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A 2,9% rise in the strength of the Greek merchant fleet.

Greek merchant fleet of 100 GRT and over, during August 2009

In August 2009 the strength of the Greek merchant fleet registered a 2,9 % rise in comparison with the equivalent strength of August 2006, while the same comparison between the years 2006 and 2003 showed reduce of 3,6% (see fig. 1).

The overall tonnage of the Greek merchant fleet during August 2009 registered a 21 % rise in comparison with the equivalent strength of August 2006, while the same comparison between the years 2006 and 2003 showed a rise of 2,3% (see fig. 1).

The equivalent changes of the different type of vessels can also be viewed in figure 1.

Development of tonnage of the Greek merchant fleet by categories: 2000 - 2008 & August 2009

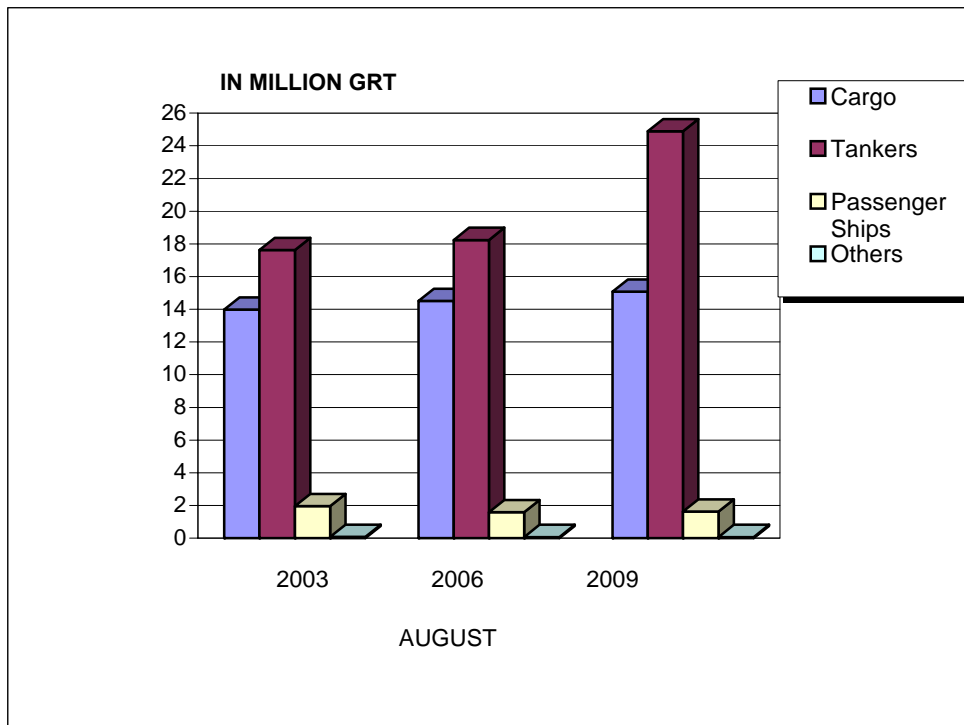


Table1. Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by categories: year 2000-2008 and January-August 2009

August										
Total	2003		2006		2009		Change % 2006/2003		2009/2006	
	No	GRT	No	GRT	No	GRT	No	GRT	No	GRT
Σύνολο	2128	33.641.454	2.052	34.408.151	2.112	41.643.435	-3,6	2,3	2,9	21,0
cargo ships	670	13.979.007	642	14.513.273	612	15.071.176	-4,2	3,8	-4,7	3,8
Tankers	500	17.621.103	470	18.238.347	556	24.882.784	-6,0	3,5	18,3	36,4
Passenger ships	705	1.961.051	710	1.588.870	716	1.622.857	0,7	-19,0	0,8	2,1
others	253	80.293	230	67.661	228	66.618	-9,1	-15,7	-0,9	-1,5

Table 2. Distribution of Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by tonnage groups: August of years 2003,2006,2009.

