



Shipping Fleet Statistics 2013

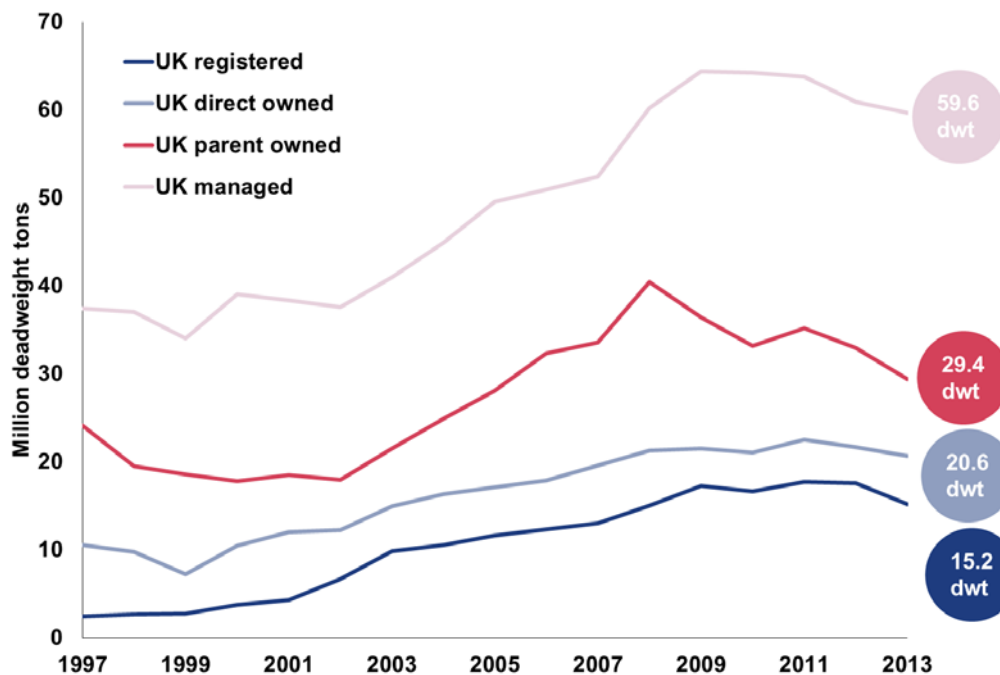
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1. UK Shipping Interests

Shipping is a complex international business and many different parties, often based in different countries, may have a commercial interest in a single vessel. There is therefore no single measure of the extent of a nation's interests in shipping that is suitable in all circumstances. The following chart illustrates four of many ways that the shipping interests of the UK might be presented, in each case in terms of the deadweight tonnage (dwt) (a measure of cargo carrying capacity) of the vessels concerned.

By all four measures the 'UK fleet' has experienced substantial growth between the late 1990s (the previous low point) up until around 2008 (the UK recession). Between 2008 and 2013, the "UK fleet" reduced on average by 1 per cent each year, with the exception of UK parent owned vessels which fell by 27 per cent.

UK interests in ships over 100gt, 1997 – 2013



Definitions:

UK registered:
 The vessel is UK registered. (International law requires that every merchant ship be registered in a country – the UK Ship Register is administered by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.)

UK direct owned:
 The registered owner of the vessel is a company registered in the UK.

UK parent owned:
 The nationality of the company having the controlling interest in the direct owner is United Kingdom.

UK managed:
 The company managing the ship is a UK company.

In 2013, UK companies directly owned 20.6 million deadweight tonnage (dwt), and had a controlling interest (parent ownership) in 29.4 million dwt (decreases on the previous years of 5% and 11%, respectively).

About this release

This statistical release presents summary statistics on UK and world shipping fleets.

It includes analyses by country of registration (including UK Crown Dependencies & Overseas Territories), UK ownership, management and parent ownership, and vessel type.

