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ICNAME Founding Members News

CSSC Beihai Shipbuilding Secures Two Additional VLCC Orders from Pan Ocean

CSSC Beihai Shipbuilding, in cooperation with CSSC Trading, has signed a contract with Korean shipowner Pan Ocean for the construction of two additional 319,000 DWT Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs). This follows a contract for a single VLCC signed in March of this year. The VLCCs belong to Beihai Shipbuilding's independently developed "Qimingxing" (Morning Star) series, measuring 339.5 meters in length with a molded breadth of 60 meters. The vessels feature an ammonia-ready design with future capability to be configured with two 6,000 cubic meter ammonia fuel tanks, and meet IMO Tier III emission standards as well as EEDI Phase III requirements. The total contract value is approximately 377.6 billion Korean Won (about USD 244.5 million), with a unit price of USD 122 million per vessel—USD 9 million cheaper than the VLCCs Pan Ocean ordered from Hanwha Ocean in May. With these latest orders, Pan Ocean has commissioned a total of seven new vessels from Beihai Shipbuilding this year, comprising four Newcastlemax bulk carriers and three VLCCs.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) / World Ports

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/a-ship-nearly-70-million-cheaper-korean-shipowner-orders-vlcc-again-from-chinese-shipyard/>

CSSC Huangpu Wenchong Secures Order for Two 1,900-TEU "SWAN" Container Ships

On July 3, CSSC Huangpu Wenchong Shipbuilding, a subsidiary of CSSC, in collaboration with China Shipbuilding Trading Co. Ltd, signed a contract with Hong Kong-based EGPB BULK CARRIER for the construction of two "SWAN"-class 1,900-TEU container ships. According to the first-half operating results released by Huangpu Wenchong, the "SWAN" series has secured cumulative new orders for nearly 30 vessels, with its product portfolio expanding from feeder container ships to medium-sized container ships. The "SWAN" 1900 TEU vessel, independently developed by Huangpu Wenchong, has become a flagship product in the global feeder container ship sector through its outstanding loading efficiency, excellent port adaptability, and remarkable green and energy-efficient performance. Since its launch in 2020, this vessel type has undergone continuous iterations and optimizations.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) / World Ports

Link:<https://www.worldports.org/cssc-huangpu-wenchong-secures-new-order-for-two-1900-teu-swan-container-ships/>

CSSC 711th Research Institute Signs Contract for 10 Methanol-Powered Coastal Bulk Carriers

On July 6, CSSC 711th Research Institute signed a contract with Wuhan Innovation Jianghai Transport Co., Ltd. in Shanghai for the supply of methanol generator sets and electric propulsion systems for 10 units of 23,600 DWT methanol-powered coastal bulk carriers. The 23,600 DWT methanol single-fuel electric propulsion coastal bulk carriers, designed by Ningbo Oriental Ship Design Institute, are the first of their tonnage class in China to adopt methanol single-fuel electric propulsion. The 711th Research Institute will supply its self-developed 6-cylinder CS21M methanol single-fuel generator sets with a rated power of 1,130 kW each, featuring China's first medium-speed marine engine with methanol direct injection technology. Compared with traditional marine diesel generator sets, the methanol substitution rate can reach 90%. The institute will also provide a new-generation DC grid electric propulsion system tailored for these vessels, based on experience from over 50 large transport vessel electric propulsion system integrations.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) / iMarine

Link: <https://www.imarine.cn/236229.html>

CSSC Holds 2026 Quality Management Group Achievement Presentation

On July 2, China State Shipbuilding Corporation held its 2026 annual Quality Management Group and Quality Trustworthy Team Activity Achievement Presentation, which concluded successfully. The event showcased quality management achievements from across CSSC's shipbuilding and related enterprises.

