

# ATLANTIC COMPANION

IMO No: 8214152 CONTAINER RORO 1984 / 57255 GT

**COMPANY:**

BSM Sweden AB,  
Sweden

**YARD INFORMATION:**

1984: Kockums AB, Malmö  
(Sweden) 593  
1987: Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Co  
Ltd, Ulsan (South Korea)  
Lengthened  
(additional cargo section)

**DEMOLITION:**

Alang, 04/09/2015



Hamburg 3/1/2010 © S. Wiedner



Named COMPANION EXPRESS © Postcard

**BASIC DATA:**

Container / Ro-Ro Cargo Ship  
 Container deck-guides  
 GT: 57255  
 DWT: 51648  
 TEU: 2908  
 Reefer: 150  
 Lanes-length: 3372  
 LOA: 291.92  
 Bmd: 32.26  
 Draft: 11.60  
 Engine: 1 x oil B&W  
 Power: 20198 kW  
 Speed: 17.5 kn  
 Decks: 3 + several moveable decks  
 1 Quarter stern door/ramp (s)

**OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:**

ATLANTIC COMPANION since 01/06/1994  
 Flag Date of record Source  
 Sweden since 01/03/1984  
 Registered owner Date of record Source  
 ATLANTIC CONTAINER LINE AB since 30/09/1994  
 Ship manager Date of record Source  
 BSM SWEDEN AB since 04/12/2010  
 BIBBY SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD since 16/04/2007  
 ACL SHIP MANAGEMENT AB since 16/04/2007

**EX-NAMES:**

ATLANTIC COMPANION	1984-87	
COMPANION EXPRESS	1987-94	
ATLANTIC COMPANION	1994-15	ACL Atlantic Container Line AB, Sweden

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

2015: **Atlantic Container Line (ACL)**, the transatlantic ro-ro & container operator, part of the Naples-based Grimaldi Group, **has sold for demolition the 2,908 teu conro ATLANTIC COMPANION. The vessel is due to arrive in Alang (India) at the end of August.**

She has been replaced on the carrier's Transatlantic conro service by the 3,534 teu NORTHERN DELEGATION, a cellular container vessel without any ro-ro facilities.

**The ATLANTIC COMPANION is the first of ACL's five 'G3' ro-ro-container vessels to be sold for demolition.** Its four sister ships, ATLANTIC CONCERT, ATLANTIC COMPASS, ATLANTIC CONVEYOR and ATLANTIC CARTIER, are all expected to follow suit after the commissioning of a series of five larger newbuilding conros, the 'G4', of which the first vessel, the 3,809 teu ATLANTIC STAR, is expected to be delivered in September from China's Hudong Zhonghua Shipyard.

The five G3 ships were built in 1984-1985 in three different European shipyards:

- Kockums in Malmö (Sweden) for the ATLANTIC CONCERT, ATLANTIC COMPASS and ATLANTIC COMPANION,
- Swan Hunter in Wallsend (UK) for the ATLANTIC CONVEYOR
- Ateliers et Chantiers de France-Dunkerque (ACFD) in Dunkirk, for the ATLANTIC CARTIER.

They initially presented a capacity of about 2,400 teu but their lengthening in 1987 brought their intake to 2,908 teu.

Atlantic Container Line (ACL) is one of the pioneering names in the container industry that survived the deep changes in the business over the last decades. ACL was originally formed in May 1965 by four European shipping companies in response to the container challenge launched by US operators on the Atlantic. After successive changes in its ownership structure, ACL became a full division of the Grimaldi Group, its current owner, in early 2002.

(Source: Alphaliner weekly newsletter 31/2015)

**The first of the G3 class of vessels to be disposed of - the ATLANTIC COMPANION - sailed from Norfolk, Virginia direct to Alang in India after completing a voyage starting in Antwerp and calling at Liverpool. She arrived at 17.45 hours at Alang on 4th September. She was beached during the morning of 12th September to be broken up by Rajendra Ship Breakers.** (Marine News 10/2015)  
**ATLANTIC COMPANION (8214152; Sweden) (COMPANION EXPRESS -94, ATLANTIC COMPANION -87) 57,255/84 -** container/ro-ro ship. By ACL Atlantic Container Line AB (BSM Sweden AB), Sweden, **to Rajendra Shipbreakers Pvt Ltd, India and arrived Alang, 04/09/2015.** Commenced 12/09/2015.

(Marine News 12/2015)

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