OCEAN EXPLORER

IMO No: 9388792 TANKER 2009 / 62863 GT

COMPANY:
Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd.,
Singapore

YARD INFORMATION:
Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding
Co. Ltd. (China) 1078

DEMOLITION:

Malacca Strait (Singapore) 3/7/2011 © S. Wiedner

2019: **Renamed OCEAN VELA**.
2020: Ocean Tankers (Pte.) Ltd was placed under judicial management.
2021: Sold to Beks, Turkey. **Renamed BEKS SWAN**.
2024: Sold to other Turkish owner (Comet). **Renamed MARCH**.
Sold to Argo Tanker Group LLC, Russia. **Renamed UNITY**.
2025: Named UNITY (FMTC Ship Charter LLC, Dubai UAE; Gambia flag; dark fleet Russia).

BASIC DATA:
Crude Oil / Products Tanker
Double Hull
GT: 62863
DWT: 108929
Loa: 245.07
Bmd: 42.00
Draft: 15.35
Engine: 1x oil MAN-B&W 6S60MC-C
Power: 13560 kW
Speed: 15.0 kn

OWNER & FLAG HISTORY:
UNITY since 01/09/2024
MARCH since 01/03/2024
BEKS SWAN since 01/12/2021
OCEAN VELA since 01/03/2019
OCEAN EXPLORER since 01/01/2009
Flag Date of record Source
Gambia since 01/02/2025
Russia since 01/09/2024
Panama since 01/03/2024
Marshall Islands since 01/12/2021
Singapore since 01/01/2009
Registered owner Date of record Source
FMTC SHIP CHARTER LLC since 07/02/2025
ARGO TANKER GROUP LLC since 05/09/2024
COMET MARITIME & TRADING INC since 01/04/2024
SWAN MARITIME & TRADING INC since 30/12/2021
DONG YA TANKERS PTE LTD since 20/01/2009
Ship manager Date of record Source
FMTC SHIP CHARTER LLC since 07/02/2025
ARGO TANKER GROUP LLC since 05/09/2024
CAPE GEMI ISLETMECILIGI AS since 01/03/2024
BEKS TANKER ISLETMECILIGI AS since 24/11/2022
BERNHARD SCHULTE SHIPPING since 07/01/2022
BEKS GEMI ISLETMECILIGI VE TIC since 30/12/2021
BERNHARD SCHULTE SHIPPING since 06/02/2021
OCEAN TANKERS PTE LTD since 20/01/2009

NAME HISTORY:

OCEAN EXPLORER	2009-19	Dong Ya Tankers Pte. Ltd., Singapore
OCEAN VELA	2019-21	Dong Ya Tankers Pte. Ltd., Singapore
BEKS SWAN	2021-24	Swan Maritime & Trading Inc, Marshall Islands
MARCH	2024-24	Comet Maritime & Trading Inc, Panama
UNITY	2024-25	Argo Tanker Group LLC, Russia
UNITY	2025-	FMTC Ship Charter LLC, Gambia

GENERAL VESSEL INFORMATION:

2020:

Manifold Times

The legal team of Ocean Tankers in late July published a public notice for the company to be placed under judicial management on 6 May 2020.

2021:

TradeWinds
The Global Shipping News Source

Published 2 December 2024,

It was originally built as Xihe Holdings' Ocean Explorer and was sold in 2021 to clients of Turkish ship manager Beks, who traded it as the Beks Swan until it was acquired by Comet in April.

ALLIED Shipping Research Sale & Purchase
Secondhand Sales

27th September - 03rd October 2021

Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Shipbuilder	M/E	Coating	Price	Buyers
AFRA	OCEAN VELA	108,929	2009	Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co Ltd	MAN-B&W	EPOXY	$ 18.5m	undisclosed

2024:

TradeWinds
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Sanctions show teeth: Russian tanker arrested as owner struggles with supplier payments

Legal sources claim sanctions against Russian banking system make it hard for smaller companies to transfer dollars

The difficulties that Russian shipowners face making payments in a highly sanctioned environment has been highlighted by the arrest of one of Moscow-based Argo Tanker Group's aframaxes.

The 108,900-dwt crude carrier Unity (built 2009) was arrested at India's Mundra Port last Friday by Guma Tech Marine Services, a Bhavnagar-based supplier of reconditioned marine spare parts sourced from ships being recycled at nearby Alang.

Court records obtained by TradeWinds show that Guma is chasing Argo Tanker for payment for spare parts it supplied to the 159,500-dwt crude tanker Dignity (built 2004) in June.

2025:

Russian Oil Tankers U-Turn and Then Halt Near France After Storm

Bloomberg
Total Views: 19345
January 27, 2025

Two oil tankers hauling crude from Russia made U-turns as they sailed past France and are now at a standstill near the northern port of Cherbourg.

There's no suggestion their unusual movements are related to aggressive sanctions that the US imposed on Russia's oil exports earlier this month. Neither vessel was among a large number of tankers designated by the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control on Jan. 10.

The Unity, capable of hauling about 730,000 barrels of crude, moored so that it can fix a small mechanical failure, according to a representative for the maritime prefecture of Manche et Mer du Nord. Vessel tracking shows that it, and another vessel called the Alfred, both turned back after they sailed past the Bay of Biscay.

The Unity is controlled by Moscow-based Argo Tanker Group, according to the Equasis maritime database. The company said Friday it was unaware of any issues with the ship.

Last update: 3/8/2025