



Photo of the ONE Orpheus grounding from social media.

Containership 'ONE ORPHEUS' Refloated in Suez Canal After Grounding

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Update: The *ONE Orpheus* is back underway after being refloated by tugs in the Suez Canal. AIS data shows she was aground for about 5 hours.



CAIRO, Dec 6 (Reuters) – A container ship collided with a floating bridge in the eastern lane of the Suez Canal on Wednesday but the passage of ships through the waterway would not be interrupted, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) said.

Tugboats were working to tow the *One Orpheus*, which suffered a fault with its rudder while transiting the canal on its way from Singapore to the Netherlands, the authority said in a statement.

The incident occurred in the eastern lane of the middle section of the canal, built as an expansion that was completed in 2015.

Convoys of ships coming from the south were being diverted along the original branch of the canal, the canal authority said.

The Suez Canal is one of the world's most heavily used shipping lanes and an important source of foreign currency for Egypt.

Works are currently under way to expand the southern, single-lane section of the canal, after a giant container ship ran aground there in 2021, blocking traffic through the waterway for six days.

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