

# RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS

IMO No: 9253155 GENERAL CARGO 2003 / 23119 GT

## COMPANY:

Rickmers Reederei GmbH & Cie.  
KG, Germany

## YARD INFORMATION:

Xiamen Shipbuilding Industry Co Ltd  
(China) MX439F  
Design: Superflex-MPC

## DEMOLITION:



Shanghai 23/1/2006 © S. Wiedner

**2017: Purchased by MPC / Project operator Zeaborn (Bremen, Germany)**

**enbloc deal including five ex-Rickmers Superflex MPC vessels (30.000 dwt).**

**2019: Renamed ZEA NEW ORLEANS.**

**2020: Renamed MPV THALIA.**

## BASIC DATA:

Double bottom  
GT: 23119  
DWT: 29878  
TEU: 1888  
Reefer: 150  
LOA: 192.92  
Bmd: 27.80  
Draft: 11.20  
Engine: 1x oil B&W 7S60MC-C  
Power: 15785 kW  
Speed: 18.0 kn  
Cranes: 2x320t; 1x100t; 1x45t

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

MPV THALIA since 01/07/2020  
ZEA NEW ORLEANS since 01/05/2019  
RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS since 01/05/2003  
XIAMEN MX439F 12-06-2001 LRF  
Flag Date of record Source  
Marshall Islands since 01/02/2018  
Portugal (MAR) since 01/12/2016  
Marshall Islands since 01/10/2003  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
CL NEW ORLEANS LLC since 17/05/2019  
ZEA NEW ORLEANS GMBH & CO KG during 02/2019  
WILBERT SHIPPING CO LTD since 08/10/2003  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
RICKMERS REEDEREI GMBH & CIE since 01/09/2003  
COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT LTD during 2003

**EX-NAMES:**

RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS	2003-16	Wilbert Shipping Co. Ltd., Marshall Islands
RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS	2016-19	Wilbert Shipping Co. Ltd., Portugal (MAR)
ZEA NEW ORLEANS	2019-20	MS ZEA New Orleans GmbH & Co. KG, Marshall Islands CL New Orleans LLC, Marshall Islands
MPV THALIA	2020-	CL New Orleans LLC, Marshall Islands

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

**2003:**

**RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS**, one of nine new Superflex Heavy MPC vessels built for Rickmers-Linie, the Hamburg-based global project liner and heavy lift specialist, was officially named in New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday, 6 December 2003.

(www.mglobal.com/news)

**RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS**, the seventh of nine new Superflex Heavy MPC (multi-purpose container carrier) vessels being built for Rickmers-Linie, the Hamburg-based global project liner and heavy lift specialist, has joined the company's new Round-The-World Pearl String Service. On arrival at the dedicated Rickmers multi-purpose terminal in Hamburg, RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS commenced loading a wide range of cargo. Her eastbound voyage to Asia will also include a call at the port of Middlesbrough. She is also scheduled to load in Antwerp and Genoa before continuing to Singapore, Haiphong, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Dalian, Xingang and Masan. She will further proceed to the US and back across the Atlantic to Europe, thus completing her first Pearl String circumnavigation. The Pearl String service operates to a regular and punctual fortnightly-scheduled programme. The 126 days allocated for a round-the-world voyage allows ample time for loading and unloading demanding cargoes and for a certain flexibility to make additional port calls on inducement without impacting on the integrity of the core schedule.

(www.rickmers-linie.de/news)

**2017:**



**Zeaborn bags Rickmers 'Superflex MPC' multipurpose - heavylift quintet**

Bremen-based multipurpose and project operator Zeaborn has purchased five 30,000 dwt 'Superflex MPC' multi-purpose vessels from the Hamburg-based Rickmers Group for a reported en-bloc price of \$ 30 M.

The five ships included in the transaction are the RICKMERS DALIAN, RICKMERS JAKARTA, RICKMERS NEW ORLEANS, RICKMERS SEOUL and RICKMERS SINGAPORE, all built between 2003 & 2004 in two different Chinese yards, Xiamen and Shanghai Shipyards.

The purchase of these ships adds to the earlier acquisition by Zeaborn of a sister vessel, the RICKMERS HAMBURG, bought when Zeaborn took control of Hamburg-based Rickmers Linie in April 2017.

The RICKMERS DALIAN and her sisters feature a deadweight of 30,095 tons, a Loa of 192.90 m and a beam of 27.00 m. They are highly versatile multi-purpose cargo vessels fitted with a strong gear that features two cranes of 320 tons (combinable to 640 tons) as well as one crane of 100 tons and one of 50 tons.

The ships are also able to carry up to 1,888 teu and they were originally part of a nine-vessel series delivered to Rickmers Linie in 2003-2004.

Rickmers remains for the time being owner of the RICKMERS ANTWERP, RICKMERS SHANGHAI and RICKMERS TOKYO which are time chartered to Zeaborn and operated alongside their sisters, on Rickmers Linie 'Pearl String' Eastbound Round-the-World service, an operation which is now part of the Zeaborn Group.

The Zeaborn Group has been expanding quickly since it was set up in 2013, a milestone development being its take-over of Rickmers Linie and affiliate NPC Projects (ex Nordana Projects) in April 2017. The companies currently under the Zeaborn umbrella operate 200 staff and about 50 multi-purpose vessels ranging from 7,500 to 30,000 dwt, with lifting capacities up to 700 tons.

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## Zeaborn takes five more Rickmers ships

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Rickmers-Linie buyer takes ownership of five multi-purpose vessels operating the line's Pearl String service

GERMAN multi-purpose vessel owner Zeaborn has confirmed that it has taken five heavylift cargo vessels off the hands of Rickmers Holdings.

Zeaborn, which acquired insolvent Hamburg shipping giant Rickmers Group multi-purpose vessel division Rickmers-Linie earlier this year, said that it had signed contracts for five 30,000 dwt superflex heavylift units that were sister ships of the previously purchased Rickmers Hamburg. The respective parties have agreed not to disclose the value of contracts for each vessel. The ships are employed as part of the Rickmers Line liner service.

The five vessels, Rickmers Singapore, Rickmers Jakarta, Rickmers New Orleans, Rickmers Seoul and Rickmers Dalian — equipped with four cranes allowing for a combined lifting capacity of 640 tonnes — will be renamed to incorporate the Zeaborn title by the end of September.

(<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com> - 09 August 2017)

2020:



### Multipurpose cargo vessels make comeback in tonnage - tight container market

The dearth of cellular container tonnage in the charter market is forcing some carriers to tap into the multi-purpose market to cover their needs, targeting ships with good speeds and high container intakes.

Illustrating this trend, South Korean carrier HMM has fixed the MPV THALIA, a 30,000 dwt 'Superflex MPC' multi-purpose cargo vessel with a capacity of 1,888 teu for a 5-6 month charter. The vessel is being deployed on a container route between South Korea and the Russian Far East.



above: the heavy-lifter ZEA NEW ORLEANS, built as the RICKMERS NEW OLEANS and today known as the MPV THALIA is one of several multipurpose cargo ships that have recently been fixed by container lines.

photo: S. Verberckmoes

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