

# EASTGATE

IMO No: 7808396 TANKER 1979 / 2072 GT

## COMPANY:

James Fisher (Shipping Services)  
Ltd, UK

## YARD INFORMATION:

Kanrei Zosen KK  
(Japan) 279

## DEMOLITION

Aceria del Ecuador C.A. Adelca,  
12/2015



Firth of Forth (U.K.) 11/2001 © A. Wiedner (S. Wiedner collection)

**2004:** Sold to SIA "ROKO" Shipmanagement, Latvia. **Renamed OCEANVIEW.**

**2008:** Sold to Bunker Vessel Management SA, Panama. **Renamed ATLANTIC TRADER.**

**2015:** Demolition at Aceria del Ecuador C.A. Adelca, 12/2015.

## BASIC DATA:

Products Tanker  
Double Bottom  
GT: 2072  
DWT: 3415  
Loa: 93.17 (BB)  
Bext: 13.40  
Draft: 5.27  
Engine: 1 x oil MaK 6M453AK  
Power: 1655 kW  
Speed: 12.5 kn

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

ATLANTIC TRADER 2008-  
OCEANVIEW since 01/09/2004  
EASTGATE 12-05-2000 LRF  
Flag Date of record Source  
Panama since 01/04/2008  
St.Kitts and Nevis since 01/11/2006  
Gibraltar 12-05-2000 LRF  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
ILFORD OVERSEAS INC since 02/04/2008  
JENNINGS GROUP LTD since 28/09/2004  
FISHER GIBRALTAR 01-08-1992 LRF  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
BUNKER VESSEL MANAGEMENT SA since 02/04/2008  
ROKO SHIPMANAGEMENT SIA since 28/09/2004  
FISHER SHIPPING SERVICES 01-01-1999 LRF

## EX-NAMES:

EASTGATE	1979-81	Hull Gates Shipping Co Ltd, UK
EASTGATE	1981-82	Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd, UK
EASTGATE	1982-87	Rowbotham Tankships Ltd, UK
EASTGATE	1987-92	Rowbotham Tankships Ltd, Isle of Man

EASTGATE	1992-93	Rowbotham Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar
EASTGATE	1993-96	P&O Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar
EASTGATE	1996-99	James Fisher & Sons (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar
EASTGATE	1999-04	James Fisher (Shipping Services) Ltd, UK
OCEANVIEW	2004-06	Jennings Group Ltd., Gibraltar
OCEANVIEW	2006-08	Jennings Group Ltd., St.Kitts and Nevis
ATLANTIC TRADER	2008-09	Ilford Overseas Inc., Panama
ATLANTIC TRADER	2009-15	Ilford Overseas Inc., Panama

#### **GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

#### **HULL GATES SHIPPING CO. LTD. Part 2**

Graham Atkinson

Between 1979 and 1982 Hull Gates became the operators of ten tankers which were all built in Japan. These were split into two classes of four coastal tankers and two of 38,000dwt. The four 3,300dwt tankers perpetuated traditional names; WESTGATE and EASTGATE were registered under the ownership of Hull Gates while the second pair, NORTHGATE (3) and IRISHGATE (2). were taken on bareboat charter from two finance companies.

Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd., Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd. and S.F. Craggs and Co. Ltd. continued to operate as before but in October 1982 the three companies were sold to Rowbotham Tankships Ltd., Turnbull Scott citing poor freight rates coupled with interest and repayment charges due on the ships.

Rowbotham had never renamed IRISHGATE (2), NORTHGATE (3), EASTGATE and WESTGATE in line with their other ships whose names traditionally ended in ...MAN although they spent time on the Isle of Man and Gibraltar registers in an attempt to make them more economical to trade. P&O Tankships Ltd. was purchased for £38.8m on 30 December 1996 by Barrow-based James Fisher and Sons plc who renamed the company James Fisher Tankships Ltd. Again the former Hull Gates ships retained their names, only changing funnel markings with each new ownership until 2003 and 2004 when they were sold to owners in the Mediterranean and West Africa. Both NORTHGATE (3) and EASTGATE, as well as the four ships built for the Norwegians, are still trading after creditable careers approaching 40 years each.

Since 1970 Rowbotham had been owned by United States companies, latterly New Jersey-based Marine Transport Lines which, in 1989, was subject to a management buyout. The new regime announced they would be looking for partners for their various operations, in particular one for Rowbotham. Consequently P&O Bulk Shipping took a 50% stake in Rowbothams for a reported £11.2m on 3 May 1990, purchasing the remaining 50% in January 1993 with the Rowbotham name disappearing with the company being renamed P&O Tankships Ltd.

#### **33. EASTGATE 1979-1982**

O.N. 379518 I.M.O. 7808396.

1,599g 1,114n 3,415d.

92.17x 13.44 x 5.265 metres.

6-cyl. 4SCSA Mak-type oil engine by Ube K.K., Ube, Japan.

10.3.1979: Launched by Kanrei Zosen K.K., Naruto, Japan (Yard No. 279).

6.1979: Registered in the ownership of Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd. (Fred Parkes Shipping Co. Ltd., managers), Grimsby as EASTGATE.

1981: Owners became Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd., Grimsby.

1982: Owners became Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd. (Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd., managers), Grimsby.

10.1982: Share capital in Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd. acquired by Rowbotham Tankships Ltd., London and vessel transferred to their ownership.

1987: Transferred to the Isle of Man register.

1992: Owners became Rowbotham Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd., Gibraltar (Rowbotham Tankships Ltd., London, managers).

1.2.1993: Owners became P&O Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd., Gibraltar (P&O Tankships Ltd., London, managers).

30.12.1996: P&O Tankships acquired by James Fisher and Sons plc, Barrow-in-Furness and transferred to the ownership of James Fisher (Gibraltar) Ltd., Gibraltar (James Fisher Tankships Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness, managers).

1999: Managers became James Fisher (Shipping Services) Ltd., Barrow in Furness.

9.2003: Sold to Jennings Group Ltd., Tortola, British Virgin Islands (SIA 'ROKO Shipmanagement', Riga, managers) and renamed OCEANVIEW with Gibraltar registry retained.

11.2008: Sold to Ilford Overseas Inc., British Virgin Islands, renamed ATLANTIC TRADER and transferred to the Panama register.

2009: Managers became Bunker Vessel Management S.A., Panama City, Panama.

12.2015: Broken up by Aceria del Ecuador (Adelca), Ecuador.



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*Tony Stacey/World Ship Society*

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