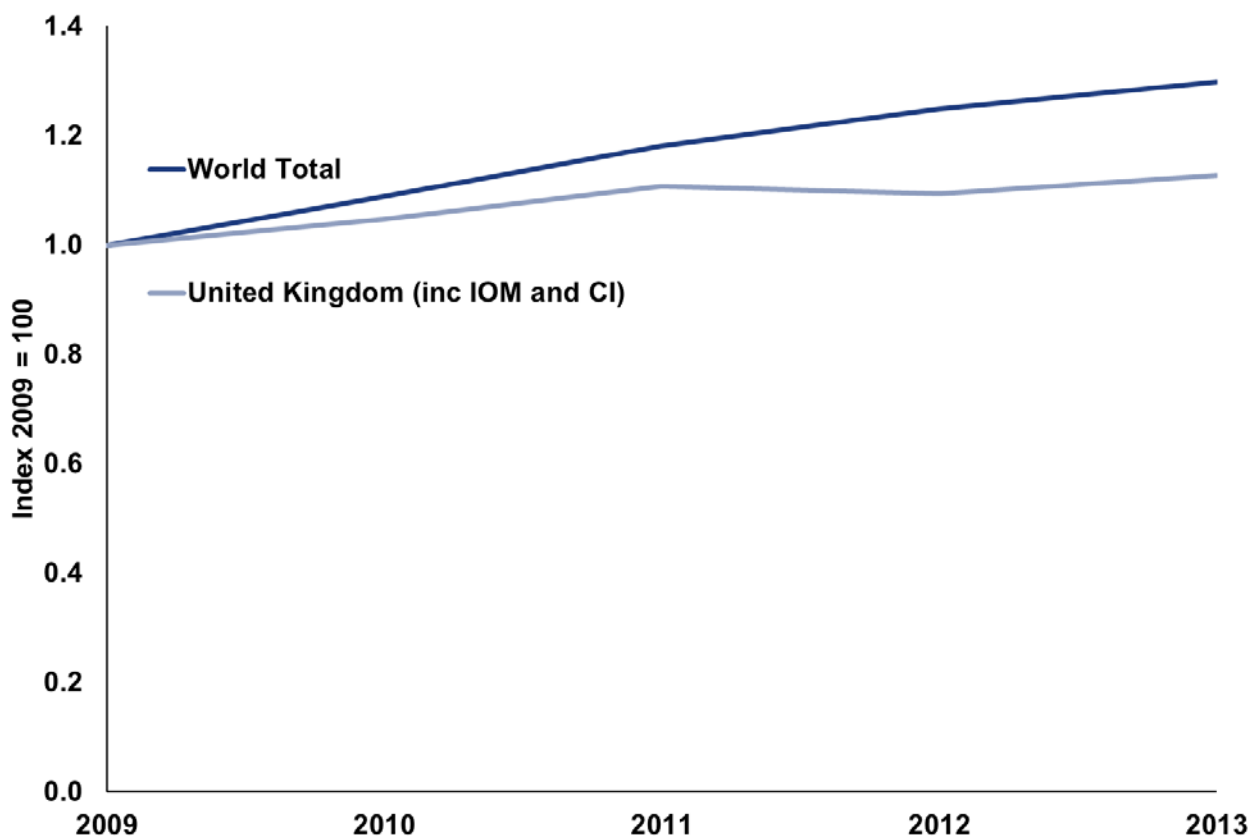
Since 1999, the deadweight tonnage of UK Registered shipping has grown more than six fold (albeit from a relatively low base) to 15.2 million dwt in 2013. UK direct owned tonnage has trebled, and UK parent owned increased by 58 per cent and UK managed tonnage have increased by almost 75 per cent.

2. Global comparison

The UK's registered trading fleet including Crown Dependency (Isle of Man and Channel Island) registered vessels, grew between 1999 and 2009 in terms of the number of vessels and their gross and deadweight tonnage. The UK's registered share of the world fleet has been stable since 2004 at approximately 2 per cent in terms of number of vessels and gross tonnage and 3 per cent in terms of dwt.

Since 2009 the combined deadweight tonnage of the world fleet has increased by 30 per cent, whilst in comparison, the UK fleet has increased by 22 per cent. Since 2009 the deadweight tonnage (dwt) of vessels registered to the UK has largely increased in line with global levels, albeit at a slower pace.

