

# Time Charter

GOVERNMENT FORM

*Approved by the New York Produce Exchange*

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1 **This Charter Party**, made and concluded in ..... day of ..... 19....

2 Between .....  
3 Owners of the good ..... Steamship/Motorship ..... of .....  
4 of ..... tons gross register, and ..... tons net register, having engines of ..... indicated horse power  
5 and with hull, machinery and equipment in a thoroughly efficient state, and classed .....  
6 at ..... of about ..... cubic feet bale capacity, and about ..... tons of 2240 lbs.  
7 deadweight capacity (cargo and bunkers, including fresh water and stores not exceeding one and one-half percent of ship's deadweight capacity,  
8 allowing a minimum of fifty tons) on a draft of ..... feet ..... inches on ..... Summer freeboard, inclusive of permanent bunkers,  
9 which are of the capacity of about ..... tons of fuel, and capable of steaming, fully laden, under good weather  
10 conditions about ..... knots on a consumption of about ..... tons of best Welsh coal - best grade fuel oil - best grade Diesel oil,  
11 now .....  
12 ..... and ..... Charterers of the City of .....

13 **Witnesseth**, That the said Owners agree to let, and the said Charterers agree to hire the said vessel, from the time of delivery, for

14 about .....  
15 ..... within below mentioned trading limits.

16 Charterers to have liberty to sublet the vessel for all or any part of the time covered by this Charter, but Charterers remaining responsible for  
17 the fulfillment of this Charter Party.

18 Vessel to be placed at the disposal of the Charterers, at .....  
19 .....

20 in such dock or at such wharf or place (where she may safely lie, always afloat, at all times of tide, except as otherwise provided in clause No. 6), as  
21 the Charterers may direct. If such dock, wharf or place be not available time to count as provided for in clause No. 5. Vessel on her delivery to be  
22 ready to receive cargo with clean-swept holds and tight, staunch, strong and in every way fitted for the service, having water ballast, winches and  
23 donkey boiler with sufficient steam power, or if not equipped with donkey boiler, then other power sufficient to run all the winches at one and the same  
24 time (and with full complement of officers, seamen, engineers and firemen for a vessel of her tonnage), to be employed, in carrying lawful merchan-  
25 dise, including petroleum or its products, in proper containers, excluding .....  
26 (vessel is not to be employed in the carriage of Live Stock, but Charterers are to have the privilege of shipping a small number on deck at their risk,  
27 all necessary fittings and other requirements to be for account of Charterers), in such lawful trades, between safe port and/or ports in British North  
28 America, and/or United States of America, and/or West Indies, and/or Central America, and/or Caribbean Sea, and/or Gulf of Mexico, and/or  
29 Mexico, and/or South America ..... and/or Europe  
30 and/or Africa, and/or Asia, and/or Australia, and/or Tasmania, and/or New Zealand, but excluding Magdalena River, River St. Lawrence between  
31 October 31st and May 15th, Hudson Bay and all unsafe ports; also excluding, when out of season, White Sea, Black Sea and the Baltic,  
32 .....  
33 .....  
34 .....

35 as the Charterers or their Agents shall direct, on the following conditions:

36 1. That the Owners shall provide and pay for all provisions, wages and consular shipping and discharging fees of the Crew; shall pay for the  
37 insurance of the vessel, also for all the cabin, deck, engine-room and other necessary stores, including boiler water and maintain her class and keep  
38 the vessel in a thoroughly efficient state in hull, machinery and equipment for and during the service.

39 2. That the Charterers shall provide and pay for all the fuel except as otherwise agreed, Port Charges, Pilotages, Agencies, Commissions,  
40 Consular Charges (except those pertaining to the Crew), and all other usual expenses except those before stated, but when the vessel puts into  
41 a port for causes for which vessel is responsible, then all such charges incurred shall be paid by the Owners. Fumigations ordered because of  
42 illness of the crew to be for Owners account. Fumigations ordered because of cargoes carried or ports visited while vessel is employed under this  
43 charter to be for Charterers account. All other fumigations to be for Charterers account after vessel has been on charter for a continuous period  
44 of six months or more.

45 Charterers are to provide necessary dunnage and shifting boards, also any extra fittings requisite for a special trade or unusual cargo, but  
46 Owners to allow them the use of any dunnage and shifting boards already aboard vessel. Charterers to have the privilege of using shifting boards  
47 for dunnage, they making good any damage thereto.

