

Ever Given will re-enter service in late October after docking at Qingdao yard

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The year's most famous ship, ultra-large container ship **Ever Given** has docked at Qingdao shipyard yesterday and was undergoing assessments late last week ahead of a busy repair schedule.

The Shoei Kisen-owned ship, which suffered damages when it grounded and blocked the Suez Canal in March, has been moored at Qingdao Beihai Shipbuilding Heavy Industry, where its repair schedule is expected to last three weeks before it re-enters service on an Asia-Europe loop operated by the Ocean Alliance.

Much of the repair work will focus on the ship's damaged bulbous bow which was rammed hard into the right bank of the Suez Canal.

After being held for many months in Great Bitter Lakes in the Canal, the laden Ever Given was eventually freed and promptly headed for Felixstowe and Rotterdam to unload. It then headed back to Asia, via Suez. It arrived off Qingdao late in September, six months after the grounding that propelled it to fame.