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*Contributor Cees van der Kooij and his wife recently made a cruise in Middle-America, during this cruise they have seen a lot of tugs; MOTAGUA was one of them (see Worldwide Tug & OSV News 2023-21).*



Listed below are new constructions, renamings, sales, demolitions of tugs, anchorhandlers and offshore supply vessels that recently have taken place.



OFFSHORE SOLUTION Australia

photo: Piet Sinke

## ARGENTINA

### Scrapped:

Tug *Vencedor* (1947 – 7742231) owned and operated by Maruba SCA Empresa, Buenos Aires has been scrapped in December 2023 at San Nicolas.

### Casualty:

Towboat *Urano* (? – MMSI 701006676) owned and operated by El Huar has sunk on 8 December 2023 in Santa Fe Port of General San Martin.

## AUSTRALIA

### Transaction:

MPSV *Offshore Solution* (2016 – 9784465) owned and operated by Guardian Offshore AU Pty. Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator MMA Offshore, Perth and has been renamed *Solution*.

### Newbuildings:

Tug *Bauru* (2024 – 9964027). ASD 3212 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, Song Cam, ynr. 512577. 449 GT. Dim. 32,70 x 12,82 x 5,35 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C HD+ TAD, total: 6.772 bhp. Bollardpull: 80 tonnes, speed: 14,3 kn. Owner and operator: BMA Hay Point Coal Terminal, Alligator Creek, QLD.

Tugs *Engage Rascal* and *Engage Renegade*

(2023 – 9970894). ASD 2813 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, Song Cam., ynr. resp. 513335 and 513337. 381 GT. Dim. 27,59 x 12,93 x 5,20 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C TA HD/D, total: 6.772 bhp. Bollardpull: 82 tonnes, speed: 13 kn. Owner and operator: Engage Marine Pty. Ltd., Perth. Tugs *Muyaar* (2022 – 9960368) and *Walburr* (2022 – 9942952). Rascal 1800 design.

Yard: Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret, Tuzla (TUR), ynr. resp. 173 and 174. 145 GT. Dim. 18,70 x 9,20 x 3,50 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, C32 ACERT, total: 2.600 bhp. Bollardpull: 30 tonnes, speed: 12,2 kn. Owner and operator: Cape Flattery Silica Mines Pty. Ltd., Cooktown. Built resp. as *Yenicay XIV* and *Yenicay XV*. (special thanks to Mr. Buster Browne for the information) Tug *Svitzer Kingfisher* (2023 – 9965186). RAStar 2800-CL design. Yard: Cheoy Lee Shipyards. 433 GT. Dim. 29,00 x 13,00 x 5,40 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C, total: 6.390 bhp. Bollardpull: 80 tonnes, speed: 13 kn. Owner and operator: Svitzer Australia, Sydney. Tug *Svitzer Rowley* (2023 – 9965198). RAStar 2800 design. Yard: Cheoy Lee Shipyard, ynr. 5255. 481 GT. Dim. 28,20 x 12,60 x 5,52 m. Engines: 2x MTU, 16V4000, total: 6.100 bhp. Bollardpull: 75 tonnes. Owner and operator: Svitzer Australia, Sydney.

## BELGIUM

### Transaction:

Tugs *Lieven Gevaert* (1995 – 9120140) and *Union Grizzly* (2007 – 9397121) owned by URS België N.V., operated by Boluda Towage Europe B.V. have been renamed resp. *VB Lieven Gevaert* and *VB Grizzly* in 2023.



OLLAN Bulgaria

photo: Rob & Frits van der Hoek

## BRASIL

### Transactions:

OSV *Normand Starling*, ex *Far Starling* '19 (2013 – 9629017) owned by Farstad Supply AS, operated by Solstad Offshore Ltda. has been sold in 2023 to new owner TDW International Vessels, operated by Pan Marine do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro and has been renamed *Starling Tide*.

Tug *Starnav Polaris* (2023 – 9946219) owned and operated by Starnav Servicos Maritimos Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Saam Towage Brasil SA, Rio de Janeiro and has been renamed *Saam Gavio*.

## BULGARIA

### Transaction:

Tug *Ollan*, ex *PM 110 '95*, *Montalvo '95*, *Holland '10* (1992 – 9064360) owned by Abordage STS Corp., operated by Lambert Group Corporation Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Ark Shipping Co. Ltd., Moscow (RUS) and has been renamed *Orlan*.

## CANADA

### Transaction:

OSV *Atlantic Condor* (2011 – 9558335) owned and operated by Atlantic Towing Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner Vios 256 AS, operated by Thome Offshore Management, Singapore and has been renamed *Vega Juniz*.

