

Shipping and Classification Societies

Onomichi has many coastal shipping companies, as well as some that have forayed from domestic into oceangoing shipping, making it an international enterprise. In terms of ship classification societies, ClassNK is the only society to have an office here. This section will introduce Onomichi's shipping companies and ship classification society.

Plans to establish a subsidiary in Singapore

Abo Shoten, Ltd.

Abo Shoten was established in 1959, and began when the previous owner purchased marine product wholesaler Aki Kaiseibutsu at the request of financial institutions. After constructing coastal chemical carriers, it then ventured into the ship leasing industry, and then into the oceangoing ship industry in 1971. It currently owns a total of 27 ships, including 14 chemical tankers, three MR-type product carriers, seven bulkers (four Handymaxes and one Kamsarmax, one Panamax, and one Handysize), two 1,080-TEU-class containerships, and one PCTC (pure car/truck carrier). One unique feature of the company is that it leases out most of its ships on bareboat charters. It also



engages in strict risk management. Its clients include Marubeni, JX Shipping, Kokuka Sangyo, and Tokyo Marine. Going forward, the company plans on establishing a wholly-owned subsidiary in Singapore.

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One of Abo Shoten's bulk carriers

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Special coatings, shipping, and cargo handling equipment are the three core businesses

Nakata Mac Corporation

Nakata Mac Corporation was established in 1932, at which time the ship coatings industry, that is special coatings in general, formed its operating base. This year

marked the company's 80th in business. The company performs coating applications on both newbuildings and ships under repair, and has even developed automated technology for its special coatings. The company forayed into the shipping industry in 1982, and currently owns and operates six ships. In terms of ship types, it has five product carriers (one MR-type ship, two LR-I ships, and two LR-II ships), and one Handymax bulker. It took over the operations of Macgregor Far East in 1991, and began designing and fabricating hatch covers and RORO equipment. It specializes in folding types for Handysize and Handymax bulkers. It continues to reinforce its engineering



functions in all of its operations, from business practices to delivery management, product quality control, and after market services, in an effort to secure trust with its customers.

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One of Nakata Mac's product carriers

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Working hard to provide high-quality services

Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK) Onomichi Branch

In May 2012, ClassNK became the first classification society in the world to exceed 200 million gross tons on its register. ClassNK is a world leading ship classification society, and its Onomichi Branch plays an important role.

The Onomichi Branch currently consists of two locations, the actual branch itself and a sub-branch in Innoshima. The Innoshima Sub-Branch was actually established first in 1921, when it was established as the Innoshima Residential Office for business trips to Kobe. ClassNK established its main headquarters in 1899, and then quickly established an office in Innoshima to take advantage of its vast amount of vessels. An office was established in the former City of Onomichi in 1946, and it began life as the Onomichi annex of the then Innoshima Branch.

The coverage of the Onomichi Branch not only includes the City of Onomichi itself, but also extends to Fukuyama City in the east and Ibara City (Okayama Prefecture) in the

west. The west, also encompasses Mihara, Takehara, and Akitsu-cho. To the south, its coverage includes not only Mukaishima, Innoshima, and Ikuchijima, but extends all the way to Iwagijima (Ehime Prefecture), which is a relatively a wide coverage area for a domestic branch. The number of newbuildings constructed each year within its coverage area is said to be between 40-50 ships. This makes it one of the country's large branches, and requires a total staff of 39 (29 of which are surveyors).



ClassNK is the only ship classification society with a presence in Onomichi. General Manager Koichi Yoshioka stated that, "We hope to provide real-time services, by further enhancing communication with our customers. Our aim is to create an environment where ClassNK is the top choice for customers," indicating the company's dedication to high-quality services.

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