48 3. That the Charterers, at the port of delivery, and the Owners, at the port of re-delivery, shall take over and pay for all fuel remaining on  
49 board the vessel at the current prices in the respective ports, the vessel to be delivered with not less than ..... tons and not more than  
50 ..... tons and to be re-delivered with not less than ..... tons and not more than ..... tons.

51 4. That the Charterers shall pay for the use and hire of the said Vessel at the rate of .....  
52 ..... United States Currency per ton on vessel's total deadweight carrying capacity, including bunkers and  
53 stores, on ..... summer freeboard, per Calendar Month, commencing on and from the day of her delivery, as aforesaid, and at  
54 and after the same rate for any part of a month; hire to continue until the hour of the day of her re-delivery in like good order and condition, ordinary  
55 wear and tear excepted, to the Owners (unless lost) at .....  
56 ..... unless otherwise mutually agreed. Charterers are to give Owners not less than ..... days  
57 notice of vessels expected date of re-delivery, and probable port.

58 5. Payment of said hire to be made in New York in cash in United States Currency, semi-monthly in advance, and for the last half month or

59 part of same the approximate amount of hire, and should same not cover the actual time, hire is to be paid for the balance day by day, as it becomes  
60 due, if so required by Owners, unless bank guarantee or deposit is made by the Charterers, otherwise failing the punctual and regular payment of the  
61 hire, or bank guarantee, or on any breach of this Charter Party, the Owners shall be at liberty to withdraw the vessel from the service of the Char-  
62 terers, without prejudice to any claim they (the Owners) may otherwise have on the Charterers. Time to count from 7 a.m. on the working day  
63 following that on which written notice of readiness has been given to Charterers or their Agents before 4 p.m., but if required by Charterers, they  
64 to have the privilege of using vessel at once, such time used to count as hire.

65 Cash for vessel's ordinary disbursements at any port may be advanced as required by the Captain, by the Charterers or their Agents, subject  
66 to 2 1/2% commission and such advances shall be deducted from the hire. The Charterers, however, shall in no way be responsible for the application  
67 of such advances.

68 6. That the cargo or cargoes be laden and/or discharged in any dock or at any wharf or place that Charterers or their Agents may  
69 direct, provided the vessel can safely lie always afloat at any time of tide, except at such places where it is customary for similar size vessels to safely  
70 lie aground.

71 7. That the whole reach of the Vessel's Hold, Decks, and usual places of loading (not more than she can reasonably stow and carry), also  
72 accommodations for Supercargo, if carried, shall be at the Charterers' disposal, reserving only proper and sufficient space for Ship's officers, crew,  
73 tackle, apparel, furniture, provisions, stores and fuel. Charterers have the privilege of passengers as far as accommodations allow, Charterers  
74 paying Owners ..... per day per passenger for accommodations and meals. However, it is agreed that in case any fines or extra expenses are  
75 incurred in the consequences of the carriage of passengers, Charterers are to bear such risk and expense.

76 8. That the Captain shall prosecute his voyages with the utmost despatch, and shall render all customary assistance with ship's crew and  
77 boats. The Captain (although appointed by the Owners), shall be under the orders and directions of the Charterers as regards employment and  
78 agency; and Charterers are to load, stow, and trim the cargo at their expense under the supervision of the Captain, who is to sign Bills of Lading for  
79 cargo as presented, in conformity with Mate's or Tally Clerk's receipts.

80 9. That if the Charterers shall have reason to be dissatisfied with the conduct of the Captain, Officers, or Engineers, the Owners shall on  
81 receiving particulars of the complaint, investigate the same, and, if necessary, make a change in the appointments.

82 10. That the Charterers shall have permission to appoint a Supercargo, who shall accompany the vessel and see that voyages are prosecuted  
83 with the utmost despatch. He is to be furnished with free accommodation, and same fare as provided for Captain's table, Charterers paying at the  
84 rate of \$1.00 per day. Owners to victual Pilots and Customs Officers, and also, when authorized by Charterers or their Agents, to victual Tally  
85 Clerks, Stevedore's Foreman, etc., Charterers paying at the current rate per meal, for all such victualling.

86 11. That the Charterers shall furnish the Captain from time to time with all requisite instructions and sailing directions, in writing, and the  
87 Captain shall keep a full and correct Log of the voyage or voyages, which are to be patent to the Charterers or their Agents, and furnish the Char-  
88 terers, their Agents or Supercargo, when required, with a true copy of daily Logs, showing the course of the vessel and distance run and the con-  
89 sumption of fuel.

