

NEW RIVER

IMO No: 5137913 TANKER 1960 / 23538 GT

OWNER & HOMPEPORT:

American Heavy Lift Shipping Co.,
USA

YARD INFORMATION:

Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilders 4572
(USA)

SCRAPPING INFORMATION:



Delaware River 19/8/1997 © J. Curdy

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name: New River IMO No: 5137913
Ex: Spray Built: 1960
Type: Tanker Status: In Service
SubType: Flag: United States
DWT: 31,300 Draft: 10.56 Builder: Bethlehem Steel
Shipbuilders
GT: 18,150 LOA: 196.55 Owner: American Heavy Lift
NT: 42 Beam: 25.73 Speed/Cons: 17.25/79.50
Class: AB Depth: 13.42 Engine Type: Kawasaki Steam

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

NEW RIVER 12-05-2000 LRF
Flag Date of record Source
U.S.A. 12-05-2000 LRF
Registered owner Date of record Source
AMERICAN HEAVY 31-12-1979 LRF
Ship manager Date of record Source
AMERICAN HEAVY 31-12-1979 LRF

SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:

GULFSPRAY	1960-85	
SPRAY	1985-96	American Heavy Lift Shg. Co., USA
NEW RIVER	1996-	American Heavy Lift Shg. Co., USA

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

Avondale Industries, Inc., and AHL Shipping Company christened the first commercial, self-propelled, double-hull tanker built in the United States to conform with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the Jones Act. The 680-foot-long product carrier was christened CAPTAIN H. A. DOWNING. The new ship is named for Captain Henry A. Downing, who established American Heavy Lift Shipping

Company in 1985. The ship is the first of four AHL tankers being built as double-hulled ships with the addition of a new 510-foot-long doubled-hulled forebody constructed by Avondale. The new forebody is joined to the renovated and modified existing stern section -- where the engines, crew quarters, and bridge are located -- to complete the conversion into a modern, environmentally sound, double-hulled product carrier. Prior to joining together the forebody and stern section of the new ship, Avondale fabricated and installed three additional deck levels which were added to the stern's superstructure. This same procedure will be repeated on the three subsequent AHL vessels. The double-hulled forebody for the third ship, which will be named **NEW RIVER**, is also presently under construction at Avondale. A keel-laying ceremony was held October 2, 1996, for the fourth ship, which will be named THE MONSEIGNEUR. The AHL double-hulled product carriers will transport refined products and chemicals. The ships have a beam of 90 feet and a draft of 36 feet. They will displace 50,035 long tons and have a deadweight of 39,400 long tons. Powered by 15,000 horsepower, the new ships are capable of speeds of 15.5 knots at fully loaded cargo oil capacity of 275,800 barrels. The CAPTAIN H. A. DOWNING's maiden voyage is scheduled for early October, when it will transport gasoline additives (MTBE) from the Texas Gulf Coast to the U. S. West Coast. Once delivered, the ship will be under the command of the Captain William Ehringer. AHL Shipping Company, headquartered in New Orleans, owns and operates a fleet of U. S.-flag product/chemical carriers.
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