

ORINOCO RIVER

IMO No: 9330240 CONTAINER 2007 / 9940 GT

COMPANY:

Universal Shipping B.V.,
Netherlands

YARD INFORMATION:

Qingshan Shipyard
Wuhan (China) 20040313

DEMOLITION:



Felixstowe (U.K.) 17/1/2008 © S. Wiedner collection

2013: Renamed VEGA SIGMA (mgrs: Vega-Reederei, Germany).

2020: Caused severe mayhem / several collisions due to an electric failure at the port of Bejaia (Algeria).

BASIC DATA:

GT: 9940
DWT: 13760
TEU: 1118
Reefer: 240
Loa: 147.84
Bmd: 23.25
Draft: 8.51
Engine: 1x oil MAN-B&W
Power: 9730 kW
Speed: 17.0 kn
Cranes: 1x45t, 1x40t

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

VEGA SIGMA since 01/08/2013
ORINOCO RIVER since 01/12/2007
Flag Date of record Source
Liberia since 01/08/2013
Cyprus 2005-06-13
Registered owner Date of record Source
VEGA SIGMA MBH & CO KG during 08/2013
ORINOCO RIVER BV before 07/2009
ORINOCO RIVER I CV since 31/12/2007
Ship manager Date of record Source
VEGA-REEDEREI GMBH & CO KG since 25/09/2013
VEGA-REEDEREI FRIEDRICH DAUBER during 08/2013
VERMEULEN C since 28/05/2008
UNIVERSAL SHIPPING BV since 31/12/2007

EX-NAMES:

ORINOCO RIVER	2007-13	m.s. Orinoco River I CV, Cyprus
VEGA SIGMA	2013-	Vega Beteiligungsgesellschaft Sigma mbH & Co. KG, Liberia

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2007:

Lonrho (AIM: LONR), the African conglomerate with a diverse portfolio of investments is pleased to announce that its 45% owned subsidiary, SA Independent Liner Services (PTY) Ltd ("SAILS"), has signed contracts with ship suppliers for the addition of three new container vessels, which will increase its fleet to seven vessels with a total combined fleet tonnage of 66,445 tonnes.

Lonrho announced its investment in SAILS in July 2007 and the intention of expanding SAILS' fleet to offer regular, scheduled services from South Africa to West Africa and Europe.

The three new vessels will be added to the fleet are the **MV ORINOCO RIVER**, **MV EL LOBO** and **MV VAAL RIVER**. Each vessel is 9,966 metric tonnes, equipped with 220 refrigerated container plugs and will be utilised for the South Africa/ West Africa/ Europe service. All three vessels are new and will be chartered to SAILS for a period of 24 months. As with the TAGA BAY, these vessels will carry the new "LONRHO SAILS" branding.

The **MV ORINOCO RIVER** is scheduled to be delivered in Shanghai around Mid October 2007.

(www.lonrho.com/Press/News - 4 September 2007)

2008:

Lonrho Plc announced its withdrawal from the African sea freight market further to a decision to cut its loss making non-core businesses. As a result, it ceased to provide further funding to SA Independent Liners (Pty) Ltd (SAILS), which was then placed into liquidation - effective 15 October. As a result, the four CV 1100 units plying the main service (EL LOBO, TAGA BAY,

ORINOCO RIVER, **VAAL RIVER**) are redelivered about one year before their charter expiry and are available for charter.

(AXS-Alphaliner News - Week 2008/42)

2012-2013:

Universal Marine had to relinquish the management of four 'CV 1100' type vessels, the **AMAZON RIVER**, **SURINAM RIVER**, **ORINOCO RIVER** and **VAAL RIVER**, to Hamburg-based Vega Reederei.

(Alphaliner Weekly Newsletter 10/2015)

2020:



Electric failure sparks ship mayhem at Algerian port



Sam Chambers · December 7, 2020

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The 13-year-old, 1,100 teu [Vega Sigma](#) suffered an electrical failure while unmooring at the Algerian port of Béjaïa, the ship rearing out of control and going on to create mayhem.

The vessel struck the 1,129 teu *Atlantic North* which was offloading boxes. A mobile crane belonging to the port overturned with the crane operator rushed to hospital.

The *Atlantic North* in turn shunted forwards, slamming into the stern of the moored 57,809 dwt *Owl* bulk carrier, which suffered a stern breach. Both boxships have sizeable dents in them after the accident and a significant insurance pay-out from the calamity is expected.

(<https://splash247.com> - December 7, 2020)

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