

PRESS RELEASE

North Coasts Mykonos Island - Wreck removal and antipollution activities of MPP Yusuf Cepnioglu completed



Christos XXII towing forward section of YUSUF CEPNIOGLU

The salvage company Christos XXII Spanopoulos Tugs Maritime Company, proud member of Spanopoulos Group and ISU respectively on Monday 22nd September 2014 early morning hours has successfully completed the wreck removal of Yusuf Cepnioglu aft section (engine room block including accommodation), which has run aground on the 8 th March 2014 at the rocky north coasts of Mykonos Island.

The final step of the wreck removal operation has been successfully accomplished by using the semi-submersible barge Atlantis I, which is fitted with ballast system for the sinking and floating operation(s) and tailor made pulling systems for this particular operation, in order to be able to drag the aft section underwater and on a depth of 22.5 meters and then by de-ballasting the Atlantis I, in order to bring the recovered aft section of Yusuf Cepnioglu, above water.



Salvage Spread on site

The refloating operation of the rest part of the vessel, which contained the fwd parts with cargo holds 1 and 2, which was reflecting to the 4/5 of the total length of the wrecked vessel Yusuf Cepnioglu has been also successfully completed since 29 th May 2014, whereas salvors attempts managed to stabilize her refloating and stability criteria, in order to become safely afloat for towing her away from the wreck site.

The wreck removal operations of the Turkish flagged container vessel Yusuf Cepnioglu has been awarded to the Christos XXII Spanopoulos Tugs Maritime Company since the 5 th of May 2014. The said contract contained a major project for the greek waters containing numerous challenging activities like (except of the wreck removal) the recovery of her remaining containers within Cargo Hold # 1, collection of debris, antipollution activities on the adjacent beach (including cleaning of coastline), seabed debris recovery activities, disposal of waste, cargo and the vessel's hull and several antipollution activities in a vicinity of 1500 meters from the wreck site and in every direction.

All the above operations needed advance techniques, engineering, practices and technology that used for first time in Greece Territory waters and thought to move the wreck removal operations in East Med one step more...

Furthermore, for the implementation of the afore mentioned operations a number of versatile equipment has been occupied and remain on site up to date, fully manned with project manager, salvage superintendents, consultants, marine engineers, naval architects, seafarers and various expertise employees.



Sample of Before-After Pics arisen after the cleaning of oil-soiled rocks of adjacent coastline of the Yusuf Cepnioglu.

We wish to point out that the last stage of operation is in progress, which includes the final recovery of any escaped cargo and remaining containers and debris from the seabed adjacent to the wreck site.



The aft section of YUSUF CEPNIOGLU on-board semi-submersible barge Atlantis I

Last but not least, the speed of implementation and the successful outcome of the above operations along with the effectiveness of environmental measures, which contain the logo “NO ACCIDENTS – ZERO IMPACT TO THE ENVIRONMENT” extorted the praises of the Marine / Salvage Community and is proof of Spanopoulos Group skills and its competitive and comparative advantages that the entire group could offer to its clients on a worldwide basis 24/7.

Spanopoulos Group run a record of major projects in salvage industry following the accomplishment of Yusuf Cepnioglu wreck removal including the salvage services tendered on M/V Vuoksa at North Greece, refloat activities of M/V Tinaztepe S, which run aground at Stylida Port in 2013, Lady Rosebud salvage services off Abidjan in summer of 2014 and numerous emergency towage operations around the world.

With Kindest Regards,
Christos XXII Spanopoulos Tugs Maritime Company
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