### Newbuildings:

Tugs *Chief Dan George* (2023 – 9960394) and *Saam Volta* (2023 – 9960382). ElectRA 2300-SX design. Yard: Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret, Tuzla, ynr. resp. Electra 2303 and Electra 2302. 295 GT. Dim. 23,00 x 12,00 x 5,00 m. Engines: Orca battery bank by Corvus Energy. Total: 4.916 bhp, bollardpull: 70 tonnes, speed: 12 kn. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Saam Towage, Vancouver. Launched resp. as *Dynamo II* and *Dynamo I*. Tug *HaiSea Brave* (2023 – 9942988). ElectRa 2800 design. Yard: Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret, Tuzla. 485 GT. Dim. 28,40 x 13,00 x 5,90 m. Engines: 100% electric, battery bank by Corvus Orca Energy,



*P&O MANATI* Dominican Republic

photo: courtesy Sanmar



*BOULONNAIS* France

photo: Richard Wisse t

total: 5.710 bhp. Bollardpull: 70 tonnes, speed: 12 kn. Owner and operator: HaiSea Marine, Vancouver.

Tugs *HaiSea Kermode* (2023 – 9942914) and *HaiSea Warrior* (2023 – 9943009). RAstar 4000-DF design. Yard: Sanmar

Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret, Tuzla. 496 GT. Dim. 40,20 x 16,00 x 7,10 m. Engines: 2x Wärtsilä, 6L34 DF, LNG powered, total: 8.157 bhp. Bollardpull: 100 tonnes, speed: 14,5 kn. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: HaiSea Marine, Vancouver.



## CHINA

### Transactions:

OSV *Hai Chang Tuo 6801* (2013 – 9684287) owned and operated by Zhejiang Qiangfeng Shipping Co. Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Zhenzhou Zhejiang Shipping, Zhejiang and has been renamed *Zhen Zhou Tuo 8001*.

Tug *Lian Gang 9* (2015 – 9803003) owned and operated by Dalian Harbour Tug & Barge has been sold in 2022 to undisclosed interest and has been renamed *Liana 1*.

Tug *Nanning* (2006 – 9369796) owned and operated by South China Towing Co. Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator PSA Marine Peru SA, Lima (PER) and has been renamed *PSA Warpa*.

### Newbuildings:

Tug *Uran* (2023 – 1014503). Yard: Norse Tersanecilik San ve Ticaret, Basiskale (TUR), 196 GT. Dim. 30,87 x 11,20 x 5,52 m. Owner and operator: Celestia Co. Ltd., Hong Kong.

Tug *Wen Xiao Tuo 16* (2023 – MMSI 41351290). Yard: Jiangsu Zhenjiang Shipyard. Dim. 37,00 x 10,60 x 4,90 m. Total: 5.200 bhp. Bollardpull: 62,6 tonnes, speed: 13,2 kn. Owner and operator: Wenzhou Port Services, Wenzhou.

## DENMARK

### Transactions:

AHTS *Maersk Detector* (2006 – 9298911) owned by Maersk Supply Service Canada, operated by Maersk Supply Service AS has been sold in 2023 to new owner JD-Contractor A/S, Holstebro and has been renamed *Detector*.

AHTS vessels *Maersk Tracker* (2009 –



*TSM TEXEL* France

photo: Hans de Klerk

9388637) and *Maersk Transporter* (2009 – 9388649) owned and operated by Maersk Supply Service have been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Delta Logistics Ltd., Carenage (TTO) and have been renamed resp. *Delta Titan* and *Delta Vanguard*.

Tug *Tybring*, ex *Kvarven '1*, *Oscar Tybring '05* (1979 – MMSI 219006563) owned and operated by Hirthals Havn has been sold in 2023 to J.A. Shipping A/S, Nyborg. Name remains the same.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### Newbuildings:

Tug *P&O Carey* (2023 – 9981893). RAmparts 2400-SX MK II design. Yard: Sanmar

Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret. 328 GT. Dim. 24,40 x 12,00 x 4,50 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar. Bollardpull: 80 tonnes, speed: 12,5 kn. Owner and operator: P&O Maritime Logistics, Caucedo. Launched as *Bogacay LXI*. Tug *P&O Manati* (2023 – 9981934).

TRAKtor-Z 2500-SX design. Yard: Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret. 337 GT. Dim. 25,30 x 12,00 x 4,55 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar. Bollardpull: 80 tonnes, speed: 12 kn. Owner and operator: P&O Maritime Logistics, Caucedo. Launched as *Delicay XI*.

