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BBC LEER

in Port Mackay, Australia

STRENGTHENING OUR FLEET AND FUTURE



Dear readers,

Welcome to the fifth edition of **BBC NAVIGATOR**. Since the re-launch of our company magazine in Autumn 2023, we've established a reliable publishing rhythm—twice a year, in Spring and Autumn. Our aim remains to share relevant updates from across our global network, spotlight unique cargoes and projects, and introduce new vessels joining our fleet.

The environment in which we operate continues to evolve. Regulatory changes, shifting market dynamics, and geopolitical uncertainties present ongoing challenges. Yet, we remain focused and resilient - investing in our fleet and capabilities to meet future demands. Our fleet renewal is progressing well, with nine of fifteen new LakerMax vessels already in service at the time of going to press. Two of eight additional ice-classed F500s have also joined our operations, and further handysize bulkers are scheduled for delivery.

This edition places a spotlight on two regions. In Iberia, we opened a new office in Madrid, strengthening our presence in Spain and Portugal. With experienced colleagues now on board, we are well-positioned to serve this important market. In Denmark, our office relocation to Kolding in early 2024 marked a strategic step forward. A bit more than a year later we will take a look at the team and their activities, connecting Scandinavian manufacturing with global destinations. We also feature the first LakerMax transit through the Great

Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System, including insights from the vessel's Master. As part of our tradition, we exchange updates with Brieze News, and take a look back at the launch of BBC Chartering's first newbuilding programme in 2000, a milestone that shaped our journey.

I'm proud to share a highlight that sets us apart in the multipurpose shipping industry: the launch of our very own Audiologo and corporate music. This step not only strengthens our brand identity but also reflects our passion for innovation and emotional connection in everything we do on land, at sea, and in every interaction with our partners. Check out the launch video we recently published by using the QR-code below.

Finally, I am pleased to recognize several 25th and 20th staff anniversaries. These achievements reflect the dedication and professionalism that define our company. My sincere thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to BBC Chartering.

Ulrich Ulrichs

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NEW AUDIO LOGO

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NEW office

Serving Spain and Portugal



Lia Magalhaes (Operations and customer service), Jorge Vicente De Vera (Managing Director) and Alfredo José Byrne Bernui (Chartering Broker).

BBC Chartering is pleased to announce the opening of its new office in Madrid, Spain, effective 1 September 2025.

This strategic move aims to strengthen our service capabilities in the Spanish and Portuguese markets, which are vital components of our global network.

The Madrid office will be led by Jorge Vicente De Vera, who has been appointed as Managing Director. Jorge De Vera brings extensive expertise in the breakbulk and project cargo sector, including 14 years of leadership experience with the Noatum Group.

Joining him is Alfredo José Byrne Bernui, who will serve as Chartering Broker. He has over 15 years of industry experience, having worked with both freight forwarders and carriers, and is well-versed in the dynamics of our segment.

BBC Chartering will continue its operational presence in Bilbao through Lia Magalhaes, who has been with the company since 2015 and has been serving the Spanish market since 2019. She oversees operations and customer service, ensuring continuity and excellence in client support.

With approximately 140–160 annual port calls in Spain and Portugal, the Iberian Peninsula remains a key region for BBC Chartering. It is home to numerous blue-chip companies and a diverse range of specialized forwarders and brokers, making it an essential part of our global operations.

BBC Chartering remains committed to delivering reliable and flexible transport solutions worldwide. Establishing our own presence in Madrid reinforces our dedication to serving the Iberian market with enhanced local expertise and customer engagement.

NO DAILY business

In 2025 Briese Group member Delft Schifffahrt is taking delivery of 5 coasters of the the Groot ship 5200 XL type and a 4.400mt dwt version.



BBC Chartering has been asked to support the repositioning to Europe, which is a little outside the daily business, as these units are not the usual MPP size ships we normally operate. The gearless coasters have no container sockets, and are only equipped with four tween-deck pontoons, and limited bunker capacity. This results in a different voyage planning, as shore gear use and more bunker stops than usual have to be planned. HAV AMBER was the first vessel to be delivered to Europe, followed by BREB BOTNIA, RADBOD and MARIE. The final one will be BREB BALTIA.

