MAERSK BENTONVILLE

IMO No: 9313929 CONTAINER 2006 / 48788 GT

COMPANY:
Möller A.P.,
Denmark

YARD INFORMATION:
Volkswerft Stralsund GmbH
(Germany) 461
Design: Boston-Class

DEMOLITION:

Laid up at Greenock (UK) 1/6/2009 © H. Wiedner (S. Wiedner collection)

2010: **Renamed BENTONVILLE** (MSC sublet).

Named BENTONVILLE (MSC sublet) Felixstowe (UK) 24/5/2012 © (S. Wiedner collection)

2013: **Renamed MAERSK BENTONVILLE** (MSC sublet expired.).

2024: Sold to MSC. **Renamed MSC RITA V.**

BASIC DATA:

GT: 48788
DWT: 53702
TEU: 4504
Reefer: 1400
Loa: 294.10
Beam: 32.18
Draft: 12.20
Engine: 1x oil Sulzer 12RT-flex96C
Power: 68640 kW
Speed: 29.2 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:

MSC RITA V since 01/06/2024
MAERSK BENTONVILLE since 01/07/2013
BENTONVILLE since 01/09/2010
MAERSK BENTONVILLE since 01/12/2006
VOLKSWERFT 461 2004-02-09 LRF
Flag Date of record Source
Cyprus since 01/06/2024
Denmark (DIS) since 01/06/2011
United Kingdom since 01/12/2006
Registered owner Date of record Source
RHODANTHE OCEANWAY LTD since 19/06/2024
MAERSK A/S since 03/02/2015
MAERSK CO LTD since 10/12/2006

Ship manager	Date of record	Source
MSC SHIPMANAGEMENT LTD	since 19/06/2024	
MAERSK A/S	since 01/02/2015	
MOLLER-MAERSK A/S	since 22/08/2011	
MOLLER AP	since 10/12/2006	

NAME HISTORY:

MAERSK BENTONVILLE	2006-10	Maersk Co Ltd, UK.
BENTONVILLE	2010-11	Maersk Co Ltd, UK
BENTONVILLE	2011-13	Maersk Co Ltd, Denmark (DIS)
MAERSK BENTONVILLE	2013-15	Maersk Co Ltd, Denmark (DIS)
MAERSK BENTONVILLE	2015-24	Maersk A/S, Denmark (DIS)
MSC RITA V	2024-	Rhodanthe Oceanway Ltd, Cyprus

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

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The BOSTON-class ships, delivered in 2006-2007, were originally designed in 2003 for a speed of 28 knots at a time when fuel oil prices were more affordable. They have a relatively low container intake compared to ships of the same external dimensions due to their super sleek hulls.

(Source: Alphaliner Weekly Newsletter 1/2013)

2006:

A new container vessel for The Maersk Company Ltd., UK was named on Friday 27 October 2006 at Volkswerft Stralsund GmbH in Germany. MAERSK BENTONVILLE is the third in a series of seven of PANMAX size vessels. (www.volkswerft.de/common/pm-461.pdf) Again now, one of Volkswerft's fast panamaxes causes difficulties. Your editors received information that MAERSK BENTONVILLE had to be ballasted down with some 10,000 tonnes of water in the forsehip, so that propeller shaft repairs might be carried out while the ship was berthed in Rostock. This ship was given an extreme forward trim in order to lift the vessel's propeller and shaft out of the water. Repair works were then carried out by means of pontoons floated in beneath Bentonville's stern. MAERSK BENTONVILLE's entry into service has been re-scheduled: The ship will now pick up its first load of cargo on December 27th at Bremerhaven. (http://containerinfo.co.ohost.de/newsletter_2006_50.pdf)

2010:

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) is to charter four Maersk laid-up vessels, the 4,500-TEU MAERSK BEAUMONT, the MAERSK BOSTON, the MAERSK BENTONVILLE and the MAERSK BROOKLYN which will be deployed for 12-months on MSC's Cheetah service.

The vessels boast the fastest speed of containerships at 30 knots and will be in direct competition with the Danish carrier's subsidiary Safmarine service linking South Africa to Asia. A daily rate for the Swiss carrier's 12-month time charter is double the rate of the market six months ago at US$$24,000 according to a report from London's Containerisation International. (www.transportweekly.com - 06.09.2010)

2024:

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MSC purchases MAERSK BENTONVILLE (4,504 teu)

MSC has bought the 4,504 teu, AP Moller Maersk-controlled high speed 'classic panamax' MAERSK BENTONVILLE ('VW 4000') at an undisclosed price.

This acquisition follows the purchase of already three sister units from the Danish shipping line.

The first three sisters sold to MSC were the MAERSK BUFFALO and MAERSK BEAUMONT, which the Geneva-based carrier bought in 2022 and renamed MSC LEANDRA V and MSC BREMERHAVEN V and more recently the MAERSK BROOKLYN, which the carrier plans to rename MSC INIYA V.

Alphaliner believes that MSC might have also bought the last three vessels in this seven ship series, MAERSK BALTIMORE, MAERSK BOSTON and MAERSK BROWNSVILLE which are still deployed on the Maersk network.

All the vessels bought by MSC have been equipped with scrubbers and it is likely that the new acquisitions will undergo the same upgrade.

The MAERSK BENTONVILLE was built by Maersk at Germany's Volkswerft yard in Stralsund in 2006. The ship features a deadweight of 53,890 tons, a length of 294.10 m and a beam of 32.30 m.

Fitted with 700 reefer plugs, the MAERSK BENTONVILLE and her sisters were designed with engines capable of delivering a high speed of up to 28.5 knots, at a time when speed was still an important parameter in container shipping.

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