiting for a vacancy in Aliaga.

Fuji Maru (ex-Fuji, ex-Mira 1, ex-Fuji Maru). IMO 8700474. Length 167 m, 10,079 t. Japanese flag. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1989 in Kobe (Japan) by Mitsubishi. In December 2013, the liner Fuji Maru was acquired by Panama-registered Mira Cruises which planned to operate her as an "elderly aid vessel". But as safety standards in Asian waters were tightened after the sinking of the ferry Sewol in South Korea (16 April 16, 2014), Mira Cruises abandoned its project. The ex liner was sold several times but did not resumed service. She remained docked at Mitsui yard near Wakayama, on
south Honshu Island. Her last known owner was a local leisure company. The destination of demolition is to date unknown but the price of 443 US$ per ton matches with Indian subcontinent yards.

Calling at Tateyama (Japan), June 6, 2013. © Nana/MarineTraffic

Leisure World (ex-Continental World, ex-Fantasy World, ex-Asean World, ex-Shangri-La World, ex-Skyward). IMO 6921828. Length 160 m. Panamanian flag. Classification society Registro Italiano Navale. Built in 1969 in Bremerhaven (Germany) by Weser Seebeck as Skyward. The Skyward and her sistership Starward (scrapped in Alang in 2018 as Aegean Queen, cf. “Shipbreaking” # 52, p. 17-18) were the first two ships specifically built for the Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) newly established in Miami (Florida, USA). The Skyward has been sailing for the US company until 1991.

May 19, 1982, the Skyward at Dodge Island, Miami (Florida, USA). © simonwp

In the 90s, she was sold to several shipowners that kept operating her as a classic cruise ship. In 2000, she was acquired by New Century Cruise Line (Singapore) and became a floating casino operated between Singapore and Malaysia. Detained in 2015 in Singapore. Since the burst of Covid-19, she was laid up in Penang (Malaysia). Sold to Indian-based NKD Maritime basé in India prior to her departure for demolition in Alang shortened to Leisure. 820,000 US$.

July 18, 2021, Leisure World in Alang © Al-hamd Marine
General cargo carrier

General cargo carriers, or multipurpose freighter, transport products or waste in bags, crates, drums, cardboard boxes usually palletized or bare loads, rolling crafts and logs. Some can also transport containers as additional cargoes.


Andrey Artemenko (ex-Slavutich 8). IMO 8849593. Length 109 m, 1,016 t. Deflagged from Russia to Mongolia for her last voyage. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping then Cosmos Marine Bureau Inc for her last voyage. Built in 1987 in Kiev (Ukraine) by Kiyevskiy SSZ. One of the 18 Slavutich-type ships (design D-080 M) built between 1982 and 1992 by the Ukrainian yard. Slavutich-8 was used, among other traffics, to carry stones for the construction of protective dykes in the Venice lagoon.

She was upgraded in 2012 by Sevastopol yard and renamed Andrey Artemenko. Owned by Coal Sea Port of Shakhtersk LLC (Russia). Detained in 2006 in Pula (Croatia). Her latest homeport was Korsakov, Sakhalin Oblast, in the Russian Far East. Sold for demolition in Bangladesh. 550 US$ per ton.
**general cargo carrier**


*AT Bright Star* beached in Gadani, plot 132, April 2021 © Gadani Ship Breaking Yard


*Captain Hamada* beached in Gadani, plot 69, June 2021 © Gadani Ship Breaking Yard

*Daegoo Arirang (ex-Chu He).* IMO 9165891. Length 100 m, 2,491 t. Deflagged from South Korea to Belize for her last voyage shortened to Arirang. Classification society Korean Register of Shipping. Built in 1997 in Wuhan (China) by Qingshan. Owned by Panama-registered Orient Star Lingyun SA care of Marukichi Commerce Co Ltd (Japan). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.

*Elena (ex-Victor Express, ex-Meratus Palu, ex-M-Spirit, ex-K-Spirit, ex-CMA CGM Grenadines, ex-Leguan).* IMO 9196668. Length 101 m, 2,957 t. Sierra Leone flag. Unknown classification society. Built in 1999 in Wenzhou (China) by Wenzhou Xinhua. Owned by Forward Marine Ltd (Hong Kong, China). She left Ningde (China), and was beached in Chattogram on June 26.

*Elena in Kaohsiung (Taiwan), without her loading cranes, March 3, 2020. © Ya Ray Yang*


*HMS Goodwill*, off Walsoorden (Netherlands), August 16, 1997. © Pascal Bredel

**Karl** (ex-**Baroy**, ex-**Lena**, ex-**Nour Han**, ex-**Katla**, ex-**Burfell**, ex-**Hekla**, ex-**Polstraum**, ex-**Vela**). IMO 7383114. Palletised cargo ship. Length 76 m. St. Kitts and Nevis flag. Classification society International Register of Shipping. Built in 1974 in Fevag (Norway) by Fosen MV. Last known owner since August 2010 Panama-registered Overseas Association care of Triton Shipping AB (Sweden). 5 detentions: in 2002 in Tromso (Norway), in 2006 in Immingham and in Grimsby (United Kingdom), in 2009 in Klaipeda (Lithuania) and in 2015 in Brest (France). She arrived at Brest to load potatoes, she was detained for various infringements to the Maritime Labour Convention, seized for a financial dispute and finally abandoned. After over 6 years in Basin n°5, her demolition contract was at last awarded to Navaleo yard established in the commercial port of Brest. (See about the Karl, "Shipbreaking" # 39, p 5-6, and in this issue p. 3 "Destocking in Brest").


23 February 23, 2015, *Karl*, arriving at Brest. © Erwan Guéguéniat
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Lev Soldatov (ex-Metis, ex-Byward, ex-Amur-2510, ex-Volgo-Balt 258). IMO 8721363. Length 116 m, 1,676 t. Mongolian flag. Classification society Ukraine Shipping Register. Built in 1986 in Komarno (Slovakia) by ZTS Yard. Owned by Global Marine Consulting Ltd (Turkey). Detained in 2015 in Trabzon (Turkey) and twice in 2017 in Rostov on Don (Russia). After an engine failure in November 2020 in the Bosporus, the Lev Soldatov was towed to Tuzla (Turkey) for repair. The cost is too high. In April 2021, the ship was sold for demolition and towed to Aliaga.

Neva (ex-Rega, ex-Elm, ex-Hydra, ex-Waalborg, ex-Vera Rambow). IMO 7818389. Length 85 m, 1,455 t. Vanuatu flag. Classification society Bulgarski Korabni Registr. Built in 1979 in Neuenfelde (Germany) by JJ Sietas Schiffswerft. Owned by Marshall Islands-registered Qader Marine Ltd care of Ertug Muharrem Erol (Turkey). 4 detentions: in 2002 in Wilhelmshaven (Germany), in 2011 in Batum (Georgia), in 2018 in Rostov on Don (Russia) and in October 2020 in Mersin (Turkey). On September 25, 2020, she suffered an engine failure and had to drop anchor off Cesme (Turkey). She was towed to Mersin for unloading. She was finally beached in Aliaga on April 27, 2021.

Safi (ex-Josefine, ex-Mathilde, ex-Traverway Spirit, ex-Anden, ex-Masa, ex-Tainio, ex-Anna Knuppel). IMO 7108899. Length 93 m. Togolese flag. Classification society International Naval Surveys Bureau. Built in 1971 in Husum (Germany) by Husumer. Owned by Manessa Maritime SA enregistré au Honduras care of Global Management & Trading Co Ltd (Lebanon). Gold medalist on the substandard ship podium with 11 detentions in 1998 in Bremen (Germany), in 1999 in Saint Petersburg (Russia) and Harshamm (Sweden), in 2000 in Sundsvall (Sweden) and Hull (United Kingdom), in 2004 in Constanta (Romania), in 2007 in Volos (Greece), in 2008 in Izmit (Turkey) and Larnaca (Cyprus), in 2012 in Damiette (Egypt) and in 2013 in Catania (Italy). Banned in March 2013 from Paris MoU ports for failing to call at the indicated repair yard. She was finally beached in demolition in Turkey.

Sentinel (ex-Fivi, ex-Mirfak, ex-Bened, ex-Lindewal, ex-Cairnleader). IMO 7405077. Length 79 m. Last flag Comoros. Unknown classification society. Built in 1975 in Leer (Germany) by Jansen. Her last known shipowner was the Greek company Sea Lords Maritime Inc. 6 detentions: in 1998 in Thessaloniki (Greece), in 1999 in Antwerp (Belgium), in 2002 in Sevilla (Spain) and Genoa (Italy), in 2003 in Barcelona (Spain) and Gaeta (Italy). On January 22, 2004, the Sentinel was arrested and seized in Genoa for illegally transporting migrants. She had been since then discarded in Genoa. She is at last to be broken up by San Giorgio del Porto yard in Genoa (See “Destocking in Genoa” p. 5 in this issue).

