

COMPANY:

P&O Tankships Ltd,
UK

YARD INFORMATION:

Kanrei Zosen KK
(Japan) 280

DEMOLITION:

Grangemouth (U.K.) 26/9/1993 © S. Wiedner

1996: P&O Tankships acquired James Fisher and Sons plc.

2004: Sold to SIA "ROKO" Shipmanagement, Latvia. Renamed ISLANDVIEW.

2007: Sold to Alasonya Denizcilik Ticaret Ltd. Sti, Turkey. Renamed BEBEK-E.

BASIC DATA:

Products Tanker
Double Bottom
GT: 2072
DWT: 3368
Loa: 93.17 (BB)
Bmd: 13.42
Draft: 5.27
Engine: 1x oil MaK 6M453AK
Power: 1655 kW
Speed: 12.5 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

BEBEK-E since 01/02/2007
ISLANDVIEW since 01/05/2004
WESTGATE 12-05-2000 LRF
Flag Date of record Source
Turkey since 01/02/2007
St.Kitts and Nevis since 01/09/2006
Gibraltar 12-05-2000 LRF
Registered owner Date of record Source
ALASONYA DENIZCILIK TIC LTD before 12/2015
YAPI KREDI FINANSAL KIRALAMA before 02/2009
ALASONYA DENIZCILIK TIC LTD since 27/02/2007
TISLAND CAPITAL since 27/05/2004
FISHER GIBRALTAR 01-08-1992 LRF
Ship manager Date of record Source
ALASONYA DENIZCILIK TIC LTD before 02/2009
BARIS DENIZCILIK SANAYI since 27/02/2007
ROKO SHIPMANAGEMENT SIA during 08/2004
COWEN MANAGEMENT SA since 27/05/2004
JAMES FISHER SHIPPING SERVICES 01-01-1999 LRF

EX-NAMES:

WESTGATE	1979-81	Hull Gates Shipping Co Ltd, UK
WESTGATE	1981-82	Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd, UK
WESTGATE	1982-87	Rowbotham Tankships Ltd, UK
WESTGATE	1987-92	Rowbotham Tankships Ltd, Isle of Man
WESTAGTE	1992-93	Rowbotham Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar
WESTGATE	1993-96	P&O Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar
WESTGATE	1996-99	James Fisher & Sons (Gibraltar) Ltd, Gibraltar
WESTGATE	1999-04	James Fisher (Shipping Services) Ltd, UK
WESTGATE	2004-07	Tisland Capital Corp, Gibraltar
BEBEK-E	2007-09	Alasonya Denizcilik Ticaret Ltd. Sti, Turkey
BEBEK-E	2009-15	Yapi Kredi Finansal Kiralama, Turkey
BEBEK-E	2015-	Alasonya Denizcilik Ticaret Ltd. Sti, Turkey

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**HULL GATES SHIPPING CO. LTD. Part 2**

Graham Atkinson

Between 1979 and 1982 Hull Gates became the operators of ten tankers which were all built in Japan. These were split into two classes of four coastal tankers and two of 38,000dwt. The four 3,300dwt tankers perpetuated traditional names; WESTGATE and EASTGATE were registered under the ownership of Hull Gates while the second pair, NORTHGATE (3) and IRISHGATE (2), were taken on bareboat charter from two finance companies.

Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd., Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd. and S.F. Craggs and Co. Ltd. continued to operate as before but in October 1982 the three companies were sold to Rowbotham Tankships Ltd., Turnbull Scott citing poor freight rates coupled with interest and repayment charges due on the ships.

Rowbotham bought nine ships. Since 1981 WESTGATE had been trading on the East African coast on a six-year charter to Ethioship. Based at Assab in southern Eritrea she loaded petrol and AVGAS for Massawa in the north of the country with a monthly cargo for Djibouti or Aden. On completion of the charter in December 1987 she was fixed by the United States Military Sealift Command to bunker USN ships patrolling the Gulf during the Iran – Iraq war. She departed Jeddah on 8 December, arriving in Bahrain, where she was based, the next day. The work finished in August 1988 and she arrived back in the UK at Cardiff on 24 August 1988.

Rowbotham had never renamed IRISHGATE (2), NORTHGATE (3), EASTGATE and WESTGATE in line with their other ships whose names traditionally ended in ...MAN although they spent time on the Isle of Man and Gibraltar registers in an attempt to make them more economical to trade. P&O Tankships Ltd. was purchased for £38.8m on 30 December 1996 by Barrow-based James Fisher and Sons plc who renamed the company James Fisher Tankships Ltd. Again the former Hull Gates ships retained their names, only changing funnel markings with each new ownership until 2003 and 2004 when they were sold to owners in the Mediterranean and West Africa. Both NORTHGATE (3) and EASTGATE, as well as the four ships built for the Norwegians, are still trading after creditable careers approaching 40 years each.

Since 1970 Rowbotham had been owned by United States companies, latterly New Jersey-based Marine Transport Lines which, in 1989, was subject to a management buyout. The new regime announced they would be looking for partners for their various operations, in particular one for Rowbotham. Consequently P&O Bulk Shipping took a 50% stake in Rowbothams for a reported £11.2m on 3 May 1990, purchasing the remaining 50% in January 1993 with the Rowbotham name disappearing with the company being renamed P&O Tankships Ltd.

34. WESTGATE 1979-1982

O.N. 379519 I.M.O. 7808401.

1,599g 1,124n 3,368d.

93.17 x 13.62 x 5.274 metres.

6-cyl. 4SCSA Mak-type oil engine by Ube Kosan KK, Ube, Japan.

6.6.1979: Launched by Kanrei Zosen K.K., Naruto, Japan (Yard No. 280).

7.1979: Registered in the ownership of Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd. (Fred Parkes Shipping Co. Ltd., managers), Grimsby as WESTGATE.

1981: Owners became Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd., Grimsby.

1982: Owners became Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd. (Hull Gates Shipping Management Ltd., managers), Grimsby.

10.1982: Share capital in Hull Gates Shipping Co. Ltd. acquired by Rowbotham Tankships Ltd., London and transferred to their ownership.

1987: Transferred to the Isle of Man register.

1992: Owners became Rowbotham Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd., Gibraltar (Rowbotham Tankships Ltd., London, managers).

1.2.1993: Owners became P&O Tankships (Gibraltar) Ltd. (P&O Tankships Ltd., London, managers).

20.12.1996: P&O Tankships Ltd. acquired by James Fisher and Sons plc, Barrow-in-Furness and transferred to the ownership of James Fisher and Sons (Gibraltar) Ltd., Gibraltar (James Fisher (Tankships) Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness, managers).

1999: Managers became James Fisher (Shipping Services) Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness.

5.2004: Sold to Tisland Capital Corporation, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, (SIA 'ROKO Shipmanagement', Riga, managers) and renamed ISLAND VIEW. with Gibraltar registry retained

2006: Renamed ISLANDVIEW.

2007: Sold to Alasonya Denizcilik Ticaret Ltd. Sti (Baris Denizcilik San, ve Ticaret Ltd., managers), Istanbul, Turkey and renamed BEBEK-E.

2009: Sold to Yapi Kredi Finansal Kiralama (Alasonya Denizcilik Ticaret Ltd. Sti, Istanbul, managers), Istanbul.

2015: Owners became Alasonya Denizcilik Ticaret Ltd. Sti, Istanbul.

12.2020: Still in service.

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