

FLAGSHIP

SPECIAL ISSUE

Liberian Registry further strengthens its relationship with Greek shipowners

The relationship between the Greek shipping community and the Liberian Registry dates back to 1949, when Stavros Niarchos registered his first ship, the oil tanker *World Peace*, under the Liberian flag. Today, it is stronger than ever.

Earlier this year, the Liberian Registry reached a historic milestone with the registration of its 4,000th vessel, a newbuilding appropriately named High Trust, at a time when Greece continued to build on its undisputed position as the number one shipping nation in the world. Also this year, the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee (GSCC) confirmed that Liberia has cemented its position as the undisputed leading open registry of choice for Greek shipowners. The number of Greek-controlled ships in the Liberian Registry is second only to that of Greece itself, and comfortably ahead of the Marshall Islands in third place. Eighteen per cent of Greek-controlled ships are registered under the Liberian flag, again second only to Greece.

Michalis Pantazopoulos, Senior Vice-President of the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (Hellas) SA in Piraeus, says, "It is gratifying to see, once again, that the world's most innovative shipping register is the number one choice of open flag for shipowners from the world's leading shipping nation. Greek shipowners have remained loyal to the Liberian Registry over an extended period of time. For its part, the Liberian Registry has returned that loyalty, standing by Greek owners in good times and bad, not least during the past eight years or more of global economic downturn, when it has sought to provide viable options and alternatives in times of need."



Dr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, Senior Vice President & General Manager of the Liberian Registry's Piraeus office.



FEBRUARY 2016

Glafkos is the **4,021st vessel** registered with Liberian Registry, the 63,519 dwt newbuilding bulk carrier built by Penglai Zhongbai Jinglu Ship Industry, and managed by Laskaridis Shipping.



JANUARY 2016

The Liberian Registry celebrates the registration of its **4,000th vessel**, the 50,000 dwt chemical/product tanker newbuilding *High Trust*, owned by d'Amico Tankers Limited, Dublin (d'Amico International Shipping S.A. Group).



2009

Ise Princess is the **3000th vessel** to register with the Liberian Registry. This 105,400 dwt aframax tanker is managed and operated by Tsakos Shipping & Trading SA of Greece.



1949

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Liberia at Posidonia 2016

This year at Posidonia, the Liberian Registry will be located at Stand 3.221 (Hall 3). Please join us all week for a demonstration of our new electronic oil record book product, e-ORB, and for details of our collaboration with Green Award. Also, on Wednesday, 8 June, from 11:00 to 14:00hrs, please feel free to join us at our stand to meet Scott Bergeron, CEO of the Liberian Registry, Christian Mollitor, Vice-President of the Liberian Registry, and Anthony Dupree, Vice-President of the Liberian Registry's Technical and Communications Department.



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Liberia Registry launches electronic oil record book

The Liberian Registry, in collaboration with Prevention at Sea, has launched an innovative software product designed to replace traditional paper oil record books (ORB) and to facilitate correct ORB entries into an efficient electronic format.

The Electronic Oil Record Book (e-ORB) is designed to address a variety of issues, including oil record books being reported missing on board, failure to document entries in the ORB of internal transfer of oily mixture, discrepancies between entry into the ORB and actual capacity of the oily water separator (OWS), and falsification of log entries. Created in accordance with the MARPOL and ISO 9001:2008 requirements, the e-ORB is designed to establish transparency, credibility and traceability.

The e-ORB software will be available for use by shipowners, ship operators, and authorities worldwide. All information is stored electronically through the use of a system back-up, making archiving easier and enabling past data to be revisited.

Demonstrations of the e-ORB software will be available all week at the Liberian Registry's Posidonia stand 3.221 (Hall 3).



Pictured is a recent addition to the Liberian-flag fleet, the 60,000 dwt bulk carrier SBI ZEUS. The vessel was built this year by Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., in Japan, for Scorpio Bulkers Inc. The ship is operated by Optimum Ship Services Ltd., based in Glyfada, Athens, a technical management company within the Scorpio group.

LET LIBERIA INTERVENE

Successful Interventions on behalf of Greek shipowners

The Liberian Registry understands that time is money, and that is why it remains alert to the need to intervene wherever appropriate in the event that Port State Control or other regulators detain, or threaten to detain, a vessel. Recent examples of Liberia's successful intervention in incidents involving Greek shipowners and operators include:

- ★ PSC Officers from the USCG Los Angeles-Long Beach sector detained a 40,000 gt oil tanker for non-compliance with the North American Emission Control Area (ECA). After discussing the issue with the vessel operator, the master and the USCG, the Liberian Administration determined that the non-compliance – whilst valid – was not a detainable deficiency at the time of inspection. The ship's master had correctly implemented California's requirements regarding emissions by using the appropriate low-sulphur fuel but, when the ship entered the waters now covered by the North American ECA, he mistakenly told the crew to switch over to high-sulphur fuel. When the master and the company recognised the error, they took appropriate corrective action which they subsequently reported to the USCG and provided relevant documentation. At the time of inspection, the vessel was in full compliance with these requirements, and an appeal to the USCG resulted in the detention being invalidated.
- ★ Following inspection by Transport Canada upon its arrival at a port in Canada, a vessel was issued with deficiencies which included reference to its Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS). Following a review, the Liberian Administration determined that the deficiencies had been wrongly imposed, and therefore lodged an appeal. Port State Control reviewed this appeal and subsequently removed from the records the deficiency relating to BNWAS.
- ★ After receiving zone notification and subsequent screening, the Liberian Administration noted that a deficiency previously identified during a Hong Kong Port State Control inspection relating to the emergency generator on a vessel bound for the US had been outstanding for a period of one month. The Liberian Administration intervened to help the vessel operator and, by properly informing the USCG, avoided a possible detention.



Liberia first to offer Green Award tax incentive

Liberia has become the first flag state to participate in the Green Award programme, under which eligible shipowners will be offered valuable annual tonnage tax discounts.

Green Award is a global, independent, not-for-profit quality assurance organisation that works by certifying ship managers and vessels that go beyond industry standards in terms of safety, quality and environmental performance. The scheme brings together ship managers who are willing to improve the safety and environmental performance of their vessels, and ports or private companies in the maritime sector which are willing to support vessels that go beyond international conventions and legislation in terms of ship lay-out and equipment, quality of operations and management.

As part of the Green Award incentive, the Liberian Registry will offer a 3% tonnage tax discount annually to all Liberian flag vessels that are certified. The discount will apply continually as long as the vessel remains in the Green Award programme.

The Liberian Registry is hosting a ceremony at its Posidonia booth to confirm its partnership with Green Award on 8 June at 14:00hrs. In attendance from Green Award will be Capt Dimitris Mattheou (Chairman), Jan Fransen (Executive Director) and Keita Shinohara (Certification Manager).