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Lykiardopulo Family (branch of Nicolas Dionysios Lykiardopulo, 1866-1963)

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Efkranti 2019 award for Total Contribution in Shipping is awarded to Lykiardopulo family (branch of Nicolas Dionysios Lykiardopulo, 1866-1963).

Lykiardopulo family originates from Kefalonia and specifically from Keramies of Leivatho, one of the most important seaports of the Greek seas.

The earliest reference to the name “Lykiardopulo” dates back to the 16th century, while from 1752 to 1810 there are found different persons with the surname Lykiardopulo in files from Kefalonia that are active in the seas of the Central and the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

The most important branch of the family turned out to be Captain Nicolas Dionysios Lykiardopulo (1866-1963), who made the family business one of the most important and pioneering shipping clubs of the last century. Nicolas Lykiardopulo with the assistance of Athanasios Vaglianos, uncle of his wife Ekaterini Rossolymou, will become one of the first Greek shipowners to invest in steamships, obtaining his first one - “Eleni Mila” - in 1897.

In 1875, the group will open the first shipping agency in Cardiff, London agency will follow in 1901, while in 1903 Cephalonian Maritime Co. Ltd. was founded in Athens, the forerunner of today's Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd. Finally, in 1912 London & Piraeus Steamship Co. will be founded, which, despite the change of the brand names, maintains its market presence until today.

N.D Lykiardopulo pioneered the founding of the Union of Greek Shipowners in 1917 and as a matter of fact he was also president of the Union from 1950 to 1960.

On the eve of World War II, Lykiardopulo group was one of the strongest Greek shipping families.

During Interwar, the sons of N. Lykiardopulo, Panagis (1893-1983) and Gerassimos (1895-1982), will buy vessels of type Standard, while they will extend their business activities in the "Bank of Piraeus" and "General Insurance Company".

N.Lykiardopulo is still known for the extension and proper management of his fleet, as he was the first to allow partial shipowning for the group steamships.

The end of World War II was the beginning of new business practices for the group with the purchase of new steamships type T2 and Liberty, as well as an extended schedule of new shipbuildings.

Further impulse in the group maritime investments gave the son of Panagis, Fotis, with new tankers shipbuildings during 1950-1970, while during the same period it is noticed that group turns towards Greek flag.

In the early 1970s Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd. was founded in Piraeus, representing Lykiardopulo group, while a milestone in the group's history is the construction and acquisition of pioneer double hull tanker, VLCC "AROSA" in 1993, complying with U.S. OPA90 to prevent sea environment pollution due to oil leak. "AROSA" was the first ship built to be globally a model for the next ones.

Beyond the business activities, the family showed sense of social responsibility, performing a series of charitable actions to benefit its birth place and generally the country.

The third generation of Lykiardopulo family, headed by Fotis, Nicolaos and Michael Lykiardopulo, successfully, respectfully and with business prudence continue the shipping dream of memorable Nestor and Patriarch of Greek shipping, Nicolas D. Lykiardopulo, adjusting the Kefalonian shipping tradition in modern technological and business requirements of globalized shipping of 21st century. The managed fleet, divided into tankers and bulk carriers has tonnage over 3,5m DWT and consists of 22-25 units.