# **COMPANION EXPRESS**

IMO No: 8214152 CONTAINER RORO 1984 / 57255 GT

## **COMPANY:**

ACL Ship Management 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



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Named ATLANTIC COMPANION Hamburg 3/1/2010 © S. Wiedner

#### **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 roro & 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 roro facilities.

The ATLANTIC COMPANION is the first of ACL's five 'G3' roro-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.

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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.

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