90 12. That the Captain shall use diligence in caring for the ventilation of the cargo.

91 13. That the Charterers shall have the option of continuing this charter for a further period of .....  
92 .....

93 on giving written notice thereof to the Owners or their Agents ..... days previous to the expiration of the first-named term, or any declared option.

94 14. That if required by Charterers, time not to commence before ..... and should vessel  
95 not have given written notice of readiness on or before ..... but not later than 4 p.m. Charterers or  
96 their Agents to have the option of cancelling this Charter at any time not later than the day of vessel's readiness.

97 15. That in the event of the loss of time from deficiency of men or stores, fire, breakdown or damages to hull, machinery or equipment,  
98 grounding, detention by average accidents to ship or cargo, drydocking for the purpose of examination or painting bottom, or by any other cause  
99 preventing the full working of the vessel, the payment of hire shall cease for the time thereby lost; and if upon the voyage the speed be reduced by  
100 defect in or breakdown of any part of her hull, machinery or equipment, the time so lost, and the cost of any extra fuel consumed in consequence  
101 thereof, and all extra expenses shall be deducted from the hire.

102 16. That should the Vessel be lost, money paid in advance and not earned (reckoning from the date of loss or being last heard of) shall be  
103 returned to the Charterers at once. The act of God, enemies, fire, restraint of Princes, Rulers and People, and all dangers and accidents of the Seas,  
104 Rivers, Machinery, Boilers and Steam Navigation, and errors of Navigation throughout this Charter Party, always mutually excepted.

105 The vessel shall have the liberty to sail with or without pilots, to tow and to be towed, to assist vessels in distress, and to deviate for the  
106 purpose of saving life and property.

107 17. That should any dispute arise between Owners and the Charterers, the matter in dispute shall be referred to three persons at New York,  
108 one to be appointed by each of the parties hereto, and the third by the two so chosen; their decision or that of any two of them, shall be final, and for  
109 the purpose of enforcing any award, this agreement may be made a rule of the Court. The Arbitrators shall be commercial men.

110 18. That the Owners shall have a lien upon all cargoes, and all sub-freights for any amounts due under this Charter, including General Aver-  
111 age contributions, and the Charterers to have a lien on the Ship for all monies paid in advance and not earned, and any overpaid hire or excess  
112 deposit to be returned at once. Charterers will not suffer, nor permit to be continued, any lien or encumbrance incurred by them or their agents, which  
113 might have priority over the title and interest of the owners in the vessel.

114 19. That all derelicts and salvage shall be for Owners' and Charterers' equal benefit after deducting Owners' and Charterers' expenses and  
115 Crew's proportion. General Average shall be adjusted, stated and settled, according to Rules 1 to 15, inclusive, 17 to 22, inclusive, and Rule F of  
116 York-Antwerp Rules 1924, at such port or place in the United States as may be selected by the carrier, and as to matters not provided for by these  
117 Rules, according to the laws and usages at the port of New York. In such adjustment disbursements in foreign currencies shall be exchanged into  
118 United States money at the rate prevailing on the dates made and allowances for damage to cargo claimed in foreign currency shall be converted at  
119 the rate prevailing on the last day of discharge at the port or place of final discharge of such damaged cargo from the ship. Average agreement or  
120 bond and such additional security, as may be required by the carrier, must be furnished before delivery of the goods. Such cash deposit as the carrier  
121 or his agents may deem sufficient as additional security for the contribution of the goods and for any salvage and special charges thereon, shall, if  
122 required, be made by the goods, shippers, consignees or owners of the goods to the carrier before delivery. Such deposit shall, at the option of the  
123 carrier, be payable in United States money and be remitted to the adjuster. When so remitted the deposit shall be held in a special account at the  
124 place of adjustment in the name of the adjuster pending settlement of the General Average and refunds or credit balances, if any, shall be paid in  
125 United States money.

126 In the event of accident, danger, damage, or disaster, before or after commencement of the voyage resulting from any cause whatsoever,  
127 whether due to negligence or not, for which, or for the consequence of which, the carrier is not responsible, by statute, contract, or otherwise, the  
128 goods, the shipper and the consignee, jointly and severally, shall contribute with the carrier in general average to the payment of any sacrifices,  
129 losses, or expenses of a general average nature that may be made or incurred, and shall pay salvage and special charges incurred in respect of the  
130 goods. If a salving ship is owned or operated by the carrier, salvage shall be paid for as fully and in the same manner as if such salving ship or  
131 ships belonged to strangers.

