#### The Harbor Transporter For Shoal Draft Ports

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#### Introduction

Shoal Draft Port Dilemma:

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- Deep draft ships can't call if fully laden
- The Port and the region might be at an economic disadvantage do to the shallow channel depth
- Permit process to deepen the channel takes a significant time
- Dredging projects can take up to 10 years

## A Workable, Safe and Very Green Interim Solution

Lift and transport the vessel(s) over the shallows





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## The Only President Holding a Patent

- Abraham Lincoln's Patent:
  - No. 6469, in 1849





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## History is Replete with Solutions

#### • Dutch Trader – Zuyderzee 1688



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### Nantucket Whaler - 1842





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# Seaworthy's Self-Powered HARBOR TRANSPORTER<sup>TM</sup>

#### for Shoal Draft Ports





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## Seaworthy's Harbor Transporter M

- Offered in three sizes:
  - 1,000 feet in length
  - 800 feet
  - 600 feet

## **General Arrangement**



## Seaworthy's 1000 ft Harbor Transporter M

- 1,000 ft. Transporter Specifications
  - LOA 1,100 ft. including 4 bridges (each corner)
  - 140 ft. width opening between camels, 220 ft. overall beam.
  - 15 ft. draft (empty), 32 ft (loaded)

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 Self Powered – 2 x 5,000 HP electric driven thrusters on each corner (40,000 HP total)

## Electric-Driven Thrusters





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## Seaworthy's 1000 ft Harbor Transporter "

- Displacement 90,000 tons
- Light ship weight 35,000 tons

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- Ship expected to be lifted 2/3 with 40,000 tons afloat during transit
- Ballast Pumping Rate 12 pumps, 750 tons per minutes total capacity
- Six articulated dry dock sections and 24 hydraulic, recessed, air roller, positioning bumpers

## Seaworthy's 1000 ft Harbor Transporter <sup>TM</sup>

- 50 foot draft ships can be transported through 32 foot channels
- 40 foot draft ships can be transported through 27 foot channels
- 32 foot draft ships can be transported through 21 foot channels

- Issue: Obviously suitable for smaller destroyers, cranes and oil rigs, not large containerships
  - Answer: Primarily we're "scaling up," much like containerships going from 1,000 TEU to 10,000 and beyond, or 20,000 DWT tankers to 400,000.

- Issue: Dry docks don't move around harbors and can't make safe maneuvering speeds
  - Answer: It is really a matter of what one designs for and how much power and capacity one builds into this system. We are proposing a bona fide self-powered ship transporter, not a dry dock

- Issue: Ship lifting is risky not done often especially with a loaded ship.
- Answer: Instead of keel blocks, the entire lift deck is covered with a special, thick, "compliant" material and is properly articulated by the connected six lifting sections. Flooding is safely controlled to match the ship's loaded bending moment. Ship remains at least 30% buoyant, reducing structural and bottom loads

- Issue: Dry-docking takes all day. How much longer will this extra operation take?
- Answer: The process envisioned is for the transporter to approach the anchored ship in deep water. move below it from astern take lines to and from designated locations centered with air-roller bumpers and, once gently grounded, the transporter deballasts in a mater of an hour or so. Coming off the dock will take even less time. Transit time is equal to existing times.

- Issue: The air draft at some bridges may be marginal. Lifting may preclude clearing.
- Answer: Yes, as the ships are configured now. But, just as river and canal boats in Europe are configured for low bridges, accommodating modifications can be made. Many mega-ships, for example considering forward visibility, will undoubtedly have pilot houses forward and thus lower air drafts. An alternative is to dredge a limited zone at the bridge.