To find the right cargoes is a challenge, but not impossible for our experienced chartering team in Singapore. All main categories of project cargoes have been transported on these units.

While HAV AMBER loaded transformers and flanges under deck, and with containers on the full deck, BREB BOTNIA took windmill equipment and RADBOD transported subsea equipment and pipes.



BBC CHARTERING DENMARK

Our Scandinavian gateway
for renewable and global
project cargo

Nestled in the heart of Denmark, BBC Chartering Denmark's Kolding office plays a pivotal role in our global operations, particularly in the realm of renewables and project cargo. While renewables remain a cornerstone of the business handled by the Kolding office, it also serves as BBC Chartering's general representation across Scandinavia. Having relocated from Esbjerg to Kolding just a year ago, the team continues to be firmly established as a key player in green energy logistics—demonstrating technical expertise, adaptability, and a deep commitment to sustainability.

The office coordinates with major project forwarders across Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland, handling cargoes ranging from turbines and transformers to engines and port equipment. These shipments often originate from the Nordic countries and are destined for global infrastructure and energy projects. Kolding's expertise includes managing disassembled cranes and specialized port machinery, shipped from Europe and Asia to terminals worldwide. The team also supports the paper and pulp industry, facilitating global logistics for equipment and materials sourced from multiple continents. With its strategic location and deep regional knowledge, BBC

Kolding ensures seamless execution of high-value, heavy-lift shipments—contributing to the development of global energy, port, and industrial infrastructure. As part of our ongoing newbuilding programme, one of the upcoming LakerMax vessels will proudly carry the name BBC KOLDING. Scheduled to join our fleet in 2026, this modern and efficient vessel will further enhance our capabilities in meeting the growing demands e.g. of the renewable energy market. A recent milestone underscoring our progress was the voyage of the BBC HOUSTON, another LakerMax-series vessel, through the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System. The vessel made a notable call in Erie and set a new benchmark by transporting the largest number of wind turbine blades of its size on a single MPP vessel into the Great Lakes. Read more about this call on page 18.

Going forward, the name “BBC Kolding” may refer to either our dynamic office in Denmark or the new vessel currently under construction. The Kolding team is especially proud to have a ship named after their city—and there's already excitement building around the possibility of welcoming the vessel with a special call at the Port of Kolding. Should that happen, we wouldn't be surprised to see a big “HEJ” (Danish for “Hello”) celebration to mark the occasion.