Siham 1 (ex-Natalia, ex-Sham, ex-Apaydin Mukafat, ex-Nursen K, ex-Orkan, ex-Merve). IMO 8129474. Length 80 m, 1,109 t. Togolese flag. Classification society Columbus American Register. Built in 1983 in Balat (Turkey) by Gunsin. Owned by Mohamed AK (Djibouti). Gold medalist on the substandard ship podium with 11 detentions in 1998 in Newcastle (United Kingdom), in 2004 in Eleusis (Greece), in 2007 in Lisbon (Portugal), in 2010 in La Spezia (Italy), in 2013 in La Spezia again then in Tripoli (Lebanon), in 2014 in Alexandria (Egypt), in 2015 in Kalymnos (Greece) and Suez (Egypt) and in 2017 and 2018 in Aqaba (Jordan). Sold for demolition in Pakistan, 462 US$ per ton.

Terneskjæer (ex-Sveatfjord 1, ex-Sveatjord, ex-Risvaer, ex-Heggholmen, ex-Trans Sund). IMO 7369027. Length 56 m, t. Norwegian flag. Classification society Det Norske Veritas. Built in 1974 in Fevag (Norway) by Fosen MV; lengthened in 1979 from 47 to 56 m. Owned by Maritime Management AS (Norway). Sold for demolition, she was towed by the tug Ronja (IMO 5111696) to Hanoytangen (Norway) to be broken up by Norscrap West.

Tokay Akar (ex-Kaptan Murat, ex-Ufuk, ex-Pep Altair, ex-Mercandian Sun). IMO 7408885. Length 90 m, t. Turkish flag. Unknown classification society. Built in 1976 in Busum (Germany) by Busumer. Owned by Akar Denizcilikve Ticaret Ltd (Turkey). 3 detentions: in 2001 and 2002 in Sevilla (Spain) and in 2004 in Constanta (Romania). On August 14, 2016, the Tokay Akar dragged anchor and ran aground on the breakwater of Samsun fishing port. She was refloated the following days. Seriously damaged, she was anchored off Samsun. In February 2020, she suffered an ingress of water and was voluntarily beached to avoid sinking. In June 2021, she was auctioned and acquired by a shipbreaking yard of Aliaga. The tug Ayaz Bey (IMO 7531670) was in charge of her last voyage. The convoy left Samsun on June 24, the Tokay Akar was beached in Aliaga on June 30.


Venezia, anchored off Lattakieh, Syria, June 19, 2010. © Marc Ottini

2016, Tokay Akar grounded in Samsun (Turkey). © denizcilikdergisi

Off Aliaga shipbreaking yards. © Selim San
**Container ship**


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Factory ship

**Altair (ex-Altair II, ex-Altair).** IMO 8509131. Length 94 m, 3,247 t. Deflagged from Russia to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage. Unknown classification society. Built in 1987 in Gdansk (Poland) by Gdanska Lenina yard. She was one of the 35 *Ivan Bochkov*-type ships (ou projet B408) built by the Polish yard by between 1978 and 1988. Their purpose was pelagic and ground fishing. The fish processing plant capacity was 45 tons per day for frozen fish, 1 ton per day of raw material for canned-fish liver, 50 tons per day of raw material for fish meal and 2 tons per day of raw material for fish liver oil. Owned by Ostrov Sakhalin JSC (Russia). Sold for demolition in India.

**Diego Ramirez (ex-Kalahari, ex-Congelador Mar Dos).** IMO 7336460. Length 81 m. Chilean flag. Unknown classification society. Built in 1974 in Vigo (Spain) by Astilleros y Construcciones for Congelador Mar Dos Sa based in Vigo. She left for South America in 1992 when she was acquired by an Argentinian company. Her last owner was Deris SA (Chile). The factory ship will end her life in her country of birth. On May 24, the *Diego Ramirez* left Punta Arenas in South Chile and crossed the Atlantic Ocean to be broken up by DDR Vessels XXI located in the port of Musel (Spain), an EU-approved ship recycling yard.

**Solvita (ex-Ivangorod).** IMO 8721765. Length 55 m, 820 t. Latvian flag. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. Built in 1986 in Kiev (Ukraine) by Leninskaya Kuznitsa. One of the 347 *Vasily Yakovenko*-type ships (ou projet 502-EM) built by the Ukrainian yard from 1971 to 2009. In her Soviet and then Russian years as *Ivangorod*, her homeport was Murmansk but she occasionally went fishing in the Far East.
factory ship / fishing ship


April 17, 2021, Solvita under tow in Liepaja military canal (Latvia). © 3x/FleetPhoto

Vega (ex-Skagen, ex-Gotland, ex-King Bass, ex-Sverdlovsk). IMO 8325353. Length 94 m, 3,188 t. Cameroon flag since September 2019. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. Built in 1984 in Gdansk (Poland) by Gdanska Lenina. She was one of the 35 Ivan Bochkov-type ships (ou projet B408) built by the Polish yard by between 1978 and 1988 and a sistership of Altair (see previous page for the fish processing plant capacity of the vessel). Owned by Pescado Ltd registered in St Vincent and Grenadines. Sold for demolition in India. 606 US$ per ton including 250 t of bunkers.

Sverdlovsk, in Gdansk (Poland) on the Vistule River. From “Fishing Industry of the Soviet Union”, 1985. Collection 3x/FleetPhoto

Fishing ship

Dong Won 701 (ex-Donfico No. 701, ex-Eniwa Maru, ex-Shinsei Maru No. 3), IMO 7114513. Length 82 m. New Zealand flag since June 2016. Unknown classification society. Built in 1971 in Ishinomaki (Japan) by Yamanishi Shipbuilding and Iron Works. Owned since June 2016 by DW New Zealand, the New Zealand subsidiary of the South Korean shipowner Dong Won Fisheries Co Ltd, manager of the vessel. Declared a total loss on April 9, 2018 after suffering a major fire at berth in Timaru (New Zealand). Scuttled in July 2021 off the Otago coastline (See p. 74, “The END. New Zealand, the scuttling of the Dong Won 701).
Reefer

Antigone Z (ex-Hovden, ex-Ocean Spring, ex-Ice Lady, ex-Tonjo, ex-Haukeli, ex-Canis). IMO 6924882. Length 79 m, t. Panamanian flag. Classification society Polish Register of Shipping until April 2013. Built in 1969 in Ulsteinvik (Norway) by Ulstein Verft. Last known owner since December 2009 Panamaregistered AZ Shipping Co SA care of UAB Sea First International (Lithuania). 7 detentions: in 2000 in Holbaek (Denmark), in 2005 in Aalesund (Norway), in 2006 in Brest (France), in 2008 in Floro (Norway) and again in Brest and in 2012 in Alexandria (Egypt) then in Douarnenez (France). In order to avoid Brest, where had already been detained twice, the Antigone Z arrived in April 2012 in Douarnenez, another port of Brittany, to load 1260 tons of frozen horse mackerels and herring destined to Egypt. Though, she was again detained. Her shipowner disappeared. The 10 Russian and Lithuanian seamen were later repatriated. The Antigone Z remained discarded in Douarnenez for 330 days and was then transferred to Brest in basin n°5 where she was introduced to another “left behind” ship, the Captain Tsarev (arrived in 2008 after suffering an mechanical failure and finally scrapped in 2016). In 2017, the Antigone Z was supposedly sold for 3,950 € and an unknown purpose. The sale failed and the ship remained stuck in the port. In 2021, the Antigone Z is one of ship to be broken up by Navaleo on its yard established in the commercial port of Brest (see p. 3, "Destocking in Brest").


Horncap. IMO 8802014. Length 154 m, 7,867 t. Deflagged from Liberia to Gabon for her last voyage renamed Thorn I. Classification society Bureau Veritas. Built in 1991 in Pula (Croatia) by Uljanik. Owned by Norbulk Shipping UK Ltd (United Kingdom) Detained in 2004 and 2007 in Hamburg (Germany). Acquired by Liberia-registered Iliana Shipping Ltd for demolition in India.
**Hua Jian 107 (ex-Jarikaba, ex-Sierra Nieves, ex-Jarikaba).** IMO 8421298. Length 108 m, 2,665 t. Panamanian flag. Classification society Panama Shipping Registrar. Built in 1986 in Nagasaki (Japan) by Hayashikane. Owned by United Ocean Ship Management (Hong Kong, China). 4 detentions: in 2008 in Las Palamas (Canary Islands, Spain), in 2009 in Vigo (Spain) and Antwerp (Belgium) and in 2019 in Majuro (Marshall Islands). Sold as is in Singapore for demolition in Bangladesh. 350 US$ per ton.

