

# Tug Newsletter

all about tugs

tugs,  
pinboats,  
orders  
and more...



The photo on this page shows the Auckland tugs WAIPAPA and WAKA KUME assisting a big ship to its berth

photo Ports of Auckland

In 1853 following the Constitution Act the Auckland Provincial Council took over the control of Waitemata Harbour. In 1871 control passed to the newly-formed Auckland Harbour Board. Growth of the port continued over the years. In 1988

Ports of Auckland was established taking over Auckland Harbour Board's land assets. The company was listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange. In 2005 the company was delisted when taken over by Auckland Council Investments. Tugs operating at Waitemata Harbour are the 70-tbp stern drive HAURAKI, the 51-tbp stern drive WAIPAPA and WAKA KUME (both McIlwain designs) and the 24 tbp Voith Tractor DALDY. Recently, the fleet was

extended with the all-electric SPARKY (see TugeZine 12)

In addition Ports of Auckland and Northport Ltd established – in 2003 – North Tugz. That company was to provide pilotage and towage services at Marsden Point's Northport berths and New Zealand Refining company jetties. Northport Ltd itself had been established in 2000 by Marsden Maritime Holdings

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Presentation of the Brazilian version of Henk Hensen and Markus van der Laan's book *Tug Stability - a practical guide* photo: via Henk Hensen

(the former Northland Port Corporation) and the Port of Tauranga.

Tugs operated by North Tugz are the 69-tbp stern drive BREAM BAY (2007 – Damen Shipyards), the 50-tbp stern drive TAKAHIWAI (2000 – Northport Engineering Ltd), the 29 tbp twin-screw MARSDEN BAY (2015 – Boustead), the 3,3 tbp twin-screw HOBSON (1976 – Vos & Brijs Ltd, Auckland) and the 14 tbp twin screw KEMP (1992 – Northland Port Corp.).

### Tug Stability goes Brazilian

The highly instructive book for tug masters 'Tug Stability. A practical Guide for Safe Operations' was written by Dr. Markus van der Laan en Captain Henk Hensen. Thanks to the international



Finalising of the Kotug acquisition of Seaways International

photo: courtesy Kotug

interest it has now been translated into Brazilian too.

During a well-attended event on 22 June 2022 in the Maritime Court in Rio de Janeiro **the Brazilian version of 'Tug Stability. A practical Guide for Safe Operations'** was launched.

The Brazilian translation is seen as a major contribution to the knowledge of safe tug operations in Brazilian ports and their approaches and as such may increase safety in ports and encourage marine training institutes to pay attention to the important subject of stability. The translation was an initiative of Captain Plinio Rodrigues Calenzo technical director of the Brazilian Towage Institute and was carried out with the support of the

Homem do Mar Foundation and the Brazilian Towage Institute.

The ceremony was attended by leading judges of the Maritime Court, vice-admiral Lima Filho, Captain Sérgio Abreu, Santos pilot chairman Captain Melo Fontes, high rank representatives of the maritime community, such as deep sea captains Francisco Cesar Monteiro Gondar and Hildelene Lobato Bahia. Copies of the book were presented to captain Hildelene Lobato Bahia, the first female captain in Brazil, and to the Maritime Court judges including judge Atila Halan Coury.

**The Brazilian version of the book can only be purchased at Homem do Mar Foundation.**

### Seaways International

On 1 September, 2022, Kotug International B.V. announced the completion of its acquisition of Seaways International. Seaways is now a 100% owned subsidiary of the **Kotug Group**. Seaways International mainly carried out its business in the field of support to floating facility business such as FSO, FPSO, FLNG, FSRU and SPM Terminals.

"I am very proud of the company we have built, and I am incredibly thankful to everyone who has worked to support our journey. I have deep trust in a bright future for Seaways under the leadership of Kotug executing their vision to be the world's leading towage and maritime service provider," said Captain Ashish Nijhawan.



