

Welcome to Sahara Maritime Ltd.

Sahara is an international ship management company specializing in the management of Cape-size, Panamax and Handy-size Bulk Carriers, Chemical Tankers, LPG /LNG Tankers, Container Ships and Pure Car (Truck) Carriers.



Company Philosophy

Sahara Maritime Ltd. differs from many other ship management companies in that it offers a complete package of management services, from the building and purchase of a vessel through to crewing, operating, maintenance, repair, insurance, legal services, supply and assisting the owners in finding employment for their vessels.

Sahara Maritime Ltd is committed to providing the highest levels of service to our customers.

Quality Management

Sahara is committed to providing the best possible customer service and to this end, the company works in full compliance with the ISO 9000:2000 standard. Sahara was one of the first ship management companies to be certified to then applicable standard of ISO 9002, obtaining certification in January 1984.

The commitment from the top management has ensured that this is not a mere paperwork exercise - the benefits experienced from working within a structured and streamlined organization have enabled the company to provide a more professional and reliable service to our customers.

Quality management techniques are used throughout the company and our representative office to provide a means for continual improvement.

Safety Management

Following on from the early completion of ISO 9002 in 1984, the company was ideally placed to satisfy the requirements of the new International Safety Management Code (ISM Code). Sahara received the Document of Compliance for the office-based activities in July 1996 (two years ahead of the phase I implementation date).

Sahara Maritime Ltd are pleased to work in partnership with our major customers on a range of safety programmes and initiatives.

Environment

In September 2001 Sahara Maritime became one of the first ship managers to achieve compliance and certification for ISO14001 Environmental Management System.

The Managers set demanding environmental targets for all aspects of the company's activities that have an environmental impact. Click to view our environmental policy.

Crewing

The company uses its own representatives located in key areas of the world to co-ordinate manning which is seen as an essential component in delivering a quality service to its customers. With minor exceptions, crews are supplied from the main areas of Turkey, Eastern Europe, Korea, and Philippines. Our representative offices are controlled and integrated within the company quality systems and hold ISO9000:2000 certification.

Such close control at the recruitment stage ensures only suitably qualified personnel are supplied to the vessels. Many of the sea staff is long term employees, many whom have served on ships managed by Sahara in excess of 25 years. Several officers and cadets have developed their careers by following in their fathers or other family member's footsteps.

Training for sea staff is over and above that required by STCW. Sahara Maritime Ltd operates a training programme onboard and ashore under the direction of an office based training manager.

Safety training superintendents travel throughout the fleet to carry out on board training and exercises, in accordance with documented training procedures. Extensive use is made of computer based training for on both on board training and competence assessment.

Cadet Training

The company has its own cadet training programme with a yearly intake of cadets in excess of 100. The candidates being mainly from Bulgaria, Romania, Latvia, Russia and India.

In 2001 the cadet training scheme was expanded to include UK cadets. Sahara is now one of the largest suppliers of training berths for UK cadets, several of which have now progressed to junior officer ranks.

Charterers

Sahara is active in the market looking for and offering customers employment opportunities. In this regard Sahara has built up an impressive list of quality charterers with whom they are in regular contact.

Customer satisfaction is a key objective of our management and is evidenced by the amount of repeat business.

Rescues At Sea

Between July 2006 and August 2007, eight Sahara managed vessels were involved in seven rescue operations.

- ▶ 159 people have been rescued
- 1 yacht has been towed to safety
- ▶ 1 yacht assisted with fuel, water and provisions

The following reports are a great credit to those involved, Sahara as a whole and to all onboard, proving that training and preparedness really does pay.

The reports describe some excellent seamanship and great teamwork. We are proud of the crews of our ships and what they have done to help save lives.

This is why we maintain safety equipment and do drills and training.

It may save your life or it may save someone else's life.

Contact Us

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