

A VISIT TO LISBON MARCH 2005



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With our regular Lisbon correspondent unable through illness, to compile the Lisbon Newsletter. We have some images from a recent cruise on Ambassador Lines “Ambition” by Geoff Watson. Our best wishes go to Pedro Amaral and hope he can at some time return to compiling the Lisbon Newsletter.

All photos taken on 15th March



Bunkering / Oil products tanker “**Andros**” at the Navalrocha Ship Yard, having some maintenance. Owned by Andros Marine, Greece, she flies the Cypriot flag. She was built in China by Fujian Southeast Shipyard, Fuzhou in 2010.



“**Marielyst**” alongside Liscont terminal now wholly owned by Yilport Holdings of Turkey since 2022. Trading under the Portuguese (Madeira) flag she is owned in Germany. She gained her current name in 2017 and was previously “**E.R. Riga**” and “**Leguan**”. She was completed in China by Nanjing Wujiazui in September 2010.



Also berthed at Liscont was Hapag's **"Liverpool Express"** a regular caller at Lisbon. Her schedule takes her to Tanger Med, Pointe Noire, Luanda, Tema, Tincan Island/Lagos, Antwerp and Le Havre. Built as **"Contship Aurora"** in 2002 by Daewoo, Okpo. In 2005 she was **"CP Aurora"** and the following year **"Maersk Dexter"**. In 2007 she gained her current name.



Another German owned vessel also flagged in Madeira (Portugal) is **"Kilia"** waiting a berth either at Liscont or the Sotagus terminal which is also owned by Yilport. She is working between Lisbon, Algeciras, Vigo and Leixoes. Built by Fujian Mawei in 2010 as **"Marman"** in 2014 her name changed to **"Philamon"** and in 2020 to **"Ara Amsterdam"**. She got her current name in 2024.



Lisbon has several bulk liquid terminals handling oil products and petrochemicals etc. Here Maltese registered **“Galbot”** is seen outbound after discharge. She seems to work coast wise in Portugal, calling at Caparica, Sines and Lisbon recently. Built as **“Al Mahboobah”** in 2010 by Qingdao Heshun Shipyard. She changed name in 2012 but still seems to be Saudi owned.



Bulk carrier **“Kacey”** heading for her berth on the south bank of the Tagus. Or maybe she is making a bunkering call as many ships do in Lisbon. Built for Japanese owners in 2009 as **“Komatsushima Star”** by Kawasaki, Kobe. She switched to the Marshall Islands flag in 2014 when renamed **“Kacey”**. Owned by Initiation Bulk of Greece, she wears the colours of her ISM Manager Technomar of Athens.



