

BEL-ABBES

IMO No: 7729198 GENERAL CARGO 1979 / 8583 GT

COMPANY:
SNTM/CNAN,
Algeria

YARD INFORMATION:
KK Kanasashi Zosen
Toyohashi (Japan) 1283

DEMOLITION:



Valletta 1/9/1996 © S. Wiedner





Named MEGA STAR Istanbul 6/12/2014 © S. Wiedner

BASIC DATA:

GT: 8583
 DWT: 11940
 LOA: 134.93
 Bmd: 21.60
 Draft: 8.36
 Engine: 1x oil B&W
 Power: 5186 kW
 Speed: 15.0 kn
 Cranes: 2x12 t
 Derricks: 1x100 t (modified now) , 6x10 t
 Decks: 2

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

MEGA STAR since 01/03/2006
 BEL-ABBES 12-05-2000 LRF
 Flag Date of record Source
 Tanzania since 01/03/2010
 St Vincent and Grenadines 2006-04-03 LRF
 Algeria 12-05-2000 LRF
 Registered owner Date of record Source
 ZEKO MARITIME SA - MAI since 28/06/2010
 ZEKO MARITIME SA - LIB since 28/03/2010
 NATIONAL SHIPPING & INVESTMENT since 01/08/2008
 MEGA STAR SHIPPING LTD since 01/03/2006
 S.N.T.M./C.N.A.N. LRF
 Ship manager Date of record Source
 IMS HELLENIC CO since 28/03/2010
 NATIONAL SHIPPING & INVESTMENT since 01/03/2006
 S.N.T.M./C.N.A.N. LRF

EX-NAMES:

BEL-ABBES	1979-06	SNTM/CNAN, Algeria
MEGA STAR	2006-08	Mega Star Shipping Ltd., St. Vincent & Grenadines
MEGA STAR	2008-10	National Shipping & Investment Co, St. Vincent & Grenadines
MEGA STAR	2010-	Zeko Maritime SA, Tanzania

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

MEGA STAR

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MEGA STAR ex- BEL-ABBES (IMO 7729198 / 1979 / 8,583 GT / 11,940 DWT) now aged almost 36 years is trading for the Greek company IMS Hellenic Co since 2012. Registered owner is Zeko Maritime SA, also based in Greece. Ship's flag changed from St Vincent & Grenadines to Tanzania in 2010. Previous ship manager was National Shipping & Investment Co in Egypt (registered owner Mega Star Shipping Ltd) which purchased the ship as BEL-ABBES from its first owner SNTM & CNAN and renamed her MEGA STAR in 2006.

The ship is the only survivor from a four ships series built for the Algerian company SNTM & CNAN by the Japanese shipyard KK Kanasashi Zosen-Toyohashi Works in 1978/79.

MEGA STAR was delivered as BEL-ABBES (yard no. 1283) in 1979.



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Her dimensions are LOA 134.93m, moulded breadth 21.63m and draught 8.36m. The 5186kW oil engine designed by B&W gives her a speed of 15.0kn. According to information at Lloyds Register of Ships she is equipped with 2x12t cranes located at the forepart and derricks of 1x100t + 6x10t. When taking a comparative look on the shown photos it becomes evident that the design of the Stucken heavy lift derrick has been modified by the removal of the actual derrick.

Sisterships of BEL-ABBES were named BECHAR (IMO 7729162), BOUIRA (IMO 7729174) and BISKRA (IMO 7729186).

BECHAR (IMO 7729162) sank near Algiers port 13/11/2004 after a severe storm. Ship was out of service and in a parlous state of repair just moored outside the port of Algiers pending a decision from CNAN on her future. When the storm came up she was prevented by her state of disrepair from making out to sea to find calmer conditions. Only one of the 18 crew members was rescued. Consequently, CNAN bosses got 15-year sentences for her loss.

BOUIRA (IMO 7729174) was delivered as y.n. 1281 in 1978. Sold to Mansour Shipping Ltd in Syria (registered owner Larden Universal – later Wayford International Corp., British Virgin Islands/Comores flag) and renamed ORIENTAL SUN in 2004. Sold inside of Syria to Hatoun Shipping Co (registered owner Layan Shipping Co SA, Marshall Islands / St Vincent & Grenadines flag) and renamed PRINCESS LAYAN in 2008. Sold for demolition in India dated 2009.

BISKRA (IMO 7729186) was sold to Valleyus Inc, Ukraine (registered owner Red Sea Star Ltd, Liberia / St Vincent & Grenadines flag) and renamed ISKRA obviously for purpose of demolition in 2004. Demolition reported by Baijnath Melaram at Alang in India 05/2004.