*Hua Jian 107, Chattogram, July 10, 2021. © Fazlur Rahman*


*Argentinean Reefer, off Terneuzen (Netherlands), May 14, 1999. © Pascal Bredel*


*African Reefer, outbound Le Havre (France), July 11, 1996. © Pascal Bredel*  
*Ice Ranger, transiting in the Channel, December 5, 2010. © Marc Ottini*
**Ice Rose (ex-Reefer Jambu)**. IMO 8311106. Length m, 6,938 t. Marshall Islands flag. Classification society Lloyd's Register of Shipping. Built in 1985 in Ulsan (South Korea) by Hyundai. Owned by Marshall Islands-registered Ice Rose Shipping Ltd care of Maestro Shipping (Switzerland). Sold for demolition in India. 495 US$ per ton.

![Ice Rose, FB Shipbreaking Group yard, Alang. © Eren Topcu](Image)

**Island Reefer (ex-Sein Ocean, ex-Blue Ocean, ex-Western Star, ex-Nova Cotta, ex-Isla Bonita, ex-East Breeze)**. IMO 8312461. Length 110 m, 2,770 t. Panamanian flag. Classification society Intermarine Classification Society. Built in 1983 in Hachinohe (Japan) by Kitanihon. Owned by Panama-registered Pacific Island Reefer Corp care of Deyuan Shipping & Trading Co Ltd (Hong Kong, China). Bronze medallist on the podium of substandard ships with 10 detentions: in 2001 in Pascagoula (Mississippi, USA), in 2004 in Mobile (Alabama, USA), in 2005 in Las Palmas (Canary Islands, Spain), in 2006 in Bristol (United Kingdom), in 2007 in Antwerp (Belgium), in 2008 twice in Mokpo (South Korea), in 2016 in Majuro (Marshall Islands), in 2020 in Busan (South Korea) and in 2021 in Fuzhou (China). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.

![Nova Cotta, off Terneuzen (Netherlands), May 20, 1997. © Pascal Bredel](Image)

**Nika Victory (ex-Nika, ex-Valerian Zorin)**. IMO 8805509. Length 92 m, 1,455 t. Deflagged from Georgia to Togo for her last voyage shortened to Nika. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. Built in 1987 in Korneuburg (Austria) by Osterreichische. Owned by Panama-registered Sky Halley Inc care of Malva Shipping & Engineering (Ukraine). 4 detentions: in 2007 in Alexandria (Egypt), in 2009 in Sotchi (Russia), in 2010 in Catania (Italy) and in 2012 in Alexandria again. Sold for demolition in Turkey.

Win Sheng (ex-Nippo, ex-Shikishima Reefer). IMO 7810571. Length 122 m, 2,836 t. Deflagged from Panama to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage renamed Win Sheng 6. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1979 in Uwajima (Japan) by Miyoshi. 5 detentions: in 2001 in Bangkok (Thailand), in 2007 in Zoushan (China), in 2013 in Ningbo (China), in 2014 in Majuro (Marshall Islands) and in 2017 in Ningbo again. Owned by Win Far Fishery Group (Taiwan). Sold in January 2021 as is in Batam (Indonesia) to Jia Hang Shipping Ltd (Hong Kong, China) prior to her departure for demolition in Bangladesh. 420 US$ per ton.
Ro Ro

Ro-Ro vessels load or unload through ramps or doors wheeled cargoes including trucks or trailers but also crates and loads transferred with trolleys and stored on a garage deck. Handling is said to be horizontal by opposition to traditional vertical handling using cranes or gantries. This type of vessel is known as Ro-Ro (Roll On/Roll Off).


Searoad Tamar. IMO 8917429. Length 149 m, 5,541 t. Delflagged from Australia to Panama for her last voyage. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1991 in Tomago (Australia) by Carrington Slipways. Owned by Australia Commonwealth Bank (Australia), manager Searoad Shipping Pty Ltd (Tasmanie, Australia). Acquired by Liberia-registered Star Sailor SA care of United Sails SA (Greece) prior to her departure for demolition in Bangladesh.

Shun Fa (ex-Jun Fa, ex-Woohyun Hope, ex-Bright Stream). IMO 9157430. Length 138 m, 5,194 t. Delflagged from Belize to Sierra Leone for her last voyage renamed New Hope. Classification society Korean Register of Shipping. Built in 1997 in Hachinohe (Japan) by Kitanihon. 5 detentions: in 2004 in Osaka (Japan), in 2013 in Vancouver (Canada), in 2014 in Lianyungang (China), in 2019 in Hong Kong (China) and in 2020 in Busan (South Korea). Owned by British Virgin Islands-registered Yong Hong Co Ltd care of Xin Hong Trading & Industry Co Ltd (Hong Kong, China). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.
**Car carrier**

*Gran Canaria Car.* IMO 9218014. Length 129 m. Deflagged from Madeira (Portugal) to Tuvalu for her last voyage renamed *Bay 1*. Classification society Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Bureau Veritas since April 2021. Built in 2001 in Vigo (Spain) by J Barreras. 4 detentions in 2005 in Izmir (Turkey), in 2016 in Emden (Germany), in 2018 in Malaga (Spain) and in April 2021 in Gijon (Spain) for 28 days with 20 deficiencies. Owned by Flota Suardiaz SL (Spain).

![Image](Gran Canaria Car, Le Havre (France), February 4, 2012. © Pascal Bredel)

![Image](Barcelona (Spain), December 20, 2017 © Marc Ottini)

Acquired in March 2021 by United Arab Emirates-registered Beacon & Bay Shipping Services. She is not to be broken up in an approved Spanish yard. On May 24, 2021, she left Gijon where she was detained and got the green light to head for Chattogram.

![Image](Gran Canaria Car (left), Chattogram, July 21, 2021. © Salah Uddin)


![Image](Sea Cruiser 1, Zeebrugge (Belgium) November 1, 2017. © Marc Ottini)
**Sincerity Ace. IMO 9519092.** Length 200 m, 15,442 t. Deflagged from Panama to Palau for her last voyage shortened to *Sincere*. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 2009 in Marugame (Japan) by Imabari Zosen. Owned by Shoei Kisen Kaisha Ltd (Japan).

*On December 31, 2018 the *Sincerity Ace* is en route in the North Pacific. She has loaded 3804 new cars mainly Nissan. She suffered a major fire halfway between Japan and Hawa. The crew evacuate the ship in a lifeboat. 16 seamen were rescued and picked up by four merchant ships that has diverted on the casualty area, 5 sailors who had jumped into the water with lifejackets could not be recovered. The *Sincerity Ace* was towed to Japan in Matsuura port and arrived on March 19, 2019 The shipowner redirected her to Mokpo shipyard in South Korea to be repaired but finally gave up considering the cost of investments.*

In 2021, she was sold as is for demolition to British Virgin Islands-registered Falcon United Ltd care of Machtrans Ship Management Pvt Ltd (India). Towed from South Korea and beached in Bangladesh. 338 US$ per ton.
Tanker

97 demolitions, 894,000 tons, 62% of the global tonnage. The share of chemical tankers, oil tankers and gas carriers continues to increase. It represented 9% of the tonnage in the 2nd quarter of 2020, 14% in the 3rd, 31% in the 4th and 47% in the 1st quarter of 2021. The average age at the time of demolition is 28 years. The detention rate prior scrapping is 40% for oil tankers and gas carriers, 68% for chemical tankers. Bangladesh (42% of the tonnage of the category) and Pakistan (27%) are the category’s favoured destinations. India bought 3 chemical tankers which reached prices in the range of 738 US$ to 875 US$ per ton due to their stainless steel tanks.

Oil tanker

Out of 65 tankers scrapped from April 1 to June 30, 2021, 48 have a "small" capacity of less than 80,000 t. 12 are between 80,000 and 200,000 t deadweight. 5 are VLCCs of more than 200,000 t deadweight. The majority of tankers was beached in the Bangladeshi (41% of the tonnage) and Pakistani (32%).

11 had a European shipowner. Only the Theodoros discarded in Italy is to be broken up by a European yard. Two Norwegian-owned tankers were scrapped in Turkey. The 8 tankers belonging to Greek owners were beached in Pakistan (7) and Bangladesh (1).


Amur (ex-Zaliv Petra Velikogo, ex-Fiona, ex-Cristallo). IMO 8810176. Double hull. Length 125 m, 2,857 t. Russian flag. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. Built in 1991 in Marina di Carrara (Italy) by Nuovi Cantieri. Owned by Kasatka Co Ltd (Russia). Detained in 2013 in Szczecin (Poland) and in 2016 in Bandar Khomeini (Iran). In February 2020, the Amur and another Russian tanker, the Zaliv Vostok (IMO 9237711) were arrested by the South Korean maritime police 15 miles off Gunsan on charge of oil transshipments considered as illegal in the Exclusive Economic Zone. The two ships did not respect the transit formalities in order to avoid taxes. In 2021, the Amur was sold for demolition in India. 875 US$ per ton including 666 tons of stainless steel.