World fleet registered trading vessels over 100gt: deadweight on selected registers: 2009 - 2013

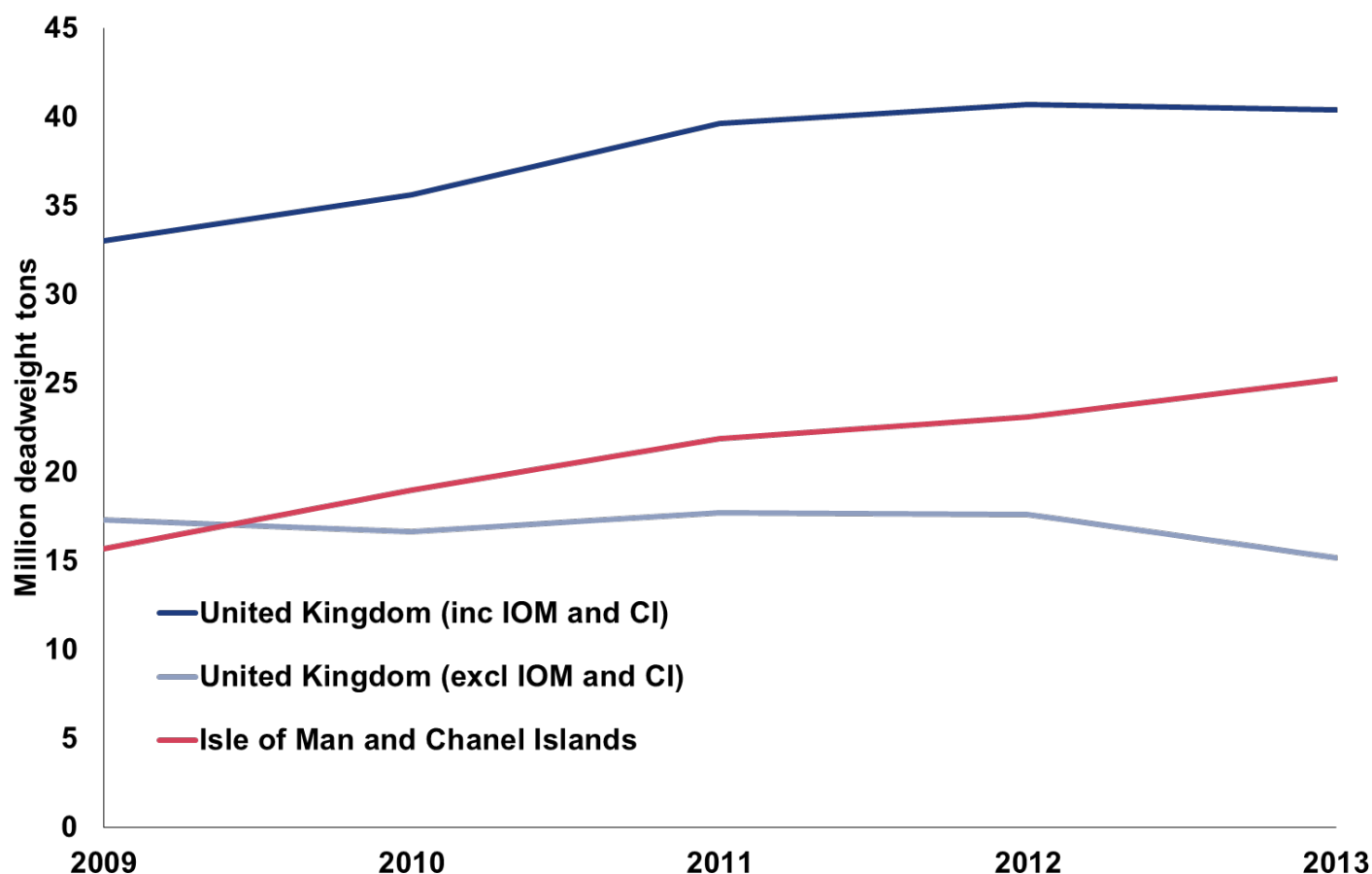


The UK was ranked 10th in the world in 2013, in terms of the deadweight tonnage of registered vessels. At 40.4 million tons, this was a 1 per cent fall compared to 2012, the first decrease since 1999.

The UK's position as a top 10 nation and its strong growth since 1999 can be largely attributed to the contribution of Crown Dependency registered vessels which make up its total. Excluding these vessels causes the UK's global position to fall to 15th and the trend in dwt, since 2009, shows a fall of 12 per cent, albeit from a low base.

In comparison, over the same period, the Crown Dependency registered fleet shows strong sustained growth, increasing by 61 per cent, again albeit from a low base. Despite the fact that less vessels are registered to the Crown Dependencies, than mainland UK, the combined dwt has been considerably higher since 1999 (with the exception of 2008 and 2009).

