

THE **BBC** NAVIGATOR

Remembering
SVEND ANDERSEN

Naming ceremony
BBC BREMEN



Navigating to excellence

BBC SINGAPORE

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UNWAVERING COMMITMENT



Dear readers,

This spring has brought developments none of us expected to face so soon after our last issue. In late February, the war in the Middle East effectively shut down the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important shipping arteries. Maritime traffic through the Strait has collapsed to virtually zero.

As a result, hundreds of ships were left stranded in the Persian Gulf, underscoring both the geopolitical severity and the operational complexity of this moment. Port closures and war-risk restrictions affect the entire industry. We need to adapt voyage-by-voyage to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our crews while maintaining service continuity wherever possible.

Despite the challenges, our long-term outlook remains steady. The overall supply of new tonnage in our industry remains scarce, whilst at the same time our own recent fleet investments are proving their value. Our LakerMax vessels are performing exceptionally well, with the delivery of our ice-strengthened F500-Class further enhancing our operational capabilities. Eleven LakerMax vessels of the series of fifteen are in service now with four more to come. In the meantime, Briese Schiffahrt has signed for six vessels firmly ordered, with an option for another six vessels to join our fleet in 2028/29.

In this issue, we pay tribute to the late Svend Andersen, who built and shaped this company from its earliest days. Svend's vision, leadership, and steadfast commitment to excellence continue to guide us. Through our distinctive "BBC Spirit," we honor the values and principles he embodied. His legacy remains a lasting source of inspiration. We will always remember him and honor his memory.

In times like these, our role is clear: to continue delivering reliability, flexibility, and professionalism to our clients, to protect our crews, and to remain unwavering in a world where certainty is increasingly rare. We will continue to monitor developments closely, and keep you informed. Thank you to all customers, colleagues, partners, for your trust during these extraordinary times.

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REMEMBERING SVEND ANDERSEN

A life dedicated to maritime leadership

It is with deep respect, and gratitude, that we remember Svend Andersen, who sadly passed away in January 2026. Svend was much more than just a Managing Director, the position he held at BBC Chartering from the beginning until 2019. Svend took an entrepreneurial role in building and shaping our company from the very beginnings in 1997, with vision, together with Briese. He will be remembered fondly as a remarkable leader whose impact on our company will never fade. For many years, he was not just our boss. He was a role model — someone who led with both strength, personality and heart.

"My father once said, find something you care for, then care deeply! Today, I can proudly say that BBC Chartering has deeply cultivated these "care genes", and we simply can't stop caring."

Svend Andersen

During his tenure as Managing Director, Svend played a significant role in shaping the strategic direction of the company at a formative stage of its development. With his profound understanding of the shipping industry, he navigated the company through both opportunities and challenges, strengthening its position in a highly competitive and internationally driven market.

What set him apart was his profoundly human way of being. His door was always open, no matter how busy the day, or how complex the challenge. He treated everyone alike – whether colleagues or business partners – with respect and warmth. He was humble – and he often emphasized to the team that even in the good market, one should never forget to be humble.

His positive outlook was contagious – and sometimes maybe too brave; even in difficult times, he encouraged us to see opportunities where others saw obstacles. This led BBC to become who we are today.

He believed that business was built on relationships, trust, and integrity. Through his example, he shaped not only the success of our company, but also the culture that still defines us today. The "BBC family" exists in large part thanks to him, and we are proud to continue the company's journey, remembering the foundation he played such a significant role in establishing.

His expertise, integrity, and dedication to the industry left a lasting impression on those who had the privilege of working with him.







Beyond his professional achievements, he was valued for his straightforward manner, his sense of responsibility, and his commitment to building lasting relationships. He represented a generation of leaders whose word carried weight and whose

actions were guided by principle. We are grateful for the contributions he made during his years of service and for the foundation he helped to establish. His legacy remains part of our company's history and identity.

Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.