## ECUADOR

### Scrapped:

OSV *Great Diablo*, ex *Maersk Puncher '91*,



*FAIRPLAY-68* Germany

photo: Willem Holtkamp



*Grampian Freedom '96, Grampian Supporter '08, Native Pride '11* (1976 – 7432111) owned and operated by Adelca, Quito has been scrapped in August 2022 at local breakers.

## EGYPT

### Newbuildings:

Tugs *Shahin* (2023 – 9931056) and *Yassin* (2023 – 9931068). Yard: Alexandria Shipyard. 464 GT. Dim. 29,94 x 11,50 x 4,80 m. Engines: 2x MTU, M65L, total: 5.120 bhp. Bollardpull: 85 tonnes. Owner and operator: Alexandria Port Authority, Alexandria.

## ESTONIA

### Transaction:

AHTS *Thetis*, ex *Placentia Bay '87, Maersk Placentia '90, Maersk Shipper '97, Maersk Placentia '15, Storm Express '16* (1983 – 8203141) owned by Fingerborg OU, operated by Alfons Hakans AS has been sold to undisclosed interest and has been renamed *Titan*.

## FINLAND

### Scrapped:

Tug *Goliath*, ex *Munin '86, Goliath Ron '00, Thor Goliath '17* (1965 – 8980660) owned and operated by undisclosed interest has been scrapped in October 2023 at Liepāja (LVA).

## FRANCE

### Transaction:

Tug *Boulonnais*, ex *Saint Louisien '01* (1973 – 7305930) owned and operated by CCI Boulogne sur Mer has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Cie. Maritime de Chambon ASA and has been renamed *Chambon Libeccio*.

### Newbuilding:

Utility *TSM Texel* (2023 – 9993298). Euro Supporter 3612 design. Yard: Neptune Shipyards B.V., Hardinxveld (NLD), ynr. NP 610. 479 GT. Dim. 36,00 x 12,00 x 2,90 m. Engines: 3x Volvo, D 16, total: 2.550 bhp. Bollardpull: 28 tonnes, speed: 12,5 kn. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Thomas Services Maritimes, Rouen.

## GERMANY

### Transactions:

Tug *Fairplay Bandama*, ex *Bugsier 20 '19* (1997 – 9158484) owned and operated by Fairplay Borchard, Hamburg has been renamed *Fairplay-68* in 2023.

Tug *Fairplay Nublo*, ex *Wolf '07, BB Ocean '15, Multratug 14 '19, Fairplay-29* (2006 – 9360594) owned by Ocean SrL, operated by Fairplay Borchard, Hamburg has been

renamed *Fairplay-33* in 2023.

Tug *Fairplay Tamadaba*, ex *Med XXII '18, Claus '19* owned by J. Johannsen & Sohn KG, operated by Fairplay Borchard has been renamed *Fairplay-29* in 2023.

AHTS *Lev Twister*, ex *Viking Queen '07, Ocean King '17* (1984 – 8302088) owned by Lev Twister GmbH & Co KG, operated by Innoven Marine Services has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Atlantic Oceanic (UK) Ltd., Chichester and has been renamed *Atlantic Sovereign*.

OSV *OOC Emerald*, ex *World Emerald* (2013 – 9650200) owned by FPS Emerald LLC, operated by Opielok Offshore Carriers, Hamburg has been renamed *Aurora Emerald* in 2023.

Tug *RT Emotion* (2015 – 9691369) owned by RT Emotion Ltd., operated by Boluda Deutschland GmbH has been renamed *VB Emotion* in 2023.

Tugs *ZP Bear* (2015 – 9701982), *ZP Boxer* (2012 – 9597355) and *ZP Bulldog* (2012 – 9597367) owned resp. by ZP Bear Ltd., ZP Boxer B.V. and ZP Bulldog B.V., all operated by Boluda Deutschland GmbH have been renamed resp. *VB Bear, VB Spirit* and *VB Mercury*.

### Newbuildings:

Tug *Bo* (2023 – 9981946). TraktorZ 2600-SX design. Yard: Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ve Ticaret. 335 GT. Dim. 25,30 x 12,00 x 6,25 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C HD/D. Bollardpull: 75 tonnes, speed: 12 kn. Owner and operator: H. Schramm Towage, Brunsbüttel. Launched as *Delicay XIV*.