Source: China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC)

Link: <http://www.csic.com.cn/>

HEU Professor Carlos Guedes Soares Wins International Science and Technology Cooperation Award

At the 2025 National Science and Technology Awards Ceremony held on July 8, Harbin Engineering University Professor Carlos Guedes Soares was honored with the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award. Professor Soares is one of only nine international recipients of this prestigious award nationwide. Separately, HEU also achieved historic success at the 2025 National Science and Technology Awards, with Professor Yang Desen's project winning the first prize of the National Technological Invention Award—one of only three such top prizes nationwide and Heilongjiang Province's first first-prize Technological Invention Award in 12 years.

Source: Harbin Engineering University (HEU) / Sina

Link: <https://www.sina.cn/2026-07-08/detail-inhzzqck3066110.shtml>

HEU Co-hosts AI Innovation Forum in Beijing

On July 7, the AI Innovation Forum, co-hosted by the Zhongguancun Science City Integrated Circuit Industry Committee, the Harbin Engineering University Beijing Alumni Association, the HEU School of Integrated Circuits, and the HEU Integrated Circuit Industry Alumni Association, was held in Beijing. The forum, themed “Embracing the AI Chip Era, Co-creating an Intelligent Future,” brought together nearly 100 entrepreneurs from the integrated circuit industry.

Source: Harbin Engineering University (HEU)

Link: <https://news.hrbeu.edu.cn/info/1141/89055.htm>

HEU and Russian University Launch Summer Cultural Exchange Camp

On July 7, the “Sino-Russian Summer Cultural Exchange Camp” jointly organized by Harbin Engineering University and Russia’s Kostroma State University held its opening ceremony. The event reflects HEU’s ongoing commitment to international academic and cultural exchange.

Source: Harbin Engineering University (HEU)

Link: <https://news.hrbeu.edu.cn/info/1141/89052.htm>

Bureau Veritas Classes M/T Modi with Biofuel-Ready and LNG-Prepared Capabilities

Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore has classed M/T Modi, a 73,500 dwt crude/product oil tanker built by New Times Shipbuilding in China for Greek shipowner Dynacom. The vessel features biofuel-ready and LNG-prepared capabilities, reflecting the growing trend toward fuel-flexible vessel designs in the tanker sector.

Source: Bureau Veritas (BV)

Link: <https://bunkerindex.com/news/bureau-veritas-classes-tanker-with-biofuel-ready-and-lng-prepared-capabilities/>

Other Maritime and Ocean Engineering News

China's Largest Full-Rotation Semi-Submersible Crane Vessel "Sihang Yongsheng" Delivered

On July 8, China's largest full-rotation semi-submersible crane vessel, "Sihang Yongsheng," was officially delivered in Jiangmen, Guangdong Province. The non-self-propelled semi-submersible barge combines lifting and maritime transport functions, measuring 110 meters in length, 43.8 meters in beam, and 8 meters in depth, with a carrying area of 4,800 square meters. The vessel is equipped with a full-rotation luffing crane with a 149-meter boom and a maximum lifting height of 172.5 meters. In fixed stern lifting mode, it can lift up to 2,200 tons—the highest lifting capacity of any full-rotation semi-submersible crane vessel in China. The crane can perform 360-degree rotation operations when the vessel is at anchor. The vessel also features a fully automatic intelligent ballast control system that can automatically calculate construction parameters and achieve autonomous balance control without human intervention. It will play a key role in deep-sea wind power development, large-scale marine ranching construction, and deep-sea resource exploration.

Source: CCTV News / Xinhua News Agency

Link:

<https://big5.cctv.com/gate/big5/news.cctv.cn/2026/07/08/ARTItNisUZCCm6R1KBh0319T260708.shtml>

LNG Tanker Attacked in Gulf of Oman

On July 7, a liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker issued multiple distress calls after coming under attack in the Gulf of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz. According to a VHF radio recording obtained by Xinhua, the vessel reported that its port side was struck by a drone attack, its engine room caught fire and emitted thick smoke, and the crew was safe and had assembled on the starboard side. The vessel requested support from nearby coast radio stations and naval forces. Three oil tankers were reportedly hit in the Strait of Hormuz on July 7, including one believed to be carrying natural gas from Qatar. Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesman condemned the targeting of the Qatari oil tanker Al Rekayyat as an "unacceptable attack" on international maritime security and global energy security.

