

# Development of Ammonia fueled vessels

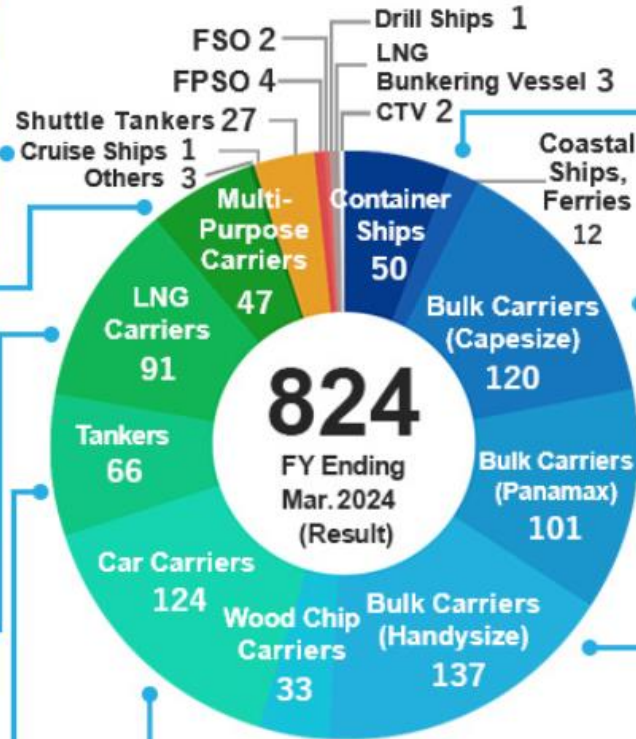
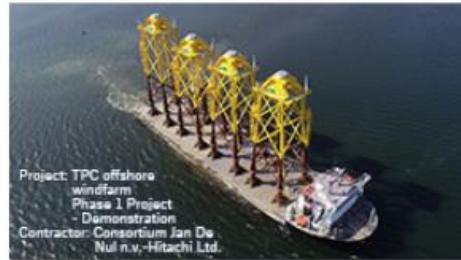
~Delivery of A-tug and our next plan~

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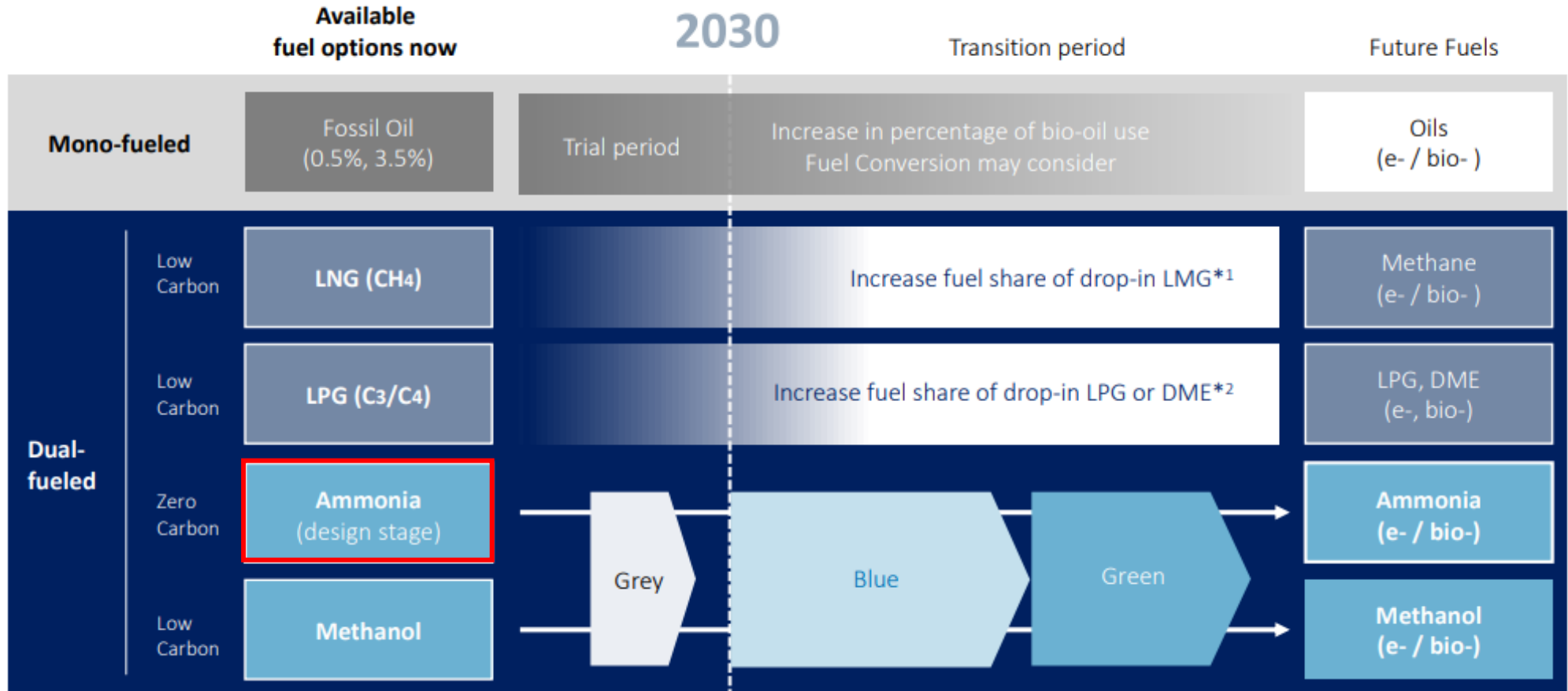
# NYK Line Overview

