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Fire broke out in the engine room of one of Orient Overseas Container Lines' (OOCL's) ships while it was underway in Japan on 1

The 1999-built, 5,770 TEU OOCL Shanghai, deployed to OOCL's Asia Australia Consortium Northern Express (A3N) service, caught fire around 5 a.m. local time, while it was sailing from Yokohama to Osaka.

At the time of the incident, the ship was 18 nautical miles off the eastern coast of the Japanese mainland.

Crewmen put out the fire themselves, but teh container ship lost power and went adrift for 12 hours before it was repaired and resumed its journey.

Container News contacted OOCL for comment but did not receive a response as it is a public holiday in Hong Kong today (2 October).

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