



Histria Coral returned to Constanța Shipyard for its fourth special survey

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In the competitive landscape of shipbuilding and repair in the Black Sea region, Romania's Constanța Shipyard continues to demonstrate resilience, continuity and technical expertise. Since its privatization in 2002 and integration into the Histria Group, the yard has maintained a balanced focus on both newbuilding and ship repair – two pillars that have defined its long-standing presence in the market.

A key element of the shipyard's strategy has been its specialization in medium range (MR) tankers, particularly IMO II chemical carriers. In collaboration with its partners, Constanța Shipyard developed a standardised MR tanker design that has evolved significantly over time. Continuous improvements – ranging from shallow-draft optimisation to enhanced operational performance and the integration of energy-saving technologies – have ensured the design remains competitive and relevant in a demanding global market.

Between 2002 and 2025, the yard delivered 25 vessels based on this platform. While a substantial portion joined the fleet managed by Histria Shipmanagement, the shipyard has also attracted a number of international clients, consolidating its reputation across the Eastern Med and Black Sea regions.

Reliable maintenance hub

The relationship between Constanța Shipyard and Histria Shipmanagement extends beyond newbuilding. With a fleet of 14 MR tankers, Histria remains a key partner for repair and maintenance services. Regular dry docking, intermediate surveys and special surveys are frequently carried out in Constanța, reinforcing the shipyard's role as a reliable maintenance hub for the fleet.

A recent example underscores this ongoing collaboration. In the spring of 2026, the tanker *Histria Coral* returned to Constanța Shipyard for its fourth special survey. Delivered in 2006 by the same yard, the vessel underwent a comprehensive refurbishment programme that went well beyond standard dry-docking requirements.

The scope of work included extensive ballast tank treatment, soft steel renewal, piping and mechanical upgrades, as well as cosmetic improvements. The objective was not only to meet classification requirements but also to restore the vessel as closely as possible to its original condition. Upon completion, *Histria Coral* emerged revitalised – technically sound, visually refreshed and fully prepared for continued service without interruption.

For the shipyard, the project carried a symbolic dimension. Welcoming back a vessel it had built two decades earlier offered a tangible demonstration of lifecycle support capabilities and long-term quality assurance. It also highlighted the enduring relationship between the yard and the Histria fleet – one built on consistency, technical trust and shared operational standards.

“As Constanța Shipyard looks ahead, its dual strength in newbuilding and repairs, combined with a loyal client base and a proven tanker platform, positions it to remain a significant player in the regional maritime industry,” says Marian Marc, Ship-repairs Department Senior Manager.

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