Photo: Godmother Anitta Schumann in front of "her" vessel, framed by Captain Maksym Aleynikov (to her left) and Knut Voigt, Branch Manager of the BBC office in Bremen (to her right), Ulrich Ulrichs, CEO of BBC Chartering (third from right) and the crew of the BBC BREMEN.

NAMING CEREMONY

of the BBC BREMEN

Monday 26 January 2026 was a very special day for the BBC BREMEN and for BBC Chartering, when the vessel was officially christened. Anitta Schumann, Chartering Manager at our Bremen office since late 2011, acted as the godmother of the vessel. After wishing the BBC BREMEN “fair winds and following seas”, the traditional bottle of Champagne broke on the ship’s hull in a ceremony held at BLG’s terminal in Bremen Neustädter Hafen, where the vessel had been loading industry components. The vessel had for the very first time arrived in Bremen under the command of Captain Maksym Aleynikov on 24 January.

Despite challenging winter conditions on the roads to Bremen, about 100 guests took part, including our customers/charterers, business partners and colleagues of both BBC Chartering and Briese Schiffahrt. Kai Stührenberg State Councillor at Bremen’s Senator for Economic Affairs, Ports and Transformation, Joachim Bothe, Deputy Port Captain of Bremen, and Matthias Magnor, CEO of BLG Logistics were amongst the guests along with numerous representatives from clients, cooperation partners and employees of BBC Chartering and Briese Schiffahrt. Following the christening, Magnus Deppe, chaplain of the Bremen Seamen’s Mission, blessed the ship and its crew.

Having visited the ship, guests enjoyed kale and pinkel sausage. At the end of the event, the BBC BREMEN cast off, with some of the guests, including the godmother, still present and waving the ship goodbye.



RECENT cargo reference

The BBC BREMEN captured departing Zhangjiagang on her first ocean voyage towards Ras Laffan in September last year, carrying LNG plant equipment.



ANNIVERSARIES

to celebrate

Over the past two decades, many of you have reached significant milestones—20, 25 years and more—with BBC. These anniversaries reflect not only your longevity but also the steady contributions you've made to the company's development. Your experience continues to be a valuable resource for your colleagues, and your openness to understanding different perspectives helps foster a collaborative work environment. This kind of dedication doesn't go unnoticed—it quietly shapes the culture and resilience of our organisation.

Thank you for your continued commitment, and congratulations on reaching these important career milestones.



Anniversaries celebrated since the previous issue of the BBC NAVIGATOR

LIEBHERR on deck

Briese Schiffahrt and Liebherr have a compelling reason for celebrating a milestone



NEWS from Briese Schiffahrt



BRIESE SCHIFFAHT

Liebherr has delivered its 50th LS250 ship crane to Briese Schiffahrt, which has been installed on the BBC SHANGHAI. An overwhelming result in a long-term partnership, trust, and reliable relationships between the two companies since 2014. This is the common history that the two companies are proud and happy to share.

'Our experience with Liebherr has been very positive. We are highly satisfied with the performance of the LS250 ship cranes, offering excellent deck coverage and a balanced combination of outreach and lifting capacities. Working with Liebherr has always been straightforward and reliable. We see Liebherr as a long-term partner and look forward to continuing this cooperation in the years ahead,' explains Bernd Böning, Director Newbuilding at Briese Schiffahrt.

Over time, the LS 250 has evolved to meet new market expectations and technological advances. Working closely with customers, Liebherr has renewed the overall design to increase efficiency, safety, and flexibility. These updates bring clear advantages: the cranes comply with St. Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes requirements and follow a more compact, space-saving construction. A higher pivot point creates additional free deck area, while an improved reeving system guides the luffing rope through the boom centre for optimised load handling. The

slim boom head also integrates easily next to the deckhouse and enhances the vessel layout.

