

WESMAR Thrusters...

Part of an Important Caribbean Delivery Team

WESMAR has been serving the commercial transport and oil supply industry for many years with sturdy bow and stern thrusters. So when Ft. Lauderdale based G&G's Shipping's newest vessel Cape Express, a stately five-story, 190-foot-long cargo vessel, was launched in the St. John's River near Palatka, Florida, it was equipped with a WESMAR commercial grade bow thruster. The bow thruster was part of a package to ensure precise maneuvering, close quarter docking and holding tight in the roughest of waters.

Built for G&G by its own shipyard, St. Johns Shipbuilding, the Cape Express is the newest vessel of the G&G fleet. A welded-steel hull built from scratch, equipped with all American-made components, she represents some 'firsts' for the company: first to use biodiesel, and the first in the G&G fleet with a centerline mounted third diesel engine.

Here the firsts stop, because she is the fifth in the C&G Shipping fleet to have a powerful WESMAR Bow Thruster, a model V2-24 counter rotating, stainless steel, dual prop direct drive thruster that operates from an engine drive system.

"The Cape Express is one of



The stately Cape Express is the fifth of G&G Shipping's WESMAR equipped commercial transport vessels.

five boats we own equipped with WESMAR Thrusters. She travels throughout the Caribbean delivering to shallow water ports, working in heavy current, often in ports without bulkheads. We require a rugged bow thruster to push this shallow draft 190-foot vessel, full of cargo, and to hold its position. The powerful WESMAR thrusters are performing very well for us," says Steve Ganoe, owner of both G&G Shipping and St. Johns Shipbuilding.

When you run a regularly scheduled

cargo ship company, then precision, reliability and accuracy are the words by which you operate. So it is no surprise G&G chose WESMAR bow thrusters for the newest of their unique line of ships that unload wherever the shipper wants and often where currents are strong and tugboats are unavailable.

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G&G Shipping has been providing freight shipping service to the Bahamas and the Caribbean for nearly 20 years. They have a reputation for providing the safest, most reliable and hassle-free service in the region with highly experienced personnel. The company provides regular freighter service throughout the Bahamas for both large and small clients. They offer daily trips to many of the islands from Freeport to Long Island and Southern Caribbean.

G&G is headquartered near Ft. Lauderdale, FL in a facility that includes 75,000 square feet of cover. The company maintains a modern fleet of vessels with the latest technology and equipment designed to service a wide range of deep or shallow water ports. And with roll-on/roll-off services they have the ability to deliver to almost any location from low banks, beaches, or shallow waters.

St. Johns Ship Building is a full service shipbuilding and marine repair company specializing in commercial steel and aluminum vessel repair and industrial steel fabrication. **The facility includes an 800-ton dry dock available for maintenance and upgrades on all types of vessels!** The shipyard has over 900 feet of bulkhead waterfront including a 400 foot launch basin.

St. Johns offers topside repair for vessels up to 400 feet in length and 70 feet in beam with a maximum draft depth of 12 feet and an air draft of 45 feet.

Located along the St. Johns River near Jacksonville, Florida on a 98-acre, wooded site, they offer over 900 feet of bulkhead waterfront including a 400-foot launch basin. Onsite is a 425-foot x 75-foot fabrication shop and a complete carpentry and electrical shop.

Cape Express

Vessel Type: General Cargo / RO-RO
Net Tonnage: 146 Gross Tonnage: 487.
Length Overall: 190 ft
Breadth: 11.58 meters / 37.9 ft
Depth: 3.05 meters/ 10 ft.
Max speed: 11 knots
Deck load:
Capacity 26 Teu's / Ro-Ro
Capacity 46 Teu's / Lo-Lo

WESMAR V2-24 Bow Thruster

- Counter Rotating Dual Prop Design
- 75 to 150 HP
- Up to 40% more thrust
- Optional Pre-mounted in Steel or Aluminum Tubes
- Heavy duty stainless steel casting



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