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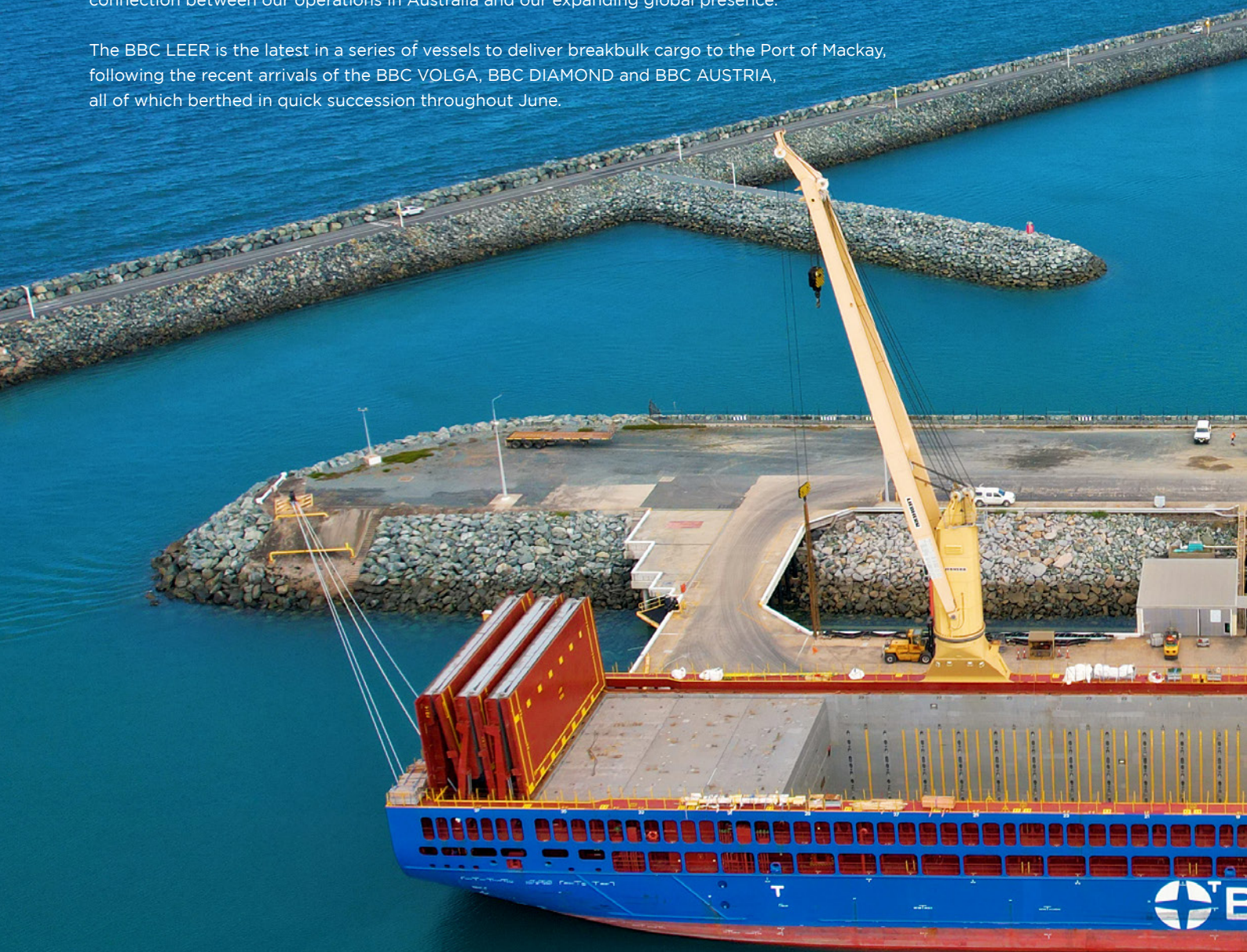
BBC LEER

makes its first call in Australia

After setting sail on its maiden voyage last year as the inaugural vessel in our LakerMax series, the BBC LEER recently arrived at the Port of Mackay, Australia—carrying mining equipment destined for the Bowen Basin. This marks the vessel's first visit to Australia and underscores the port's strategic importance in the mining supply chain, particularly its capability to handle complex project and heavy-lift cargo.

To commemorate this milestone, the North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBPC) presented the vessel's Master with a commemorative plaque—a longstanding maritime tradition that celebrates significant port calls and contributions to global trade. Our Brisbane office team made use of the opportunity to meet the newest member of our fleet, further strengthening the connection between our operations in Australia and our expanding global presence.

The BBC LEER is the latest in a series of vessels to deliver breakbulk cargo to the Port of Mackay, following the recent arrivals of the BBC VOLGA, BBC DIAMOND and BBC AUSTRIA, all of which berthed in quick succession throughout June.





RECENT CARGO

RECENT

cargo
reference



BBC AMBER

Discharge of a reactor with
gas cooler in Map Ta Phut.

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.

25

YEARS

Ed Anderson
Chief Legal Officer
BBC Houston



20

YEARS

Wiebke Bürger
Executive Assistant to the CEO
BBC Leer



20

YEARS

Daniele Jäger
Chartering Broker
BBC Bremen



20

YEARS

Fabio Martins
Finance
BBC Rio de Janeiro



20

YEARS

Ross Fletcher
Owners Representative Canada
BBC Montreal



The year began with the delivery of ECO TRINITY on 16 January 2025, the fifth vessel in the company's OTECO9000 series. Built for operational efficiency and cargo flexibility,

these 9,000 DWT vessels are designed with enhanced hold capacities. ECO TRIUMPH was delivered on 12 June.

