

# ROBERT M

IMO No: 6929868 TANKER 1970 / 1675 GT

## COMPANY:

M James Fisher & Sons (Liverpool)  
Ltd, UK

## YARD INFORMATION:

Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co Ltd  
(Hong Kong) 1065

## DEMOLITION:

Gadani Beach 16/12/2009



Hamburg 18/5/1996 © S. Wiedner

**1997: Sold to Cyrus Shipping Services, UAE. Renamed NESAs I. Later renamed NESAs R.**

**2009: Demolition at Gadani Beach 16/12/2009.**

## BASIC DATA:

IMO No: 6929868  
Built: 1/1970  
Type: Tanker  
DWT: 2,449 Draft: 4.44 Builder: Hong Kong United  
Dockyards  
GT: 1,593 LOA: 85.04 Owner:  
NT: Beam: 12.81 Speed/Cons: 11.75/16.50  
Depth: 4.96 Engine Type: MAN

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

NESA R since 01/11/1997  
Flag Date of record Source  
Sierra leone since 01/12/2007  
Panama since 01/07/2001  
St Vincent and Grenadines 01-09-1997 LRF  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
HASWELL CO LTD since 07/11/1997  
CYRUS SHIPPING SERVICES 01-09-1997 LRF  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
CYRUS SHIPPING SERVICES LLC since 25/07/2001

## EX-NAMES:

CREE	1970-75	Matheson & Co Ltd, UK
CREE	1975-77	Indo-China SN Co (Hong Kong) Ltd, Hong Kong
ROBERT M	1977-96	M Coe Metcalf Motor Coasters Ltd, UK
ROBERT M	1996-97	M James Fisher & Sons (Liverpool) Ltd, UK
NESA-I	1997-97	Cyrus Shipping Services, UAE
NESA R	1997-01	R. Haswell Co Ltd., St. Vincent & Grenadines
NESA R	2001-07	R. Haswell Co Ltd., Panama
NESA R	2007-09	R. Haswell Co Ltd., Sierra Leone

## GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:



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**Seadog Pete R.I.P.**   
Moderator

Built by Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., Kowloon, Yard-No.1065  
1785 GT, 2410 dwt - Loa.85.0m - 79.3 x 12.8m  
(since July 1994 - 1675 GT, 2449 dwt)  
Launched: ? .Completed: -01-1970  
1970 CREE Matheson & Co. Ltd., London, Gbr.  
1975 CREE Indo-China SN Co. (Hong Kong) Ltd., Hong Kong, Gbr.  
1977 ROBERT M Coe Metcalf Shipping Ltd., Liverpool, Gbr.  
1996 ROBERT M James Fisher & Sons (Liverpool) Ltd., Liverpool, Gbr.  
1997 NESAS 1 Cyrus Shipping Services, Uae.  
1997 NESAS R Haswell Co. Ltd., Kingstown, Vct.  
2002 NESAS R Haswell Co. Ltd. (Cyrus Shipping Services LLC.), Panama, Pan.  
2007 NESAS R Haswell Co. Ltd. (Cyrus Shipping Services LLC.), Freetown, Sle.  
16-12-2009 broken up at Gadani Beach

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## Marine News

### 'FLATIRON' TANKERS

Captain Michael Pryce

#### CREE/ROBERT M

Across at the other side of the world, the small coastal tanker CREE (1,745/70) was built for Matheson and Co. Ltd., London by Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., Hong Kong. She also was built to 'flatiron' tanker design. It is not known with certainty why she was built to this design, and the only reason considered likely is that she was also available for charter to run up the Mekong River under the same low bridge at Phnom Penh. According to 'Lloyd's Index' her movements were Pulau Bukom to Saigon in April 1971, and Pulau Bukom to Hong Kong in April 1973. On 25.1.1974 she suffered an engine room explosion and fire on a voyage from Port Hedland to Singapore, but was salvaged and towed by a tug to Singapore, where she arrived on 8.2.1974 and was repaired. She was back in service by July 1974, bound from Singapore to East Malaysia. In March 1975 she was bound from Port Hedland to Singapore, and in July and November 1975 sailed from Hong Kong to Pulau Bukom. During this period, she was chartered to Shell, loading oil products from their Pulau Bukom refinery. In September 1976 she was anchored in Singapore Roads. She was sold to Metcalf Motor Coasters Ltd. in December 1976 and renamed ROBERT M. By August 1977 she had moved to U.K. waters and, as she could also carry bitumen, initially regularly carried bitumen between the Stanlow refinery and Ardrossan, and later operated from Milford Haven refineries. She was sold in 1997 to owners who planned to trade her in the Persian Gulf, and she was renamed NESAS 1 and later to NESAS R. She was scrapped in 2009.

All the 'flatiron' tankers mentioned above had their navigation bridge amidships. In the recent three decades, many 'low air-draught' type coasters have been built and are frequently seen in British and European ports, and in European river systems around the North Sea and Baltic.



**ROBERT M** passes Eastham, inward bound for the Manchester Ship Canal, 4.6.1988.

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