Cristallo, Walsoorden (Netherlands), May 2012. ©Pascal Bredel
Oil tanker

Angel 121 (ex-Royal Meredith, ex-Ostrov Moneron, ex-Andino Park, ex-Chembulk Trader, ex-Lisa D). IMO 8907266. Length 112 m, 2,763 t. Deflagged from Panama to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to Angel. Classification society Isthmus Maritime Classification. Built in 1989 in Imabari (Japan) by Asakawa. Owned by Winson Oil Bunkering (Singapore). Acquired as is in Singapore by British Virgin Islands-registered Scandi Navigation Pte Ltd. Her destination of demolition is to date unknown.

Anwar (ex-Nittan Maru No. 8). IMO 8913502. Length 105 m, 2,328 t. Deflagged from the Marshall Islands to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage renamed Wid A. Classification society Det Norske Veritas. Built in 1989 in Setoda (Japan) by Naikai. Owned by Elvira Shipping Sa (Greece). Acquired by Marshall Islands-registered Al Wid Shipping Inc care of White Coast Shipping Inc (Irak). Sold for demolition in India. She was finally beached in Pakistan on July 1. 525 US$ per ton.


Belogorsk (ex-Belomorsk, ex-Belogorsk). IMO 8700101. Length 97 m, 2,184 t. Deflagged from Russia to Palau for her last voyage. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. Built in 1988 in Turku (Finland) by Laivateollisuus. One of the 10 ice-strengthened Partisan-type oil tankers (or project 712) built by the Finnish yard between 1988 and 1990. Owned by Price Co Ltd (Russia). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.

![Dromus, inbound Le Havre (France), March 15, 2008. © Pascal Bredel](image)

**Cavalier (ex-Spring Hope, ex-Sriracha Trader, ex-Torm Gotland).** IMO 9108647. Double hull. Length 183 m, 9,606 t. Cook Islands flag. Classification society Sing. Built in 1995 in Onomichi (Japan) by Onomichi Zosen. Owned by Ritz Ship Management Pte Ltd (Singapore). Detained in 2017 in Tianjin (China). She was said to be broken up in February 2020; she was then sold for 370 US$ per ton, considered at the time as a fair price. She could not leave due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the sale was cancelled. In May 2021, she was again sold for demolition in Bangladesh. 570 US$ per ton.

![Cavalier, inbound Le Havre (France), March 15, 2008. © Pascal Bredel](image)


![CE-Niriis, inbound Bosporus, May 23, 2011. © Marc Ottini](image)


![Champion One, inbound Chattogram, June 12, 2021. © Hossanuzzaman Sohel](image)

Dai Nam (ex-Goner). IMO 9212474. Double hull. Length 183 m, 9,372 t. Deflagged from Vietnam to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to Dai. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 2000 in Onomichi (Japan) by Onomichi Zosen. Owned by VOSCO (Vietnam). Sold as is in Quang Hinh Vietnam for demolition in Bangladesh. 448 US$ per ton including 170 t of IFO (Intermediate Fuel Oil) and 700 t of oily sludge.

Dampier Spirit (ex-Frontier Spirit). IMO 8613748. Converted to a Floating Storage and Offloading unit in 1998. Length 245 m, 16,240 t. Bahamian flag. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 1988 in Ulsan (South Korea) by Hyundai. Owned by Teekay Shipping-Australia, subsidiary of the Norwegian group Teekay Corp. She left the Australian waters under tow of the Alp Winger (IMO 9367504), bound for Turkey, 12,000 km away. The most absurd and longest final voyage of this issue # 63 is perhaps that of the Dampier Spirit, which left under tow the west coast of Australia for Turkey 12,000 km away. Australia and New Zealand are in need of shipbreaking yards (cf. "The END: New Zealand", p. 73).

The floating storage unit Dampier Spirit. © Tezarowski


**Elka Aristotle**. IMO 9249099. Double hull. Length 228 m, 17,843 t. Deflagged from Greece to Liberia for her last voyage. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 2003 in Split (Croatia) by Brodosplit. Owned by Liberia-registered Rhonda Enterprises care of European Product Carriers Ltd (Greece). Detained in 2005 at Le Havre (France) and in March 2021 in Antwerp (Belgium). On November 4, 2019, the Elka Aristotle was attacked by pirates off Togo. 4 seamen - 2 Filipinos, 1 Greek and 1 Georgian - out of the 24 crewmembers were kidnapped. One Filipino sailor died during captivity. The survivors were released in mid December. Sold for demolition in Pakistan. 555 US$ per ton.


EM Vitality (ex-Hawtah, ex-TI Hawtah, ex-Hawtah). IMO 9102265. Length 340 m, 48,087 t. Comoros flag. Classification society Lloyd's Register of Shipping. Built in 1996 in Nagasaki (Japan) by Mitsubishi. In July 2019 National Shipping Arabia sold for demolition her tanker Hawtah located in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia). The buyer was St. Kitts and Nevis-registered Maximus Shipping. At 417 US$ per ton, the ship was not certified gas free. The destination of demolition was undisclosed. In September 2019, the Hawtah was renamed EM Vitality, her official status returned to "in service", she was resold and escape scrapping for a while. Detained in February 2021 in Tanjung Pelepas (Malaysia). Owned by Equatorial Maritime Services Pte Ltd (Singapore). Acquired as is in Singapore by BBN Shipmanagement Pvt Ltd based in India prior to her departure for demolition in Bangladesh. 500 US$ per ton including 200 t of bunkers.

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Energy Star (ex-DHT Regal, ex-Overseas Regal, ex-Regal Unity). IMO 9118393. Double hull. Converted to a floating storage unit (FSO) since May 2013. Length 330 m, 42,686 t. Deflagged from Thailand to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to G Star. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 1997 in Ariake (Japan) by Hitachi. Owned by Nathalin Management Co (Thailand). Acquired as is in Malaysia by British Virgin Islands-registered Scholar Elite Ltd care of Lilly Maritime Pvt Ltd based in India for demolition in Bangladesh. 530 US$ per ton including 450 t of IFO (Intermediate Fuel Oil), 290 t of MDO (Marine Diesel Oil) and 500 t of oily sludge considered to be products and not waste.


![Frachtis beached in Gadani, plot 125, June 2021.](image)

*Perm. collection de B.V. Lemachko*


![Freemont](image)


![June 7, 2016, the freshly painted La Mer, Dubai.](image)

© Vladimir Dobronravskiy


**Green Belt (ex-Saradha 7, ex-Duta Bangsa, ex-Sunny Giant).** IMO 9004621. Length 105 m, 2,350 t. Cook Islands flag. Classification society Indian Register of Shipping. Built in 1990 in Takuma (Japan) by Sanuki. Owned by Al Taawon Shipping Co (United Arab Emirates). 5 detentions in 2001 in Himeji (Japan), in 2016 in Bushire (Iran), in 2017 in Asaluyeb (Iran) and Bandar Khomeini (Iran) and in 2018 in Bandar Khomeini again. Sold for demolition in Pakistan.


**Hai Shun (ex-Hong Man, ex-St Destiny, ex-Bss Platinum, ex-Liquid Platinum, ex-Golden Elizabeth).** IMO 9170949. Length 149 m, 5,297 t. Deflagged from Panama to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage renamed *Hansa*. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1997 in Yawatahama (Japan) by Kurinoura. 3 detentions in 2009 in Barcelona (Spain), in 2010 in Nantong (China) and in 2011 in Taman (Russia). Owned by Bao He International Ltd (Taiwan). Acquired by St. Kitts and Nevis-registered Go Ra Shipping Inc care of Nabeel Shipmanagement FZE (United Arab Emirates) prior to her departure for demolition in India.

**Hai Soon 28 (ex-Kakushu Maru).** IMO 8905397. Length 105 m, 2,000 t. Deflagged from Domenica to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1990 in Setoda (Japan) by Naikai. Owned by Oasis Global Marine Services (United Arab Emirates). Sold for demolition in Pakistan.

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December 2019, shortened to J Nat in Batam (Indonesia), © John/Vesselfinder


Redonia, July 7, 1999, Freifjorden (Norway). © Geir Ole Søreng


Luck Grow 888, Kaohsiung (Taiwan), January 2021. © Ya Ray Yan

Luck Grow 888, Chattogram, July 2021. © Asif Evne

Marta. IMO 7801738. Double hull. Length 161 m, 5,935 t. Brazilian flag. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 1981 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) by Ishikawajima do Brasil. Owned by Transpetro (Brazil). Sold as is in Brazil. Her destination of demolition is to date unknown. 384 US$ per ton.


