

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR



2001

A NEW ERA BEGINS

John Williams acquires Maritime Haulage on 4th September and rebrands it as Maritime Transport.



2005

SECONDHAND TRUCKS OPENS A NEW COMMERCIAL VENTURE

We launch our dedicated fleet sales division, Secondhand Trucks, now a leading reseller of as-new HGVs.



2010

LANDMARK DHL DEAL COMPLETED

The acquisition of DHL's UK container division marks the largest deal in our history to that point, including additional vehicles and extensive container lifting, storage, and repair operations in Felixstowe and Manchester.

RAIL MARKS A NEW DIRECTION FOR MARITIME

We diversify into rail as the new operator of Riverside Rail Terminal in Tilbury, marking an important step in the development of our rail-connected logistics network.

2014

ROADWAYS ACQUISITION BOOSTS MARITIME'S UK PRESENCE

The acquisition of Roadways Container Logistics brings 374 employees, 241 vehicles and six locations into the business, spanning Felixstowe, Leeds, Manchester, Southampton, and Tamworth.

MARITIME RAISES THE BAR ON DRIVER PERFORMANCE

A fleet-wide telematics bonus scheme is launched, rewarding safe, efficient driving through performance-based incentives and helping raise standards in fuel efficiency, idling, and driver performance.

FLAGSHIP HEADQUARTERS OPENS IN FELIXSTOWE

Our award-winning five-storey headquarters opens neighbouring the Port of Felixstowe.

2013

A NEW GENERATION OF FLEET ARRIVES

The first Euro-6 vehicles join our fleet, offering reductions in harmful emissions including NOx, CO2, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, and diesel particulate matter.



2011

BREAKTHROUGH INTO DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION

Our diversification into domestic distribution begins with the purchase of 100 trailers and our first major breakthrough with the UK's largest retailer.

PORTSIDE STRENGTHENS THE NETWORK

Our new rail-connected logistics hub opens in Tilbury. Portside Logistics Centre provides storage capacity for 10,000 pallets and strengthens support for customers across the Southeast.

2015

MARITIME INVESTS IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF DRIVERS

Our Professional Driver Scheme is introduced: a year-long training programme providing a structured route into the profession for newly qualified C+E drivers with little or no commercial experience.

2016

DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Our distribution operation grows into a £50 million-a-year business and is a chosen supplier to some of the world's largest FMCG companies. 350 XL-specification tautliners are purchased to provide additional coverage.

2017

TURNOVER SURPASSES £250 MILLION

The year closes with turnover exceeding £250 million, up 13% year on year.



2019

MARITIME SETS ITS COURSE FOR INTERMODAL GROWTH

Maritime Intermodal launches, marking a step change in how cargo moves between UK ports and inland terminals and laying the foundations for a more rail-connected, lower-carbon supply chain.

MARITIME SECURES FIRST STRATEGIC RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

Maritime is appointed operator of the Strategic Rail Freight Interchange at SEGRO Logistics Park East Midlands Gateway, establishing a nationally significant rail hub at the heart of our growing intermodal network.

MARITIME EXPANDS STRATEGIC FOOTPRINT AT TILBURY

Our new rail-connected distribution terminal opens at the Port of Tilbury, improving access to rail for both intermodal and specialist steel movements and reducing reliance on long-distance road transport.

WILLIAMS FAMILY RECEIVES LIFETIME HONOUR

John Williams and his father, Tommy Williams of TDW Distribution, are honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Logistics UK, recognising their extensive contribution to the sector.



2020

WINCANTON CONTAINER LOGISTICS COMES INTO THE MARITIME FOLD

The acquisition of Wincanton Container Logistics creates a combined road fleet of over 1,300 vehicles, and more than 3,000 employees based across the UK.

EAST MIDLANDS GATEWAY STEPS ONTO THE NATIONAL STAGE

The Rail Minister opens East Midlands Gateway. The same year, new services launch linking the terminal with Southampton, Felixstowe, London Gateway, and Liverpool, increasing inland rail capacity during a period of national disruption.

NEW SPROUGHTON FACILITY COMES ONLINE

A new facility opens in Sproughton, Suffolk, to support outbound operations for a major customer.

RECORD DRIVER BONUSES EXCEED £1.3 MILLION

More than 2,000 drivers receive bonus payments totalling over £1.3 million through our telematics bonus scheme, recognising high standards of safe and efficient driving.

