

ATLANTIS

IMO No: 9150377 TANKER 1998 / 78845 GT

COMPANY:

Glafki (Hellas) Maritime Co,
Greece

YARD INFORMATION:

Nippon Kokan KK (NKK Corp)
(Japan) 175

DEMOLITION:

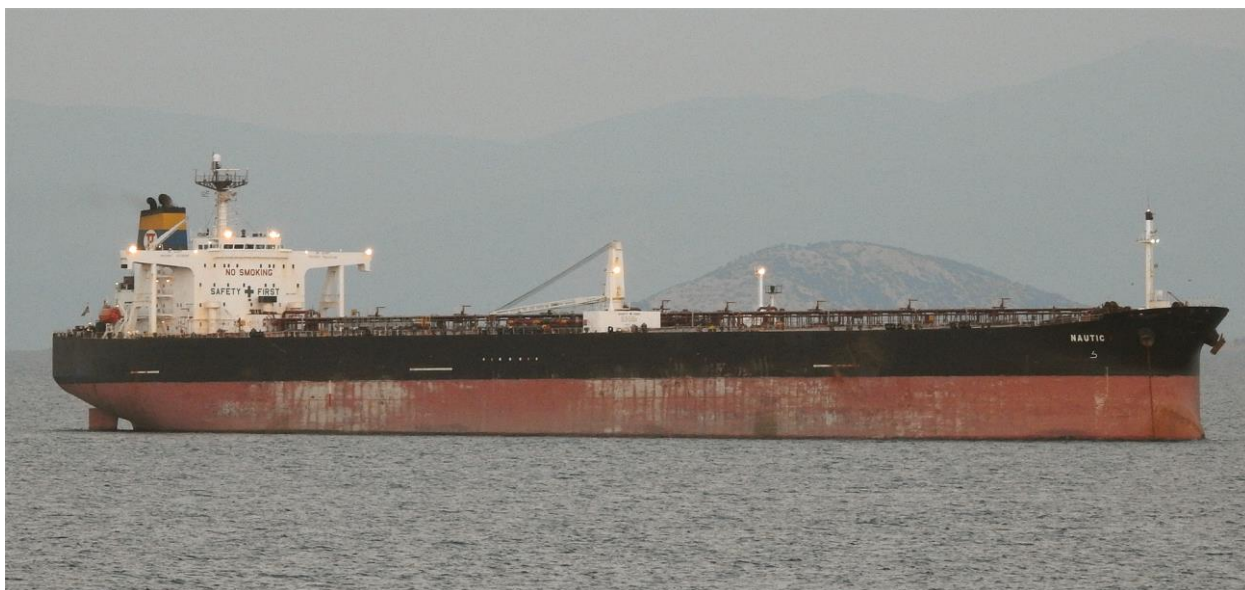


Delaware River 4/1/1999 © J. Curdy (S. Wiedner collection)

2003: Sold to Novoship, Russia. **Renamed KASPIY.**

2005: **Renamed NAUTIC** (Russian-controlled).

2012: Sold to Polembros Shipping Ltd, Greece. Name unchanged.



Named NAUTIC (Polembros Shipping Ltd) Piraeus Anchorage 7/7/2016 © S. Wiedner

2019: Sold to Taif Shipping, Oman. **Renamed GULF SKY.**

2020: Under arrest off Khorfakkan / listed as officially abandoned in March 2020.

Later sailed to Bandar Abbas (anchored there in July 2020). To Fanoos Savehel Kish Co JSC, Iran. **Renamed RIMA.**

BASIC DATA:

Crude / Oil Products Tanker
Double Hull
GT: 78845
DWT: 150812
Loa: 274.20 (BB)
Bmd: 48.00
Draft: 16.02
Engine: 1x oil Sulzer 6RTA72
Power: 16460 kW
Speed: 15.4 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

RIMA since 01/08/2020
GULF SKY since 01/10/2019
NAUTIC since 01/10/2005
KASPIY since 01/06/2003
Flag Date of record Source
Iran since 01/08/2020
Dominica since 01/12/2019
Palau (Republic of) since 01/12/2019
Liberia since 01/10/2005
Registered owner Date of record Source