Maya VN (ex-Sea Lion, ex-Samco America). IMO 9237620. Double hull. Length 333 m, 44,131 t. Vietnam flag. Classification society DNV. Built in 2003 in Samho (CDS) by Hyundai. Owned by Thang Long Gas Co Ltd (Vietnam). Said to be sold for scrapping in the Indian subcontinent by several brokers courtiers, her official status is still in service. 560 US$ per ton including 600 t of bunkers.


New Diamond (ex-Diamond Warrior, ex-Ikomasan). IMO 9191424. Double hull. Length 330 m, 38,968 t. Panamanian flag. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 2000 in Chiba (Japan) by Mitsui. Owned by New Shipping Ltd (Greece) subsidiary of Polembros Group. Sold for demolition in Pakistan. 560 US$ per ton. She suffered a fire on September 3, 2020 while she was 70 km off the coast of Sri Lanka. She was carrying 270,000 tons of oil to be delivered to the Paradip refinery on the eastern coast of India. One Filipino sailor was killed when a boiler exploded in the engine room. The rest of the crew - 5 Greek and 23 Filipino nationals were airlifted. The Indian and Sri Lankan navies were mobilized. Part of the bunker fuel spilled in the ocean. The cargo tanks were not affected by the disaster. The Sri Lankan authorities did not allow lightering operations to be carried out in their national waters. India did not want to accomodate her either and she was finally towed all the way to Fujairah, reaching the Emirati port on November 11. On June 23, 2021, she was beached in Gadani as the Palau-flagged Teo

See also the press release "Notices of oil spill on the world ocean", September 10, 2020.

Nolla, Gadani beach. © Gadani Ship Breaking Yard


Rawan. IMO 8697304. Length 73 m. Tanzanian flag. Unknown classification society. Built in 1995. Owned by Marshall Islands-registered Sky Bay Shipping. Detained in 2018 for 92 days in Limassol (Cyprus) with 57 deficiencies. Banned from Paris Memorandum of Understanging ports for failing to call at the indicated repair yard. On January 17, 2020, the Rawan ran aground north of Famagusta, under administration of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. She had remained anchored with a reduced crew of 6; her AIS has been turned off for two years. A refloating operation was initially planned for early February 2020 upon request of the local port authorities. It was postponed, the ship owner seemed to be unable to assume the costs, the 25 year-old ship is declared a total loss. In 2021, the Rawan was sold for demolition by a court order and acquired by a recycler which agreed to pay for the refloating and towing operations. The nearest shipbreaking yards are located in Turkey.


![Shaybah](image1)

May 2021, the *Shuen Far 168* beached in Chattogram. © Fazlur Rahman


**Sun (ex-Taiyoh, ex-Taiyoh III)**. IMO 9156591. Double hull. Length 247 m, 16,062 t. Liberian flag. Classification society Det Norske Veritas. Built in 1997 in Marugame (Japan) by Imabari Zosen. Owned by Liberia-registered First Global Inc care of Saud Shipping DMCC (United Arab Emirates). Detained in 2002 in Dampier (Western Australia, Australia) and in 2006 in Geelong (Victoria, Australia). Beached for demolition in Bangladesh as *Hua 1*.

**Sunward (ex-Great Fish, ex-Sunny Falcon)**. IMO 8920115. Length 106 m, 2,275 t. Panamanian flag. Classification society International Register of Shipping. Built in 1990 in Takuma (Japan) by Sanuki. Owned by Wills International Co Ltd (Taiwan). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.

**Sunyield (ex-B. P. P. 31, ex-Ohminesan Maru)**. IMO 8509882. Length 108 m, 1,973 t. Deflagged from Panama to Cook Islands for her last voyage. Classification society Overseas Marine Certification Services. Built in 1985 in Fukuoka (Japan) by Fukuoka Zosen. Owned by Jin Hao Ship Management Co Ltd (Taiwan). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.
Theodoros (ex-Zoe, ex-Aragon). IMO 6807333. Length 63 m. Panamanian flag. Built in 1967 in La Rochelle (France) by Ateliers et Chantiers de La Rochelle as the wine tanker Aragon for H Lary and Cie established in Sète (France). Classification society Registro Italiano Navale until March 2007. 9 detentions: in 1999 and 2000 in Anzio (Italy), in 2003 in Naples and in Genoa (Italy), in 2004 in Leghorn (Italy), Pescara (Italy) and in Genoa again, and in 2005 and 2006 in Izmir (Turkey). Her last known owner was Eurotec (Italy). She was seized by the Court of Genoa in the summer of 2006 following the financial difficulties of her owner and remained discarded along a breakwater of the Ligurian port. In 2019, her mooring ropes broke, she crashed on concrete blocks, was patched up and moved inside the port. She is one of the ships that are to be broken up by the Genoese yard San Giorgio del Porto. See the chapter "Destocking in Genoa", p. 5.


Varzuga (ex-Uikku). IMO 7500401. Length 164 m, 6,616 t. Russian flag. Classification society Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. Built in 1977 in Rendsburg (Germany) by Nobiskrug. She was the last in a series of four ice-breaking tankers built for the Finnish company Neste Shipping Oy. They were mainly operated as product tankers in the Baltic Sea, they were all named after Finnish seabirds: Lunni (Atlantic Puffin), Sotka (Aythya), Tira (Stern) and Uikku (Grebe). They occasionally showed up at le Havre or Antwerp to load diesel oil.

The Uikku was upgraded in 1993, ice-strengthening was improved and and she was fitted with an azimuthal thruster unit - called Azipod - allowing easier maneuvers in ice conditions. She was then operated on the Northern Sea Route during the summer season and in the Baltic Sea in winter. She sailed under Finnish flag until she was sold in July 2003 by the Murmansk Shipping Co (Russia). She was 26 years old. She was renamed Varzuga. She was used to carry oil products from the Gulf of Ob to Murmansk and supply civilian and military ports in the Russian Arctic. On July 17, 2010, she collided with her sistership Indiga (ex-Lunni) on the Nortern Sea Route. Both tankers were transporting in convoy diesel bound for Pevek, the Arctic port in the Russian Far East where Rosatom has established its first floating nuclear power plant.

In March 2019, the Varzuga was acquired by JSC Bunker Company established in Arkhangelsk. On March 29, 2020, she suffered an Azipod breakdown in the Gulf of Ob. She was trapped in the ice and had to be rescued by the nuclear icebreakers Vaygach and 50 Let Pobedy and towed out from the ice. The Varzuga was then towed to Murmansk and later declared a total loss.
She was to be scrapped in Turkey. The Greek tug *Christos XXIV* came to Murmansk to carry out the towage. The towline broke off Cherbourg, the *Varzuga* went adrift. She was salvaged by the *Abeille Liberté*, towed and moored at Le Havre.

The Greek tug *Christos XXIV* was not allowed to resume her towage towards Turkey. Thanks to an agreement with the last owner of the *Varzuga*, the ex-tanker was towed for demolition in Brest, this case was well managed by the French maritime authority in the East Channel/North Sea (DIRM Manche Est/Mer du Nord). It will contribute to push Russian and Scandinavian shipowners to have their end-of-life ships broken up in yards located in the regional seas and to avoid long distance towing to the Mediterranean or even the Indian Ocean.

About the *Varzuga's* long haul see Robin des Bois' press releases: "*All at sea*, May 6, 2021, "*What future for the *Christos XXIV* and the *Varzuga*?*, June 18, 2021 "*The Russian tanker will be scrapped in Brest*, July 9, 2021
**Chemical tanker**


Ark Pioneer (ex-Chemical Arrow, ex-Kassioopia, ex-Chem Lily, ex-Botany Triton, ex-Stolt Hinyk). IMO 9017678. Length 108 m, 2,304 t. Deflagged from India to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to Pioneer. Classification society Indian Register of Shipping. Built in 1992 in Usuki (Japan) by Usuki Tekkosho. 6 detentions: in 2000 in Daesan (South Korea), in 2007 in Barcelona (Spain), in 2008 in Mersin (Turkey), in 2013 in Tuticorin (India), in 2015 in Chennai (India) and in 2019 in Teluk Bayur (Indonesia). Owned by Integrity Ships Pvt Ltd (India). Acquired by British Virgin Islands-registered Scandi Navigation Pte Ltd prior to her departure for demolition in India.


**Aston 1, Marsaxlokk (Malta), June 26, 2015. © Marc Ottini**

Azov Sea. IMO 9149237. Double hull. Length 182 m, 9,641 t. Tuvalu flag. Classification society Bureau Veritas. Built in 1998 in Trogir (Croatia) by Brodotrogir. Owned by Raffles Shipmanagement Services Pte Ltd (Singapore). Detained in 2004 in Staten Island (New York State, USA). Sold for demolition in India. 535 US$ per ton. The terms of sale include a clause requiring the selected shipbreaking yard to have been delivered a statement of compliance with the standards of the Hong Kong Convention.

