

Eagle Oil Co London.



The company was formed in 1912 to transport oil, mostly from Mexico to the U.K. and to South America. In 1913 the San Fraterno when launched was the largest tanker in the world. During the Great War, the company lost five ships, but placed orders for twenty new ships immediately after the end of hostilities.

In 1919 Eagle Oil and Royal Dutch Shell entered into an agreement whereby the latter took over management of the company. The Mexican Government nationalised the assets of Eagle Oil in Mexico and seized the San Ricardo, transferring her to Mexican registry.

In 1939 the Eagle fleet consisted of twenty seven ocean going ships, of which fifteen were lost during World War II. Eagle Oil was acquired outright in 1959 by the Shell Group and the fleet was integrated into the Shell fleet. In 1960 the Eagle funnel colours were replaced by those of Shell Tankers Ltd.

SHIP NAME	O.N	BUILT	HISTORY	G.T
San Dunstano	132743	1912	13.10.1929 Sank off Tampico after collision with submerged object	6,220
San Eduardo	135179	1912	1934 Scrapped.	6,225
San Fraterno	135208	1913	29.7.1927 Sank in Straits of Magellan after striking a rock.	9,587
San Ricardo	135233	1913	1939 Seized by Mexican Government r/n 18 de Marzo, 1964 scrapped.	6,465
San Silvestre	135234	1913	1936 Scrapped	6,233
San Gregorio	135247	1913	1926 Sold to Rasmussen & Konow, Norway r/n C. A. Larsen and rebuilt as whale factory ship, 1938 sold to J. Krag, Norway, 1940 seized by Germans as oiler, 1944 sunk by Fleet Air Arm in Altenfjord, 1946 salvaged and sold to A. von der Lippe, Norway r/n Antarctic, 1954 scrapped.	9,594
San Tirso	135267	1913	1937 sold to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co as depot ship at Gareloch, 1940 reactivated, 1945 r/n Kelliella, 1947 hulked at Gibraltar, 1953 scrapped..	6,236
San Urbano	135285	1913	1.5.1917 torpedoed and sunk 200 miles SW of Cape Clear by U.81	6,458
San Valerio	135301	1913	1936 sold to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co as depot ship at Dakar, later at Gareloch, 1940 reactivated, 1946 r/n Kuphus, 1953 scrapped.	6,433
San Hilario	135306	1913	20.4.1917 shelled and sunk 200 miles W of Cape Clear by U.43	10,157
San Jeronimo		1914	1928 sold to Southern Whaling & Sealing Co, Port Stanley r/n Southern Empress and converted to whale factory ship, 13.10.1942 torpedoed and sunk SE of Cape Farewell while serving with Royal Fleet Auxiliary	10,067
San Lorenzo		1914	1928 sold to S. L. Christensen, Norway r/n Ole Wegger and converted to whale factory ship, 1941 captured in Antactic by German raider Pinguin and taken to Bordeaux, 1944 sunk as blockship at Rouen, 1947 scrapped.	9,607
San Isidoro		1914	1914 sold to French Gov't r/n Dordogne, 1915 sold to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co r/n Silverlip, 1918 resold to France r/n Dordogne, 18.6.1940 scuttled in Brest Roads to avoid capture.	9,718
San Zeferino		1914	1937 sold to Shell Co of Gibraltar as depot ship at Gibraltar, 1946 r/n Katelysia, 1951 scrapped.	6,430
San Wilfrido		1914	3.8.1914 mined and sank in River Elbe.	6,458
San Melito		1914	1917 rebuilt to 12,286 g.t., 1946 sold to Anglo- Saxon Petroleum Co as hulk at Singapore, 1954 scrapped.	10,160
San Nazario		1914	1917 rebuilt to 12,029 g.t., 1928 sold to Thor Dahl, Norway r/n Thorshammer and converted to whale factory ship, 1962 scrapped.	10,064