MOSHTAQ TEJARAT SANAT CO JSC since 20/08/2020
 TAIF SHIPPING SERVICES LLC during 12/2019
 TAIF MINING SERVICES LLC since 24/10/2019
 CRYSTAL HOLDINGS LTD during 07/2012
 NAUTICA SHIPHOLDING LTD since 15/10/2005
 KASPIY SHIPPING LTD since 18/06/2003
 Ship manager Date of record Source
 FANOOS SAVEHEL KISH CO JSC since 20/08/2020
 TAIF SHIPPING SERVICES LLC during 12/2019
 UNITED ISLAND MARITIME VENTURE since 24/10/2019
 POLEMBROS SHIPPING LTD since 01/04/2014
 NEW SHIPPING LTD-LIB during 07/2012
 WALLEM SHIPMANAGEMENT LTD since 18/09/2006
 WALLEM LTD-UK since 05/04/2006
 SCF NOVOSHIP JSC during 06/2003
 KYKLADES MARITIME CORP since 17/12/2001

EX-NAMES:

ATLANTIS	1998-03	Sikinos Shipping Corp., Greece
KASPIY	2003-05	Kaspiy Shipping Ltd., Malta
NAUTIC	2005-12	Nautica Shipholding Ltd, Liberia
NAUTIC	2012-19	Crystal Holdings Ltd, Liberia
GULF SKY	2019-19	Taif Mining Services LLC, Liberia
GULF SKY	2019-20	Taif Shipping Services LLC, (Palau) / Dominica
RIMA	2020-	Moshtaq Tejarat Sanat Co JSC, Iran

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2003:

Sold to Novoship, Russia. **Renamed KASPIY.**

2005:



Novoship spins off suezmaxes

7 April 2005 12:28 GMT *UPDATED 7 April 2005 12:28 GMT*
 By **Ian Lewis, Genoa**

Novoship of Russia is ready to spin off its two suezmax tankers to pay for its buy-out of minority shareholders, sources say. The 150,000-dwt Kaspiy and Kuzbas (both built 1998) may be sold to pay for the 14.41% stake (17.24% of voting shares) that Novoship bought last

Russia to axe Novoship deal

26 August 2005 10:21 GMT *UPDATED 27 June 2012 7:47 GMT*
 By **Gary Dixon**

The Russian government is set to quash the sale of two Novoship suezmaxes to the company's former shareholder, the Akropol bank. The 150,000-dwt Kaspiy and Kuzbas (both built 1998) were sold last year to pay for a 17.45% stake in the tanker owner that

Renamed NAUTIC (Nautica Shipholding Ltd, Liberia / Russian-controlled)

2012:



Russian tankers ‘Naviga’ and ‘Nautic’ up for sale

22 February 2012 21:21 GMT *UPDATED 22 February 2012 21:21 GMT*
By **Trond Lillestolen** Oslo

Two Russian-controlled suezmax tankers previously owned by Sovcomflot (formally known as SCF group) subsidiary Novoship have been put up for sale, sources say. The NKK-built, 150,000-dwt Naviga and Nautic (both built 1998) sailed in the Novoship fleet as

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“NAVIGA” 150,841/98 - NKK - SUL 22,379 - COILED - SBT - IGS - COW - DH - SS/DD 08/2013
“NAUTIC” 150,812/98 - NKK - SUL 22,379 - COILED - SBT - IGS - COW - DH - SS/DD 09/2013
Sold en bloc for \$15.25 mill. each to Greek buyers.

(Weekly Market Report - may 4th, 2012)

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Brokers have noted that Polembros has returned to the market to snap up several 1990s built tonnage. In Gibson Research recent sales report, the broker said that the Greek owner was rumoured to have picked up the 1998-built Suezmaxes ‘Naviga’ and Nautic’ for a combined \$30.5 mill.