Tug *Fairplay-92* (2024 – 9948417). ASD 2813 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, Song Cam, ynr. 513330. 381 GT. Dim. 27,59 x 12,93 x 5,20 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C HD/D, total: 6.772 bhp. Bollardpull: 82 tonnes, speed: 13 kn. Owner and operator: Fairplay Borchard, Hamburg.



LEV TWISTER Germany

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VB SPIRIT Germany

photo: Marcus S.



Tugs *Fairplay 95* (2024 – 9964041) and *Fairplay 96* (2024 – 9964053). RSD 2513 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, Song Cam, ynr. resp. 515029 and 515030. 353 GT. Dim. 24,73 x 12,53 x 4,97 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3512-TA, total: 6.862 bhp. Bollardpull: 85 tonnes, speed: 12,7 kn. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Fairplay Borchard, Hamburg.

## GREECE

### Newbuildings:

Tugs *Svitzer Elmina* (2023 – 9957086), *Svitzer Evros* (2023 – 9957098) and *Svitzer Kikonas* (2023 – 9965887). MED-A2885 design. Yard: Eregli Shipyard. 499 GT. Dim. 28,40 x 13,00 x 5,70 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3512-E, total: 7.200 bhp. Bollardpull: 80 tonnes, speed: 12,5 kn. Emission Standard: Tier IV. Owner and operator: Svitzer Hellas Maritime Company, Piraeus.

### Other news:

Greek shipowner Capital Maritime group has launched Capital Offshore after picking up seven platform supply vessels for about \$106 m. from now soon to be shipless Norwegian OSV outfit *Standard Supply*. The Oslo-listed company first sold *Standard Viking*, *Standard Supplier* and *Standard Defender* in November. This was followed by another en bloc sale of four mid-sized PSVs, *FS Abergeldie*, *FS Braemar*, *FS Crather* and *FS Kristiansand* owned by Northern Supply, in which Standard Supply held a 51% stake.

## GUATEMALA

### Newbuilding:

Tug *Monterrico* (2024 – 9957127). MED A2360 design. Yard: Eregli Shipyard, ynr. 115. 365 GT. Dim. 25,30 x 12,00 x 4,60



FAIRPLAY-92 Germany

photo: Rob & Frits van der Hoek

m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3512-E, total: 4.815 bhp. Bollardpull: 60 tonnes, speed: 13 kn. Emission Standard: Tier IV. Owner and operator: Arrendadora Continental SA.

## INDIA

### Newbuilding:

Tug *Ocean Grace* (2023 – 1029247). Yard: Udupi-Cochin Shipyard Ltd., ynr. 161. 499 GT. Dim. 33,00 x 11,90 x 5,40 m. Bollardpull: 62 tonnes, speed: 12,5 kn. Owner and operator: Ocean Sparkle Ltd., Hyderabad.

## INDONESIA

### Newbuildings:

Tug *Angureha Bersama 2219* (2021 – 9963475). Yard: Anugerah Wijaya, Samarinda ynr. 262/84. 262 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Builders account.  
Tug *Bina Sarana 6* (2022 – 9956745). Yard: Rajang Maju Marine, Sibul, ynr. RMM0089. 235 GT. Dim. 28,00 x 9,00 x ? m. No further

details available. Owner and operator: Berlian Khatulistiwa Line, Semarang.

Tugs *Buana Express 57* (2022 – 9972464) and *Buana Express 58* (2022 – 9972476). Yard: Nongsa Jaya Buana, ynr. resp. 269 and 270. 252 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Bina Dharma Sejahtera, Batam.

Tugs *Danny 94* (2022 – 9967079), *Danny 96* (2022 – 9967081), *Danny 102* (2022 – 9973846) and *Danny 104* (2022 – 9973858). Yard: Trans Mulia Raya, ynr. resp. H03, H04, H06 and H07. 268 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Danny Samudera Raya Line, Samarinda.

Tug *Dua Lapan* (2022 – 9967718). Yard: Daya Semesta. 266 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Bandar Niaga Raya PT, Jakarta.

Tug *Kingston 929* (2022 – 9977098). Yard: Mitra Kaltim Shipyard, ynr. H-110. 207 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Mitra Kaltim Samudera, Samarinda.  
Tug *Legasea 2* (2022 – 9976941). Yard: Kukar Mandiri Shipyard, Samarinda. 230 GT. Dim. 34,00 x 8,00 x ? m. No further details available. Owner and operator: Legasea Nusantara Lines, Jakarta.

Tug *Lintas Samudera 126* (2022 – 9970818). Yard: Kukar Mandiri, ynr. KMS 94. 247 GT. 247. Dim. 30,00 x 9,00 x ? m. No further details available. Owner and operator: Duta Lintas Samudera, Samarinda.

