

ASTRO CASTOR

IMO No: 9194127 TANKER 2001 / 153911 GT

COMPANY:

Kristen Navigation Inc.,
Greece

YARD INFORMATION:

Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Eng.
Co. Ltd., (South Korea) 5126

DEMOLITION:



Delaware River 11/7/2001 © J. Curdy (S. Wiedner collection)

2009: Renamed MARAN CASTOR (Kristen Navigation, the tanker management arm of Greece's Angelicoussis Shipping Group has been rebranded as Maran Tankers Management).

2021: Sold to East Wind Ship Management Ltd, Hong Kong. Renamed YOUNG YONG.

2022: Ran aground in the Singapore Strait near Batam / sanctioned by US authorities due to the transport of Venezuelan oil.

2022: Renamed SAINT LIGHT.

2024: Accused by US authorities to be involved as STELLAR ORACLE (Guyana registry) into STS with the sanctioned Iranian NITC tanker HAWK.

BASIC DATA:

Crude Oil Tanker
Double Hull
GT: 153911
DWT: 306344
Loa: 332.00
Bmd: 58.00
Draft: 22.49
Engine: 1x oil B&W 6S90MC-C
Power: 29422 kW
Speed: 15.3 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

STELLAR ORACLE
SAINT LIGHT since 01/12/2022
YOUNG YONG since 01/02/2021
MARAN CASTOR since 01/06/2009
ASTRO CASTOR during 2001
DAEWOO 5126 12-05-2000 LRF
Flag Date of record Source
Guyana
Not Known since 01/07/2023
Barbados since 01/12/2022
Not Known since 01/11/2022
Djibouti since 01/04/2021
Panama since 01/02/2021
Greece during 2001
Registered owner Date of record Source
KAYO TRADING CO LTD since 10/12/2022
TECHNOLOGY BRIGHT INTL CO LTD since 25/02/2021
CASTOR I ENE since 01/01/2007
GALE SHIPPING CO LTD since 30/03/2001
Ship manager Date of record Source
EAST WIND SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD since 25/02/2021
MARAN TANKERS MANAGEMENT INC since 23/06/2009
KRISTEN NAVIGATION 01-01-2000 LRF

NAME HISTORY:

ASTRO CASTOR	2001-09	Gable Shipping Co. Ltd., Greece
MARAN CASTOR	2009-21	Castor I Special Maritime Enterprise, Greece
YOUNG YONG	2021-21	Technology Bright International Co Ltd, Panama
YOUNG YONG	2021-22	Technology Bright International Co Ltd, Djibouti
SAINT LIGHT	2022-	Kayo Trading Co Ltd, Barbados (not known since 1/7/2023)
STELLAR ORACLE		, Guyana

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2009:

Kristen Navigation, the tanker management arm of Greece’s Angelicoussis Shipping Group, has been rebranded Maran Tankers Management.

(www.rivieramm.com/article/Kristen-Navigation-renamed-MaranTankers-3390)

2021:



Vintage VLCCs are again in vogue, with four rusty giants reported sold within a week. Early last week sales chatter surrounded an old workhorse belonging to heavyweight John Angelicoussis and his outfit, Maran Tankers. Now Advanced Shipping and Trading report that the same ship, the 20-year-old 306,300-dwt *Maran Castor* with special survey and dry-docking due, has been sold to Chinese interests for \$22m.

(https://splash247.com - February 8, 2021)

2022:



Laden VLCC aground near Singapore gas pipeline

Sam Chambers · October 31, 2022 · 1,107 · Less than a minute

A very delicate refloating operation is required in Indonesian waters where a laden VLCC has run aground in the busy Singapore Strait, very near a gas pipeline.


The Djibouti-flagged [Young Yong](#) tanker ran aground by Nipa Island near Batam on Thursday. The ship is carrying 284,429 tons of Indonesian crude bound for Mozambique.

