



Maersk's MSP Fleet Gets Younger; Bay Ships Get New Life

Maersk Line Limited (MLL) has removed two of its older Maritime Security Program vessels from the MSP bringing in a pair of newbuilds to take their place. The two new ships being brought in are courtesy of a recent tonnage cooperation agreement between A.P. Moller-Maersk and Höegh Autoliners. The HÖEGH MADRID, a pure car/truck carrier, was completed in an overseas shipyard and renamed the ALLIANCE NORFOLK before joining the MSP fleet in January. The HÖEGH PARIS, another PCTC, was built in 2005 and joined the fleet after being redubbed the ALLIANCE

ST. LOUIS. M.E.B.A. crews these vessels from top to bottom. M.E.B.A. members have sentimental attachment to the two vessels being plucked from the MSP to make way for the two newbuilds. Our deck and engine officers have served aboard the MAERSK NEVADA and MAERSK NEBRASKA for the last 22 years. These are the old "Bay Ships" formerly owned by the M.E.B.A. Pension Plan. The

NEVADA was previously known as the DELAWARE BAY and TYSON LYKES before that. The NEBRASKA is the ex-CHESAPEAKE BAY formerly the TILLIE LYKES. These ships were slated to be removed from the U.S. registry under the original plan. However, the "M-Ships" contract that M.E.B.A. signed in 2004 contained a "non-MSP" clause



