

IKARIA ISLAND

IMO No: 9138898 BULKER 1997 / 19420 GT

COMPANY:

Firodi Shipping Ltd,
Greece

YARD INFORMATION:

Onomichi Dockyard Co. Ltd.
(Japan) 411

DEMOLITION:

Sank 2/3/2024 in the Red Sea



Frederica (Denmark) 6/1/2010 © S. Wiedner

2020: Sold and renamed RUBYMAR.

2024: Suffered Houthi missile attack in the Red Sea. Status between drifting and sinking. Finally, sank 2/3/2024.

BASIC DATA:

GT: 19420
DWT: 32211
Loa: 171.60
Bmd: 27.00
Draft: 10.42
Engine: 1x oil Mitsubishi 6UEC52LA
Power: 7061 kW
Speed: 14.5 kn
Cranes: 4x30t

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

RUBYMAR since 01/07/2020
IKARIA ISLAND since 01/05/2009
CHATHAM ISLAND since 01/06/2007
Flag Date of record Source
Belize since 01/07/2020
Panama since 01/06/2007
Registered owner Date of record Source
GOLDEN ADVENTURE SHIPPING SA since 22/07/2020
MOORE NAVIGATION SA during 04/2009
MIRS SHIPPING BVI LTD since 01/06/2007
Ship manager Date of record Source

GMZ SHIP MANAGEMENT CO SA since 22/07/2020
TRIAN MARITIME SA before 05/2014
FIRODI SHIPPING LTD during 04/2009
PB MARITIME SERVICES LTD since 16/11/2007
PACIFIC BASIN SHIPPING HK LTD since 01/06/2007
KYOKUTO SHIPPING CO LTD since 21/11/2006
INUI GLOBAL LOGISTICS CO LTD since 08/04/2002

NAME HISTORY:

KEN SHIN	1997-07	
CHATHAM ISLAND	2007-09	Mirs Shipping (BVI) Ltd., Panama
IKARIA ISLAND	2009-20	Moore Navigation SA, Panama
RUBYMAR	2020-24	Golden Adventure Shipping SA, Belize

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2009:



Inui joins compatriots in offloading handy bulker

13 March 2009 0:00 GMT *UPDATED 13 March 2009 0:00 GMT*

By **Trond Lillestolen Oslo**

Handysize-bulker owner and operator Inui Steamship of Japan is said to have sold the 32,000-dwt bulker **Chatham Island** (built 1997) to an undisclosed buyer for \$14m.

2020:



16.06.2020 — Low-profile Trian Maritime reportedly sold the 32,200-dwt **Ikaria Island** (built 1997) to Lebanese interests for \$3.4m.

2024:



Crew abandon bulk carrier after Houthi missile attack



Sam Chambers · February 19, 2024

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An explosion happened in close proximity to the Belize-flagged **Rubymar** on Sunday night, resulting in damage. The ship is owned by Golden Adventure Shipping from the UK. The attack took place in the Bab al-Mandeb strait, whilst the vessel was heading northbound from Khorfakkan in the UAE to Varna, Bulgaria. Subsequent updates said that the crew was forced to abandon the ship due to damage from a reported fire onboard. There have been no reports of crew injuries.

A spokesperson for the Houthis has since said the ship is close to sinking, potentially becoming the first total constructive loss since the Red Sea shipping crisis started four months ago. Houthis have exaggerated details of damage to ships in the past and at present there is no way of corroborating how badly hit the vessel is.

Adding to the confusion, an update from the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said. "Vessel at anchor and all crew are safe."

Meanwhile, British maritime security consultants Ambrey notes that the vessel had been drifting in a pattern consistent with engine failure for much of the weekend prior to the strike.



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Plans made to save Houthi-struck bulker from sinking

Adis Ajdin · February 22, 2024

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Bulker #Rubymar with a flooded engine room and well down by the stern. She must be in a nearly empty condition to have sufficient buoyancy to remain afloat.



An abandoned Belize-flagged bulk carrier [Rubymar](#) which was damaged by Yemen's Houthi missile strike, is still floating despite taking in water.