NYK operates 800+ vessels globally.



# Fuel Transition plan

- Introducing LNG/LPG fuel during this decade. Ammonia is an important piece for our 2030 onwards decarbonization.



\*1 LMG: Liquefied renewable Methane Gas

\*2 DME: Dimethyl ether

# Development of Ammonia-Fueled Vessels

- ❑ We are receiving Japanese Government Funding for two Ammonia fueled vessel development projects.

## Government fund to NYK consortium

### Green Innovation Fund



Approx. 8.4 billion yen



株式会社IHI原動機  
IHI Power Systems Co., Ltd.



J-ENG  
Japan Engine Corporation



## ① Ammonia-fueled Tugboat (A-Tug)



- ❑ Retrofit of LNG fueled tug boat "Sakigake"
- ❑ 4 stroke ammonia-fueled engine (IHI-PS)
- ❑ **Successfully delivered in Aug 2024**

## ② Ammonia-fueled MGC (AF-MGC)



- ❑ Building new vessel with NIHON SHIPYARD
- ❑ 2 stroke ammonia-fueled engine (J-Engine)
- ❑ **Targeting delivery Nov 2026**

# A-Tug (Ammonia fueled tug boat)

- Vessel Name: Sakigake
- Built : 2015 (as LNG fueled tug)
- LOA : 37.2m
- Breadth : 10.20m
- Depth : 4.40m
- Engine : Dual Fuel (MGO/Ammonia)  
✳️4stroke Ammonia Engine by IHI Power Systems



# A-tug Timeline of development

## 1. World's First Commercial-Use Ammonia Fueled Vessel

- On 23rd August, A-Tug "Sakigake" has completed the conversion from LNG-Fueled Vessel at Keihin Dock Co. Ltd.
- **A-Tug is the world's first commercial-use ammonia-fueled vessel**, currently on a harbor tugboat business in Yokohama.

## 2. World's First Truck to Ship Ammonia Bunkering

- On 17th July, A-Tug has completed the world's first Truck to Ship Ammonia Bunkering with JERA and Resonac.

### Development of A-tug



World first

July 2022  
Obtained world first AIP  
for Ammonia-fueled  
Tugboat



World first

May 2023  
succeeded 80%  
combustion test  
(4-stroke NH3 engine )



World first

October 2023  
conversion of LNG  
fueled started  
(at Keihin Dock)



World first

February 2024  
Main Engine installed  
to A-Tug



World first

July 2024  
Truck to Ship Ammonia Bunkering



World first

Aug 2024  
**A-Tug Delivered on 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug**

# A-tug Construction

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Footage of construction.



