

Dear Students,

Good day, Let me introduce to you myself I'm Capt Rico A. Ledesma, a Master Mariner employed by my beloved Company Ariston Navigation Corporation, located in Piraeus, Greece.

I have read the full contents of your messages attached, and it's my pleasure to be chosen by my Crewing Manager to answer some details to some of the questions you have sent & read by myself.

Here are the answers for all the questions you want to know regarding about my ship "MV ABYSSINIAN".

1) My ship was a bulk Carrier with 5 Cargo Holds fitted with a gear/Cranes used for discharging & Loading operations of any type of cargoes loaded to my ship. At the moment we are loaded with Grains Cargo of Wheat & Sorghum with a total weight of 30,650 metric tons.

2) Not exactly I know but I guess the real owner has their own reasons for that specific question. But looks like the real owner likes very much that the name of their ships starts with the letter "A" because all of their Fleet vessel names start with "A" like MV Abyssinian, MV Asturcon, MV Azteca, MV Ardenness, MV Abtenauer, MV Alkimos Heracles, & MV Atrotos Heracles.

3) My total number of crew members are 19 persons, including myself the Master & all are Filipino citizens from the Philippines.

4) Our next destination was 1st Mombasa, Kenya and located in the Eastern part of Africa, wherein we will discharge partial parts of our cargoes called Sorghum of 23,800 mts. 2nd port & last was Djibouti, Northern part of Africa wherein we will discharge the remaining cargo on board Wheat 6,850 mts.

5) Yes we had observed/saw some shark during our stay in the anchorage areas where we have temporary stay to drop anchor before entering loading/discharging ports.

Pirates during the early years of Piracy on year 2009 not exactly attack but Pirate boats chasing some vessel in the Gulf of Aden, South of Yemen.

I hope you are pleased to hear/read some short stories I had shared to you for this moment.

Thanks and best regards,

Capt. Rico A. Ledesma
Master of M/V "ABYSSINIAN"