The Houthis had earlier said the vessel was in danger of sinking after claiming the attack that took place in the Strait of Bab el-Mandeb late Sunday and forced the crew of 24, including four guards, to abandon ship. No injuries were reported, and the crew have since been safely transported to Djibouti.

Despite several confusing videos on social media of the vessel sinking, the latest images taken of the Rubymar show it still above water but well down by the stern after suffering a strike near the engine room.

The attack and damage inflicted on the 32,200 dwt ship with about 22 tonnes of fertilizer on board is so far the most serious incident of the escalating Red Sea conflict.

According to TankerTrackers.com, the vessel owned by UK-registered Golden Adventure Shipping and managed by Lebanon-based Blue Fleet Group is leaking fuel oil but is still afloat.

"She is located in the southbound traffic lane," the monitoring service said in a post on social media platform X.

Efforts are underway to recover the 1997-built vessel that is still at risk of sinking and tow it back to Djibouti.

"She will be towed to Djibouti but the tugboat has not yet arrived," Blue Fleet CEO Roy Khoury told *AFP*. "It should be there in two to three days."

MV Rubymar Leaking Oil, Taking on Water After Houthi Missile Strike

Mike Schuler

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February 23, 2024

The U.S. Central Command has reported an 18-mile-long oil slick from the MV Rubymar, which was struck by an anti-ship ballistic missile on Sunday launched from a Houthi-controlled area of Yemen. The ship remains afloat, but is at risk of sinking.

The attack occurred on Feb. 18 between 9:30 p.m. and 10:40 p.m., forcing its crew members to abandon ship.

The Belize-flagged, UK-owned bulk carrier is now anchored and slowly taking on water.



A photo shared by the U.S. Central Command showing an oil slick from the MV Rubymar in the Red Sea. Photo courtesy CENTCOM

ABANDONED RUBYMAR VESSEL

There were growing concerns on Monday for the fate of the [abandoned cargo vessel Rubymar](#) after it was hit by a Houthi missile on Feb 18 in the southern Red Sea and was leaking fuel.

Shipping sources said weather in the area had worsened in recent days with strong winds.

The *Rubymar's* owner is looking at towing the vessel to Saudi Arabia once a hole can be patched up, the ship's chartering broker said on Monday.

"She is still afloat with engine room and no. 5 hold under water," Roy Khoury, CEO of Lebanon-based Blue Fleet Group, told Reuters by email.

Khoury said they were looking at bringing in a work ship that will attempt to close the hole caused by the Houthi missile.

"There is a small fuel leakage," Khoury said, adding that vessel was carrying 22,000 tonnes of fertilizer onboard.

"We are contracting a tug boat to come alongside and tow the vessel to a safe port. The problem is that neither Djibouti nor Aden port authorities are accepting the vessel," Khoury said.

"So, we are now looking at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia."

A Yemeni port source said the vessel was far away from the southern Yemeni port of Aden and the port had not been asked to help with the towing of the vessel.

A separate Yemeni government source said a team had visited the *Rubymar* on Monday and they observed oily patches floating on the water surrounding it with part of the vessel sinking.

Djibouti officials could not be immediately contacted.

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Rubymar's sinking poses 'major environmental crisis' in the Red Sea

 Sam Chambers · March 4, 2024

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The Red Sea shipping crisis has entered a new chapter with the sinking of the [Rubymar](#) bulk carrier early on Saturday morning.

The insurance situation regarding the Lebanese-owned, Greek-managed, Belize-registered ship remains unclear. The vessel has become the first constructive total loss since the Houthis from Yemen started their campaign against merchant shipping five months ago in solidarity with Hamas's ongoing war with Israel.

The ship was struck by missiles fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels on on February 18 [forcing the crew to evacuate](#).

The ship creates a triple threat to the Red Sea – with its bunker fuel already creating a 30 km slick, its cargo of fertiliser posing a potential ecological disaster, and the wreck itself becoming a hazard to other ships passing by. The ship was carrying 21,000 metric tons of ammonium phosphate sulphate fertiliser when it was struck last month.



Last update: 10/3/2024