

RAYS

IMO No: 7419391 BULKER 1977 / 16649 GT

COMPANY:

Narval Shipping Corp.,
Greece

YARD INFORMATION:

Hakodate Dockyard Co. Ltd. 626
(Japan)

SCRAPPING INFORMATION:



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Rays is 181.07 meters long overall and 23.1 meters wide with a draft of 10.67 meters and a overall depth of 14.5 meters. Her deadweight tonnage is 29,323, Gross tonnage is 16,432 and Net of 9,588 tons. Her single Sulzer diesel engine burns heavy fuel oil and produces 12,000 horsepower. It turns 1 propeller at around 122 rpm which moves the ship along at up to 15 knots. She is fitted with 5 swivelling cranes (2 of 15 ton capacity and 3 of 10 ton capacity) along her midship line that service 6 cargo holds which are strengthened to handle heavy cargoes.

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OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

RAYS since 01-10-1997 LRF
Flag Date of record Source
St Vincent and Grenadines during 1989 LRF
Registered owner Date of record Source
RAVEN MARITIME since 21-11-2005 LRF
Ship manager Date of record Source
NARVAL SHIPPING CORP since 26-09-1989 LRF

SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:

SOPHIA II	1977-79	Appolo Shipping, Greece
SOPHIA M	1979-84	Maritime Obo Carriers Ltd., Greece
BELLE ETOILE	1984-89	Mauritius Steam Navigation Company Ltd., Mauritius
ORAHOVAC	1989-97	Aries Ltd., St. Vincent
RAYS	1997-	Seatex Shg. Co. Ltd., St. Vincent

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

Her construction was ordered in June of 1974 from Hakodate Dock company Ltd. in Japan as hull number 626. Work on her construction began late in 1975 and the nearly completed hull was launched in September of 1976. She was delivered on January 1st, 1977 to Appolo Shipping of Greece bearing the name SOPHIA II. By 1979 it was recorded that she was owned by a greek firm called Sagittarius Steamship Corporation and that they sold her to Maritime Obo Carriers Ltd., also of Greece who inturn renamed the ship SOPHIA M. In 1984 she was again sold, this time to the Mauritius Steam Navigation Company Ltd., of Mauritius and renamed BELLE ETOILE. Under this name the ship was familiar on the Great Lakes for several years through the mid to late 1980s. By 1989 though her usefullness under the Mauritius flag had come to an end and she was sold in October of 1989 to Dabinovic (Monaco) S.A.M. for \$8.5 million (U.S.) Her name was changed to ORAHOVAC and her flag was changed to Monaco then later to St. Vincent. Eight years of service followed before yet another sale transpired. The Narval Shipping Corporation of Greece purchased the aging vessel for in August of 1997 for \$4 million (U.S.), renamed her **RAYS** however left her flag and registration in St. Vincent.

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