

# RICKMERS SEOUL

IMO No: 9244556 GENERAL CARGO 2003 / 23119 GT

## COMPANY:

Rickmers Reederei GmbH & Cie.  
KG, Germany

## YARD INFORMATION:

Shanghai Shipyard & Chengxi  
Shipyard SS1102  
Nanjing / Shanghai (China)

## SCRAPPING INFORMATION:



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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

IMO-No. 9244556  
Call Sign V7E15  
Flag Marshall Islands  
Owner Wilmore Shipping Co. Ltd.  
Manager Rickmers Reederei GmbH & Cie. KG  
Length overall 192.85 m  
Registered Length 183.56 m  
Registered Breadth 27.80 m  
Moulded Depth 15.50 m  
Draught 11.200 m  
Gross Tonnage 23119  
Deadweight 30151  
1 Crane 100 t 2 Cranes, each 320 t 1 Crane 45 t  
Ship's Speed 19.00 kn

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

RICKMERS SEOUL 12-08-2002 LRF  
SHANGHAI SHIPYARD 1102 14-01-2002 LRF  
JINLING JLZ00-0107 08-01-2001 LRF  
Flag Date of record Source  
Marshall Islands 21-10-2003 LRF  
Cyprus 07-07-2003 LRF  
Liberia 08-01-2001 LRF  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
WILMORE SHIPPING 07-07-2003 LRF  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
RICKMERS REEDEREI 21-10-2003 LRF  
GEMINI SHIPMANAGEMENT 07-07-2003 LRF  
RICKMERS REEDEREI 08-01-2001 LRF

## SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:

RICKMERS SEOUL	2003-	Wilmore Shg. Co. Ltd., Marshall Islands

#### GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

Hamburg based Rickmers Linie is taking delivery of a series of nine new Superflex Heavy MPC class vessels. The latest was christened **RICKMERS SEOUL** in South Korea on April 22, less than a month following the delivery of a sister ship, RICKMERS JAKARTA. Seven more of the same type are already in service. The ships, which can carry containers, breakbulk, and heavy lift cargo, are deployed in Rickmers' fortnightly Round-The-World Pearl String Service, which calls at a number of U.S. ports. Like her eight sister vessels, **RICKMERS SEOUL** is equipped with flexible tweendecks, dehumidifying devices in all holds, and heavy-lift capacity of up to 640 tons.

<http://www.aapa-ports.org> - 3 May 2004

Knapp ein Jahr nach der Indienststellung des Typschiffes "RICKMERS HAMBURG" konnten die Hamburger Rickmers Reederei und die Rickmers-Linie jetzt den auf den Namen " **RICKMERS SEOUL** " getauften sechsten von neun bei drei chinesischen Werften kontrahierten Neubauten des Typs "Superflex Heavy Lift MPC" in Fahrt bringen. Nur einen Monat nach ihrer Übergabe von der Shanghai Shipyard (24. April) machte der unter Zypern-Flagge betriebene 30 000-Tonner " **RICKMERS SEOUL** am 26. Mai in Hamburg bei Wallmann am Reiherstieg fest, um hier und anschließend in Bremen, Antwerpen und Genua im Rahmen des "Round-the-World-Pearl-String-Service" der Rickmers-Linie für Abu Dhabi, Singapur, Map Ta Phut, Haiphong, Hongkong, Shanghai, Dalian, Xingang und Masan zu laden. Von Südkorea wird der über vier NMF-Bordkrane mit Kapazitäten von 45 t bis 320 t für den Umschlag von Schwerkolli bis 640 t verfügende 23 119-BRZ-Neubau über Japan, US-Golf/Südatlantik und US-Ostküste nach Hamburg zurückkehren.

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[www.newships.net](http://www.newships.net)

Assigned to protect a group of barges and the 50,000 barrels of fuel they held, Capt. Al Schmidt couldn't just idly watch as another ship the 30,000-ton **RICKMERS SEOUL** broke free into the Houston Ship Channel as Hurricane Ike roared.

Schmidt and some fellow tugboat operators at Buffalo Marine, a Houston-based ship fueling company, defied crashing waves and 100-mph winds to corral the wayward 633-foot freighter in the wee hours of Sept. 13.

Then the Rickmers Seoul's captain apparently lifted an anchor after the winds shifted and the huge ship was bearing down on them again.

The **RICKMERS SEOUL** was about a half-ship-length from the bridge when Port Capt. Ashley Marks, who was riding the storm out at Buffalo's facility at the Turning Basin, told the mariners to pin the ship against the barges to protect them and the structure.

Schmidt maneuvered to the bow of the big ship and did everything he could to slow it, Marian said. But Schmidt's boat, the San Patricio, was blown under the bow and its wheelhouse was damaged. The way the wind was blowing, Schmidt said the ship was definitely headed into what is known as the 610 bridge. "The only way to save our barges was to pin it to our barges," he said. That's what they did for the next several hours, said Capt. Les Cain, who was in charge of the San Rafael. Two other Buffalo Marine tugs the San Carmen, captained by Jimmy Lopez and the San Leandro, captained by O.S. Mills also helped.

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<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/6021490.html>

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