**Azov Sea, Keelung (Taiwan), June 14, 2014.. © Chun-Hsi**

Dawn 1 (ex-Dawn, ex-Fairchem Yone, ex-Golden Yone). IMO 9125281. Double hull. Length 117 m, 3,197 t. Deflagged from Panama to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage. Classification society Lloyd's Register of Shipping and Emirates Classification Society for her last voyage. Built in 1995 in Fukuoka (Japan) by Fukuoka Zosen. 4 detentions in Iran: in 2016 in Bandar Abbas, in 2017 in Bandar Khomeini and in 2019 in Bandar Abbasagain then in Bandar Khomeini. Owned by Link Energy Est (United Arab Emirates). Acquired by British Virgin Islands-registered Scandi Navigation Pte Ltd prior to her departure under tow for demolition in India. On May 26, upon arrival of the convoy in the Gulf of Khambat, about a dozen perpetrators in two fishing boats boarded the tanker, stole items and escaped before the arrival of the marine police vessel.


Ginga Falcon, entering Le Havre (France), April 25, 1997. © Pascal Bredel

Formosa Eight. IMO 9110640. Length 175 m, 7,337 t. Deflagged from Taiwan to Comoros for her last voyage shortened to Form 1. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 1996 in Onishi (Japan) by Shin Kurushima. Detained in 2010 in Houston (Texas, USA). Owned by Formosa Plastics Marine Corp (Taiwan). Acquired by Liberia-registered Lyra Trading Ltd care of Blue Whale Maritime Pvt Ltd (India) prior to her departure for demolition in Bangladesh.

Gagasan Johor. IMO 9528897. Length 118 m, 3,049 t. Malaysian flag. Classification society Bureau Veritas. Built in 2009 in Wenling (China) by Wenling Sonmen Xianfeng. Owned by Gagasan Carriers (Malaysia). On May 21, 2016, the Gagasan Johor collided with the Banglar Shikha in Chattogram anchorage area while cyclone Roanu was raging. The Banglar Shikha owned by Bangladesh Shipping Corp was scrapped in 2017 (cf. “Shipbreaking” # 49, p. 19). The Gagasan Johor was at first under attachment during the investigation on the accident and finally abandoned by her shipowner. On June 6, 2021, she was “released” to be scrapped by a local yard.


Lee Font (ex-Feoso Barrister, ex-Hua Yun 2). IMO 8322909. Length 90 m, 1,537 t. Sierra Leone flag. Classification society China Classification Society. Built in 1984 in Nagasaki (Japan) by Hayashikane. Owned by De Biao Y (Taiwan). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.

Louisa (ex-Maria, ex-Formosa Six). IMO 9110626. Double hull. Length 175 m, 7,798 t. Panamanian flag. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 1995 in Onishi (Japan) by Shin Kurushima. Owned by Seychelles-registered Kron Shipping Management Ltd care of Astor International (United Arab Emirates). Detained in 2008 in Ulsan (South Korea). Auctioned as is in Sharjah (United Arab Emirates). The ship in damaged condition will have to be towed to the scrapyard. Her destination of demolition is to date unknown. 252 US$ per ton.


Sakura II (ex-Cherry Galaxy). IMO 9161895. Double hull. Length 149 m, 5,430 t. Deflagged from Japan to Sierra Leone in March 2021 and then to Palau in April 2021 for her last voyage shortened to Sakura the RA I. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1998 in Akitsu (Japan) by Shin Kurushima. Owned by Kansai Harbour Service Co Ltd (Japan). Acquired by British Virgin Islands-registered Scholar Elite Ltd care of Lilly Maritime Pvt Ltd (India) prior to her departure for demolition in India.


Taihua Glory (ex-Woojin Emerald, ex-Suzanne). IMO 9114505. Length 114 m, 3,258 t. Deflagged from Liberian to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to Glo. Classification society Bureau Veritas. Built in 1995 in Nagasaki (Japan) by Hayashikane. Owned by Ruixin Shipping HK Ltd (Hong Kong, China). Detained in 2009 in Bushire (Iran) and in 2020 in Mangalore (India). Sold for demolition in India. 738 US$ per ton including 750 of stainless steel.
Gas carrier


*Caribbean Energy* (ex-*Gaea*, ex-*LNG Abuja*, ex-*Louisiana*). IMO 7619575. Length 285 m, 28,085 t. South Korean flag. Classification society Bureau Veritas. Built in 1980 in Quincy (USA) by General Dynamics Corp. Owned by Sinokor Maritime Co Ltd (South Korea). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh. 639 US$ per ton including 3500 t of aluminium. Laid up in Labuan, she arrived at Chattogram shortened to *Carri Energy* and under tow of *Posh Falcon* (OMI 9624586) on June 17.

Mediterranea Energy (ex-Wiligas, ex-Dewa Maru). IMO 8125832. Length 283 m, 32,400t. Marshall Islands flag. Classification society Bureau Verita. Built in 1984 in Nagasaki (Japan) by Mitsubishi. Owned by Xiang CH9 HK International (Hong Kong, China). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh. 650 US$ per ton including 3500 t of aluminium. Laid up since 2016, she had to be towed to Chattogram.

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Oriental Marine. IMO 9136486. Length 106 m. Panamanian flag. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyoka. Built in 1996 in Imabari (Japan) by Higaki. Owned by Koun Marine (Japan). Detained in 2006 in Shanghai (China) and in 2011 in Guangzhou (China). Her official status is still “in service”. NKK considers she was sold for recycling since April 7, 2021. The destination of demolition is to date unknown. Her last known location was Tsuneishi (Japan).

Puteri Firus. IMO 9030840. Length 274 m, t. Deflagged from Malaysia to Niue for her last voyage shortened to Teri F. Classification society Lloyd’s Register of Shipping. Built in 1997 in Saint-Nazaire (France) by Chantiers de l’Atlantique. Owned by MISC (Malaysia). Laid up since July 2017 in Labuan (Malaysia). Acquired in June 2021 by Hong Kong-registered Blue Ideas Ltd. Her destination of demolition is to date undisclosed.

Queen Isabella (ex-Gaschem Ice, ex-Northern Ice, ex-Eurogas Quinta). IMO 8908569. Length 131 m, 5,222 t. Deflagged from Liberia to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage renamed Sea Lion. Classification society Det Norske Veritas. Built in 1996 in La Spezia (Italy) by Benetti Gecan. Owned by Hartmann Schifahrt (Germany). Detained in 2008 in Houston (Texas, USA). Acquired by Transworld Ship Management LLC (United Arab Emirates) prior to her departure for demolition in India.

Venus 08 (ex-Tiamat Gas, ex-Gas Lion, ex-Umm Shaif). IMO 9020132. Length 100 m. Deflagged from Panama in November 2020, unknown flag since. Classification society Korean Register of Shipping. Built in 1991 in Naruto (Japan) by Kanrei. Owned by F Gas Petrol JSC (Vietnam). Detained in 2019 in Qinzhou (China). Her official status is still "in service", Korean Register of Shipping considers she was sold for demolition. Her destination of demolition is to date unknown.

Umm Shaif, Le Havre (France), November 13, 1995. © Pascal Bredel
Bulker

Bulks carry non-liquid cargoes in bulk: grain, coal, ore such as iron or bauxite ore. Medium-size bulk carriers are often equipped with cranes that allow them to service poorly equipped secondary ports.

Algoma Spirit (ex-Sandviken, ex-Petka). IMO 8504882. Length 221 m. Canadian flag. Classification society Lloyd’s Register of Shipping. Built in 1986 in Rijeka (Croatia) by Brodogradiliste 3 Maj. Detained in 2009 in Antwerp (Belgium). Owned by Algoma Central Corp (Canada). The Algoma Spirit has been moored in Montreal since January 4, 2021 at quay 56, section of the dying ones. She had not resumed trading after the winter lay-up. She is waiting for a tug to tow her to Turkey.


Amazon (ex-DS Mirage, ex-Clipper Mirage, ex-Prokop Holy). IMO 9138616. Length 172 m, 6,674 t. Bahamian flag. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1997 in Guangzhou (China) by Guangzhou International. Owned by Amazon Navigation Co Ltd Marshall Islands-registered care of Tide Line Inc (Greece). Detained in 2010 in Ghent (Belgium) and in 2012 in Baie Comeau (Canada). She was towed and beached in Chattogram as Max.

