Ultraflash – The Danish operated merchant fleet continues to grow but is now the 6th largest

The Danish operated fleet has moved from being the 5th to the 6th largest maritime nation measured by the total amount of operated tonnage. The Danish operated fleet continues to grow in numbers, but other nations’ fleet grow even faster. Danish shipping maintains the position as the world’s 12th largest merchant fleet, measured by registered tonnage under the Danish flag.

- Danish shipping companies now operate a total amount of 1,974 vessels with a total of 63.4 million GT. This is an increase of 0.8% in gross tonnage (GT) since the beginning of 2021.

- The operated fleets in Greece, China, Singapore, Japan, and now Hong Kong are bigger than the Danish operated fleet.

- By July 2021, 774 merchant vessels with a total of 22.6 million GT are flying the Danish flag. This is an increase of 1.3% in GT since the beginning of 2021, and a new historic high level for the Danish flagged merchant fleet.

- The development of the Danish flagged merchant fleet during the past year varies across segments. Especially the dry bulk and tanker segments have increased, while the container segment hasn’t seen the same growth under the Danish flag.

- The global merchant fleet by July 2021 accounted for 99,366 merchant vessels with a total of 1,456 million GT. The global merchant fleet has in the last six months expanded by 1.6% measured in GT.

Development in the Danish Flagged Merchant Fleet

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1 IHS SeaWeb & Danish Shipping are the data source for all numbers and figures in this analysis.