San Onofre	1914	12.5.1917 torpedoed and sunk 320m S.W. of mouth of River Shannon by U.48 while serving as Royal Fleet Auxiliary	9,717
San Patricio	1915	1917 rebuilt to 11,877 g.t., 1929 sold to Southern Whaling & Sealing Co, Port Stanley r/n Southern Princess and converted to whale factory ship, 17.3.1943 torpedoed and sunk in North Atlantic.	9,712
Santa Amalia	1906	Dry cargo ship. Built as Drumlanrig for J.Chadwick & Sons, 1915 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n Santa Amalia, 28.12.1917 torpedoed and sunk off Malin Head by U.19	4,306
Santa Brigida	1907	Dry cargo ship. Built as Farley for Houlder, Middleton & Co. 1915 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n Santa Brigida, 1915 sold to the Russian Volunteer Fleet r/n Tourgai, 4.10.1916 torpedoed and sunk in White Sea.	4,276
San Florentino	1919	2.10.1941 torpedoed and sunk in North Atlantic.	12,842
San Fernando	1919	21.6.1940 torpedoed and sunk SW of Cape Clear.	13,056
San Dario	1918	Built as Teakol for the Admiralty, 1920 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Dario, 1957 scrapped.	1,137
San Zotico	1919	Built as War Kookri for The Shipping Controller, 1920 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Zotico, 1950 scrapped.	5,582
Santa Aurora	1919	Built as Ibicuhy for Hamburg Sud and surrendered on completion as war prize. 1920 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n Santa Aurora and converted to tanker, 1936 scrapped.	4,278
San Teodoro	1921	1935 scrapped	6,137
San Lamberto	1921	1936 scrapped	6,094
San Tiburcio	1921	4.5.1940 mined and sunk in the Moray Firth.	5,995
San Leon	1921	1936 scrapped	6,115
San Ubaldo	1921	1955 scrapped	5,999
San Ugon	1921	1929 sold to Cia Mexicano de Vapores San Antonio, Mexico, 1935 scrapped	5,998
San Felix	1921	1957 scrapped	13,037
San Leopoldo	1921	1935 scrapped	5,671
San Leonardo	1921	1935 scrapped	5,674
San Gaspar	1921	1954 scrapped	12,910
San Gerardo	1922	31.3.1942 torpedoed and sunk off New York	12,915
San Fabian	1922	28.8.1942 torpedoed and sunk NE of Jamaica	13,031

San Roberto	1922	1949 scrapped	5,890
San Rosendo	1922	1935 scrapped	5,891
San Macedonio	1922	1935 scrapped	5,938
San Manuel	1922	1935 scrapped	5,923
San Quirino	1923	1939 sold to Cia Argentina de Nav. Mihanovich Ltda, Argentina r/n Juncal, 1967 scrapped.	5,843
San Salvador	1924	1939 sold to Cia Argentina de Nav. Mihanovich Ltda, Argentina r/n Los Pozos, 1949 scrapped after collision and fire off Curacao.	5,805
San Camilo	1927	1936 sold to N.V. Curacaosche S.V. Maats, Netherlands r/n Susana, 1954 scrapped	2,450
San Claudio	1928	1949 sold to Cia de Nav. Shell-Mex, Argentina r/n Shellnave, 1983 scrapped	2,712
San Casto	1928	1960 scrapped.	2,446
Shell Mex 4	1921	Built for the Anglo Mexican Petroleum Co, 1931 purchased by Eagle Oil, 1960 scrapped	423
Shell Mex 5	1921	Built for the Anglo Mexican Petroleum Co, 1931 purchased by Eagle Oil, 1959 transferred to Irish Republic registry, 1967 scrapped.	423
San Amado	1935	1956 sold to A. Marsano & Sons, Italy r/n Golfo di Castellamare, 1965 sold to Cia Generale di Nav, Italy, 1967 scrapped.	7,316
San Alberto	1935	9.12.1939 torpedoed off Fastnet and sunk by escort on 11.12.1939.	7,397
San Alvaro	1935	23.2.1944 torpedoed and sunk off Gulf of Aden by Japanese submarine.	7,385
San Ambrosio	1935	1957 scrapped.	7,410
San Arcadio	1935	31.1.1942 torpedoed and sunk S.E of Cape Sable, N.F.	7,419
San Adolfo	1935	1957 scrapped	7,365
San Conrado	1936	1.4.1941 sunk by German air attack off the Smalls.	7,982
San Casimiro	1936	15.3.1941 captured S of Cape Race by German battleship Gneisenau, 20.3.1941 scuttled after her oil cargo had been transferred and later sunk by gunfire from HMS Renown.	8,046
San Calisto	1937	2.12.1939 mined and sunk in Thames Estuary off Margate.	8,010
San Cirilo	1937	1955 sold to A. Lauro, Italy r/n Sportivo, 1957 converted to bulk carrier, 1971 scrapped.	8,012
San Cipriano	1937	1954 scrapped	7,966
San Delfino	1938	10.4.1942 torpedoed and sunk off Cape Hatteras	8,072
San Demetrio	1938	5.11.1940 damaged by German battleship Admiral Scheer in the "Jervis Bay" action, reboarded by crew and sailed to UK, 17.3.1942 torpedoed and sunk off Chesapeake Bay.	8,073