Already on 8 April 2025, BBC SINGAPORE was delivered, with BBC TOKYO following her on 5 June, as part of the LakerMax series of project cargo vessels. With a deadweight of 13,414 mt and fitted with dual 250 mt Liebherr cranes, this type of vessel is designed to handle oversized and heavy-lift freight.

The deliveries of BBC HELSINKI on 15 May and BBC TORNIO on 10 July mark the start of the new 12,500 DWT MPV F500

Steel cutting The first physical step in construction; steel plates for the hull and internal structure are cut; the official start of the construction.



Steel cutting BBC GENEVA

Keel laying The formal placing of the first section of the ship's keel in the dry dock, symbolically marks the birth of the ship.



Keel laying BBC BASEL



Steel cutting BBC MAINZ



Keel laying BBC SHANGHAI



BRIESE SCHIFFAHRT

series. Built by Huanghai Shipyard in China, this series has Finnish/Swedish Ice Class 1A. The MPV F500 series has already proven successful, prompting Briese to contract a total of eight vessels of the same class.

Across four shipyards, construction is ongoing on additional vessels, with significant progress marked by steel cuttings, keel layings, launches and sea trials.

By integrating crew feedback and operational expertise into each design, Briese Schiffahrt ensures its fleet evolves not just

with technology, but also with real-world insights from at sea. The company's 2025 deliveries illustrate a firm commitment to sustainability, performance and long-term investment in maritime logistics.

Further deliveries are scheduled closely together in the coming months as Briese Schiffahrt continues its path toward a modern, future-proof fleet.

Launching The process of moving the ship from the building dock to water for the first time.



Launching BBC BREMEN

Sea Trial Rigorous tests of ship systems and performance at sea (e.g., engine power, manoeuvrability, navigation, safety systems). This can take several days to a few weeks, depending on ship type and performance.



Sea Trial BBC HELSINKI



Launching BBC SAO PAULO

Delivery Formal handover of the ship from the shipbuilder

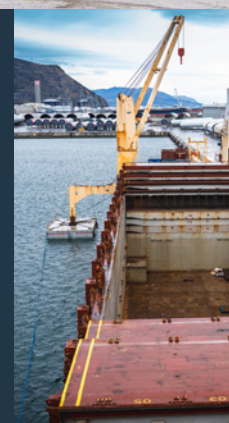


Delivery BBC SINGAPORE

BBC PEARL

Transport of critical units

BBC Chartering successfully executed the ocean transport of two critical equipment units for the QAFCO 7 Project: Flash Vessel (450 tons) • Absorber (630 tons). Both units were loaded in Bilbao, Spain at LOINTEK and shipped to Mesaieed Port, Qatar, aboard a Full Charter Vessel. This challenging heavy-lift operation was completed in close cooperation with our logistics partners: DREWES Logistics, German Transport Engineering and Martrade Group.





25 YEARS AGO

Start of a 12-vessel newbuilding programme

When BBC Chartering started business, it was operating charter tonnage only. 25 years ago a milestone in the history of our company was set by ordering the first newbuildings under our own brand and vessel naming system. The shipping companies Briese Schiffahrt, Krey Schiffahrt and Bockstiegel Reederei started a newbuilding program of 12 vessels built in Poland, of which six vessels were flying the BBC flag. The first vessel of that series, the BBC NORWAY, was delivered in May 2000.

One year earlier ship owner Briese took delivery of the first

two vessels of a second newbuilding series of six vessels, built in China. These vessels were the Mark II version of a set of four vessel with similar dimensions, but weaker cranes delivered in 1996/1997 by Briese to other Owners. Also these four vessels joined the BBC fleet in 2000 and 2004.

25 years later we are again in the middle of two newbuilding series; our new BBC-13K-500A, also known as the LakerMax series and the BBC-12K-500C, known as the F500 series. The ships became slightly bigger and stronger to match today's market requirements and needs.

