

INVESTMENT SECURITIES (Details) \$ in Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Dec. 31, 2019 USD (\$) Vessel shares	Dec. 31, 2018 USD (\$) Vessel	Dec. 31, 2017 USD (\$)
Equity Method Investment [Abstract]			
Number of vessels operated	23	23	
Carrying value of investment \$	\$ 800	\$ 4,200	
Consideration for shares disposed \$	17,922	0	\$ 103,748
Recognized gain (loss) from changes in fair market value \$	\$ (3,200)	\$ 0	
Nordic American Offshore Limited [Member]			
Equity Method Investment [Abstract]			
Shares issued (in shares) shares	187,815		
Number of shares held (in shares) shares	811,538		
Shares held percentage of common stock outstanding	3.16%		
Hermitage Offshore Services Limited [Member] Platform Supply Vessels [Member]			
Equity Method Investment [Abstract]			
Number of vessels operated	10		
Hermitage Offshore Services Limited [Member] Anchor Handling Vessels [Member]			
Equity Method Investment [Abstract]			
Number of vessels operated	2		
Hermitage Offshore Services Limited [Member] Crew Boats [Member]			
Equity Method Investment [Abstract]			
Number of vessels operated	11		