

SPRUCE

IMO No: 7734167 BARGE CARRIER 1975 / 7258 GT

COMPANY:

Dobson Fleet Management Ltd.,
Cyprus

YARD INFORMATION:

Sumitomo H.I. CCK40100
(Japan)

SCRAPPING INFORMATION:



Sheerness (U.K.) 26/3/2004 © S. Wiedner

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Spruce (IMO: 7734167, flag: Marshall Islands) is a 112 meters long, 34 meters wide LASH ship.

She was built in 1975 as the Flash IV (later Mammoth Spruce) by Sumitome Heavy Industries in Tokyo, Japan and is currently owned by Central Gulf Lines Inc., New Orleans

www.shipoftheday.blogspot.com/2006_11_01_archive.html

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

EIDE TRADER 2007-05-07 LRF
SPRUCE 2000-05-12 LRF
Flag Date of record Source
Marshall Islands 2003-06-03 LRF
Liberia 2000-05-12 LRF
Registered owner Date of record Source
EIDE MARINE SERVICES AS 2007-05-07 LRF
LCI SHIPHOLDINGS 2005-02-28 LRF
MAMMOTH BULK CARRIER 2003-07-21 LRF
LASH CARRIERS LRF
Ship manager Date of record Source
EIDE MARINE SERVICES AS 2007-05-07 LRF
DFM LTD 2005-05-03 LRF
DOBSON FLEET MANAGEMENT LTD 2003-06-09 LRF
NETHERLANDS MARITIME AGENCIES 1990-01-01 LRF

SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:

FLASH IV	1975-78
MAMMOUTH SPRUCE	1978-78
SPRUCE	1978-07
EIDE TRADER	2007-

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

Spruce was originally built in 1975 in Japan at Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd. Initially she was operated as the unpropelled barge FLASH IV. In 1978 she returned to the same yard to be converted to a twin screwed barge carrier, and was then renamed MAMMOUTH SPRUCE for use in the Lighter Aboard Ship (LASH) industry. Subsequently, she was sold on to Lash Carriers Inc and renamed **SPRUCE**.

SPRUCE was used as a feeder ship serving two larger ocean-going vessels which carried the loaded barges on a regular route between Rotterdam and the Gulf of Mexico.

LASH was developed as a shipping concept in the USA for predominantly military use. The LASH mother vessel has the capability to carry around 80 LASH barges, each weighing up to 340 tonnes. Feeder vessels such as Spruce can carry around 15 barges.

SPRUCE had a single hold which was completely open to the sea at the after end. The vessel was ballasted down to enable barges to be floated in or out, and then de-ballasted to ground the barges in the hold for transport

www.maib.dft.gov.uk/cms_resources/Spruce.pdf

The service that commenced in 2000 when the LASH feeder ship **SPRUCE** commenced its present service for Forest Lines from the US Gulf and Gulf of Mexico ports to the UK via Rotterdam. Barges bound for London, Medway and the Port of Hull are floated onto the submersible vessel Spruce and carried to the UK ports.

Every three weeks the **SPRUCE** calls at Sheerness usually with six to nine loaded LASH units where Bennett tugs tow them from the ship and float on empty barges required to be repositioned for loading westbound cargo to the US.

www.portoflondon.co.uk- September/October 2003

Roro ferry M/V ARISBE pushed onto M/V **SPRUCE** in Rotterdam-Waalhaven by the strong winds on Jan 18.

www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html - Jan.20 2007

After a succesfull upgrading work in Hoylandsbygd "EIDE TRADER" loaded dredging equipment in Flushing. This is the first job for her as "EIDE TRADER".

Eide Marine Services expect her to be a "smart" growth to our Heavy Lift fleet.

She is fully submersible with a deck dimension og 96,75 x 29,40 meter.

www.eide-gruppen.no

The purpose of Eide Marine Services AS is to own and operate vessels of different types, barges, tugs and floating cranes. The company is also engaged in sale and purchase of various vessels. Eide Marine Services AS provides base services for heavy offshore materials including a complete service of heavy lifts, outside storage area, inhouse storage area, service workshops, office facilities and transport coordination.

<http://members.lycos.nl/marianeels/Eide.htm>

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