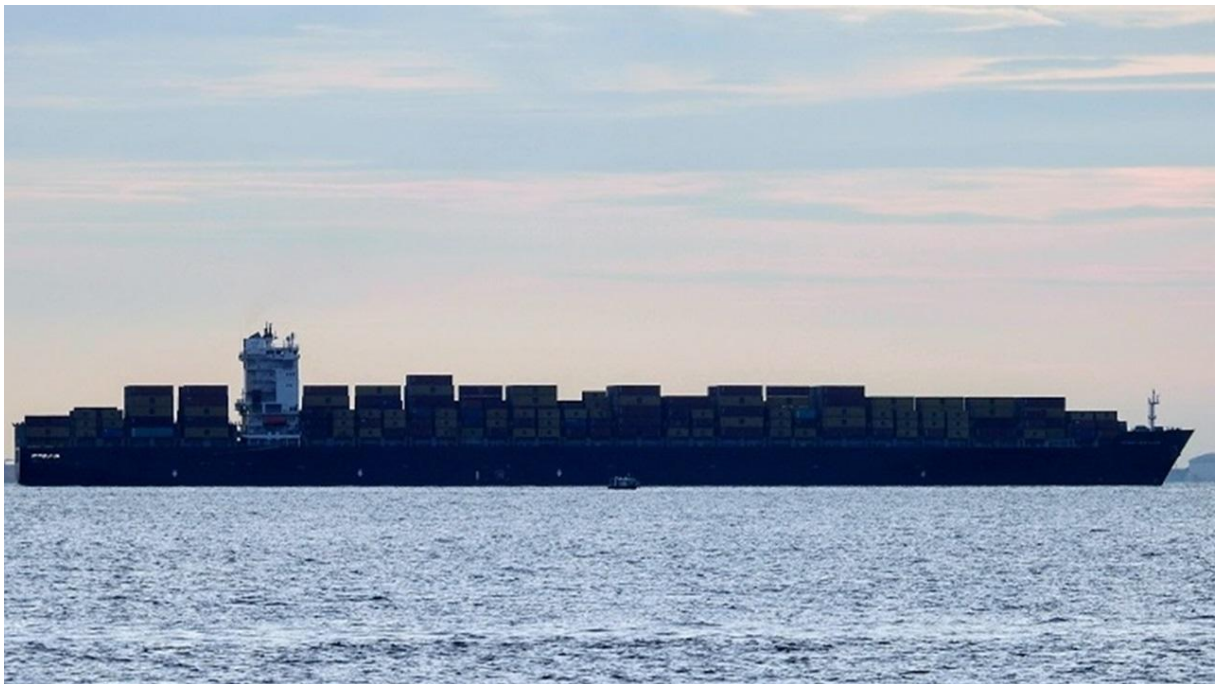


Maersk hires tug from Europe to rescue powerless Maersk Sana

Maersk has revealed that a tug is on its way from Europe in a 'first time right' strategy to rescue the stricken 8,450 teu Maersk Sana which is drifting without main engine power in the western Atlantic.

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File photo of a container shipCredit: Marcus Hand

The 21-year-old vessel, struck by an engine room explosion on 28 April which injured three seafarers, is adrift about 250 nautical miles east of Bermuda and will remain so for many days until a tug from Europe can attend her.

In a statement released yesterday, [Maersk](#) said that the vessel is “safely adrift” at sea and has electrical power. “The sideways propellers are working and the vessel is able to turn or push sideways if needed,” the statement said.

“A tug is on its way from Europe; as we wanted to employ a ‘first time right’ approach, we had to find the right tug for this operation, not necessarily the closest tug. With safety top of mind, we are keeping a close eye on the weather forecasts, which currently appear to predict calm weather and seas,” Maersk said.

The [Singapore](#)-flagged vessel had set out on a voyage from Newark to Singapore before the engine room blast. Three seafarers were injured: one was treated on board the vessel and two were evacuated through a medevac operation to a hospital in Bermuda. The seafarer injured most seriously has now been transferred to a hospital in the US “where he is receiving the best possible care”, Maersk said in a statement at the weekend.

“As we always do in such cases, we have initiated an investigation which currently is ongoing, and we are concurrently in close dialogue with the relevant stakeholders,” Maersk said in its latest statement. “While the investigation is ongoing, we cannot go into further details about the incident. Safety is of paramount importance, and we will take the learnings from our investigation to avoid similar incidents in the future.”

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The vessel underwent a Port State Control inspection by the [US Coast Guard](#) on April 16 in the Port of Charleston where no deficiencies were found. Her P&I insurance is with Oslo-based Skuld.