Source: Xinhua News Agency

Link:

<https://xinhuanet.com/world/20260707/6fd04ef8d7d444a1ac998c54551c04de/c.html>

Samsung Heavy Industries Tops \$10 Billion in Orders with New Tanker Deal

Samsung Heavy Industries has secured an order for two additional crude oil tankers, bringing its cumulative orders this year above US\$10 billion. The order, placed by a

Bermuda-based shipowner, is worth about 284.9 billion won and is scheduled for delivery by May 2029. With the latest deal, Samsung Heavy Industries' cumulative orders for this year reached \$10 billion, including 32 merchant ships and two floating LNG units, achieving 72 percent of its annual target of \$13.9 billion. It is the first time in five years that its annual orders have topped \$10 billion. The shipbuilder attributed the rebound to strong orders in both its shipbuilding and offshore businesses, as it has continued to secure orders for high-value vessels, including LNG carriers, FSRUs, and crude oil tankers.

Source: Aju Press

Link: <https://m.ajupress.com/view/20260708143656237>

Requests Information on South Korean Shipbuilders' Naval Construction Capacity

The United States has asked major South Korean shipbuilders to provide information on their capacity to build naval vessels, including destroyers and fleet replenishment ships. The U.S. Department of Defense and the Navy sent requests for information to HD Hyundai Heavy Industries and Hanwha Ocean, which submitted details on their destroyer design capabilities and shipbuilding capacity last month. Samsung Heavy Industries also responded to a separate RFI on medium-sized naval tankers. The move follows U.S. President Donald Trump asking President Lee Jae Myung during last month's G7 summit whether South Korean shipbuilders could quickly build 10 U.S. Navy vessels. The RFIs have raised expectations that Seoul and Washington will accelerate their shipbuilding partnership under the "Make American Shipbuilding Great Again" initiative.

Source: Yonhap News Agency

Link: <https://en.yna.co.kr/view/AEN20260708002200320>

Asian Shipbuilding Dominance Could Slow LNG Expansion, Wood Mackenzie Warns

The biggest expansion of global LNG supply on record, led by the United States and Qatar, could be slowed as most of the ships needed to transport the fuel are being built in South Korea and China, a Wood Mackenzie report said. The report highlights the concentration of LNG carrier newbuilding capacity in Asian shipyards as a potential bottleneck for the planned massive increase in LNG production capacity coming online in the coming years.

Source: gCaptain / Reuters

Link: <https://gcaptain.com/asian-shipbuilding-dominance-could-thwart-lng-expansion-wood-mackenzie-says/>

Bahri to Enter Marine Support Segment with Grandweld OSV Deliveries

Bahri Logistics is set to take delivery of two offshore support vessels from Dubai's Grandweld Shipyard next month, marking the Saudi shipping giant's entry into the marine support segment. The two vessels have been designed for the operational demands of Ras Tanura Port on Saudi Arabia's Gulf coast, which contains Saudi Aramco's Ras Tanura Terminal, Juaymah Crude Terminal, and Juaymah LPG terminal. After a 12-month build program, the ships are expected to be delivered by Grandweld's Dubai Maritime City facility in August 2026. Bahri said the OSVs will be equipped with the latest navigation, communication, and safety technologies to meet the demands of operating in harsh offshore environments.

