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OOCL SEOUL. ITS A BIG ONE. 322m. LOA.



Up until now the Hapag Lloyd / UASC vessels (*Al Safat / Al Manamah* etc) were the largest container vessels trading in / out of Melbourne.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we alluded to the upsizing of the A3C service to Chinese ports by the following lines, ANL, OOCL and COSCO and that was heralded by the arrival on the 28/8 of the 322m *OOCL Seoul* at Webb Dock East. She exchanged over 2000 containers in a little over 48 hours. Although this vessel and the five following her are under a trial they will no doubt stay as Westgate Bridge issues are nullified as the vessels berth down river at the up until recently under utilised Webb Dock.

OOCL Seoul's specs are as follows - IMO 9417244, gross tonnage of 89,010, deadweight of 105,358, is 322m length overall with a 42.8 post panamax beam, a teu capacity of around 8,063, Hong Kong flag, built at South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries at Geoje in 2010 where she was yard number 1719 with her MAN B&W Engine capable of around 25 knots. Her record was taken by the *COSCO Thailand* a little over a week later. Photo from Gerard Veldkamp