

AL KHUBAR 3

Information compiled mainly in 2002 with some additions in 2003 by Alan Rose. Mainly from Lloyds register and their casualty lists, it is as accurate as possible but there may be some discrepancies.

Built: 1976
Builder: Imai Seisakusho, Iwagi, Japan
Yard No: 171
IMO: 7626774
Type: Harbour Tug. Later converted for Harbour Dredging, then to Survey Vessel.
GRT: 125
LOA: 23.34 mtr
Beam: 7.42 mtr
Depth: 3.31 mtr
Draft: 2.8 mtr approx
Engines: 2 x Niigata Oil. In December 1991 changed to a pair of Cummins NTA 855M Big Cam continuous heavy duty, rated 350hp each.
Propulsion: Twin Propellers in Kort type Fixed Nozzles, Twin Rudders.

Latest Name: **FLAT HOLM** 1999 to present time (2003)
Other Names: **UKD FLAT HOLM** 1997 to 1999
FLAT HOLM 1986 to 1997
AL KHUBAR 3 1976 to 1986

1976 Original Owners (in Lloyds) as Adrian Volker. (A Dutch Dredging and Civil Engineering Company) Then registered Owners (in Lloyds) changed to International Leasing Co. but c/o Adrian Volker Civil Engineering B.V.

1977 Report in Lloyd's Casualty List, on December 11th 1977, sustained contact damage (with **Al Khubar 2**).

1978 Report in Lloyd's Casualty List, on 24th February sunk at Al Jubail, (As a result of contact damage in 1977). Damage expected extensive.

A further reports stated that she was raised at the beginning of April 1978, repaired and sold to Volf Plant Services SA, Switzerland in June 1978 and towed away from Jubail on 18th June 1978.

Confirmation that still registered in Panama on December 23rd 1979, under International Leasing Co.

Then from approximately 1981 to 1986 changed hands (or some owners changed their name) several times. Lloyds show the following as owners, (but there is a Panamanian Certificate dated 20th January 1982 indicating that **AL KHUBAR 3** had been sold by 'International Leasing' to 'Enid Sailing Co' in July 1981)

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The Seymour Group. Panama. (Possibly a trading name for Enid Sailing?)
S.B. Offshore Granton Base Ltd. Edinburgh (approx 4 years around 1981 to 84).

Also owned *AL KHUBAR 2* during the same period.

1985 Sold by S.B. Offshore to Enid Sailing Ltd. S.A. Panama. (but S.B. Offshore may have stayed as operators)

1986 Sold by Enid Sailing to Associated British Ports (ABP) UK.

ABP then had extensive work done to convert her to Dredging (plough) and Harbour Maintenance work, which included adding a stern mounted 'A' Frame, Hydraulic HIAB Crane and stern bulwarks removed.

1997 Name Changed to: *UKD FLAT HOLM*

When ABP was privatised its Dredging Side was named UK Dredging (UKD), but still part of APB.

1999 Name changed back to *FLAT HOLM*

Sold by ABP/UKD to Coastline Surveys Ltd. UK (March 1999).

1999 Coastline Surveys Ltd. name still *FLAT HOLM* registered in CARDIFF.

Coastline Surveys carried out more conversion work including fitting a new stern mounted 'A' Frame (2000). Moved Hydraulic Crane (2001) and alterations to the superstructure and a Survey Laboratory added with an extensive set of Survey Equipment.

The Laboratory has been placed over the original tow hook area directly behind the original superstructure.

Work includes Harbour Dredging with various drag plough's, Harbour and Coastal Survey and Sea Bed Sampling.

2003 Still owned by Coastline Surveys. Some alterations made to enable her to work again as a tug.

Including adding a tow hook (Hiab Crane raised and hook fitted on new crane base), alterations to 'A' frame hydraulic rams to enable 'A' frame to be dropped to deck level, double bollards on stern bulwark removed (to give clear run for towing hawsers).