Alongside the F-500 class, Briese also introduced the LakerMax design, which positions the bridge at the bow to free deck space at the stern. Liebherr supported this development by extending the boom length to 36 metres while maintaining the 250-tonne lifting capacity at 18 metres. In addition, the hydraulic system now requires only half the oil volume. Flexible hoses were replaced with durable piping, increasing service life and lowering maintenance effort.

'The delivery of the 50th LS250 ship crane is more than a number. It reflects the strength of our collaboration with Briese Schiffahrt', says Robert Pitschmann, Global Application Manager for Heavy Lift Offshore and Ship Cranes at Liebherr in Rostock. 'Together, we've pushed boundaries in design and performance, building cranes that meet today's operational demands and anticipate tomorrow's challenges. Our shared focus on efficiency, reliability, and innovation ensures that every delivery adds value to the fleet and to the industry.'

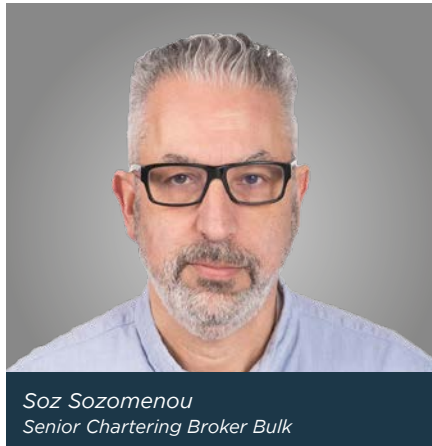
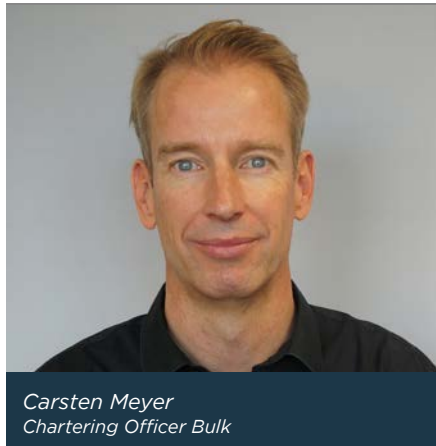
The next six new Briese Schiffahrt vessels are already on their way, and both companies are looking forward to further cooperation and celebrating the milestone of the 100th crane delivery.



BBC FLEET PROCUREMENT

The BBC fleet is since many years one of the biggest within the Mpp and heavylift market. A very versatile fleet, owned by different parties, operated in different modes and working also in different market segments.

This includes the hiring of vessels, such as taking ships on time charter, whether for long term employment or to meet a specific requirement for particular cargoes, i.e. short term or trip charters, but also constantly tracking the current fleet and looking into the future and searching for new tonnage.



The two minds behind all these activities are Carsten Meyer and Soz Sozomenou. Both have a track record and experience not only in the Mpp market, but also in the container and dry bulk market.

What is Fleet Procurement?

Fleet Procurement has the functionality of managing the vessels within the BBC fleet.

New vessels

The task of acquiring new vessels involves a thorough and detailed evaluation of both the vessel and its owner to determine whether the ship meets our operational and commercial requirements. The evaluation process includes an assessment of the vessel's general dimensions, cargo hold capacities, crane capabilities and the condition of the holds and deck, as well as its overall condition and speed and consumption. In addition, the owner's cargo and trading allowances must be reviewed, including any geographical

trading restrictions that the owner may be asking for. It is important to confirm that the vessel is permitted to trade worldwide and that there are no limitations which would create operational issues.

Once the vessel is judged to meet our requirements, negotiations with the owner commence to reach a commercial agreement regarding the hire rate and the period of employment. This process includes the negotiation and finalisation of the contract, the charter party.

Managing the current fleet

In addition to the acquisition of new tonnage, it is also essential to actively manage the fleet under our control. This includes a continuous monitoring of each vessel's performance and condition, covering aspects such as speed and consumption, crew performance and condition of the holds, deck and onboard equipment, such as the cranes. It is important that each vessel is properly



maintained and continues to perform in line with the standards as agreed at the commencement of the charter.