Berge Stahl. IMO 8420804. Length 343 m, 41,568 t. Deflagged from the Isle of Man to Comoros for her last voyage renamed Geostahl. Classification society Det Norske Veritas. Built in 1984 in Ulsan (South Korea) by Hyundai. Owned by Berge Bulk (Singapore). Detained in 1999 in Rotterdam (Netherlands). Dedicated for 30 years to iron ore traffic between Ponte Madeira (Brazil) and Rotterdam (Netherlands) for Thyssenkrup (until December 2016). She was laid up in Labuan (Malaysia). Acquired by Liberia-registered Gaia Shipping Ltd care of Scope Maritime Pvt Ltd (India) prior to her departure for demolition in Pakistan. 496 US$ per ton.
Dona V (ex-Leopold, ex-Elisseos, ex-Kosmos, ex-Seafriend, ex-Grand Cherry), IMO 9082740. Length 190 m, 8,131 t. St. Kitts and Nevis flag since June 2020. Classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai. Built in 1995 in Marugame (Japan) by Imabari Zosen. Owned by Panama-registered Whakaari Navigation Co SA care of Monte Nero Maritime SA (Greece). Detained in 2013 in Gwangyang (South Korea) and Jiangyin (China) and in 2014 in Gdynia (Poland). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.


CE Duke, Tianjin (China), November 2014 © Ivan Meshkov

Win Win, July 9, 2021, Chattogram. © Salah Uddin

Cement carrier

Mar Grande (ex-Maria Dormio, ex-Telnes). IMO 7018422. Ex general cargo carrier converted in 1995. Length 96 m. Pavillon Italie. Classification society Registro Italiano Navale. Built in 1970 in Vegesack (Germany) by Lurssen Werft. Owned by Bruzia di Navigazione Srl (Italy). On April 16, 2021, Genoa port authorities approved the recycling plan of the cement carrier Mar Grande presented by the Genoese yard San Giorgio del Porto. During an initial phase, the vessel is to be lightened afloat. Pumping and removal of the remaining fluids and the final cutting will be performed in dry dock. San Giorgio del Porto is the only European yard on the Mediterranean coast approved by the European Commission. It successfully carried out the dismantling of the Costa Concordia wreck (cf. “Shipbreaking” # 38, p.3).

Mar Grande, Taranto, November 29, 2017 © Vovashap

Offshore service vessel

31 demolitions. The flow of offshore service vessels to be scrapped does not end. In units, they are the second category after tankers. However, in terms of tonnage, they rank third. Their age at the time of demolition ranges from 12 years for the Pelafigue Tide, Reg McNee Tide and Tommy Sheridan Tide owned by the US company Tidewater Marine to 47 years for the Sea Amber. The average age of the category is 32 years. 13 were scrapped in Alang, 5 in Turkish yards and 5 in Danish and Norwegian yards. The Ionian Sea Fos (p. 67) and the S Cas (p. 68) are notable ships of the category sent to be scrapped.

Alcyon A (ex-Alcyon, ex-Bahram). IMO 8104228. Length 53 m. Deflagged from Cyprus to Cameroon for her last voyage. Classification societyRegistro Italiano Navale. Built in 1981 in Dieppe (France) by les Chantiers et Ateliers de la Manche for SURF. At the beginning of her career, she was operated as a service vessel for the oil offshore platforms off the African coasts. From 1988 onward, she was chartered by the French navy as a salvage, rescue and oil spill response vessel. She was based in Brest. Since 2003, she has been wearing the blue-white-red stripes of the Action de l’Etat en Mer (AEM). For 27 years, she has taken part to various operations: salvage, towage, oil spill response and recovery of containers lost at sea.

In 2015, chartering by the French Navy came to an end. The Alcyon is sold to Panama-registered Alcyon Anchor Handling & Towage care of Hakvoort Transport Shipping BV (Netherlands). She was reflagged to Panama then in 2020 to Cyprus after her transfer to Cyprus-registered Worldwide Offshore Support but still care of Hakvoort Transport Shipping. Detained in 2020 in Bilbao (Spain). In June 2021, the Alcyon was beached in Aliaga.
Asso Ventuno. IMO 9183192. Length 67 m. Italian flag. Classification society Registro Italiano Navale. Built in 1998 in Frederikshavn (Denmark) by Orskov Christensens. Owned by Augusta Offshore SpA (Italy). Detained in 2005 and 2006 in Marsaxlokk (Malta). On December 23, 2012, the Asso Ventuno was attacked by pirates 40 nautical miles off the coast of Nigeria. 4 officers were kidnapped and later released in January 2013. Sold for demolition in Aliaga.


Ionian Sea Fos (ex-Sea Tern, ex-Seabulk Tern, ex-Red Tern, ex-Far Tarpon, ex-Tender Tarpon). IMO 8110796. Length 72 m, 2,009 t. Deflagged from Malta to Palau for her last voyage shortened to Sea Fos. Classification society Det Norske Veritas, International Register of Shipping since April 2021 for her last voyage.Built in 1982 in Makkum (Netherlands) by Amels. Detained in 2012 in Zarzis (Tunisie). Owned by Five Oceans Salvage (Greece). Acquired by British Virgin Islands-registered Comsic King Holding Ltd care of Machtrans Ship Management Pvt Ltd (India) prior to her departure for demolition in India. In July 2016, the Ionian Sea Fos was in charge of the towing of the bulker Benita towards Alang shipbreaking yards. Benita had ran aground on Mauritius on June 17, 2016 after a fight between several crew members. She was refloated by the Ionian Sea Fos positioned in Mauritius with the help of the Coral Sea Fos. She was to be broken up in Alang, her hull was weakened, she sank shortly after the departure of the convoy, 94 nautical miles off Mauritius. (Cf. “Shipbreaking” # 45, p. 1-2).

![Ionian Sea Fos, off Port Louis (Mauritius), March 2019. © Bhavik Naginlal Modi](image)


Melton Tide (ex-F. D. Incredible). IMO 9361627. Length 72 m, 1,822 t. Deflagged from Vanuatu to Palau for her last voyage shortened to Melton. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 2007 in Ravenne (Italy) by Rosetti. Last official owner Tidewater Marine International Cameroon, a subsidiary of Tidewater Marine (USA). She was decommissioned in Walvis Bay (Namibia). Acquired by British Virgin Islands-registered Orleans Asset Holding Ltd care of Machtrans Ship Management Pvt Ltd (India) prior to her departure under tow for demolition in India.


In March 2018, Det Norske Veritas considered the Rho Cas was "sold for recycling". Though, she became the S Cas and resumed service for a certain Priority Shipping Pte Ltd registered in Singapore. She was detained in December 2018 in Singapore. In fact, the ship was managed by Prayati Shipping Pvt Ltd, an Indian company specialized in the purchase of end-of-life ships, and used for towage towards the Indian subcontinent scrapyards. The S Cas was unfavourably noticed for her aborted towing of the Jesslyn Natuna towards Bangladesh and India (cf. p. 6). Acquired in February 2021 by United Arab Emirates-registered Algarhoud General Trading LLC but still care of Prayati Shipping Pvt Ltd (India). She was beached in Alang on May 14, renamed Achieve.


Sable Express (p. xx), Blue Alfa (p.xx) and Shelf Express, Fornaes recycling yard. © Leif Hansen.

SIS Champ (ex-Far Sun, ex-Far Sovereign, ex-Seaforth Sovereign). IMO 8111611. Length 62 m, t. Panamanian flag. Classification society Bureau Veritas. Built in 1982 in Leith (Scotland, United Kingdom) by Robb Ltd. Owned by Humaid Badir Marine Shipping Establishment (United Arab Emirates). Her destination of demolition is to date unknown. Her official status is "broken up" since April 2021. Her last location was Valparaiso (Chile).

Sis Champ, July 2018, Hamriyah (United Arab Emirates). © Rutger Hofma

Tag 16 (ex-Weza). IMO 9191797. Length 64 m, 1,473 t. Deflagge from Tuvalu to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage. Classification society Indian Register of Shipping. Built in 1999 in Concarneau (France) by Piriou Frères. Owned by Tag Offshore Ltd (India). Sold for demolition in India.


Tug
Seismic research vessel


![Image: En Avant © Cornelis Dijkshoor](en_avant.jpg) ![Image: Western Trident, May 18, 2013 Fremantle (Australia). © Brian Scott](western_trident.jpg)

Drilling ship

Other drilling ships may be beached for demolition in the coming months. After the acquisition of Pacific Drilling, Noble Corp said the two drilling ships *Pacific Bora* (OMI 9465447) and *Pacific Mistral* (OMI 9496159) will be “expeditiously” disposed of. They were respectively decommissioned at Oman and Las Palmas (Canary Islands, Spain). The fate of the pair, further service or scrapping is not officially decided yet. Their status is still "in service". *Pacific Mistral*, shorten to *Mist 1*, left the Canary Islands heading for Piraeus, the waiting room of demolition in Turkey. The removal of expensive equipment on board this type of vessels takes time. To be confirmed.


