

COMPANY:

United Arab Shipping Co. (UASC),
Kuwait

YARD INFORMATION:

Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd
(South Korea) 1839

DEMOLITION:



Aground off Batam Island / Malacca Straits 29/6/2011 / Refloated 8/7/2011 with tug assistance. © S. Wiedner

2016: Hapag-Lloyd took over UASC.

2021: Renamed HUDSON EXPRESS (US Maritime Security Program).



Named HUDSON EXPRESS Hamburg 7/6/2023 © H. Rosenkranz www.rosenkranz-shipphotos.de (S. Wiedner collection)

BASIC DATA:

GT: 75579
 DWT: 85326
 TEU: 6435
 Reefer: 486
 Loa: 306.00
 Bmd: 40.00
 Draft: 14.50
 Engine: 1x oil Wartsila 11RT-flex96C
 Power: 62920 kW
 Speed: 25.0 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

HUDSON EXPRESS since 01/06/2021
 AL RAWDAH since 01/10/2008
 Flag Date of record Source
 United States of America since 01/06/2021
 Marshall Islands since 01/12/2010
 Qatar since 01/10/2008
 Registered owner Date of record Source
 HUDSON EXPRESS TRUST since 21/06/2021
 AL RAWDAH LTD since 08/12/2010
 Ship manager Date of record Source
 MARINE TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT since 21/06/2021
 UNITED ARAB SHIPPING CO DUBAI since 27/10/2008

NAME HISTORY:

AL RAWDAH	2008-10	Al Rawdah Ltd., Qatar
AL RAWDAH	2010-21	Al Rawdah Ltd., Marshall Islands
HUDSON EXPRESS	2021-	Hudson Express Trust ..., USA

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**2011:**

Struck a reef and was grounded in the north of Indonesian Batam Island 23/6/2011. The ship had left Port Klang and was sailing to Qingdao when the hull struck a hidden reef, reported by London's Containerisation International, which added that the crew appeared to ignore "repeated warnings issued by the MPA Singapore to change course". The ship is deployed on the UASC's AEC2 Europe/Middle East/Asia loop. Smit Salvage was appointed to refloat and recover the ship, but it is still unknown about the damage to the hull, machinery, equipment & cargo. (Schednet www.shipper.com)

Refloated 8/7/2011 with tug assistance and towed to local anchorage for inspection. (WSS Marine News 9/2011)

2021:

As reported earlier, Hapag-Lloyd will re-flag five Hyundai-built 7,323 teu sister vessels of 2008 vintage to the U.S. register, to replace the five CSCB-built 3,237 teu vessels delivered in 2002 and 2003.

The larger ships will be moved to the US-flag under the United States' Maritime Security Program (MSP) to meet the U.S. Department of Defence's requirements for carrying military supplies.

Under the umbrella of the MSP, the vessels will be eligible to carry U.S. military shipments, such as food and humanitarian aid, household goods and private vehicles for U.S. service members stationed in Europe, and cargo for American embassies.

Hapag-Lloyd has chosen the AL BAHIA (tbr. DELAWARE EXPRESS), AL HILAL (tbr. MISSOURI EXPRESS) AL KHARJ (tbr. COLORADO EXPRESS), AL RAWDA (tbr. HUDSON EXPRESS) and MAYSSAN (tbr. POTOMAC EXPRESS) for service under the MSP.

The ships are expected to be renamed and re-flagged over the coming months, with the fifth and last ship to join the MSP in August.

(Source: Alphaliner Weekly Newsletter 14/2021)