



Note to Contributors

Introduction

Ever since containership-info has gone online, we receive a great number of e-mails from visitors of our website who would like us to publish their photographs on containership-info. First of all **we would like to thank** all site visitors, readers of our newsletter and all those who have e-mailed to us for their interest. Regrettably, we lack the time to individually reply to each and every single e-mail we received, even though we try our best.

Instead of answering every e-mail individually we kindly ask all those who would like to contribute to our site to read the following notes:

The picture gallery of our site is primarily **intended to display our own collection of photographs**. We do not consider our website a public image gallery like (for example) shipspotting.com. Due to restrictions to our web space and traffic bandwidth we could not host an unlimited number of photographs, even if we wanted to. That does not mean we are not interested in third-party ship photos. Our aim is to provide at least one photo of every container ship in our data base. Since we will not be able to photograph every single ship ourselves, **we gratefully accept photo contributions**.

However, we kindly ask contributors **not to send in any unsolicited e-mail with jpg-file attachments**. Even though we appreciate your willingness to help us, we are simply unable to cope with the sheer amount of photos.

This is what all interested photographers should do: If you would like to help us out with ship pictures, please get in

touch with us. **Please send us a short e-mail and we will add your contact details to our contributors' data base.** Please provide us with some basic information like your location and the ports where you usually take photos. Every now and then, we will compile a list of ships we currently seek photographs of. This list will then be e-mailed to everybody who offered to help us by providing photographs. If you happen to have pictures of vessels we need for our online collection, please send them to us by e-mail.

How to Submit Photographs

When sending in photographs, please note the following:

- Please send only **jpg-files**. The files should be no bigger than **2 MB** each. (The best way is to send the pictures just like your camera took them. If your camera has a very large image resolution you might have to re-save the images at a medium jpg-quality – for example 75% instead of 100% - in order to keep the file size below the 2MB limit.) Sadly, **we cannot process raw-files** or any other file types than jpg.
- If you would like to attach more than one picture to your e-mail, please keep the **total size of the attachments** below **10 MB**. It might be necessary to distribute a large number of attachments to two or more e-mails.
- Please **do not crop your images** to our website size of 800x533. We will process the images for you.
- Please tell us, how you would like the **copyright tag** on your picture to look like. (For example: '© Your Name' or '© your name – your-internet-address.com' or © your.name@your-email.com')
- Please do only send in photographs that **comply with the quality standards** illustrated below:

Quality Standards for Ship Images to be Published at Containership-Info.

Please be aware of the fact that we will only publish quality photographs on our website. Since our own photographs are far from perfect we do not expect yours to be perfect either.

Nevertheless, we have set up some rough guidelines of what we consider acceptable. Please try to select images that comply with our quality standards to avoid frustration. Our photo collection needn't necessarily cover every ship as soon as possible. We rather want to steadily **grow a collection of quality photos** that is free for website visitors to enjoy.

Try to **judge your photos** according to the below criteria. Please do not send pictures if you are not convinced that they would make it to the "excellent" or "acceptable" categories. One exception applies for photos that are especially interesting for some reason (incidents, accidents, unusual details, etc.). In case of such photos, the image quality is considered secondary.

Excellent Photographs



Excellent photo:

The ship is in motion and nicely fills the entire photo. The picture is well-lit, since the sun is in the photographer's back.



Excellent photo:

The ship is seen from an elevated position. The lighting is very good, and the ship is in motion, too.



Excellent photo:

The photograph captures a situation that gives an impression of the ship's working routine – like here, when the vessel slowly negotiates towards the terminal, assisted by tugs.



Excellent photo:

The vessel is berthed at the terminal with the sun in the photographer's back. The photo gives a good impression of how the ship is loaded and unloaded.

Acceptable Photographs



Acceptable photo:

The photo was taken on a dark and overcast day and contrast is poor. However, since the motif is good and the ship is in focus the image is perfectly usable.



Acceptable photo:

The photo is slightly too dark and contrast is poor. Since the ship is in focus, the image is usable for display in the online gallery.



Acceptable photo:

If the original photograph (left) is a bit too dark, but otherwise in focus and showing a good motif, we can digitally alter the image (right) make it more suitable for online display.

Non-Acceptable Photographs



Non-acceptable photo:

The ship in the photograph is cut-off at the stern or at the bow.



Non-acceptable photo: The photograph is taken against the sunlight and the ship is only recognisable as a silhouette.



Non-acceptable photo: The picture is taken from a position too close to the ship: The deck load of containers subsequently entirely covers the vessel's bridge.



Non-acceptable photo: Extremely cluttered background (other ships, cranes, etc.) combined with poor lighting make the ship hardly recognisable.



Non-acceptable photo:

The ship is much too far away from the photographer and it covers a far too small part of the image.



Non-acceptable photo:

The ship is either out of focus or the entire photograph is blurred because of a too long exposure time.



Non-acceptable photo:

The ship is partly covered by objects or persons. (The ship may however partly be covered by objects associated to the vessel like tugs, pilot boats, etc.)



Non-acceptable photo:

The image is spoiled by an oversized copyright tag line or any tag line that covers a part of the ship.



Non-acceptable photo:

The picture is over- or underexposed.



Non-acceptable photo:

Poor image processing, wrong camera settings or a poor quality scan have resulted in excessive grain / image noise.

Pictures Published at our Website: Terms and Conditions

By sending your photographs to us, you agree with the following terms and conditions:

- **You are the photographer** and / or copyright holder of the image file. You must not send in any third party photographs (magazine scans, shipping company pr-material, random internet downloads, etc).
- We **reject liability for any loss or damage** of the image files. Always keep a copy of the file.
- We **reserve the right to delete your images** from our servers at any time without prior notice.
- We will only host a copy of the photographer's (your) original image file. The original **picture copyright remains with the photographer** at all times.
- We may not only use your images in the vessel galleries, but also **distribute them in our pdf-newsletter**.
- We reserve the right to crop and **process your image file** for web reproduction.
- **We will not re-sell your pictures**. Interested parties who would like to buy picture copyrights and / or obtain high-resolution copies for print (brochures, magazines, etc.) must always contact the original copyright holder. The copyright holder is identified by the tagline on the jpg-file.
- **We may use your images free of charge**. Containership-Info will at no time pay any fee for the right to reproduce images on our website or in the newsletter.



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