San Elisio	1939	1963 scrapped	8,042
San Ernesto	1939	16.6.1943 torpedoed 1,000 miles S of Colombo by Japanese submarine. The derelict drifted for 2,000 miles before going ashore on Pulua Nias Island.	8,078
San Emiliano	1939	9.8.1942 torpedoed and sunk off Guiana.	8,071
San Venancio	1942	1958 scrapped	8,152
San Victorio	1942	17.5.1942 torpedoed and sunk off Grenada on maiden voyage.	8,136
San Vulfrano	1942	1960 scrapped	8,167
San Veronico	1942	1964 scrapped	8,189
San Vito	1943	1962 scrapped	8,163
San Velino	1944	1962 scrapped	8,210
San Wilfrido	1942	Built as Empire Cobbett for MOWT, 1945 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Wilfrido, 1959 scrapped	9,811
San Wenceslao	1942	Built as Empire Airman for MOWT, 1946 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Wenceslao, 1959 scrapped.	9,813
San Virgilio	1945	Built as Empire Neptune for MOWT, 1946 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Virgilio, 1958 scrapped.	8,284
San Leopoldo	1944	Built as Laurel Hill for U.S. War Shipping Admin., 1947 purchased by Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co, London r/n Tresa, 1949 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Leopoldo, 1961 scrapped.	10,669
San Leonardo	1944	Built as Bryce Canyon for U.S. War Shipping Admin., 1947 purchased by Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co, London r/n Turbinellus, 1949 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Leonardo, 1961 scrapped.	10,641
San Silvestre	1949	1961 scrapped	10,953
San Salvador	1950	1961 scrapped	10,802
San Florentino	1953	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Hemidonax	12,215
San Fernando	1953	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Hemicardium	12,215
San Patricio	1955	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1960 sold to Estrella Marittima S.A. de Nav,Argentina, 1965 r/n Pecten	10,711
San Fabian	1956	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Hastula	12,180
San Fortunato	1956	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1964 r/n Hemimactra,	12,215
San Felipe	1956	1960 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1960 r/n Holospira	12,180

San Flaviano	1956	28.4.1958 Sunk by air attack at Balik Papan during Indonesian civil war, 1960 forepart salvaged, towed to Hong Kong and scrapped.	12,278
San Gregorio	1957	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Vitta	20,889
San Edmundo	1958	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1964 r/n Humilaria	11,955
San Gerardo	1958	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1964 r/n Verconella	20,894
San Emiliano	1959	1960 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Hemitrochus	12,265
San Ernesto	1959	1960 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1964 r/n Alinda	12,301
San Calisto	1959	1960 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Vermetus	21,179
San Gaspar	1959	1959 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1964 r/n Vertagus	20,893
San Conrado	1960	1960 transferred to Shell Bermuda Ltd, 1965 r/n Valvata	21,180
NAME		BUILT HISTORY	G.T.
Empire Airman	1942	1942-1946 managed for MOWT, 1946 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Wenceslao	9,813
Empire Cobbett	1942	1942-1945 managed for MOWT, 1945 purchased by Eagle Oil r/n San Wilfrido	9,811
Empire Coral	1941	1941-1946 managed for MOWT, 1946 purchased by Furness Withy & Co r/n Derwent River.	8,602
Empire Grenadier	1942	1942-1946 managed for MOWT, 1946 purchased by Shell Co of Gibraltar r/n Ficus	9,811
Empire Norseman	1942	1942-1943 managed for MOWT, 23.2.1943 torpedoed and sunk off Azores by U.558	9,811
Empire Salisbury	1944	1944-1946 managed for MOWT, 1946 purchased by Royal Fleet Auxiliary r/n Wave Master.	8,199
Empire Traveller	1943	1943-1946 managed for MOWT, 1946 purchased by French Gov't r/n Pechelbronn	8,201

All tankers except where stated.