TYPE	BBC ANGLIA type (4 vessels)	BBC SCOTLAND type (6 vessels)	BBC NORDLAND type (6 vessels)	BBC-12K-500C (21 vessels)	BBC-13K-500A (15 vessels)
LOA	100,60m	100,60m	107,76m	147,00m	149,95m
Beam	16,60m	16,60m	18,20m	22,80m	23,20m
Max draft	6,40m	6,40m	7,50m	8,18m	8,50m
DWT	4.750mt	4.750mt	7.700mt	12.400mt	13.400mt
Cranes	2x 60mt	2x 60mt/80mt	2x 80mt	2x 250mt	2x 250mt
Special feature				*Open hatch notation	*Open hatch notation *Triple deck

Whilst over the years shipbuilding became more and more innovative, the naming system in the BBC Chartering fleet remained rather traditional. Those names which were used for the first new BBC vessels – such as BBC NORWAY, BBC FINLAND, BBC DENMARK and BBC ICELAND – today are carried by our BBC-24K-200A-series. Other names such as BBC SHANGHAI and BBC SINGAPORE have been repeated in use with LakerMaxes. Also BBC PERU and BBC UKRAINE

can still be found in the fleet nowadays, on different vessels than in the beginning. The most used name in our fleet is BBC SINGAPORE, which has been carried by three vessels - the current BBC SINGAPORE being a LakerMax. While names like BBC NORWAY, BBC FINLAND, BBC DENMARK and BBC ICELAND used for these first new BBC vessels form our current BBC-24K-200A series, BBC SHANGHAI and BBC SINGAPORE made it into our BBC-13K-500A Series.

BBC FACTS



- BBC NORDLAND joined the first offshore project coordinated by the BBC Project Division in 2012. She transported two carousels and performed spooling operations to offshore tonnage and stayed in the project for 11 months.
- BBC SINGAPORE sailed in 2006 as the first BBC vessel into Antarctic waters and supported the German research institute AWI on a mission.
- Today's Head of Technical Volker Mattha was managing the delivery of BBC ANGLIA as Captain.

BBC NORDLAND type



BBC ANGLIA type



BBC HOUSTON

A historic first for the LakerMax Class

In early 2024, when we unveiled our latest vessel class, a new term quickly became common usage in Briele and BBC offices: “LakerMax”. Catchy and distinctive, the name has since become synonymous with our most modern and versatile vessel type—designed to maximize cargo capacity while remaining compatible with the dimensional constraints of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Seaway System.



With a cargo capacity approximately 30-40% greater than the previous F500 series - of which Briese has additionally ordered eight further ice-classed units - the LakerMax series has already proven its value across global trade routes.

While the industry speculated that the name implied a dedicated service to the Great Lakes, these vessels are in fact deployed worldwide. Calls to the Lakes occur when cargo is booked for destinations within the region and a LakerMax is nominated for the voyage.

Nearly one year after the delivery of the first vessel in the series, BBC Chartering proudly marked a major milestone: BBC HOUSTON became the first LakerMax to enter the Great Lakes, calling at Erie, Pennsylvania. Ever since the delivery of the first vessel in the series, BBC LEER, a year ago, we've received many inquiries about when one would enter the Lakes, and the BBC team was very much looking forward to finally celebrating this moment. In February 2025, the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority conducted simulator training in Québec in collaboration with Briese Schiffahrt and BBC Chartering to prepare for manoeuvring these vessels in the Seaway.





