



The SEABULK MARINER enters the Chevron fleet in early 2007.



The SEABULK COURAGE should enter the Chevron fleet sometime around summer '07. The new arrangement with Seabulk will ensure the viability of Chevron's fleet for years to come.

CHEVRON FLEET BULKS UP IN 2007 WITH TANKER TRIO

MEBA members will get a series of new job opportunities on both deck and engine levels with the influx of new tonnage at Chevron Shipping. Chevron has announced that they will bring three double-hulled tankers into their fleet under a long-term bareboat charter arrangement with Seabulk International Inc., a subsidiary of Seacor Holdings. Chevron has an option on a fourth Double-Eagle class tanker that should be decided upon later this year.

The three vessels are all relatively new and were built in the Newport News shipyard in the late 1990s for Hvide. They include the SEABULK MARINER (built 1998), SEABULK COURAGE (built 1999) and SEABULK ENERGY (built 1999). Chevron will operate the vessels under 9-year bareboat charter agreements with an option to extend.

MEBA President Ron Davis and Executive V.P. Bud Jacque who worked closely with Chevron are pleased that the company has expanded its role under the Stars and Stripes and secured its future in U.S.-flag shipping with MEBA officers aboard.

The first ship in the trio (SEABULK MARINER) will join the fleet in the first quarter of 2007 with the other two following within six months of each other. The vessels will join the three existing Chevron U.S.-flag tankers – the ARIZONA VOYAGER, COLORADO VOYAGER and WASHINGTON VOYAGER at least until the delivery of the new ships and very possibly beyond. Those three ships are not subject to mandated Oil Pollution Act phase-outs and can continue to operate as long as feasible.

MEBA supplies both deck and engine officers to Chevron. Chevron has a reciprocity agreement with the MEBA for pension purposes and is in our training plan. The company has its own medical plan.

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