![Image: As the tanker MST Odin © Leica Geosystems AG](mst_odin.jpg) ![Image: As the drilling ship West Navigator © Alan Soutar](west_navigator.jpg)
Miscellaneous

Heavy load carrier

Pacific Brave (ex-Zhen Hua 22, ex-Priamos, ex-Fidelity L). IMO 8106446. Ex tanker converted in 2007 to a semi submersible heavy load carrier. Length 229 m, 15,931 t. Deflagged from Hong Kong to Palau for her last voyage shortened to Pacific B. Classification society American Bureau of Shipping. Built in 1983 in Sasebo (Japan) by Sasebo HI. Owned by Hong Kong-registered HYH Shipping Co Ltd care of Singunion Shipping Pte Ltd (Singapore). Detained in 2016 in Melbourne (Victoria, Australia). Sold for demolition in Bangladesh.

Zhen Hua 22: arriving at Le Havre (France), October 17 2007. © Pascal Bredel

Zhen Hua 17 (ex-North Duchess). IMO 8301955. Ex-bulker converted in 2006 to heavy load carrier. Length 225 m, 17,551 t. Deflagged from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Palau for her last voyage shortened to Zhen 17. Classification society China Classification Society. Built in 1985 in Copenhagen (Denmark) by B&W Skibsværft. Owned by Shanghai Zhenhua Shipping Co (China). Acquired by Liberia-registered Iliana Shipping Ltd prior to her departure for demolition in Bangladesh.

Zhen Hua 17: arriving at Le Havre (France), October 17 2007. © Pascal Bredel
Dredger

*Goryo 6 Ho* (ex-*St. Joseph*, ex-*Balota*). IMO 8119728. Ex bulker converted in 2002 to dredger. Hopper capacity 27,000 m³. Length 220 m, 21,186 t. Deflagged from Belize to St. Kitts and Nevis for her last voyage shortened to *Gory*. Classification society Korean Register of Shipping. Built in 1985 in Galati (Romania) by Galati SN. Owned by Hyundai Engineering & Steel (South Korea). Sold as is in Batam (Indonesia) for demolition in Bangladesh. 398 US$ per ton.

In the early afternoon of July 2, 2021, the Dong Won 701 left the port of Timaru, New Zealand, for her last voyage under tow of the Te Maru. Explosives had been placed on board before departure. She was scuttled on July 3 at around 4.30 pm local time, 25 nautical miles north-east of the coast. The Southern Express was part of the exercise. In compliance with the protocol established by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), she was responsible for ensuring the absence of marine mammals within a 600-m radius around the site two hours before the scuttling and was to remain on the dumping site for at least one hour to collect floating debris.

At the same time, Canada, which has long been accustomed to and promoting the dumping at sea of old hulls, renounced to make the ferry Apollo an artificial reef. In accordance with the new regulations, she should have been purged of all forms of asbestos, electrical wiring and plastic sheathing (cf. p. 12-14). The cost of these removals caused the last owner of the Apollo to back down. The expeditious disposal of old hulls was previously seen in Canada as a simple and financially advantageous solution. It has become a technically complex and financially burdensome option.

The Dong Won 701 was a 50-year-old Japanese-built trawler. She arrives in New Zealand in 1991 under the name of Donfico 701. She is then flying the South Korean flag and she belongs to the South Korean shipowner Donfico SA. In 2002, she is sold to another South Korean company, Dong Won Fisheries Co Ltd, which has been actually operating the vessel since 1994. The Donfico 701 becomes the Dong Won 701. She is one of the fishing vessels sailing under foreign flags, mainly South Korean, and authorised to fish in the Exclusive Economic Zone of New Zealand.

In 2010, the poor reputation of these vessels with regard to working conditions, crew wages and compliance with fishing quotas led the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Ministry of Labour to launch an investigation. The report, published in February 2012, highlights that major changes are needed to put an end to social exploitation practices and recommends that New Zealand standards apply to all fishing vessels operating in national waters. In the lack of requirement to reflag the vessels to New Zealand, the report suggests that only bareboat chartered vessels should be allowed and that the managers must have an official representation in New Zealand. It is hoped that foreign crews employed by the charterer will then automatically be subject to national regulations. New Zealand subsidiaries of foreign shipowners will have to prove that they have made official offers in the national media to recruit their crews. In practice, vessels such as the Dong Won 701 will continue to be manned by Korean or even Filipino seamen.

In June 2016, the Dong Won 701 is legally transferred to DW New Zealand Ltd, the local subsidiary of the South Korean shipowner, and from that time, is flying the national flag. In June 2017, Seafood Magazine reports that the Dong Won 701 caused the deaths by drowning of 101 seabirds while fishing for squid. The 76 sooty shearwaters (Puffinus griseus) and 25 white-chinned petrels (Procellaria aequinoctialis) had been trapped in a trawling net due to an alleged technical failure. DW New Zealand
Ltd says to feel very upset by the scale of this event and commits to implement a protocol to raise crew awareness about bird protection and procedures to avoid similar deaths in case of a technical problem. DW New Zealand Ltd operates two other vessels, the Dong Won 519 built in 1974 and the Dong Won 530 built in 1983.

The Dong Won 701 has not finished to get herself talked about.

On April 9, 2018, she is docked in Timaru. At the end of the day, after the offloading of catches has been completed, 35 crew members disband ashore. They leave 8 sailors and the master on board. At around 8.45 pm, smoke from a cabin is visually detected. No fire alarm has sounded but the cabin is already filled with black smoke. The fight against the spread of the fire is complicated: the fire pump does not start, the hoses are dry and the fire extinguishers are insufficient. At 9.32pm, when the Timaru firefighters, who have been informed late, arrive on site, the living quarters of the Dong Won 701 are engulfed in flames and the ship has a global power failure. It is the blackout. The chief engineer back on board manages to restart the emergency generators and then drain the ammonia from the refrigerant circuit located under the living and navigation quarters on fire.

The firefighters evacuate the crew. The multi-purpose tug Te Maru and fire trucks from other towns in the province are mobilised in the firefighting operations which will last 8 days. Three sailors and a fireman are taken to hospital for intoxications. Straight after, the 48-year-old trawler is declared a total loss. The report on the fire published by the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) indeed locates the start of the fire in the cabin of the first engineer, but can not decide the exact cause. It emphasises that delays in sounding the alarm, the inefficient mustering of available crew and a failure to follow good practices for fighting the fire allowed it to spread rapidly and aggravated the damage to the ship. The report also notes that the fire detection and alarm systems were inoperative or disconnected, that the general alarm was not activated manually as soon as the fire was spotted, that it was an external call that alerted the fire brigade, that the doors of the cabin on fire and of the passageway remained open and supplied oxygen to the fire.
As early as November 2018, DW New Zealand Ltd initiates discussions with the EPA to get rid of the wreck. Onshore dismantling is not one of the preferred options. On December 18, 2019, the company submits a marine dumping consent application. On April 30, 2020, the EPA authorised the “reefing". The EPA justifies it by the fact that it is not possible to reuse, recycle or treat the vessel’s waste without imposing costs on DW New Zealand Ltd that are unreasonable in the circumstances. The EPA considers that adverse effects on marine mammals, fish, benthic fauna and seabirds will be brief and limited in scope. There will be no major effect on any of the species affected, says the EPA. The long-term effects of the dispersion of pollutants during the underwater degradation of the wreck are also minimised. The Dong Won 701 can therefore be scuttled in a predefined site, provided that regulatory precautions concerning marine mammals are applied. Following this green light, the cleaning-up of the vessel has begun so that her marine dumping manages to achieve the feat of being environmentally friendly. It is planned to remove and unload greases, oils, fuels, chemicals and other hazardous materials and all loose equipment that could float away. The main plant from engine room, engine spares that cannot be comfortably handled, antifoul coatings, copper wiring, plastic sheaths, ash materials and fire residues that will be encapsulated in cement in the tanks of the Dong Won 701 will remain on board. The case of asbestos is not mentioned.

Following the announcement of this authorisation and its terms, local NGOs denounce a non-notified consent conducted bilaterally between the EPA and the shipowner. For the NGOs, the economic aspects and the alleged urgency prevailed over environmental considerations. The marine dumping of the former trawler was planned in autumn 2020. This was without taking into account the discovery of asbestos materials during the cleaning of the vessel. In November 2020, the EPA asks the shipowner to submit an amended disposal application if the asbestos materials can not be removed.

In its final decision of May 21, 2021, the EPA authorises the dumping of asbestos on condition that it is non-friable asbestos or that the asbestos containing materials are first encapsulated or sealed with non-soluble and non-toxic additives and that these neutralisations are not located less than 1.50 m from the explosive charges. With one exception: the door of the freezer room, where asbestos removal is complicated by a calcined and cluttered environment, may be kept in place by way of derogation.

The Dong Won 701 is at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean with asbestos in home detention, lead and PCB paints, copper, plastic sheathing, oil-sticky bilges and other substances and materials that have nothing to do on the seabed except to poison it.
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