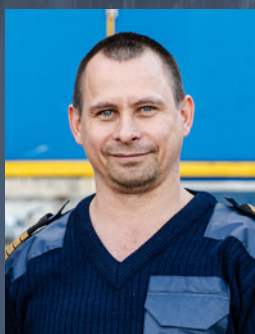
In a small ceremony in front of the vessel, plaques commemorating the event were handed over to Mr Ricardo D'Amore, the representative of the Seaway and Captain Andrei Kostrov, Master of BBC HOUSTON. They were met by Mr. Lou Holmes and Ms. Jennifer Holmes (left) of Holmes Maritime, BBC's agents in Quebec and Mr. Ross Fletcher (right), Owners Representative of BBC Chartering in Canada.
Photo: Dave Gogan

A Milestone Voyage for BBC Chartering's New Flagship Vessel Class

The vessel arrived at Montreal roads on 27 April 2025, where it underwent a routine inspection by the Seaway Authority. Upon receiving clearance, BBC HOUSTON proceeded to the St. Lambert Lock, where the vessel and its Captain, Andrei Kostrov, were welcomed

by a small delegation consisting of Mr. Ricardo D'Amore, The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, Mr. Ross Fletcher, BBC Chartering Owners Representative in Canada and Mr. Lou Holmes and Ms. Jennifer Holmes, Holmes Maritime, BBC's Canadian agents. During a brief ceremony held while the vessel was sluiced through the lock, commemorative plaques were exchanged between the Seaway Authority and the vessel's crew.

BBC HOUSTON's destination was Erie, Pennsylvania, where it successfully discharged a shipment of wind turbine blades. After finishing the discharge operation, BBC HOUSTON successfully completed the downbound voyage through the Seaway System back to Montreal and headed on to South America. BBC DUBAI was the next LakerMax to perform the passage through the Seaway in July 2025.



I would like to share my impressions, as well as those of the crew, during our passage through the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes.

Our passage began immediately after leaving the loading port. We started preparing the vessel and the crew for a successful Seaway inspection. On the evening of 27 April 2025, we began moving toward the first lock. This was probably the most exciting moment, as it was the vessel's first time taking this route. Many crew members went out on deck to take photos.

At the first lock, St. Lambert, our charterer organized a small ceremony to mark the first passage of a Laker Max-type vessel through the Seaway. After this solemn event, we continued our journey toward the port of destination, passing seven locks before entering Lake Ontario. A day later, we arrived in Lake Ontario, which greeted us with stormy weather. We were prohibited from continuing into the Welland Canal and spent 12 hours drifting

in rough conditions. The next morning, we resumed our passage, with eight more locks ahead before entering Lake Erie. Throughout the journey, we saw many people taking photos of our ship as it passed through the canal. All the pilots remarked that it was an unusual sight — such a large vessel carrying such a significant amount of cargo.

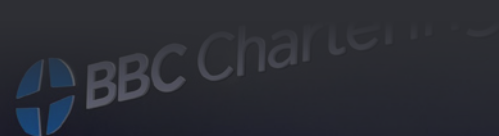
That evening, we reached Lake Erie, which welcomed us with very thick fog, reducing visibility to less than 50 meters. On 1 May we finally arrived at our port of destination. After discharging the cargo, we began our return voyage. In total, our round trip through the Great Lakes took two weeks. The crew gained a lot of valuable experience, and everyone was deeply impressed. For many, it was their first time sailing on the Great Lakes — and on such a remarkable ship. From my side, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the comprehensive support from our company, Briese Schifffahrt, as well as Inspection Group 6, BBC Chartering, Hanns Bergman, and my excellent crew.

Captain Andrei Kostrov
BBC HOUSTON

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UPCOMING events

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



Breakbulk Middle East

04-05 February 2026

Dubai World Trade Centre

Logistics Connect

05-06 March 2026

Congress Centrum Bremen

Intermodal

14-16 April 2026

Pavilhão de Exposições do Distrito Anhembi, São Paulo

JOC Conference

20-22 April 2026

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Breakbulk Europe

16-18 June 2026

Ahoy Rotterdam



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

BBC AQUAMARINE

Panama Canal.



The next issue of **THE BBC NAVIGATOR** is scheduled for Q1-2026

BUILDING THE FLEET FOR THE FUTURE.

We are building the next generation of multipurpose heavy-lift vessels, the BBC LakerMax. By 2026 fifteen of these very versatile triple-deckers will have joined our fleet. They offer 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. On top, four more F500-type vessels will also join our fleet.

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