2021

SCOTTISH NETWORK EXPANSION BEGINS AT MOSSEND

We acquire Mossend Rail Freight Terminal in Scotland, extending our intermodal footprint and strengthening rail access across the central belt and wider UK network.

MARITIME PUSHES RAIL FURTHER NORTH

New intermodal services launch linking the Port of Felixstowe with Wakefield, improving rail access into northern consumer and manufacturing regions and driving further modal shift.

ARMED FORCES SILVER RECOGNITION RETAINED

Our Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award is retained for a further five years, recognising continued support for the Armed Forces community.



2023

MARITIME UNITES ROAD, RAIL, AND TERMINALS

A new intermodal division is created, bringing our road, rail, and terminals businesses together under one structure.

ZEHID FUNDING AWARDED

We announce our role as lead partner across three government-backed projects, deploying eHGVs in live operations and generating real-world data to inform the future rollout of zero-emission road freight.

EAST MIDLANDS GATEWAY CAPACITY DOUBLED

We complete Phase 2 of our rail terminal at East Midlands Gateway, doubling rail capacity and container storage and delivering the expansion two years ahead of schedule.

TESCO APPOINTS MARITIME FOR RAIL OPERATIONS

We are appointed by Tesco to manage, plan and execute all rail operations at its central distribution hubs within Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT).

2022

DISTRIBUTION MAKES THE LEAP TO RAIL

Our first domestic rail service for Coca-Cola Europacific Partners launches, reducing carbon emissions by nearly 50% compared with previous road operations.

MANCHESTER TRANSFORMATION COMPLETED

A multi-million-pound regeneration project at our rail terminal in Manchester is completed, increasing capacity to nine rail services per day and strengthening intermodal throughput across the Northwest.

HAMS HALL RAIL FREIGHT TERMINAL ACQUIRED

We acquire Hams Hall Rail Freight Terminal under a long-term agreement with Associated British Ports, expanding our intermodal terminal network in the Midlands.

PORT OF LIVERPOOL GROWTH PROJECT AGREED

An agreement is signed with Peel Ports Group to expand our existing Port of Liverpool site from four acres to more than 11. The multi-million-pound project will deliver a new container depot, increased HGV parking, upgraded site infrastructure, and a new office and welfare building.



2024

ZERO-EMISSION FLEET INVESTMENT BEGINS

Our first major order for 18 eHGVs is placed, marking an important step towards introducing zero-emission road transport across our network.

MARITIME ENTERS A NEW GLOBAL CHAPTER

We are acquired by Swiss-based global logistics and supply chain provider MEDLOG S.A., securing the long-term future of the business as part of an independent global logistics organisation.

MARITIME ADDS IPOPT TO ITS GROWING RAIL NETWORK

Following our acquisition by MEDLOG, iPort Rail Freight Terminal becomes part of the Maritime network, adding a high-volume, open-access inland rail facility in South Yorkshire.

LIVERPOOL BECOMES A MODERN INTEGRATED HUB

Our new container depot opens at the Port of Liverpool, with the completion of a two-storey office and welfare building marking the site's transition into a modern, fully integrated transport and container storage operation.



2025

MARITIME ZERO SIGNALS A MAJOR ZERO-EMISSION PUSH

Maritime ZERO launches to accelerate the rollout of zero-emission road transport, bringing together eHGV deployment, charging infrastructure, and supporting technology under a single division.

NATIONAL EHGV CHARGING ROLLOUT BEGINS

Construction begins on our eHGV charging infrastructure, forming one of the UK's largest independent charging networks with 22MW of installed capacity once complete – enough to charge over 100 eHGVs simultaneously.

A NEW INLAND RAIL HUB COMES TO LIFE

Our Strategic Rail Freight Interchange opens within SEGRO Logistics Park Northampton, further strengthening connections between major UK ports and inland markets.

FIRST FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS VIA EAST WEST RAIL

We launch a new rail service connecting DP World Southampton with our SRFI at Northampton via the full reinstated Oxford-Bletchley section of East West Rail.



2026

MARITIME MOVES EHGVs INTO FRONTLINE OPERATION

We begin the nationwide deployment of our electric fleet, with 19 eHGVs entering service at Wakefield and Birmingham and a further 37 vehicles to follow during 2026.

