

# MENELAUS

IMO No: 7601530 GENERAL CARGO 1977 / 17180 GT

**OWNER & HOMPEPORT:**

Douglas

**YARD INFORMATION:**

Mitsubishi H.I.  
Nagasaki (Japan)

**SCRAPPING INFORMATION:**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Name: North Sea IMO No: 7601530  
Ex: MSC Nicole Built: 1977  
Type: General Cargo Status: In Service  
SubType: Flag: Saint Vincent  
DWT: 21,241 Draft: 8.74 Builder: Mitsubishi H.I.  
GT: 17,180 LOA: 164.52 Owner: Chartworld Shipping  
NT: Beam: 26.07 Speed/Cons: 18.00/53.00  
Class: LR Depth: 14.20 Engine Type: Sulzer  
Decks: 2 Bale: Gear: D-3-35,5-22,1-10

**OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:**

**SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:**

MENELAUS	1977-80	Airlease International Nominees (Moorgate) Ltd.
BARBER MENELAUS	1980-84	Barber Menelaus Shipping Corp., Liberia
MENELAUS	1984-89	Ocean Transport & Trading plc, U.K.
TRADE GREEN	1989-95	
NORTH SEA	1995-95	
MSC NICOLE	1995-97	Georgian Mar. Corp., St. Vincent
NORTH SEA	1997-01	Georgian Mar. Corp., St. Vincent

**GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:**

MENELAUS was built in 1977 by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries at Nagasaki, Japan with a tonnage of 16031grt, a length of 540ft, a beam of 85ft 4in and a service speed of 17 knots. She was the first of four multi purpose cargo ships built for British Petroleum as an alternative to the cancellation an order for two super tankers with the appropriate penalty charges. Launched on 16th April 1977 she was delivered in the following July to Airlease International Nominees (Moorgate) Ltd, a subsidiary company of BP, for charter to Liner Holdings. On 14th December 1980 she was renamed Barber Menelaus, operated by Barber Blue Sea and managed by Ocean Fleets. She was sold to Barber Menelaus Shipping Corp. of Liberia in 1982 retaining her name and continuing to be managed by Ocean Fleets. She reverted to Menelaus in 1984 and returned to European waters under the ownership of Airlease International Nominees (Moorgate) Ltd. On 8th February 1985 she was transferred to Elder Dempster Lines and was subsequently disposed of when that company was sold in 1989. She has subsequently traded as the Trade Green, MSC Nicole and is currently owned by the Chartworld Shpping Co. of Pireaus with the name North Sea.

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