

# TURAKINA

IMO No: 8321682 GENERAL CARGO 1983 / 3780 GT

## COMPANY:

South Pacific Shipping Ltd,  
New Zealand (Operator)  
(Partenreederei ms "Turakina")

## YARD INFORMATION:

J.J. Sietas KG Schiffswerft GmbH &  
Co (Germany) 939

## DEMOLITION:

Aliaga, 21/11/2020



Under arrest at Sydney (receivership of South Pacific Shipping Ltd) 23/2/1998 © A. Calvert (S. Wiedner collection)

1998: Sold via auction. **Renamed ATENS.**

2000: **Renamed IBERICA EXPRESS.**

2000: To Exmaris, Morocco. **Renamed CASABLANCA EXPRESS.**

2011: To BIA Shipping Co, Romania. **Renamed DUDU EXPRESS.**

2012: To El Reedy Shipping Agency, Egypt.

2014: **Renamed MERO STAR.**

2020-08: Sustained hull damage and took water caused by chemical explosion whilst moored at Beirut Port on 04/08/2020.

2020-11: Demolition at Aliaga, 21/11/2020.

## BASIC DATA:

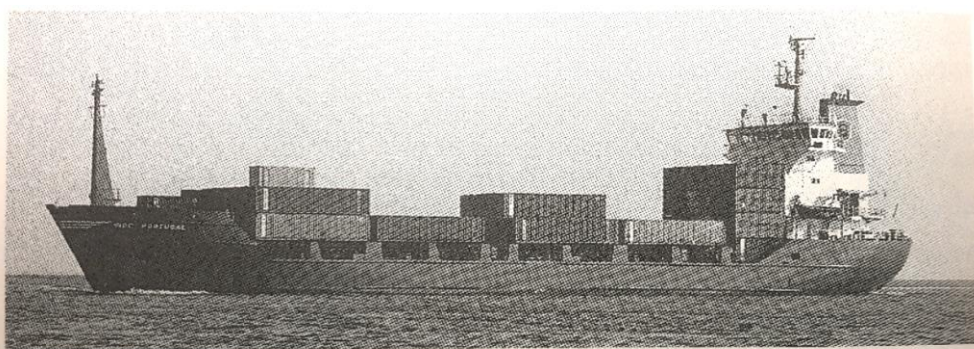
GT: 3780  
DWT: 4110  
TEU: 356  
Reefer: 25  
Loa: 96.98 (BB)  
Bmd: 17.60  
Draught: 5.58  
Engine: 1x oil Deutz SBV8M540  
Power: 1471 kW  
Speed: 15.0 kn  
Decks: 2

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

MERO STAR since 01/09/2014  
DUDU EXPRESS since 01/06/2011  
CASABLANCA EXPRESS since 01/08/2000  
IBERICA EXPRESS since 01/02/2000  
Flag Date of record Source  
Sierra leone since 01/06/2011  
Morocco since 01/08/2000  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
FRIENDS SHIPMANAGEMENT INC since 16/03/2012  
NORTH SKY MARITIME CO LTD since 02/06/2011  
EXMARIS during 08/2000  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
EL REEDY SHIPPING AGENCY since 16/03/2012  
BIA SHIPPING CO since 02/06/2011  
EXMARIS since 01/01/2009  
HOLLAND MAAS SHIPPING BV during 08-2000

**EX-NAMES:**

ARND BECKER	1983-84	Reederei Bernd Becker KG ms "Arnd Becker", Germany
AKAK STAR	1984-85	Reederei Bernd Becker KG ms "Arnd Becker", Germany
WEC PORTUGAL	1985-94	Reederei Bernd Becker KG ms "Arnd Becker", Germany
HMS PORTUGAL	1994-95	Reederei Bernd Becker KG ms "Arnd Becker", Germany
TURAKINA	1995-98	Partenreederei ms "Turakina", Antigua & Barbuda
ATENS	1998-00	Jupiter Shipping Co Ltd, Antigua & Barbuda
IBERICA EXPRESS	2000-00	Jupiter Shipping Co Ltd, Antigua & Barbuda
CASABLANCA EXPRESS	2000-11	Exmaris, Morocco
DUDU EXPRESS	2011-12	North Sky Maritime Co. Ltd., Sierra Leone
DUDU EXPRESS	2012-14	Friends Shipmanagement Inc, Sierra Leone
MERO STAR	2014-20	Friends Shipmanagement Inc, Sierra Leone

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

WEC PORTUGAL, 31/1/94

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WEC PORTUGAL, (Arak Star – 85, Arnd Becker – 84), 3,780/83. Has been renamed **HMS PORTUGAL** by Reederei Bernd Becker KG m.s. "Arnd Becker", Germany.

**1998:**

South Pacific Shipping, which went into receivership on 19 Feb 1998 has affected several other business areas as a result. A total of 8 vessels chartered from German interests are being reclaimed. South Pacific Shipping owes New Zealand Stevedores around US \$ 2 mio and reportedly owes Patrick, the Australian stevedore about US \$ 1 mio. Seaport Shipping, meanwhile, is owned hundreds of thousands US \$. Patrick **arrested the TURAKINA** at Darling Harbour in Sydney, Australia. New Zealand Stevedores also had the RANGITATA arrested the afternoon of 19 Feb 1998 in Melbourne, Australia.

(World Maritime News 27 Feb 1998)

Two 1983/85-built 4,000 dwt tweendeckers, RANGITATA & **TURAKINA**, each realised just over US\$3m at auction in New Zealand.

The GL-classed, German-built vessels were bought by a German owner.

(HK SHIPPING NEWS- 21 September 1998)

**2020:**

MERO STAR (8321682) (Dudu Express -14, Casablanca Express 11, Iberica Express 00, Atens 00, Turakina 98, HMS Portugal 85, WEC Portugal 94, Akak Star 85, Arnd Becker 84), 3,780/83 - Sierra Leone flagged general cargo ship owned by Friends Shipmanagement Inc, USA, sustained damage caused by chemical explosion whilst moored at no 8 berth Beirut Port on 04/08/2020. The ship sustained hull damage and took water. Two crew members were badly injured.

(WSS Marine News 11/2020)

MERO STAR (8321682; Sierra Leone) (Dudu Express -14, Casablanca Express -11, Iberica Express -00, Atens -00, Turakina -98, HMS Portugal -95, WEC Portugal -94, Akak Star -85, Arnd Becker -84) 3,780/83 - General Cargo Ship. By Friends Shipmanagement Inc (El Reedy Shipping Agency), United States Of America, to Ersay Gemi Geri Donusum AS, Turkey and arrived Aliaga, 21/11/2020. Commenced 21/11/2020.

(WSS Marine News 05/2021)