

## Maersk Tankers orders bound4blue wind propulsion for five vessels

Fleet of five MRs will have 20 of bound4blue's eSails installed to cut fuel consumption and emissions.

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bound4blue has announced a five-vessel retrofit order for its eSail wind assisted propulsion system (WAPS) from [Maersk](#) Tankers, the firm's largest order to date.

Five medium range product carriers will each have four of bound4blue's 26-metre model 2 eSails installed, with expectations of double-digit reductions in fuel consumption. Maersk Tacoma, Maersk Tampa, Maersk Tangier, Maersk Teesport, and Maersk Tokyo, a series of ships built in 2015 and 2016, will have the sails installed in 2025 and 2026.

Maersk Tankers chose bound4blue's suction sail system after an assessment of wind power solutions carried out with green technology catalyst Njord. The assessment looked for optimal environmental and commercial impact considering the vessels' physical properties and expected trading routes.

José Miguel Bermúdez, CEO and co-founder at bound4blue, describes the order as a "key milestone", adding: "The trust Maersk Tankers has placed in our technology reinforces the proven capabilities of our solution in reducing fuel consumption and emissions, while contributing to CII and FuelEU regulatory compliance."

bound4blue told journalists in London last month that signing contracts with well-regarded leading shipowners was important to the company, as other shipping companies and charterers take note of and may be inclined to follow the actions of such high-profile brands.

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“Designed to operate safely in challenging conditions, our system is particularly well-suited for safe, high performing and cost-efficient operation on tankers. We’re excited to work alongside Maersk Tankers as they progress in their decarbonization efforts,” said Bermúdez.

In 2024, bound4blue has secured orders from Klaveness Combination Carriers, [Eastern Pacific Shipping](#), Odfjell, Marflet Marine, Amasus, and Louis Dreyfus Company, among others.