Tugs *Marina 1632* (2022 – 9970076) and *Marina 1633* (2022 – 9970806). Yard: Bahtera Bahari, ynr. resp. T-540 and T-541. 206 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Bahtera Bestari Shipping PT, Tanjungpinang.

Tug *MBP 2203* (2022 – 9953614). Yard: PT Karya Teknik Utama, ynr. KTU-1328. 207 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Maritim Barito Perkasa, Banjarmasin.  
Tug *Pacific Jaya XVIII* (2022 – 9967603).



STANDARD VIKING Greece

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CIVITAVECCHIA Italy

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GIAMPI Italy

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Yard: Karya Pacific, ynr. 18. 243 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Marindo Pacific, Samarinda.

Tug *Semar Dua Puluh Tujuh* (2022 – 9975868). Yard: Citra Bahari Shipyard, Tegal. 217 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Humpuss Maritime International. Jakarta.

Tug *Serenity 12* (2022 – 9970466). Yard:

Sinar Laut Internusa. 228 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Sanlim Samudra Jaya, Samarinda.

Tug *Surya Abadi 38* (2022 – 9970117).

Yard: Kerja Sama. 216 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Masada Jaya Lines PT, Banjarmasin.

**Casualty:**

Utility *Pacific Nickel*, ex *Golden Lion* '05 (1982

– 8206040) owned and operated by Sinar Bintang Samudera, Najarmasin broke her anchorchain in heavy weather on 5 October 2023 and drifted onto Swiss Beach, West Sumbawa (IDN). The crew was evacuated, but attempts to refloat her have so far failed.

**ITALY**

**Transactions:**

Tug *Civitavecchia* (2015 – 9764465) owned and operated by Somat SpA has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Nemeca Z Maritime Co., Piraeus (GRC) and has been renamed *Iraklis Z*.

Tug *Giampi* (1989 – 8810217) owned and operated by Somat SpA has been sold in 2023 to undisclosed Greece interest and has been renamed *Supporter*.

Tug *Saiph* (2016 – 9792759) owned and operated by Augusta Maritime Services SpA, has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Alonisos Maritime & Trading SA, Panama City (PAN) and has been renamed *Hol I*.

**JAPAN**

**Transaction:**

Tug *Fuji Maru* (2016 – 9765794) owned by Far East Shipping Co. Ltd., operated by Fukushima Kisen KK has been sold in 2023 to new owner Fuji Kiji Co. Ltd., operated by Dokai Marine Systems Ltd., Fukuoka and has been renamed *Sakura*.

**Newbuildings:**

Tug *Akatsuki* (2022 – 9958145). Yard: Keihin Dock Co., ynr. 347. 198 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Shin-Nippon Kaiyosha, Yokohama.

Tug *Fugaku Maru* (2022 – 9960083). Yard: Miho Zosen KK, Shizuoka, ynr. 1616. 193 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Shimizu Futo KK, Shizuoka.

Tug *Hayabusa* (2023 – 9942665). Yard: Hongawara Zosen KK, Fukuyama, ynr. 807. 180 GT. No further details available. Owner: Japan Govt. Min. Of Economy, operator:

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Shibushi Oil Storage, Tokyo.

Tug *Kamiji Maru* (2023 – 9992359). Yard: Kanagawa Zosen KK, Kobe, ynr. 776. 199 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Yokkaichi Eisen, Yokkaichi.

Tug *Kongo Maru* (2023 – 1022017).

Yard: Odo Shipbuilding & Engineering, Shimonoseki, ynr. 656. 197 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Shin Nippon Kaiyosya KK, Yokohama.

Tug *Manazuru Maru* (2022 – 9931977). Yard: Kanagawa Zosen KK, Kobe, ynr. 761. 199 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Kowa Kogyo, Nagasaki.

Tug *Shiose* (2022 – 9926453). Yard: Hongawara Zosen KK, Fukuyama, ynr. 800. 165 GT. No further details available. Owner Japan Govt. of Economy, operator: Akita Marine Services, Oga-Shi.

## LEBANON

### Transaction:

Tug *DPS Tramontane*, ex *Abeille No. 5 '94*, *Courageux '10*, *Chambon Tramontane '16* (1977 – 7521778) owned and operated by Dynamic Port Services SAL has been sold in 2023 to new owner Sotramar, Bogota (COL) and has been renamed *Tramontane*.