Source: Seatrade Maritime News

Link: <https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/offshore/bahri-set-to-enter-marine-support-segment-with-grandweld-deliveries>

Dorian LPG Orders One VLGC at HD Hyundai Heavy Industries

US-listed shipowner Dorian LPG announced an order for one 90,000 cubic meter Very Large Gas Carrier (VLGC) at South Korea's HD Hyundai Heavy Industries. The new vessel will be delivered in July 2029, with a construction cost of approximately \$115 million. The vessel will adopt a dual-fuel design and be built to Panamax specifications, allowing it to transit the old locks of the Panama Canal. At the same time, Dorian LPG has reached agreements to sell three VLGCs with a total transaction value of approximately \$256 million, advancing its fleet renewal and optimization. The company reported that in the quarter ending June 30, 99% of its available operating days were locked in under charter with an average daily hire exceeding \$68,000.

Source: World Ports

Link: <https://www.worldports.org/shipbuilding-giant-secures-new-orders-global-vlgc-giant-places-orders-for-new-vessels/>

MPA Singapore Renews MoU with World Maritime University for Student Field Studies

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore will continue hosting World Maritime University students on annual field studies to Singapore under a new memorandum of understanding. Over 400 students have participated in these field studies since the program began. The renewed pact underscores Singapore's commitment to maritime education and international cooperation in seafarer training.

Source: Singapore Business Review

Link: <https://sbr.com.sg/shipping-logistics/news/singapore-continues-wmu-student-field-studies-under-renewed-pact>

UK and Netherlands Sign \$3.2 Billion Maritime Partnership for Amphibious Transport Ships

Britain and the Netherlands have signed a maritime partnership setting the path for new amphibious transport ships for their forces under a \$3.2 billion (£2.4 billion) deal, with the vessels set to be built in UK shipyards alongside Dutch industry. Based on a Dutch design, the ships will form the backbone of a strengthened UK-Netherlands amphibious force, with each nation operating four vessels. The 160-metre, 15,000-tonne ships will transport troops, vehicles and equipment including drones. Their flight decks will be designed to operate current and future long-range drones and autonomous systems. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Dutch Prime Minister Rob Jetten signed the agreement during a meeting of NATO leaders in Ankara on July 7.

Source: UK Government / World Ports

Link: <https://www.worldports.org/uk-and-netherlands-forge-3-2b-maritime-partnership/>

Bollinger Shipyards Finalizes U.S. Coast Guard Contract for Arctic Security Cutter Program

Bollinger Shipyards announced July 7 it reached an agreement on final contract terms with the U.S. Coast Guard to begin production on the Arctic Security Cutter program, advancing one of the nation's most critical maritime security programs and strengthening the United States' ability to operate in the increasingly strategic Arctic regions. By leveraging a design already selected by close allies and supported by an established supply chain, the program offers significant advantages in sustainment, training, interoperability and lifecycle affordability. The program will leverage Bollinger's integrated manufacturing network, which includes more than a dozen strategically located facilities and a skilled workforce of more than 4,000 workers.

Source: Seapower Magazine

Link: <https://seapowermagazine.org/bollinger-shipyards-finalizes-u-s-coast-guard-contract-to-begin-production-on-arctic-security-cutter-program/>

Saipem Wins \$2 Billion FPSO EPCI Contract for Indonesia's Kutei North Hub

Italian offshore engineering giant Saipem announced on July 7 that it had secured a new contract linked to a floating production, storage, and offloading (FPSO) unit for a major energy project in Indonesia. Saipem's share of the EPCI contract is valued at \$2 billion, awarded by Eni North Ganal, a company controlled by Searah Ltd., the business combination established by Eni and Petronas.

Source: World Ports / Offshore Energy

Link: <https://www.worldports.org/saipem-secures-2-billion-fps-epci-contract-in-indonesias-kutei-basin/>

DOF Group Wins Subsea Construction Contract in North Australian Waters

Norwegian offshore vessel owner DOF Group has announced a Large contract award for Subsea Construction and Pre-Commissioning Support services in the APAC region. The 2018-built CSV Skandi Inventor will be deployed for the execution of offshore operations scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2026 in waters off northern Australia.

Source: Offshore Source

Link: <https://offshoresource.com/2026/07/07/dof-group-wins-subsea-construction-contract-in-north-australian-waters/>