

Azov Concord allowed to leave Mariupol

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General cargo ship **Azov Concord** (IMO 9387748), which had been trapped in the Ukrainian Sea of Azov port Mariupol since February, has been allowed to leave by the occupying Russian forces.

Its departure followed negotiations between Turkey and Russia, which may ultimately lead to the creation of a safe corridor for the export of Ukrainian grain with entailing the demining of the Black Sea, because the position of extant mines is already known, Odessa-based Eurogal added. Azov Concord arrived in Mariupol on February 21. Its automatic identification system was turned off on June 9th, according to Lloyd's List Intelligence vessel tracking data. It reappeared just north of the Kerch Strait on June 24th the day before its arrival at Novorossiysk. It set sail on June 26th and was due to arrive at Zonguldak, Turkey.

Eurogal says the five foreign-flagged vessels still blocked at Mariupol are **Blue Star 1** (IMO 9375159), **Azburg** (IMO 9102899), **Lady Augusta** (IMO 9163568), **Tzarevna** (IMO: 9145231) and **Smart** (IMO 8943428?).

(This might not be the same "Smart", as the one listed here is currently recorded as being "aground" at the port of Azov rather than stranded in Mariupol. However, no other IMO-listed vessel of that name seems at all likely).

Also, the Azburg had previously been reported as sunk at Mariupol.

2008-built, Malta-flagged, 6,483 gt Azov Concord is owned by Ulusmarine Co Ltd care of manager Albros Shipping & Trading Co of Istanbul, Turkey. As of July 3rd, it was entered with West of England (Eastern Claims Team) on behalf of Azov Concord Shipping Co.

2004-built, Malta-flagged, 13,965 gt Tzarevna is owned by Vulcania Srl care of Argo Shipping Co, Varna, Bulgaria. It is managed by Naviborn Ltd of Varna, Bulgaria. As of June 23rd, it was entered with Thomas Miller Specialty on behalf of Naviborn Ltd.

2005-built, Panama-flagged, 3,254 gt Blue Star I is owned by Blue Star Marine Co Ltd care of manager Fetida Maritime Ltd of Odesa, Ukraine. N AIS since February 26th, when it was listed as being at Mariupol.

1995-built, Dominica-flagged, 6,142 gt Azburg is owned and managed by MSCO Global Ltd of Valletta, Malta. ISM manager is Denprtrans PC of Kherson, Ukraine. No AIS since February 26th, when it was recorded as being at Mariupol.

1998-built, Jamaica-flagged, 4,355 gt Lady Augusta (previously Belize-flagged Lady Siria) is owned and managed by Adriamediteran Ltd of Tripoli, Lebanon. It is entered with British Marine on behalf of Adriamediteran Ltd.

1987-built, Russia-flagged, 2,597 gt Smart is owned by Delta Streamline Ltd care of Blue Wave Shipping Inc-Rus of Huntingdon Valley, PA, USA. ISM manager is Blue Wave Shipping Ltd-Rus of Azov, Russia. It is entered with VSK Insurance Co.