## MALAYSIA

### Transactions:

Tug *Danum 66* (2007 – 9413602) owned and operated by Shin Yang Shipping Sdn. Bhd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Dineshchandra R. Agrawal, Gujarat and has been renamed *DRA 1*.

Tug *Danum 119* (2010 – 9553531) owned and operated by Shin Yang Shipping Sdn. Bhd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner Arasta Global Sdn. Bhd, operated by Duta Marine Sdn. Bhd., Selangor and has been renamed *AG Azzam*.

AHTS *Lewek Scarlet* (2009 – 9521253) owned by Emas Offshore Labuan Bhd., operated by Emas Offshore Services M Sdn. Bhd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner Pegasus PSD Scarlet Ltd., operated by Petro Services Ship Management, Monte Carlo (MCO) and has been renamed *AHTS Birdie*

### Scrapped:

OSV *Os Tiga*, ex *Posh Bali '23* (1997 – 9180736) owned and operated by Offshore Solutions L Bhd, Labuan has been scrapped in November 2023 at Chittagong (BGD)

## MARSHALL ISLANDS

### Scrapped:

Tug *Thisseas*, ex *Abeille Bretagne '96*, *Pacific Salvor '01*, *Jantar '09*, *Spartan '17*, *Lucky Star*

'22 (1977 – 7725403) owned and operated by Cortina Ventures Co., Majuro has been beached as *H. Seas* in December 2023 at Aliaga (TUR) for scrap.

## MEXICO

### Transaction:

OSV *Caleta*, ex *Miss Hayley '11*, *Odyssea Force '15* (2006 – 9413171) owned by Unifin Financiera Sapi de CV, operated by Marinsa de Mexico SA de CV has been sold in 2023 to new owner CICSAs, operated by Arrow Marine Logistics, Campeche and has been renamed *Arrow 1*.

### Scrapped:

DSV *Buccaneer*, ex *Moray Harstad '87*, *Smit Moray '87*, *Moray Harstad '89* Drive Ocean II '91 (1982 – 8107153) owned and operated

by SMC SA de CV, Mexico City has been scrapped in September 2013 at Aliaga (TUR).

## THE NETHERLANDS

### Transactions:

Tug *Demi-K*, ex *Sund* (2012 – ENI 027.25346) owned by Koribron B.V., operated by Rodie Watertransport B.V. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Le Nickel-SLN, Nouema (NCL). Name remains the same.

Tug *Multratug 25*, ex *Shoalbuster '04*, *Multrasalvor 2 '06*, *Shoalbuster '07*, *C.M. Kurik '17*, *King David '20* (1995 – 9133886) owned and operated by Multratug Towage & Salvage B.V. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Trasomar, Monaco (MCO) and has been renamed *The Bull*.

Tug *Rotterdam* (2017 – 9816658) owned



SERAYA The Netherlands

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BOS PRELUDE The Netherlands

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**AQUARIUS-G The Netherlands**

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by KS Rotterdam B.V., operated by Boluda Towage Rotterdam B.V. has been renamed *VB Rotterdam* in 2023.

Tugs *Sentosa*, ex *Smit Sentosa '18* (2013 – 9662356) and *Seraya*, ex *Smit Seraya '18* (2013 – 9662368) have been sold in 2023 by owner Boskalis Offshore Shipping B.V., operated by Boskalis Offshore Fleet Management to new owner and operator Seacontractors B.V., Vlissingen. Names remains the same.

OSVs *VOS Atlas* (2012 – 9609770) and *VOS Pride* (2014 – 9689201) both owned by Vroon Ruhm Offshore Services, operated by Vroon Offshore Services have been sold in 2023 to new owner Clacton Shipping Pte. Ltd., operated by Britoil Offshore Services, Singapore (SGP) and have been renamed resp. *BOS Atlas* and *BOS Pride*.

OSVs *VOS Pace* (2015 – 9685750) and *VOS Partner* (2016 – 9709128) both owned by PSV Express V B.V., operated by Vroon Offshore Services B.V. have been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Golden Energy Offshore Services, Alesund (NOR) and have been renamed resp. *Energy Pace* and *Energy Partner*.

OSVs *VOS Patriot* (2018 – 9742091), owned by Offshore Support Vessels I B.V. and *VOS Prelude* (2010 – 9444340) owned by PSV Express II B.V., both operated by Vroon Offshore Services B.V. have been sold in 2023 to new owner Clacton Shipping Pte. Ltd., operated by Britoil Offshore Services, Singapore (SGP) and have been renamed resp. *BOS Patriot* and *BOS Prelude*.