Trading vessels registered to the UK, 100gt and over by deadweight tonnage 2009 – 2013



Panama remains at number 1 in the global rankings, followed by Liberia and the Marshall Islands.

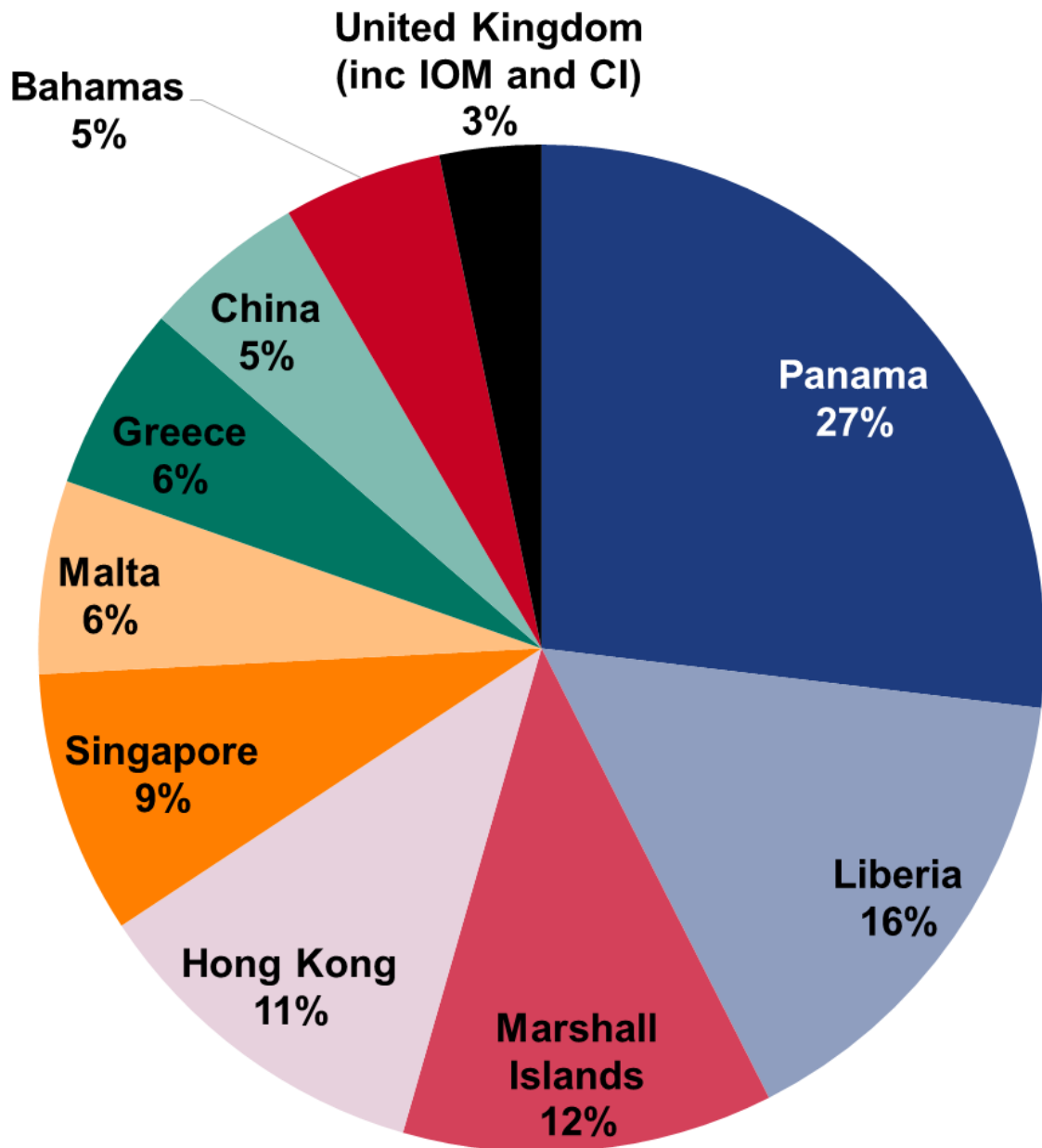
Top 10 nations: Registered trading vessels, 100gt and over by deadweight tonnage

Position number	Country	2013 (million Dwt)	2009 (million Dwt)	Percentage change
1	Panama	333	287	16%
2	Liberia	194	142	36%
3	Marshall Islands	148	76	94%
4	Hong Kong	140	74	89%
5	Singapore	105	61	72%
6	Malta	77	56	37%
7	Greece	74	68	10%
8	China	65	43	50%
9	Bahamas	64	60	5%
10	United Kingdom*	40	33	22%
-	World	1,612	1,242	30%

*Includes Crown Dependencies

Of the top 10 nations, the Marshall Islands have seen the biggest increase in dwt of registered vessels, since 2009 increasing 94 per cent to 148 million dwt, while the Bahamas have seen the smallest, a 5 per cent increase to 64 per cent.

