



## Maersk Containership Briefly Grounds in Savannah River

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A 332.5-meter-long Maersk containership apparently ran aground, and was later refloated, in the Savannah River en route to the Port of Savannah on Tuesday.

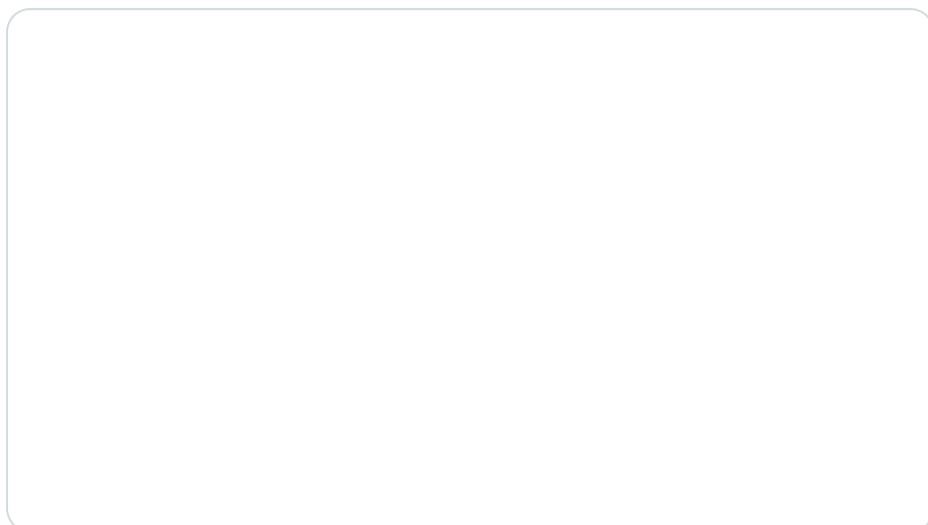
AIS showed the Danish-flagged MV Maersk Surabaya up against the bank of the river with tugs in position around the vessel's stern.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Coast Guard said the response is underway after the ship ran soft aground. An update said the ship was freed without injuries or pollution.



It seems the vessel was refloated [about two hours](#) after its initial grounding, according to AIS data from [ship tracking and maritime analytics provider](#) MarineTraffic.com.

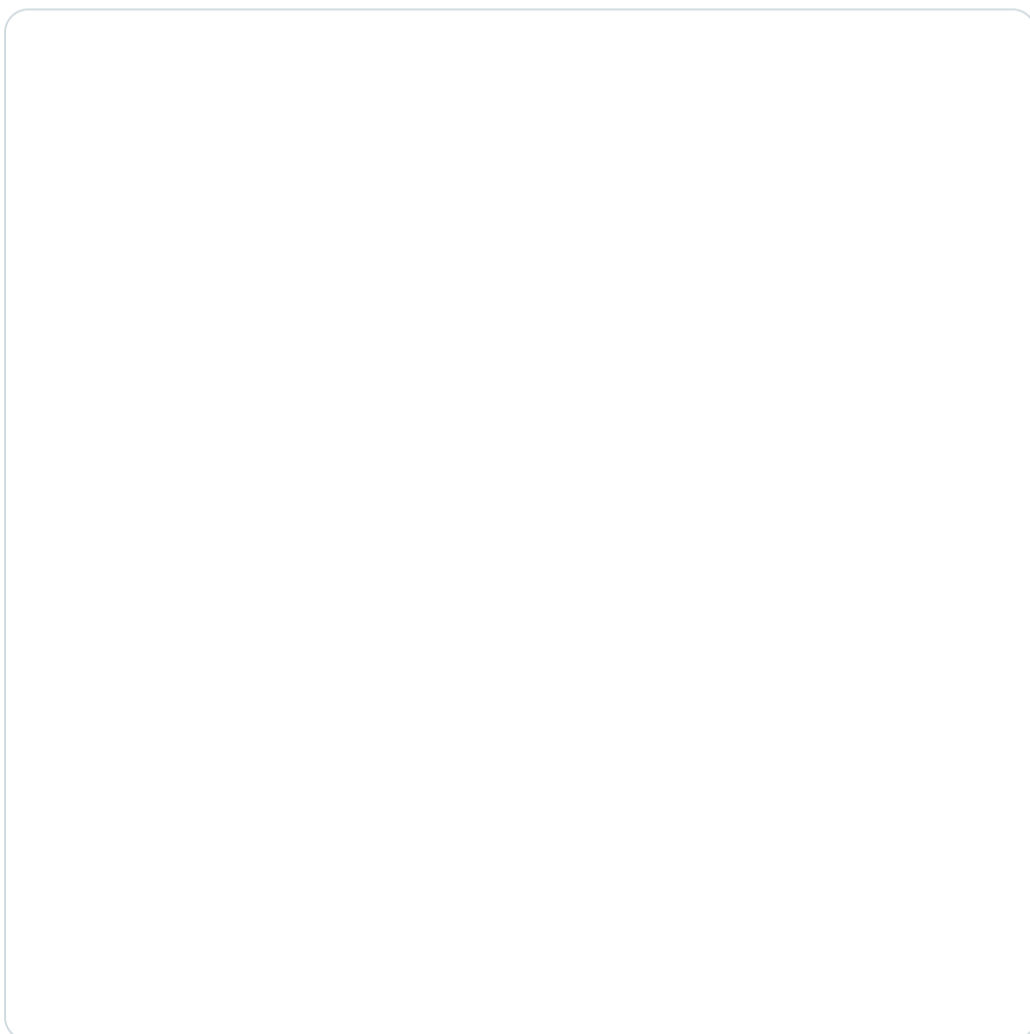
It seems the Maersk Surabaya has run aground in the Savannah River en route to the Port of Savannah. Unconfirmed but it seems the 332.5-meter-long containership may be blocking the channel.



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Maersk Surabaya was scheduled to arrive at the Port of Savannah on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., according to the Georgia Ports Authority [website](#).

It appears the ship may have been blocking a good portion of the shipping channel before she was refloated hours later.


The Maersk Surabaya has a carrying capacity of 8,400 TEU and was built in 2006. AIS shows the ship was arriving from the Port of Charleston when the incident occurred.

The Port of Savannah, the second-busiest port on the U.S. East Coast behind New York/New Jersey, experienced its [third-busiest month on record in April](#) as retailers replenishing depleted inventories and make early orders ahead of the peak shipping season. The surge of imports has caused the containership

underwater cable connecting Western Australia with Singapore. Australia subsequently arrested and [charged the ship's Master](#) with negligent conduct over the incident.

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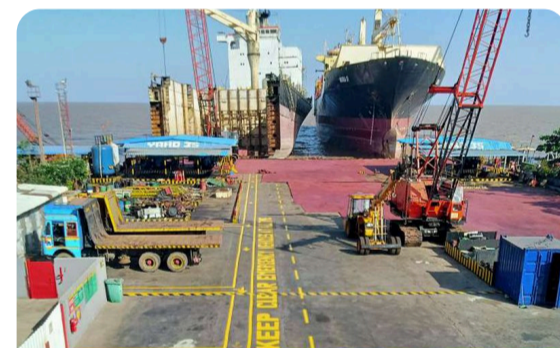
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