



Crowley Accord Shipmanagement adding reefer vessels to growing fleet

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Crowley Accord Shipmanagement is to expand its growing and diverse fleet to include reefer vessels, as owners look to outsource technical management during a downturn in demand.

Crowley Accord's fleet of 75 vessels now includes tankers , accommodation barges, Roll-On Roll-Off carriers, deep water pipe laying vessels, bulk carriers, self-propelled jack-up barges, container ships, tug boats, heavy lift vessels, trans-shippers, general cargo vessels, ROV and SAT diving vessels and offshore supply vessels.

"Owners want to know that they can rely on the technical expertise of their shipmanagement partner; this is particularly true of the specialist reefer vessel sector as the cargo is both valuable and perishable," said Sanjay Shesh, Managing Director of Crowley Accord Shipmanagement.

"The traditional reefer vessel sector is going through a downturn and it makes sense for owners to outsource technical management to ship management companies. We have the expertise in-house to manage these ships safely, economically and efficiently so that owners can focus more on commercial operations."

Seaborne reefer cargo grew 4.9% in 2014, but most of the growth was in the reefer containership sector, according to Drewry Maritime Research's latest *Reefer Shipping Market Annual Review & Forecast*.

About Crowley Accord

Crowley and Accord Ship Management have joined forces to create Crowley Accord. Crowley, founded 1892 and headquartered in Jacksonville, FL, USA, is one of the oldest ship owning and managing companies in the U.S., providing marine solutions, transportation, logistics and technical services in the domestic and international markets. Accord is a third party ship management company providing technical services and crew management as well as a broad range of back office services. With offices throughout the U.S., Mumbai, Goa, Hong Kong and Amsterdam, Crowley Accord is a leading worldwide ship manager, managing over 60 vessels of every type and variety. The company shows a strong focus on value added management models and operational efficiency. As a result, our management solutions benefit our clients directly with a proven return on investment.

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