OSV *VOS Star* (2016 – 9697131) owned by DSV III Express B.V., operated by Vroon

Offshore Services B.V. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Rederij Groen B.V., Den Haag and has been renamed *Aquarius-G*. Work/repair vessels *VOS Start* (2017 – 9730505) and *VOS Stone* (2017 – 9730517), resp. owned by Sinointerl FSES 2 Ltd. and Sinointerl FSES 3 Ltd., both operated by Vroon Offshore Services have been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator CBED, Frederica (DNK) and have been renamed resp. *Wind Evolution* and *Wind Creation*.

OSV *VOS Sugar* (2016 – 9697129) owned by DSV II Express B.V., operated by Vroon Offshore Services has been sold in 2023 to new owner Energy Sugar AS, operated by Golden Energy Offshore Services AS, Alesund (NOR) and immediately resold to Boskalis who renamed her *Horizon Zenith*.



**HORIZON ZENITH The Netherlands**

photo: Jan Plug

Tug *Watergeus* (1995 – 9110860) owned and operated by Wagenborg Sleepdienst B.V. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Fairplay Towage Polska, Szczecin (POL) and has been renamed *Fairplay-45*.

**Newbuildings:**

Tug *En Avant 26* (2024 – 9985277). ASD 3212 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, Song Cam. ynr. 512579. 449 GT. Dim. 33,00 x 13,00 x 6,00. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C TA HD/D, total: 6.865 bhp. Bollardpull: 85 tonnes, speed: 14 kn. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Rederij Muller, Dordrecht.

Utility *Leon H* (2024 – 1013212). Hybrid Cat 2411-E design. Yard: Werft Shipbuilding, Urk. 186 GT. Dim. 23,85 x 11,45 x 1,00 m. Total: 2.528 bhp. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: TB Waterwerken B.V., Urk.

Tug *Multratug 34* (2023 – 9949429). ASD 2813 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, ynr. 513331. 381 GT. Dim. 27,59 x 12,93 x 6,00 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-C TA HD/D. total: 6.772 bhp. Bollardpull: 85 tonnes, speed: 13 kn. Owner: Global Shipleasing 38 B.V., operator: Multraship Towage & Salvage B.V., Terneuzen.

Utility *Sea Oλους* (2023 – 9997488). Eurocarrier 2611 design. Yard: Neptune Shipyards, Aalst, ynr. NP 612. 179 GT. Dim. 24,50 x 11,04 x 3,45 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, C32 ACERT, total: 2.638 bhp. Bollardpull: 33,9 tonnes, speed: 10 kn. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Seacontractors B.V., Vlissingen.

**Other news:**

*Acta Marine Workboats*, an operator of workboat vessels, has been purchased by French Jifmar Offshore Services. With the purchase, Jifmar has taken ownership of a 26-strong fleet alongside the crews and ope-



rations (200 employees) and has established a strategic position in the Netherlands that will complement its global position.

Combined, the company now manages a fleet of over 70 vessels. The workboat division of Acta Marine will continue to operate from Den Helder; Govert Jan van Oord, Managing director of Acta Marine Workboats, will stay in his role and lead the Dutch activities of Jifmar.

## NIGERIA

### Transaction:

Tug *SL Marabou*, ex *Lamnalco Marabou* '15 (2009 – 9438133) owned by Afrikdelta Shipping Service Ltd., operated by Afrikdelta Marine has been renamed *Afrik Marabou* in 2023.

## NORWAY

### Transactions:

AHTS *Elang Laut 1*, ex *Sea Eagle 1* '17 (2009 – 9494890) owned by Equinox, operated by Solstad Shipping AS has been sold in 2023 to new owner Huashun Shipping Liberia, operated by Shenzhen Huawei Offshore (CHN) and has been renamed *Hua Quan*.

OSV *Far Symphony* (2003 – 9288253) owned by Solstad Rederi A/S, operated by Solstad Shipping A/S has been sold in 2023 to new owner TDW International Vessels AS, operated by Tidewater Marine AS, Sandnes and has been renamed *Symphony Tide*.

OSV *Havila Commander*, ex *Troms Apollo* '10, *Troms Artemis* '10 (2010 – 9470193) owned by Havila Ships AS, operated by Havila Shipping ASA has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Remoy Shipping AS, Fosnavaag and has been renamed *Songa Commander*.

AHTS *Havila Jupiter* (2010 – 9418042) owned by Havila Jupiter AS, operated by Havila Shipping ASA has been sold in 2023 to new owner Jupiter Shipowning Ltd., operated by DOF Management AS and has been renamed *Skandi Jupiter*.

