



In the Summer issue we reported the departure of two scrap tows from Trois Rivières, AQUARAMA behind the tug AETOS Z. on August 4, and CANADIAN MARINER with tug HELLAS on August 16. The destination of neither tow was then known for sure. In fact, both went to Aliaga, Turkey, with AQUARAMA arriving there on September 16 and the MARINER on September 26.

Thanks to Skip Gillham, we have photos of both at Aliaga, from the camera of Selim San. AQUARAMA was taken September 19 and scrapping already had begun. The MARINER photo was taken on the day of her arrival, before any cutting could take place.

We are very pleased to be able to present these outstanding images for you all.

Some surprising news came on August 28 when Rand Logistics announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lower Lakes Towing Ltd., had purchased VOYAGEUR INDEPENDENT from Voyageur Marine Transport Ltd., and VOYAGEUR PIONEER from Voyageur Pioneer Marine Inc. for \$25 million Canadian. In addition, Lower Lakes contracted for the exclusive use of MARITIME TRADER, owned by Voyageur Maritime Trading Inc., and obtained an option to purchase that ship for \$5 million. The deal was partly financed through an \$18 million term loan increase from GE Canada Finance Holding Company. Voyageur will continue to provide all crew manning on all three ships. As yet there have been no changes in colours for any of the vessels.

Meanwhile, labour matters have been resolved concerning the three "River Class" self-unloaders owned by another Rand/Lower Lakes affiliate, the Wisconsin & Michigan Streamship Company, which earlier had acquired them from Oglebay Norton. WOLVERINE, DAVID Z. and EARL W. had been laid up in the North Slip at Sarnia. WOLVERINE was reactivated late in August and since then, the other two also have resumed service. So far, only WOLVERINE has a grey hull, and none of the vessels has been given Lower Lakes funnel markings.

Last issue, we noted that Algoma Tankers Limited had acquired two tankers being built by the Eregli Shipyard in Turkey. Then, on September 13, Algoma announced that it had contracted