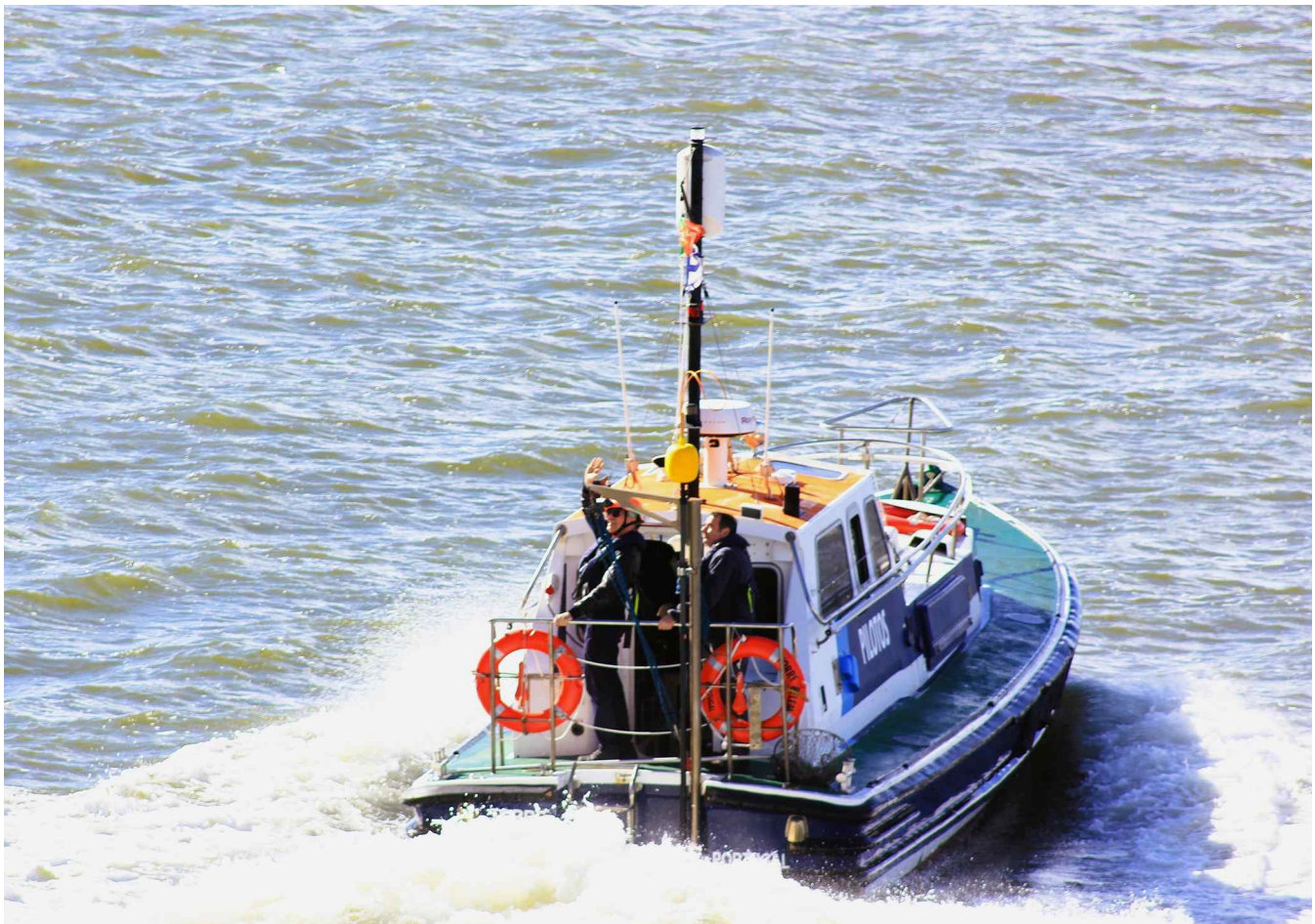
“Tai Knowledge” at Silopor’s Trafaria, Foodstuff bulk terminal. Situated on the south side of the Tagus with two deep water berths. The port also has two other foodstuff bulk terminals on the south bank of the Tagus, and there is a dedicated cement terminal. **“Tai Knowledge”** was built in 2017 by Oshima Shipbuilding, Sakai for Tai Shing Maritime of Japan



Bunkering tanker **“Sacor II”** serves many ships calling for bunkers seen here making her way past the cruise berths. She was built in Portugal by EN de Peniche in 2012.



“Mario Ruivo” a research ship owned by the Portuguese Institute for Sea and Atmosphere, Lisbon. Acquired and renamed **“Mar Portugal”** by IPMA in 2015 and in 2020 renamed **“Mario Ruivo”**. She was built as **“Salmaid”** for the Royal Navy Auxiliary Service in 1986 by Hall Russell, Aberdeen. Originally a salvage vessel she was converted to a Research in 2013. She worked in the Offshore industry as **“Kommander Calum”** from 2012 to 2015.



Pilot boat **“Torre de Bellem”**



Former Wijsmuller tug **“Portugus Leixoes”** showing a turn of speed. She was launched on 1st December 1980 and completed in January 1981 by Tille, Koostertille, Netherlands for Wijsmuller as **“Groningen”**. Svitzer acquired her in 2005 as **“Svitzer Leixoes”** and Portugus II-Reboques acquired her and renamed her in 2020.



Lisbon based tug **“Montenovo”** was built in Spain in 2003 by Ria de Aviles, San Juan de Nieva, and owned by Rebonave, Setubal.



With the background provided by the Alfeite Naval Base which is near Almada on the South bank of the Tagus. Local tug **“Montemuro”** heads out to another job. Chinese built in 2007 by Wuxi Shipyard. She is also owned by Rebonave of Setubal.



Sadly being left to deteriorate since her lay up in Lisbon is the classic little liner **“Funchal”**. She has been here since early 2015 and several attempts to reactivate her have mostly led to nothing. Built in 1961 by Helsingør Værft, Elsinore for Empresa Insulana de Nav, she has never had another name. She has in the past cruised out of Harwich. Originally built for the Lisbon, Azores, Madeira service, with steam turbines giving 20 knots top speed.

Her boilers however were problematical with frequent breakdowns, so in 1972 she went to Nederlandsche Dok at Amsterdam where her Steam turbines and boilers were replaced with 9 cylinder Werkspoor diesels, giving her a reduced speed but reliability. Whilst she was at Amsterdam she was rebuilt into a single class cruise ship. Two photos below of her taken as Geoff passed by on a coach!



Here she is passing Tilbury on 5th June 1977 bound for the West India Docks.



(Photo by Derek Sands)