

# ZHEN HUA 17

IMO No: 8301955 HEAVYLIFT 1985 / 27264 GT

## COMPANY:

Shanghai Zhenhua Shipping Co, Ltd  
(ZPMC Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy  
Industries Co. Ltd.), China

## YARD INFORMATION:

B&W Skibsvaerft A/S  
(Denmark) 914  
**2006: Conversion to heavy load  
carrier at Huarun Dadong Dockyard  
Co Ltd, China**

## DEMOLITION:

Chattogram, 29/05/2021



North Sea 12/12/2006 © S. Wiedner collection

**2006: Sold as Panamax bulker NORTH DUCHESS by Kassian Maritime, Greece to Shanghai Zhenhua Shipping Co Ltd, China.**

**Converted to a heavy load carrier (mainly for the delivery of container gantry cranes manufactured by ZPMC)  
and renamed ZHEN HUA 17.**

**2017: Sold to cash buyers and renamed ZHEN 17 for demolition at Chattogram, 29/05/2021.**

## BASIC DATA:

GT: 27264  
DWT: 30126  
Loa: 224.87  
Bmd: 32.25  
Draft: 8.50  
Engine: 1x oil B&W 4L80MCE  
Power: 7355 kW  
Speed: 14.5 kn

## OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

ZHEN 17 since 01/04/2021  
ZHEN HUA 17 since 01/03/2006  
NORTH DUCHESS 2000-05-12 LRF  
Flag Date of record Source  
Palau (Republic of) since 01/04/2021  
Liberia since 01/12/2018  
China Peoples's Republic since 01/02/2009  
St Vincent and Grenadines since 01/03/2006  
Greece 2000-05-12 LRF  
Registered owner Date of record Source  
ILIANA SHIPPING LTD during 04/2021  
ZHEN HUA 7 SHIPPING CO LTD since 10/12/2018  
ZHEN HUA 16 SHIPPING - SVG since 24/03/2006  
POLAR SEA TRANSPORT LRF  
Ship manager Date of record Source  
ILIANA SHIPPING LTD during 04/2021  
SHANGHAI ZHENHUA SHIPPING CO since 24/03/2006  
KASSIAN MARITIME NAVIGATION 1997-01-01 LRF

**NAME HISTORY:**

NORTH DUCHESS	1985-06	..Polar Sea Transport Corp, Greece
ZHEN HUA 17	2006-09	Zhen Hua 16 Shipping (SVG) Co Ltd, St Vincent and Grenadines
ZHEN HUA 17	2009-18	Zhen Hua 16 Shipping Co, China
ZHEN HUA 17	2018-21	Zhen Hua 7 Shipping Co Ltd, Liberia
ZHEN 17	2021-21	Iliana Shipping Ltd, Palau

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:****2006:**

## Kassian sells another 1980s-built ship

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By Gillian Whittaker and Trond Lillestolen, Athens and Oslo

Greek owner Kassian Maritime continues to dispose of 1980s-built panamax bulkers.

Fleet manager Elias Christodoulou confirms that the company has now sold the 63,000-dwt *North Duchess* (built 1985) to Chinese buyers. The Burmeister&Wain-built vessel fetched \$10.5m, which brokers say is a relatively firm price.

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#### HEAVY-LIFT TRANSPORT SHIPS – OVERVIEW OF EXISTING FLEET AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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The container crane manufacturer ZPMC typically delivers its cranes to clients worldwide using ships of its own shipping company. Their first ship, the *Zhen Hua 1*, was converted from an old bulk carrier in 1994. The bulk carriers and tankers are converted by lowering the main deck in way of the cargo section, and adding sponsons to increase the deck width, thus allowing for the stowage of the larger, Post Panamax cranes athwardships. These cranes are loaded/offloaded over the side. To meet increasing demand, ZPMC has so far converted 23 ships (3 of which have since been scrapped).

These ZPMC carriers are almost exclusively used for transportation of container cranes. Occasionally however, they do transport other heavy cargoes, in particular large bridge sections. All the bridge deck sections for the new Carquinez bridge in the San Francisco Bay area were transported by four ZPMC ships from Japan, see also figure 2. In 2009, all the steel tower sections and bridge deck sections for the new Oakland to San Francisco Self Anchored Suspension Bridge will be transported by ZPMC ships from the fabrication site in China.

**2021:**

ZHEN 17 (8301955; Palau) (Zhen Hua 17 -21, North Duchess -06) 27,264/85 - Heavy Load Carrier. By Iliana Shipping Ltd, Liberia, to Bangladesh breakers and arrived Chattogram, 29/05/2021. Commenced 29/05/2021.

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