

THE FIRST SHIP OF THE AHRENKIEL GROUP WAS CALLED ALPHA

## HISTORY OF AHRENKIEL STEAMSHIP

Ahrenkiel Steamship is part of MPC Capital. It was founded in April 2014, when the Ahrenkiel Group merged with shipping companies Thien & Heyenga and MPC Steamship. The beginnings of the three shipping companies go back more than 200 years.

### AHRENKIEL GROUP

The history of the Ahrenkiel Group began in 1813, when Christian Ahrenkiel's great-grandfather founded the first shipping company in Apenrade, a small town near Flensburg that belonged to Germany at that time. Christian Ahrenkiel then founded the shipping company of the same name in 1950 and purchased his first ship on 1 May. Over the decades, the Ahrenkiel Group developed into a renowned ship management and ship owning company, specialising in the fields of container ships and bulkers, but also tankers and reefer vessels.

### THIEN & HEYENGA

Ship management company Thien & Heyenga was founded in Hamburg in 1977 as a comprehensive provider of ship management services for container and reefer vessels. Over the years, the company has established itself as a ship owner and ship manager of quality tonnage.

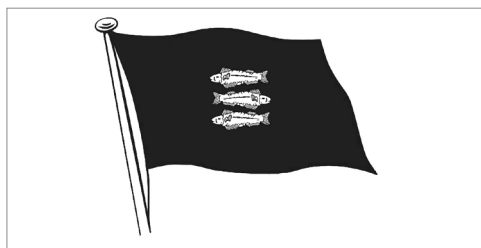
### MPC MÜNCHMEYER PETERSEN STEAMSHIP

MPC Münchmeyer Petersen Steamship was founded in 1999 and was formerly part of the MPC Group. MPC Steamship operated in commercial and technical ship management for container ships, bulkers, tankers and reefer vessels, as well as in chartering, purchasing and selling ships.

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## THE HISTORY OF THE LOGO — THREE MACKERELS AND LEX AHRENKIEL

The Ahrenkiel Steamship logo is based on the logo of the Ahrenkiel Group, which has a very special story. Being a shipping company from Apenrade, the Ahrenkiel Group took on the town's coat of arms, which consists of three mackerels. This flag originated in the port of Hong Kong in the mid-19th century. Back then, Captain Ingermann asked his wife to sew him a flag by which to identify his ship. She sewed three white fish on red bunting. This identification flag was soon set by ships from Apenrade in general and became well known in the Far East. When the Ahrenkiel shipping company was founded in 1950, the Hamburg jack (Hammaburg) was added without knowing that this required the approval of the Senate of Hamburg. When the approval was a long time coming, the ship owner threatened to relocate the company to Bremen – after which he was granted an exception to include the Hamburg jack in his logo. To this day, this story is known as the “Lex Ahrenkiel”.



FIRST HISTORICAL FLAG



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