Seaways International's SEAWAYS 22 seen 13 June, 2018, en route Amsterdam. The 5.360 bhp - 81,75 tbp - 45,88 m oa - DP-1, OilRec-2, FIFI 1 is one of the vessels taken over by Kotug photo: Willem Koper

Founder and now former owner of the family-owned Seaways, Captain Ashish





Nijhawan has stepped down from his role as Managing Director. Ard-Jan Kooren, President & CEO of Kotug: "It is with great respect that we say goodbye to Captain Ashish Nijhawan, his sons and wife, whose accomplishments have been outstanding. Today, we welcome 340 new colleagues into the family-owned Kotug Group of Companies, whose corporate cultures and values are very similar and compatible."

The current fleet of Seaways international consists of six anchor-handling tugs with a bollard pull between 81 and 125 tonnes, five fast crew suppliers, a 43 tpb seagoing tug and a 7.500 dwt cargo barge.

#### Pinboats

Robert Allan Ltd. has been awarded a contract by **Estaleiro Rio Maguari**, Belem, Brazil, to develop the design package for an innovative Articulated Tug and Barge (ATB) for shipping containers along the coast of Brazil. The two ATB's will be owned and operated by **Aliança Navegação e Logística** (ANL), a major logistics services



Artist's impression of the two Robert Allan designed ATB's for Alianca

artwork: Robert Allan Ltd

provider in Latin America, and part of the Maersk Group. The new ATB's will be suitable for operations along the entire coast of Brazil, including the south where the worst environmental conditions along coastal Brazil are found.

Dimensions of the **Robert Allan** TRAnsfer 3800 tug design will be 37,5 x 13,0 x 6,2 m depth. Main engines will be two Wärtsilä 6L32 main engines each delivering 3.200 kW (4.352 bhp)

at 750 rpm. Propulsion by **Schottel** SRP 630-FP azimuthing thrusters fitted with 3,4 m diameter propellers. The ATB connecting pins are **Intercon** model 34C. The design allows the tug to remain in the notch during all loading / offloading operations as relative vertical movement is possible while tug and barge are still connected. The barges will measure 130,0 x 28,0 x 8,0 m depth with a carrying capacity of approximately 700 TEU. Dangerous

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Muller Dorecht's new ASD 3212 for delivery in May, 2023

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goods and reefer containers can also be carried distributed above and below deck. The barges will be fitted with a 500 kW Schottel SST-2 bow thruster. Gen sets will be capable of powering the anti-heeling system, bow thruster, and reefer containers.

After delivery Estaleiro Rio Maguari will have completed a total of 100 vessels designed by Robert Allan Ltd.

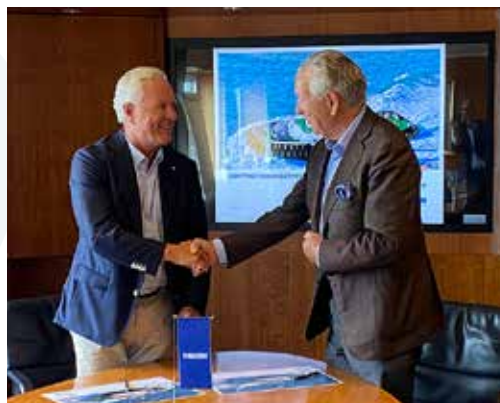
### Muller Dordrecht

On 22 August, 2022, Mr Kommer Damen, Chairman of the Damen Shipyards Group and Mr Bram Muller, CEO of Muller Dordrecht signed a contract for the supply of a Damen ASD Tug 3212. The Dordrecht-based family-owned Muller company has been involved in towage, emergency response, salvage, heavy transport and other marine services for over a century.

The 83-tbp **Damen** ASD Tug 3212 has a well-earned reputation for being capable of operating effectively both in harbour and when undertaking offshore towage of large structures. Highly maneuverable and with excellent sea-keeping characteristics, the class also comes with a wide range of options. Muller Dordrecht has opted for inclusion of an IMO Tier III after-treatment system for low NOx emissions, a large aft deck winch together with an open stern, hydraulic towline guide pins, a deck crane and a

support boat. The winterization package for operations in high latitudes has also been specified, which includes additional insulation, heated windows and GMDSS A3 rated communications.

The tug, which is under construction at Damen Song Cam will be delivered within nine months. The relationship between Muller Dordrecht and Damen goes back almost fifty years and in the past Muller Dordrecht's fleet has included both Damen Pushy Cats and Multi Cats.



Bram Muller (left) and Kommer Damen signing the contract for Muller Dordrecht's new ASD 3212

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