# A-tug Sea Trial

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Footage of sea trial done just before the delivery.

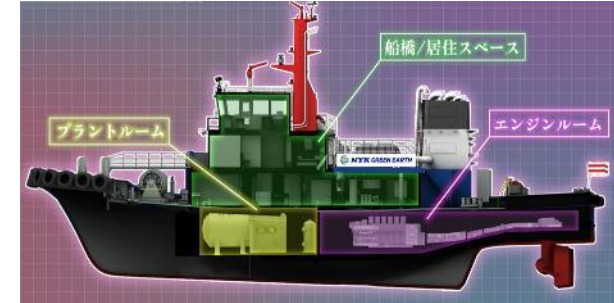




# A-tug Our approach to Ammonia challenges

## Toxicity

- ✓ Intense discussion with class for safety methodology.
- ✓ Design of vessel
  - Isolating Hazardous area
  - Interlocking system
  - Water curtain
  - Remote operation at E/R
- ✓ Crew operation related
  - Establishing Safety Manual
  - Selecting safety equipment
  - Educating crew (handling ammonia/evacuation)
  - Man Entry Matrix



## Flame Retardancy

- ✓ Identified the optimal parameters to achieve stable combustion with intense testing by Engine Maker.
- ✓ Achieved **max 95% co-firing rate at land-based test.**

## N<sub>2</sub>O Emission

- ✓ Exhaust Gas Treating device was installed.
- ✓ Creative design was necessary to fit the large device in limited space.

# AF-MGC (Ammonia Fueled Medium Gas Carrier)

- Delivery Target : Nov 2026
- LOA : 180.00m
- Breadth : 32.00m
- Engine : Dual Fuel (VLSFO/Ammonia)  
✳️2stroke Ammonia Engine by J-ENG



## Development of Ammonia-Fueled Medium Gas Carrier



**Jul. 2022**

Safety verification process, including HAZID\*

\*HAZID: Hazard identification study



World 1st

**Sep. 2022**

Acquisition of AiP\*\* with risk assessment for world's first approval of an alternative design

\*\*AiP: Approval in principle



World 1st

**May 2023**

4st engine (IPS) Successful combustion test with a co-firing rate of 80% using a prototype engine



World 1st

**May 2023**

2st engine (J-ENG) Successful combustion test in a test rig

**December 2023**  
Contracts signed for construction

Reached a level sufficient for a social implementation, particularly in safety and environmental performance



## Further development plan to 2027

**2024**

**Further deepening R&D**

By single-cylinder and full-scale engine tests, try to maximize the co-firing rate and GHG reduction

**Jun. 2024**

Completion of ammonia supply facilities (J-ENG)

**2025**

**Assembly and final testing of full-scale engines**

Develop ammonia fuel engines that are both economical and environmentally friendly

**Apr. 2025**

Start of full-scale engine tests (J-ENG)

**Aug. 2025**

Engine Delivery (IPS)

**Oct. 2025**

Engine Delivery (J-ENG)

**2026**

**Trial & Delivery at JMU Ariake Shipyard**

Implement offshore trials to verify the vessel's performance

**Nov. 2026**

Delivery of Vessel

**2027**

**Implementation of demonstration voyages**

Final confirmation of the vessel's performance, operation manual, etc

**~Mar. 2027**

Implementation of demonstration voyages

**Advantage in safe & efficient operation using ammonia as fuel**



## World's First Machine Room Safety Accreditation for AF- MGC to be granted by ClassNK



- Our consortium has been thoroughly working on ship's specification to protect crews from toxic risks.
- **World's first** MRS (Machine Room Safety) Notation is to be granted by ClassNK, **which means the highest level of safety beyond the minimum design requirements.**
- Our consortium continuously works on development of AF-MGC and contributes to establishment of safety rules for ammonia-fueled vessels.





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