

## M.H. BAKER III

IMO No: 7927805 BULKER 1982 / 23955 GT

### COMPANY:

Canada Steamship Lines, Inc  
Canada

### YARD INFORMATION:

Aft. & pt. cargo sections: Collingwood  
Shipyards Ltd, (Canada) 222  
Fwd & pt cargo sections: Port Arthur  
Shipbuilding Co, Thunder Bay  
(Canada)

### DEMOLITION:

Xinhui, Guangdong, 08/03/2015



Delaware River 6/9/2000 © J. Curdy



Named ATLANTIC SUPERIOR Delaware River 1/7/2003 © J. Curdy

**BASIC DATA:**

Bulk carrier, self-discharging  
 Double sides  
 GT: 23955  
 DWT: 38510  
 LOA: 222.54  
 Bmd: 23.13  
 Draft: 10.40  
 Engine: 1 x oil Sulzer  
 Power: 8160 kw  
 Speed: 15.0 kn

**OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:**

ATLANTIC SUPERIOR since 01/04/2003  
 M. H. BAKER III 12-05-2000 LRF  
 Flag Date of record Source  
 Bahamas since 01/09/2013  
 Canada since 01/05/2010  
 Bahamas since 01/02/2006  
 Canada 06-05-2003 LRF  
 Bahamas 12-05-2000 LRF  
 Registered owner Date of record Source  
 CSL GROUP INC since 07/08/1994  
 Ship manager Date of record Source  
 V SHIPS USA LLC BOSTON since 06/10/2013  
 V SHIPS CANADA INC since 03/05/2011  
 V SHIPS USA LLC BOSTON since 18/12/2010  
 CSL AMERICAS since 19/04/2009  
 V SHIPS USA LLC BOSTON since 18/02/2009  
 V SHIPS UK LTD since 01/09/2008  
 V SHIPS LTD since 30/06/2008  
 V SHIPS UK LTD since 26/07/2006  
 V. SHIPS CANADA 06-05-2003 LRF  
 V. SHIPS UK 31-03-1998 LRF

**EX-NAMES:**

ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	1982-86	Federal Commerce & Navigation Ltd., Canada
ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	1986-94	Federal Commerce & Navigation Ltd., Bahamas
ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	1994-97	CSL Group Inc, Bahamas
M.H. BAKER III	1997-03	CSL Group Inc, Bahamas
ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	2003-06	CSL Group Inc, Canada
ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	2006-10	CSL Group Inc, Bahamas
ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	2010-13	CSL Group Inc, Canada
ATLANTIC SUPERIOR	2013-15	CSL Group Inc, Bahamas

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

**The first self unloader built for Canada Steamship Lines specifically for ocean trading was the product of two Canadian shipyards. The 600-foot stern portion was built as hull #222 by Collingwood Shipyards, Collingwood, ON and was launched November 9, 1981** after a 3 day storm delay. After completion, the stern was towed by the tugs Wilfred M. Cohen and Miseford on May 8, 1982 to Port Arthur Ship Building Co. (Portship), Thunder Bay, ON to be attached to the completed 130 foot bulbous bow constructed at that yard. The new self unloader was float launched on June 11, 1982 with sea trials being completed June 25th. After proceeding in ballast to Superior, WI; the vessel sailed on her maiden voyage with a load of taconite to Sault Ste. Marie, ON where, before unloading, **the vessel was formally christened ATLANTIC SUPERIOR on June 28, 1982 on behalf of registered owners Federal Commerce & Navigation Ltd., Montreal, QC operating under the management of Canada Steamship Lines, Inc., Montreal, QC.** The new self unloader's name reflects on the vessel's dual ocean/Great Lakes capabilities and service; "Atlantic" for the Atlantic Ocean and "Superior" for Lake Superior.

During her first year of operating, the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR was noted to have grounded September 29, 1982 in the American Narrows of the St. Lawrence River near Wellesley Island. After lightering 2,000 of her 23,000 tonnes of wheat, the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR was freed, proceeding to Quebec City to unload, and then back to Thunder Bay for repair. While at anchor at Port Hawkesbury, NS on June 24, 1984; a flash methane explosion and fire in the fore-castle seriously burned one sailor. After doing coastal work during the 1984/1985 winter, the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR departed from the Bahamas for Longview, WA with salt returning to Baltimore, MD and Norfolk, VA with potash from Vancouver, BC. On August 7, 1985; the vessel loaded a trial load of 30,000 tons of coal at Immingham, UK bound for Sines, Portugal. She returned to Canada where an extensive refit was completed at Davie Shipyard, Lauzon, QC on March 11, 1986.

**On April 23, 1986; the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR's registration was transferred to Nassau, Bahamas** with the vessel returning to Europe where much of the next five years was spent carrying coal from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands to Sines, Portugal; iron from Spain to the United Kingdom, and delivering 175,000 tons of olivine sand to a gravity weighted drilling platform off of Stavanger, Norway. On October 5, 1987; the self unloader grounded at Sines with the resulting repairs requiring dry-docking at Setubal. Other assignments included delivering stone to the English Channel tunnel project connecting England and France in 1988.

In 1994, the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR was reassigned to the Pacific coast carrying gypsum from Mexican ports to the Pacific Northwest returning south with cargoes of coal, stone, or fertilizer.

**On March 22, 1997; the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR arrived in Halifax, NS and was renamed M.H. BAKER III** entering service along the Atlantic seaboard carrying gypsum for National Gypsum Co. from Dartmouth and Little Narrows, NS to ports from Newington, NH south to Tampa, FL. The National Gypsum Co. and Canada Steamship Lines had entered into a long term contract for this service resulting in the renaming of the self unloader. The M.H. BAKER III was named after the late Mr. Melvin Houston Baker; former President and Chairman of the Board of National Gypsum Co. THE M.H. BAKER III remained registered out of Nassau, Bahamas during this time with her ownership now being CSL International, Beverly, MA (division of Canada Steamship Lines, Inc., Montreal, QC).

**On April 16, 2003; the M.H. BAKER III was officially reflagged Canadian and renamed ATLANTIC SUPERIOR** with her home port now being Montreal, QC with ownership being transferred directly to Canada Steamship Lines, Inc., Montreal, QC. On April 24, 2003; the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR returned to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes for the first time in a number of years; proceeding to Duluth, MN to load taconite for Nanticoke, ON. With the return of the ATLANTIC SUPERIOR to the Great Lakes, the last of the self unloaders built for CSL for dual ocean/lakes trading has come back to the Great Lakes from almost exclusive ocean trading

([www.boatnerd.com/pictures/fleet/atlanticsuper.htm](http://www.boatnerd.com/pictures/fleet/atlanticsuper.htm))

2015: ATLANTIC SUPERIOR (7927805; Bahamas) (M. H. BAKER III -03, **ATLANTIC SUPERIOR** -97) 23,955/82 - self-discharging bulk carrier. By The CSL Group Inc (Canada Steamship Lines) (CSL Americas), Canada, **to Jiangmen Zhong Xin Shipbreaking, China and arrived Xinhui, Guangdong, 08/03/2015.**

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