August							
Tonnage groups	2003		2006		2009		
	No	GRT	No	GRT	No	GRT	
Σύνολο	2.128	33.641.454	2.052	34.408.151	2.112	41.643.435	
100 -< 500	859	222.518	873	227.128	870	220.504	
500- < 3.000	423	495.308	400	476.735	412	508.058	
3.000 -< 7.000	85	394.832	80	372.659	75	344.793	
7.000- < 10.000	41	340.696	38	316.475	35	291.246	
10.000- < 20.000	127	1.940.113	88	1.318.394	74	1.094.917	
20.000 -< 30.000	173	4.413.249	123	3.214.890	124	3.245.794	
30.000 +	420	25.834.738	450	28.481.870	522	35.938.123	

Table 3. Age distribution of Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over: August 2003, 2006, 2009.

August							
Age groups	2003		2006		2009		
	No	GRT	No	GRT	No	GRT	
Total	2.128	33.641.454	2.052	34.408.151	2.112	41.643.435	
- < 5	271	12.035.222	297	12.374.313	293	12739508	
5- < 10	186	5.791.999	234	8.398.896	332	14039216	
10- < 15	170	4.170.079	159	5.216.467	181	5206065	
15- < 20	220	4.048.472	165	2.245.937	140	3334703	
20- < 25	243	3.520.896	188	2.283.403	176	1704807	
25- < 30	295	2.541.845	239	1.953.508	182	1892209	
30+	743	1.532.941	770	1.935.627	808	2726927	

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Research of Greek Commercial Fleet Force	The research is held each month from 1964 up to today with no essential changes as for her way of conduct. Aim of the research is the complete recording of statistical elements with regard to the number and the basic characteristics of Greek merchant fleet, so as to show the complete picture of the diachronic development of the Greek commercial fleet force.
Legal frame	The research is held according to the common ministerial decision No. 6792/C - 81/11-4-97 of the ministers of National Economy and Finance and Commercial Navy.
Period of Report	The results of the research are reported in the end of August 2009.
Cover	In the research we have included all the Harbour Authorities of the interior and the Greek Consular Harbour Authorities of the abroad, that observe shipping registers, which dispatch each month in the Greek National Statistical Organisation, the changes of the Greek commercial vessels that are written in their shipping registers.
Definitions	<p>Commercial boat: Is each ship of clean capacity, at least ten GRT, intended to move selfly-reliant in the sea and to perform acts of transportation of persons or things, of fishery, of towage and of each other shipping activity.</p> <p>Greek commercial fleet: Is the total of commercial vessels that is registered in Greece and belongs to natural or legal entities that live in the Greek territory. The Greek flag of the above boats shows that all the economic and commercial rules with which are carried out their marine activities, as, subsidies of ship buildings, restrictions of loading, reinvestments of dampings and other tax provisions, are determined by the proper Greek authorities.</p> <p>Gross Registered Tonnage (G.R.T.): Is a unit of measurement of the total volume in cubic foot of spaces of loading in the interior of the hull and in the bridge, that are available for the transport of merchandise, food, passengers and crew. One GRT is equal with 2,83 cubic meters or 100 English cubic feet.</p> <p>Net Registered Tonnage (N.R.T.): Is a unit of measurement, that is received by the Gross Registered Tonnage after the abstraction of volume of spaces that is used by the crew, instruments of navigation and machines, the crude oil and water reservoirs, as well as the volume of other spaces that are not used by the passengers or for merchandise.</p> <p>Age of the boat: This is determined by the year of manufacture of hull that surrounds the engines.</p>
Methodology	<p>The research is carried out through the inventories of all the Harbour Authorities of the interior and the Greek Consular Harbour Authorities of the abroad, that dispatch in monthly base, to the Greek National Statistical Organization, the changes of boats that concern: a) the registration of new registered boats, b) the denomination of boats, g) the change of ship owning, d) the transfers from other ports, e) the deletion of boats, f) the final measurement – remeasurement of boats, g) the engine change.</p> <p>These changes are used, after suitable treatment, for the briefing, via special computer program, of the archived Registry of Greek Commercial Ships, by which are produced monthly and annual results.</p>
References	More information (tables, diagrams) with regard to the Research of the Force of Greek Commercial Fleet can be sought in the web page of the Greek National Statistical Organization (www.statistics.gr) in the Contact <<Statistikal matters>Transportations> Maritime>Greek Merchant Fleet of 10 GRT and above>>