Divers have repeatedly been sent to inspect the state of the hull, with local officials reporting strong currents buffeting the grounded vessel. No spill has been reported yet.



Ministry of Transportation Republic of Indonesia

Controversial Young Yong VLCC refloated

 Sam Chambers · November 10, 2022

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The controversial VLCC [Young Yong](#) was refloated today, two weeks after it [ran aground off the Riau Islands](#) in Indonesia.

The laden ship, owned by Hong Kong's Technology Bright International, has been sanctioned by the US for carrying illegal oil.

It has emerged that the cargo it was carrying when it ran aground was sanctioned Venezuelan oil, according to investigations carried out by *Reuters*, TankerTrackers.com and United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI).

The ship's class society and flag have since dropped the ship, which is now under tow, after 44,000 tonnes of oil was taken off it to refloat it.

The *Young Yong* was blacklisted by Washington along with tankers Adisa, B Luminosa, Bluefins, Boceanica, Bueno, Julia A, Lara I, Nolan, Rain Drop and Zephyr, most of which have recently been in Venezuela.

"The individuals running this illicit network use a web of shell companies and fraudulent tactics including document falsification," said the US under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, Brian Nelson, in a release last week.

MarineTraffic data suggests the ship will be taken to a nearby anchorage in Indonesian waters.



Grounded Supertanker is Loaded with Venezuelan Oil

Reuters

Total Views: 4192 

November 9, 2022

By Marianna Parraga



HOUSTON, Nov 9 (Reuters) – A **grounded** oil supertanker under U.S. Treasury Department sanctions being refloated in Indonesia is filled with Venezuelan fuel, according to vessel monitoring services.

Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control last week imposed sanctions on the **stranded tanker**, *Young Yong*, for its part in an international oil smuggling network that Washington said supports Hezbollah and Iran's Quds Force.

Last month, the Djibouti-flagged *Young Yong* received cargoes through ship-to-ship operations from U.S.-blacklisted tanker *Silvia I* and from the *Eagle Brenda* before becoming marooned off Indonesia's Riau Islands, according to research by non-government organization United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI).

Both tankers had departed between late July and early August carrying fuel oil supplied by Venezuela's state-run oil firm PDVSA, according to internal company documents seen by Reuters and [TankerTrackers.com](#), which confirmed the vessels' identities.

The Iran-flagged *Silvia I*, owned by state firm National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC), carried about 1 million barrels of fuel oil chartered by Iran's Naftiran Intertrade Company as payment for Iranian crude imported by PDVSA this year.

The sanctions on the *Young Yong* and its owner, Hong Kong-based Technology Bright International, led to the loss of its Djibouti Maritime Authority flag last week and the cancellation of a classification by the American Bureau of Shipping that certified it was seaworthy, according to communications provided by UANI.

The U.S. embassy in Singapore said on Wednesday the United States has [allowed some transactions](#) in efforts to free the supertanker, which ran aground last month in the Singapore Strait near a key gas line.

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2024:



U.S. Sanctions Ships Linked to Iran's Military Network

Mike Schuler

Total Views: 411

April 4, 2024

OFAC also announced updates to the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List). The vessel *YOUNG YONG*, already under OFAC sanctions, changed its name to *SAINT LIGHT*, possibly to obfuscate its identity. Operating under the name *STELLAR ORACLE*, it conducted an STS transfer with a sanctioned vessel run by the National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC), the *HAWK*, loading over \$100 million worth of Iranian commodities.

Office of Foreign Assets Control

04/04/2024

The following changes have been made to OFAC's SDN List:

YOUNG YONG Oil Products Tanker Djibouti flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9194127; MMSI 621819067 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: TECHNOLOGY BRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED). -to- *SAINT LIGHT* (a.k.a. *STELLAR ORACLE*; a.k.a. *YOUNG YONG*) (8RAR1) Oil Products Tanker Guyana flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9194127; MMSI 750514000 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: TECHNOLOGY BRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED).

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