132 Provisions as to General Average in accordance with the above are to be included in all bills of lading issued hereunder.

133 20. Fuel used by the vessel while off hire, also for cooking, condensing water, or for grates and stoves to be agreed to as to quantity, and the  
134 cost of replacing same, to be allowed by Owners.  
135 21. That as the vessel may be from time to time employed in tropical waters during the term of this Charter, Vessel is to be docked at a  
136 convenient place, bottom cleaned and painted whenever Charterers and Captain think necessary, at least once in every six months, reckoning from  
137 time of last painting, and payment of the hire to be suspended until she is again in proper state for the service.  
138 .....  
139 .....  
140 22. Owners shall maintain the gear of the ship as fitted, providing gear (for all derricks) capable of handling lifts up to three tons, also  
141 providing ropes, falls, slings and blocks. If vessel is fitted with derricks capable of handling heavier lifts, Owners are to provide necessary gear for  
142 same, otherwise equipment and gear for heavier lifts shall be for Charterers' account. Owners also to provide on the vessel lanterns and oil for  
143 night work, and vessel to give use of electric light when so fitted, but any additional lights over those on board to be at Charterers' expense. The  
144 Charterers to have the use of any gear on board the vessel.  
145 23. Vessel to work night and day, if required by Charterers, and all winches to be at Charterers' disposal during loading and discharging;  
146 steamer to provide one winchman per hatch to work winches day and night, as required, Charterers agreeing to pay officers, engineers, winchmen,  
147 deck hands and donkeymen for overtime work done in accordance with the working hours and rates stated in the ship's articles. If the rules of the  
148 port, or labor unions, prevent crew from driving winches, shore Winchmen to be paid by Charterers. In the event of a disabled winch or winches, or  
149 insufficient power to operate winches, Owners to pay for shore engine, or engines, in lieu thereof, if required, and pay any loss of time occasioned  
150 thereby.  
151 24. It is also mutually agreed that this Charter is subject to all the terms and provisions of and all the exemptions from liability contained  
152 in the Act of Congress of the United States approved on the 13th day of February, 1893, and entitled "An Act relating to Navigation of Vessels;  
153 etc.," in respect of all cargo shipped under this charter to or from the United States of America. It is further subject to the following clauses, both  
154 of which are to be included in all bills of lading issued hereunder:  
155 U. S. A. Clause Paramount  
156 This bill of lading shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of the United States, approved April  
157 16, 1936, which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein, and nothing herein contained shall be deemed a surrender by the carrier of  
158 any of its rights or immunities or an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities under said Act. If any term of this bill of lading  
159 be repugnant to said Act to any extent, such term shall be void to that extent, but no further.  
160 Both-to-Blame Collision Clause  
161 If the ship comes into collision with another ship as a result of the negligence of the other ship and any act, neglect or default of the  
162 Master, mariner, pilot or the servants of the Carrier in the navigation or in the management of the ship, the owners of the goods carried  
163 hereunder will indemnify the Carrier against all loss or liability to the other or non-carrying ship or her owners in so far as such loss  
164 or liability represents loss of, or damage to, or any claim whatsoever of the owners of said goods, paid or payable by the other or non-  
165 carrying ship or her owners to the owners of said goods and set off, recouped or recovered by the other or non-carrying ship or her  
166 owners as part of their claim against the carrying ship or carrier.  
167 25. The vessel shall not be required to enter any ice-bound port, or any port where lights or light-ships have been or are about to be with-  
168 drawn by reason of ice, or where there is risk that in the ordinary course of things the vessel will not be able on account of ice to safely enter the  
169 port or to get out after having completed loading or discharging.  
170 26. Nothing herein stated is to be construed as a demise of the vessel to the Time Charterers. The owners to remain responsible for the  
171 navigation of the vessel, insurance, crew, and all other matters, same as when trading for their own account.  
172 27. A commission of 2 1/2 per cent is payable by the Vessel and Owners to .....  
173 .....  
174 on hire earned and paid under this Charter, and also upon any continuation or extension of this Charter.  
175 28. An address commission of 2 1/2 per cent payable to ..... on the hire earned and paid under this Charter.

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