(www.tankeroperator.com- May 11 2012)

2019:



Type	Name	Dwt	YoB	Yard	SS	M/E	Price	Buyer	Comments
Suezmax	Nautic	150.812	1998	NKK Corp, Japan	01/2022	Sulzer	Undisclosed	Indian	Old Sale

(Weekly Market Report - 15th Nov to 22nd Nov 2019)

2020:



US files charges and blacklists Iranian duo over tanker purchase

The Gulf Sky was bought fraudulently for the benefit of Iran's oil industry, US prosecutors allege

1 May 2020 20:26 GMT *UPDATED 4 May 2020 10:13 GMT*
By **Matt Coyne** in **Stamford**



May 06, 2020

Iranian nationals Amir Dianat, 55, and Kamran Lajmiri, 42, were on May 1 charged with violating U.S. export laws and sanctions against Iran. In a two-count criminal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the pair were charged with conspiracy to provide U.S. financial services to Iranian entities and their front companies attempting to purchase a petroleum tanker, the *Nautic*, in September 2019. [According to the Equasis data base, the *Nautic*, renamed as *Gulf Sky* in October 2019, is a 1998-built, 150,812 dwt crude oil tanker].

(www.marinelog.com)

Associated Press

Tanker sought by U.S. over Iran sanctions 'hijacked' near Persian Gulf

Published: July 16, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. ET

In May, the U.S. Justice Department filed criminal charges against two Iranians, accusing them of trying to launder some \$12 million to purchase the tanker, then named the MT Nautica, through a series of front companies. The vessel then took on Iranian oil from Kharg Island to sell abroad, the U.S. government said.

Court documents allege the scheme involved the Quds Force of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which is its elite expeditionary unit, as well as Iran's national oil and tanker companies. The two men charged, one of whom also has an Iraqi passport, remain at large.

"Because a U.S. bank froze the funds related to the sale of the vessel, the seller never received payment," the Justice Department said. "As a result, the seller instituted a civil action in the UAE to recover the vessel."

That civil action was believed to still be pending, raising questions of how the tanker sailed away from the Emirates after being seized by authorities there.

Data from the MT Gulf Sky's Automatic Identification System tracker shows it had been turned off on July 5, according to ship-tracking website MarineTraffic.com. Ships are supposed to keep their AIS trackers on, but Iranian vessels routinely turn theirs off to mask their movements.

(www.marketwatch.com - July 16, 2020)

Splash

Twenty-six of the 28 crew of the controversial suezmax [Gulf Sky](#), which had been under arrest off Khorfakkan in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the past four months, have landed on home soil in India, having upped anchor on July 5, taking on fuel surreptitiously the day before, and switching off the ship's AIS, before heading for Iran.

Vessel tracking service TankerTrackers reported in December last year how the 1998-built *Gulf Sky* was involved in an illegal ship-to-ship transfer of oil operation in Iranian waters.

Research by TankerTrackers using satellite imagery from Planet Labs and data from MarineTraffic shows the vessel anchored today around Bandar Abbas, Iran's top port (see satellite image below).



Photo: Planet Labs

The tanker entered the International Labour Organization's (ILO) database as officially abandoned in March this year. The ILO states the crew are owed more than \$100,000 in back wages. European shipping database Equasis lists the tanker as owned by Oman's Taif Shipping.

The ship has links to Amir Dianat, someone on the US's sanctions list for his ties with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Charges have been filed in the US against Dianat and one of his business associates for violations of sanctions and money laundering laws.

(<https://splash247.com> - July 15, 2020)



The vessel had been held by UAE authorities since January 27th 2020, two days after it arrived in Khor Fakkan, due to a dispute between its former and current owners.

The armed men from a smaller vessel had boarded the Gulf Sky near Khor Fakkan on July 5th 2020. The vessel was taken to Bandar Abbas, Iran, where it docked on July 7th. Its AIS was then turned off.

At the time of the incident the 1998-built, Dominica-flagged, 78,845 gt Gulf Sky was owned and managed by Taif Shipping Services LLC of Muttrah, Oman. At the time the owner was facing US action for aiding the Islamic Revolutionary Guards in Iran.

Today the vessel is recorded as sailing under the flag of Iran and has been renamed the Rima. It is owned by Moshtaq Tejarat Sanat Co JSC care of manager Fanoos Savehel Kish Co JSC of Tehran, Iran. No AIS has been available since the end of August last year.

(<https://insurancemarineneews.com/> - August 6, 2021)

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