

# S.A. HELDERBERG

IMO No: 7423029 CONTAINER 1977 / 52615 GT

## COMPANY:

Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd., Greece

## YARD INFORMATION:

ARNO Dunkerque S.A. 298

Dunkerque (France)

## SCRAPPING INFORMATION:



Yantian 4/12/2004 © S. Wiedner

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

IMO number: 7423029

Call sign: ONAS

Flag: Belgium

Former name: MSC TEXAS

yard: Chantiers de France, Duinkerken

yard number: 298

year of building: 1977

Length: 258.50 m

Width: 32.31 m

Depth: 24.13 m

gross tonnage: 52615

deadweight: 48878

Capacity: 3101 teu

Reefer capacity: 264 teu

max. speed: 20.5 knots

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

HELDERBERG 2007-11-19 LRF

S.A. HELDERBERG 15-10-2001 LRF

MSC TEXAS 01-11-2000 LRF

S. A. HELDERBERG 12-05-2000 LRF

Flag Date of record Source

Liberia 2007-11-19 LRF

Belgium 16-12-2003 LRF

Bahamas 13-05-2002 LRF

South Africa 12-05-2000 LRF

Registered owner Date of record Source

HELDERBERG MARITIME 02-02-2004 LRF

DANAOS SHIPPING 04-08-2003 LRF

SAFMARINE 07-08-2000 LRF

MOLLER/SAFMARINE 01-01-1999 LRF

Ship manager Date of record Source

DANAOS SHIPPING CO LTD 2007-11-12 LRF

SAFMARINE SHIP MANAGEMENT 01-10-1998 LRF

**SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:**

S.A. HELDERBERG	1977-00	A.P. Moller & Safmarine, South Africa
MSC TEXAS	2000-01	Safmarine Pty. Ltd., South Africa
S.A. HELDERBERG	2001-07	Helderberg Maritime Inc., Belgium
HELDERBERG	2007-08	Helderberg Maritime Inc., Liberia
ASIA EXPRESS	2008-	Helderberg Maritime Inc., Liberia

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

**S.A. HELDERBERG** sailed from the Chantiers de France shipyard in Dunkerque in December 1977 to load at Hamburg to be the first of Safmarine's quartet of large containerships on the South Africa-Europe Container Service. For a few months in 2000, S.A. Helderberg was chartered to MSC for their Europe-North American trade and renamed MSC Texas. Otherwise, the four sisterships have plied the South African trade without any interruption to the service.

[www.uctshiplaw.com](http://www.uctshiplaw.com)

Safmarine has redeployed its 3000 teu (20-ft equivalents) capacity container ship **SA HELDERBERG** on a key trade route between the UK-North Europe and southern Africa. Redeployment of the SA Helderberg to the SAECS fleet will provide dry cargo and reefer (temperature-controlled) shippers in southern Africa and Europe with dependable sailing and arrival dates.

[www.bday.co.za](http://www.bday.co.za) - Nov 06 2001

A.P. Moller have sold the "Big Whites" Safmarine's **S.A. HELDERBERG** / S.A. WATERBERG / S.A. WINTERBERG & S.A. SEDERBERG to MC Shipping with a charter back of some 30 months.

Marine News July 2002

Danaos Shipping of Greece has bought the Big Whites, four of the world's best known containerships which have been serving the Europe-South Africa trades since the late 1970s. The **SA HELDERBERG**, SA WINTERBERG, SA SEDERBERG & MAERSK CONSTANTIA, formerly the SA WATERBERG, have been sold by MC Shipping which acquired the quartet from AP MØller-Maersk in April 2002. The ships are on charter until October 2004 and are still deployed within the Southern Africa Europe Container Service. The group has already announced plans to re-tonnage the joint service with new buildings of around 4,300 teu nominal capacity from 2005. AP MØller, which acquired ownership of the legendary Big Whites when it bought Safmarine in 1999, sold the ships last year to MC Shipping, but then took them back on a bareboat charter basis. The Big Whites were built in 1977 and 1978, and are still thought to have a trading life beyond next year despite their vintage, given the condition of the ships and the present shortage of tonnage

[www.maritimematters.com](http://www.maritimematters.com) - July 18 2003 (Report by Lloyds List)

Safmarine-Maersk and DAL will replace the '**S.A. HELDERBERG**', 'S.A. Sederberg', 'S.A. Waterberg' and 'Maersk Constantia' equipped with the 'conair' system by ships of 4,300 teu with 900 refrigerated plugs.

[www.brs-paris.com](http://www.brs-paris.com) - The Reefership Market in 2003

Africa Line Executive Alex De Bruyn also announced plans for the re-deployment of the four existing Big White vessels - the **SA HELDERBERG**, SA SEDERBERG, SA WINTERBERG & MAERSK CONSTANTIA - currently operating on the Europe-South Africa trade. The existing Big Whites will join the Safari service after undergoing a refurbishment programme, adapting their capacity in line with trade requirements. It is anticipated all four vessels will be part of the revised Safari service by end of April 2005.

[www.mbendi.co.za](http://www.mbendi.co.za) - 13.Dec.2004

The original "big whites" - the SA Winterberg, SA Sederberg, **SA HELDERBERG** and Maersk Constantia (ex SA Waterberg) - will be redeployed on the revised Safari trade from the Far East to South Africa.

<http://allafrica.com> - January 10, 2005

Sailing route 2005 on MSC - Maersk Sealand Safari Service

Singapore - Tanjung Pelepas - Port Louis - Port Elisabeth - Durban - Port Louis - Singapore - Tanjung Pelepas - Shanghai - Hongkong - Kaohsiung - Singapore

[www.containershipregister.nl](http://www.containershipregister.nl) - 16 February 2005

Sailing route 2006 on Maersk's Safari1 service:

Durban - Port Elisabeth - Cape Town - Port Louis - Tanjung Pelepas - Singapore - Hongkong - Shanghai - Kaohsiung - Hongkong - Yantian - Tanjung Pelepas - Port Louis - Durban www.containershipregister.nl - 2 September 2006

Container ship M/V **SA HELDERBERG** collided with another vessel in Singapore and taking on water. (Sun. Feb. 18 2007)

[www.cargolaw.com/presentations\\_casualties.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html)

JOHOR BAHRU, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- The oil spill in waters off Tanjung Piai near Kukup, Pontian, following the collision between container vessel "MV **SA HELDERBERG**" and tanker "OCEAN SAPPHIRE" two days ago is under control.

The oil leaked from the "MV **SA HELDERBERG**" and the vessel had been repaired.

The Dutch-registered "MV **SA HELDERBERG**" is said to have collided with the Singapore-registered "Ocean Sapphire" last Saturday as it was leaving the Port of Tanjung Pelepas.

[www.bernama.com/bernama/v3/news](http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v3/news) - February 19, 2007

M/V **SA HELDERBERG** remains at anchor off the coast of Singapore, in Malaysian waters, with the necessary repairs to the vessel underway. Progress is being made on repairs, and the vessel continues to generate its own power. All reefer containers remain operative. The vessel will enter the port of Tanjung Pelepas, instead of Singapore.

(Sun March 11 2007)

[www.cargolaw.com/presentations\\_casualties.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html)

2008: Renamed ASIA EXPRESS for delivery to breakers (?)

Report by Marine News July 2009

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