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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a vessel (1) comprising a relatively small sized turret (2) located near keel level. The upper part (3) of the turret wall is located below a level halfway between deck level (12) and keel level (7). Via a relatively small diameter product shaft (9), the product pipe (18) which connects to a riser (17) extends up to deck level (12). The lower part (6) of the turret wall extends along the height of the chain table (8), which is connected thereto via an axial and a radial bearing (23, 24). In this way the chain table (8) can adequately take up the bending moments exerted by the mooring chains (13) or cables. After use of the vessel (1) as a floating production storage and offloading vessel, the lower part (6) of the turret wall can be easily removed and the vessel (1) can be converted back to a transport tanker. Preferably the lower part (6) of the turret wall is releasably connected to the upper part (3) by means of releasable bolts (27) through the upper slide bearings (23) of the chain table (8).

