

Two new pilot boats delivered by Hart Marine to Port Phillip Sea Pilots

Port Phillip Sea Pilots have just taken delivery of two new Pantocarene-designed pilot boats.

Both boats were built by Hart Marine of Melbourne, Australia to an exceptionally high standard in both finish and engineering. The 18-metre boat will service Melbourne's Port Phillip Heads and the other, a 14.3-metre boat, will operate in Melbourne's Western Port.

Both boats have met the high expectations of the Port Phillip Sea Pilots in both vigorous sea trials and are now in service.

They are servicing approximately 7,500 shipping movements a year through the notorious Port Phillip Heads and Western Port.

The self-righting ORC pilot boat design was adopted for its key features of good pilot boat design and all its safety aspects. These included self-righting ability, a beak bow to reduce vertical acceleration and a suspended wheelhouse to reduce both noise and vibration. One of the underlying factors in the design is to deliver pilots who can be said to be in "best condition" by reducing pilot stress and fatigue, ensuring alert and safe operation at all times.

Captain Robert Buck of the Port Phillip Sea Pilots stated, "The unique French design was selected after an extensive evaluation of pilot vessels that had successfully coped with very rough conditions, such as we experience outside Port Phillip Heads."



The 18-metre and 14.3-metre new pilot boats will service Port Phillip Heads and Western Port, respectively

Hopes up at Clean Seas



Marcus Stehr is the Executive Director Operations of Clean Seas, pictured here with a valuable friend. Things are looking up at Clean Seas

Clean Seas Tuna expects a reduction in the order of 25 to 35 percent in the level of the after tax loss for the financial result for the half-year ended December 31, 2010.

"We have managed to increase our sales prices and we have been able to minimise our sales into the value-added and frozen food sectors," Managing Director Clifford Ashby told The Australian.

Clean Seas had a rough 2010, losing AU\$700,000 (US\$698,000) worth of kingfish and its entire fingerlings stock to infection.

Clean Seas advised that its Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) broodstock commenced spawning recently and consequently this season's SBT larval rearing trials are also under way at the company's Arno Bay operations in South Australia.

The company has invested heavily in the production of juvenile aquaculture bred SBT over the last year, including the new recirculation SBT hatchery, which has now been fully commissioned via a successful trial of yellowtail kingfish fingerling production, and the recruitment of an SBT research and development team at the Arno Bay facility.

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- Extensive selection 2.5m - 24m
- Tough aluminium construction
- International survey approved
- World leaders in 'Rib Design'
- Custom built to suit



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