Another key task involves discussions with owners regarding possible extensions of the charter party, as well as planning the redelivery of vessels to their owners, always considering meeting the redelivery range obligation and the agreed time window for redelivery, as per the relevant charter party.



A third aspect is to manage those vessels, which join the BBC fleet on a seasonal basis. Next to the mentioned performance monitoring, annual delivery and redelivery schedule needs to be monitored and managed

Newbuildings

The team also managing the future. This requires reviewing of new vessel designs, discussing same with our tonnage providers and supporting the

management in future purchase or hire decisions.

A regular evaluation of the market needs, the constant evaluation of the BBC fleet, but also the monitoring of the global Mpp fleet is needed to guarantee BBC's status quo in the market and to adopt to our client's needs.

Special tasks

Wouldn't it be boring to manage only the

own fleet? The BBC procurement team is regularly helping befriended Owners and partners to position their vessels either for dry docking or their newbuilding into their future market areas.

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Nicole Nellen

We have been **CERTIFIED**

We're proud to be recognized as a family-friendly employer

In November 2025, BBC Chartering in Leer was awarded the seal “Wir sind familienfreundlich” (“we are family-friendly”) by District Administrator (Landrat), Matthias Groote. Nicole Nellen accepted the certificate on our behalf during the ceremony at Evenburg Castle. This recognition does more than acknowledge our internal HR efforts – it ties BBC Chartering into a broader regional initiative aimed at strengthening the compatibility of family and career across the entire district.

The seal is part of a formal program established by the Landkreis Leer (district of Leer), which has been honoring companies for their family-oriented personnel policies for several years. According to the district, a genuinely family-friendly corporate culture is now considered a key success factor for retaining skilled workers and ensuring long-term regional competitiveness. The award therefore recognizes not only flexible working arrangements, but also support measures for employees in different life situations – ranging from childcare and part-time options to assistance for single parents and staff with caregiving responsibilities.

The seal is widely regarded as an important quality mark within the region. In 2025, a total of 23 organizations received the distinction, with eight newly honored and fifteen re-certified. For the district, the program underscores its commitment to maintaining Leer as both an attractive business location and a livable environment for families.

By joining the group of recognized employers in the region, BBC Chartering reaffirms its commitment to a workplace culture that values people, fosters work-life balance, and supports employees through all stages of life. We're proud to stand alongside the other organizations in the district of Leer who share these values—and we will continue to strengthen our role as a family-friendly employer and an inspiring place to work and grow.

Ausgezeichnet ✓

wir sind **familien** freundlich
im Landkreis Leer

NEW to our fleet 2026

Further LakerMax-, F500-type vessels and 40k-DWT bulker for the BBC fleet



BBC BASEL



SEACON ATLANTA



BBC GENEVA



BBC VAASA



BBC RIGA

UPCOMING events

We look forward to seeing you soon at these events.



POSIDONIA 2026

01-05 June 2026

Metropolitan Expo, Athens, Greece

Breakbulk Europe

16-18 June 2026

Ahoy Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands



Detailed and up-to-date information on forthcoming events on our website: bbc-chartering.com



BBC PLUTO

captured by Flying Focus
in the North Sea,
approaching Eemshaven

The next issue of **THE BBC NAVIGATOR** is scheduled for Q3-2026

BUILDING THE FLEET FOR THE FUTURE

We are building the next generation of multipurpose heavy-lift vessels, the „LakerMax“. With more space and stowage options under deck for your valuable and sensitive cargo. With more unobstructed space on deck and the ability to sail with open hatches. Equipped with two Liebherr 250-mt shipboard cranes. Twelve vessels delivered to date. Nine more to come.*
On top, more F500-vessels will arrive, ready for your cargo.

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