

# Ocean Joss

## Ships in Focus

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### “Hai Meng”



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The quaint Norwegian Cargo ship “**Hai Meng**” built in 1949 and owned by Bruusgaard Klosteruds Skibs A/S, Drammen, Norway, was a familiar sight throughout Southeast Asian waters, where she spent most of her working life. Her classic lines immediately established her Scandinavian lineage. She was a frequent caller at Hong Kong, North Borneo ports, Labuan, Bangkok, Singapore, and Port Swettenham, to name but a few, during the 1950-70s. She was sold in 1971 to other Asian interests for further trading and renamed **Bright Star**.

However, she did not last long with her new owners as she was sunk later the same year whilst alongside the wharf in **Phnom Penh** by an underwater explosive device, planted by Khmer Rouge frogmen. The detonation caused 4 fatalities. An unfitting end for such a beautiful ship.

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