

UNIT NUMBER:

BANKSLAND
ex AURIGA

AREA OF SERVICE: WESTERN ARCTIC

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Steel coastal freighter; noted for up-to-date deck machinery, navigation equipment and engine room.

Construction:

Designer and builder: Neistern's De Waal Shipyard, Zaltbommel, Netherlands.
Dimensions: Length -- 176'1", Breadth - 27'7", Depth -- 10'10"
Draft: Summer draft -- 10'9"
Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans: Displacement plan; deck plans with side elevation (Map Collection RG3/65/3-sheets 1 & 2
Power: Deutz diesel, RVM 545, 500BHP @ 380 RPM. 2 30BHP Lister diesels as auxiliaries
Registered: Winnipeg
Speed: 10 knots
Tonnage: Deadweight -- 665 Net -- 308

HISTORY:

1953 Christened *Auriga* (possibly after constellation "The Waggoneer")
1955 Purchased by Hudson's Bay Company from builders for £75,000
1956 After extensive refitting, sailed from Antwerp to Vancouver via Panama Canal; re-christened *Banksland*
1956-1962 Western Arctic supply vessel, stationed at Tuktoyaktuk
1961 Cape Banksland (Latitude 70° 08' North, Longitude 124° 23' West) named after her
1963 Chartered for season by Northern Transportation Co. Ltd.
1964 Purchased by Northern Transportation Co. Ltd. for \$300,000 and continued to serve Hudson's Bay Company stores in Western Arctic
1965 Hudson's Bay Company considered re-purchasing
1989 Sold by Northern Transportation for use as travelling fishing lodge on West Coast

MASTERS:

1956 Aart Volker/Len Adey
1957-1962 Frank Shaw



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MICROFILM REELS:

Search File: "SHIPS -- BANKSLAND"

*Note that 30-year restriction in force on several of these records.

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