Top 10 nations, percentage share of registered trading vessels, 100gt and over by deadweight tonnage



3. At the end of 2013

UK registered trading vessels

There were 500 **UK registered** trading vessels (13% less than in 2012). These vessels have a combined gross and deadweight tonnage of 13.6 and 15.2 million tonnes respectively.

UK registered trading vessels	Total	2012 comparison
Number of vessels (100 GT +)	500	-13% ↓
Gross Tonnage (Millions)	13.6	-16% ↓
Deadweight Tonnage (Millions)	15.2	-14% ↓

UK direct owned trading vessels

There were 655 **UK direct owned** trading vessels (a decrease of 3%), totalling 19.2 million gross tons, or 20.6 million deadweight tons.

UK direct owned trading vessels	Total	2012 comparison
Number of vessels (100 GT +)	655	-3% ↓
Gross Tonnage (Millions)	19.2	-6% ↓
Deadweight Tonnage (Millions)	20.6	-5% ↓

UK parent owned trading vessels

There were 789 **UK parent owned** trading vessels (a decrease of 7%), totalling 22.3 million gross tons and 29.4 million deadweight.

UK parent owned trading vessels	Total	2012 comparison
Number of vessels (100 GT +)	789	-7% ↓
Gross Tonnage (Millions)	22.3	-12% ↓
Deadweight Tonnage (Millions)	29.4	-11% ↓

UK managed fleet

There were 1,111 **UK managed** trading ships (a 3% decrease), totalling 45.9 million gross tons or 59.6 million deadweight tons.

UK managed fleet	Total	2012 comparison
Number of vessels (100 GT +)	1,111	-3% ↓
Gross Tonnage (Millions)	45.9	-4% ↓
Deadweight Tonnage (Millions)	59.6	-2% ↓

The schematic diagram below demonstrates the degree of overlap between the UK direct owned, parents owned and managed fleets.

- Less than 20% of the UK direct owned fleet does not have either a UK parent or a UK manager.
- Over half of UK managed tonnage does not have either a direct or a parent UK owner.

THE UK OWNED AND MANAGED TRADING FLEET at 31 December 2013

UK direct-owned ships

Ships: 655
Dwt ('000): 20,649
Gt('000): 19,237

UK parent-owned ships

Ships: 789
Dwt ('000): 29,394
Gt('000): 22,262



Note: 'UK' excludes Crown Dependencies throughout this chart.

UK managed ships

Ships: 1,111
Dwt ('000): 59,644
Gt('000): 45,922

All 'UK' ships either directly owned, or parent-owned or managed by UK companies

**Ships 1,452
Dwt ('000) 73,151
Gt ('000) 57,151**

Direct owned: A+C+D+E

Parent owned: B+C+D+F

Managed: D+E+F+G

4. Strengths and weaknesses of the data

- These statistics are derived from data provided by a leading commercial supplier. They are believed to be of good quality, but since the commercial data set is not within DfT's control they are not considered National Statistics.
- The published tables include statistics for ships which are UK registered. For the sake of consistency within this data set, these are based on the same commercial information source as the rest of the data. This means the results may differ slightly from the definitive information on the UK Ship Register provided by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), who administer the UK register.

5. Glossary

For more detail of these and other definitions and concepts, please see the Technical Notes (link in following section).

- Vessels: These statistics refer to all vessels of 100 gross tonnes or over, unless otherwise stated
- Gross tons: a volume measure representing the size of a vessel. It is often used when measuring the sizes of different types of ship, where no more specialised measures suit all vessel types.
- Deadweight: a measure of the carrying capacity (in tonnes) of a vessel.

6. Background notes

The web tables and charts give further detail of the key results presented in this statistical release. They are available here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport/series/shipping-fleet-statistics>
- Further guidance on the methods used to compile these statistics can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/transport-statistics-notes-and-guidance-shipping-fleet>