

MV AMERICAN TERN

IMO No: 8908088 GENERAL CARGO 1990 / 13382 GT

COMPANY:

APL Maritime Ltd., USA

YARD INFORMATION:

VEB Schiffswerft Neptun 461/1486

Rostock (Germany)

SCRAPPING INFORMATION:



Lyttelton (N.Z) 18/2/2007 © A. Calvert

GENERAL INFORMATION:

IMO No: 8908088

Flag: United States

Owner: Tern Shipholding Corporation Inc.

Manager: APL Maritime Ltd.

GT: 13,382

DWT: 17,175

Loa: 158.91

Lbp: 146.85

Bext: 23.94

D: 13.42

Draught: 10.09

Yard: VEB Schiffswerft Neptun

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

MV AMERICAN TERN 2006-01-30 LRF

AMERICAN TERN 2002-11-12 LRF

KARIBA 2002-03-19 LRF

KOTA AGUNG 2000-11-15 LRF

KARIBA 2000-08-21 LRF

LYKES FLYER 2000-05-12 LRF

Flag Date of record Source

U.S.A. 2002-11-12 LRF

Liberia 2000-05-12 LRF

Registered owner Date of record Source

TERN SHIPHOLDING 2002-11-12 LRF

CERISE SHIPPING 2002-05-27 LRF

CERISE SHIPPING 2000-08-21 LRF

Ship manager Date of record Source

APL MARITIME LTD 2006-05-08 LRF

OSPREY SHIP MANAGEMENT 2002-11-12 LRF

TRANSOCEAN SHIPMANAGEMENT 2002-05-27 LRF

TRANSOCEAN SHIPMANAGEMENT 2000-08-21 LRF

SALES, TRANSFERS & RENAMINGS:

SERENITY	1990-96	Serenity Shg. Corp., Liberia
KARIBA	1996-97	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
TORM AFRICA	1997-99	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
KARIBA	1999-00	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
LYKES FLYER	2000-00	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
KARIBA	2000-00	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
KOTA AGUNG	2000-02	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
KARIBA	2002-02	Cerise Shg. Corp., Liberia
AMERICAN TERN	2002-06	Tern Shipholding Corp., USA
MV AMERICAN TERN	2006-	

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

....die Hamburger Rantzau-Gruppe, das Dach der Deutschen Afrika-Linien (DAL), der Tankschiffreederei J. T. Essberger (JTE) und der Transocean Liners (TOL)

Die Tochter Transocean Liners, in der die Trampschiffahrtsaktivitäten zusammengefasst sind, lässt gegenwärtig den Mehrzweckfrachter "KARONGA" mit 17 175 Tonnen Tragfähigkeit (tdw) verlängern. Mit einer Tragfähigkeit von dann 19 450 tdw und einer von 1033 auf 1193 gesteigerten Container-Kapazität wird der 1991 von der ehemaligen Warnow-Werft in Rostock gebaute Frachter den Marktanforderungen wieder gerecht. Der Markt verlangt heute Schiffe mit rund 20 000 Tonnen Tragfähigkeit. Verlängert wird das Schiff Dalian Cosco Marine Engineering Co. Ltd in Dalian/China. Sollte sich der Umbau bewähren, will TOL auch das Schwesterschiff "KARIBA" dort verlängern lassen. Beide Schiffe sind seit 1996 für TOL in weltweiter Fahrt im Einsatz. 4 Feb 2002

www.welt.de/print-welt/article372181/Rantzau-Gruppe_waechst_nicht_um_jeden_Preis.html

Das Frachtschiff "KARIBA" aus der Flotte der Transocean Liners, die zur Hamburger Rantzau-Gruppe gehört, gehört jetzt dem US-Unternehmen American Automar. Es wird künftig unter dem Namen "**AMERICAN TERN**" an die US-Streitkräfte verchartert.

www.abendblatt.de/daten/2002/10/30/86712.html

In September 2002 Military Sealift Command awarded a \$12,339,300, 17-month, firm-fixed-price contract to American Automar, Inc. of Bethesda, Md., for the time charter of MV KARIBA, a 521 foot-long ice-classed cargo ship. The contract would total \$36 million should the two additional 17-month options be exercised. The ship will be used primarily to support Operation Deep Freeze, the annual resupply of McMurdo Base in Antarctica, and Operation Pacer Goose, the annual resupply of Thule Air Force Base in Greenland. In the interim between missions, the ship will also move ammunition, general cargo and fleet hospitals. MSC-chartered operations are scheduled to begin in December 2002, when the ship reports to Port Hueneme, Calif. MV Kariba, formerly under a Liberian flag, will be renamed and reflagged as a U.S. ship before reporting to MSC. The ship will replace MV GREEN WAVE, which has been under charter by MSC since 1984

For the 2002-2003 season the "**AMERICAN TERN**" took on the role of the main American Antarctic supply vessel, replacing the long serving "GREEN WAVE" which was proving both unreliable and too small. The "**AMERICAN TERN**" was built in Germany 1990 to Finnish Ice class 1A specifications and has a 50% greater carrying capacity than "GREEN WAVE". The vessel is operated by American Automar which has a contract with the American Military Sealife Command which provides the cargo capacity for the US Antarctic Program. This contract which extends until 2010 also employs the vessel on a supply route to Thule in Greenland.

www.newzeal.com/theme/Ships/US/americantern.htm

(2003) a new supply ship, the **AMERICAN TERN** made her debut on the run to Antarctica. Formerly the German-owned container carrier KARIBA, the **AMERICAN TERN** can carry 977 containers, compared to the 543 TEU capacity of the GREEN WAVE. American Automar of Maryland, a subsidiary of the NOL group, won the US Military Sealift Command charter for the service & other MSC programmes (including an annual supply voyage to Thule base in Greenland), and refitted and reflagged the ship (2002) She is managed by Osprey Ship Management. She arrived at Lyttelton 23/1/2003 on her first voyage to the ice.

Report by Nick Tolerton at Marine News October 2003

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