

A new containership owner is born : Hamburger Lloyd

28 Sep 2007 - A new containership owning company headquartered in Hamburg has been created, Reederei Hamburger Lloyd (RHL), headed by Hauke Pane, previously with BCH-Hamburg and MPC. RHL first ships are five China-built newbuildings of 5,085 teu (three units) and 1,732 teu (two units), taken over from Schlüter Shipping GmbH & Co. KG. The first of them, the 1,732 teu RHM AGILITAS (ex WILHELM BUSCH), has been delivered yesterday, and a sister ship, RHL AQUA (ex THEODOR FONTANE), is awaited for December.

Headquartered in Hamburg, the shipowning company currently has five employees. Hamburger Lloyd will be concentrating on the market of medium-sized containerships, from 1,000 to about 5,000 teu. "The middle-of-the-range ship sizes are constantly in demand and this area is also our strong point. I want to show just how reliable Hamburger Lloyd can be as a partner", Mr. Pane explains. The conviction behind this statement is that the forecasted growth in the container market over the next few years will also entail a boost for feeder ships.

RHL expects to run about ten ships in 2010.

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