OCV *Havila Phoenix* (2009 – 9407990) owned by Havila Phoenix AS, operated by Havila Shipping ASA has been sold in 2023 to new owner CDGN MAR 2 Ltd. Name and operator remains the same.

AHTS *Havila Venus* (2009 – 9418030) owned by Havila Venus AS, operated by Havila Shipping ASA has been sold in 2023 to new owner Mercury Shipowning Ltd. and has been renamed *Skandi Mercury*. Operator remains the same.

OSV's *Normand Scotsman*, ex *Far Scotsman* '22 (2012 – 9616187), *Normand Searcher*, ex *Far Searcher* '21 (2008 – 9388950), *Normand Spark*, ex *Sea Spark* '21 (2013 –



SEA OLOUS The Netherlands

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SYMPHONY TIDE Norway

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9656620), *Normand Spica*, ex *Far Spica* '23 (2013 – 9629005), *Normand Springer*, ex *Sea Springer* '19 (2014 – 9656656), *Normand Swift*, ex *Sea Swift* '19 (2014 – 9656694), *Normand Tantalus*, ex *Sea Tantalus* '22 (2013 – 9575620) and *Normand Titus*, ex *Sea Titus* '19 (2014 – 9575632) all owned by Solstad Rederi A/S, operated by Solstad Shipping A/S have been sold in 2023 to new owner TDW International Vessels, 'Scotsman', 'Swift' and 'Tantalus' operated by Pan Marine do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro (BRA), 'Searcher', 'Spark', and 'Springer' operated by Tidewater Marine A/S, Sandnes, 'Spica' operated by Tidewater Marine UK Ltd., Aberdeen (GBR), have been renamed resp. *Scotsman Tide*, *Searcher Tide*, *Spark Tide*, *Spica Tide*, *Springer Tide*, *Swift Tide*, *Tantalus Tide* and *Titus Tide*.

AHTS *Normand Statesman*, ex *Far Statesman* '21 (2013 – 9631759) owned by F-Shiplease, operated by Solstad Shipping AS has been transferred in a five year bare-boat charter to Viking Supply Ships AB, Stenungsund (SWE) and has been renamed *Odin Viking*.

OSV *Normand Tonjer*, ex *Troms Vision* '10, *Rem Vision* '18 (2010 – 9422108) owned by Norwegian MPSV AS, operated by Solstad Shipping AS has been sold in 2023 to new owner Solstad Rederi AS. Operator remains the same.

AHTS *Ocean Osprey* (2014 – 9666962) owned by Atlantic Offshore ETA AS, operated by Atlantic Offshore Management has been sold in 2023 to new owner Naviera Uliia 721 SL, operated by the Spanish Navy and has been renamed *Carnota (A 61)*.

OSV *Siddis Sailor* (2007 – 9370070) owned by Meling Supply AS, operated by OH Meling Management AS has been sold in 2022 to new owner and operator Grupo CBO, Niteroi (BRA). Name remains the same.

Seismic research vessel *Vantage*, ex *Veritas Viking III* '02, *Veritas Vantage* '12 (2002 – 9242704) owned by Eidesvik Shipping AS, operated by Eidesvik AS has been sold in 2023 to new owner Ship 104 Aps, operated by Danish Offshore Supply AS, Middelfart (DNK). Name remains the same.





SONGA COMMANDER Norway

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**Newbuilding:**

Utility *Frøy Master* (2023 – 9962744). Yard: Sletta Verft, ynr. 203, Mjosundet. 317 GT. Dim. 25,00 x 13,00 x ? m. Owner and operator: Frøy Akvaessurs AS, Sistranda.

**Scrapped:**

Tug *Fastnet Shore*, ex *Eston Cross '94*, *Stackgarth '10* (1985 – 8410225) owned and operated by Stadt Sjøtransport AS, Florøy has been scrapped in 2022 at local breakers.

**PAKISTAN**

**Newbuilding:**

Tug *Goga* (2022 – 9945722). ASD 2009 designw. Yard: Karachi Shipyard, ynr. 292. 146 GT. Dim. 21,19 x 9,43 x 4,00 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, C32 TTA ACER/B, total: 2.400 bhp. Bollardpull: 29,3 tonnes, speed: 11,5 kn. Owner and operator: Pakistan Government Navy, Islamabad.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**Newbuilding:**

Tug *Lucky Star 3* (2022 – 9875410). Yard: Tai Hung Hing Marine, Sibu, ynr. 86. 143 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Wasu Resource Ltd., Lae.

**PHILIPPINES**

**Newbuilding:**

Tug *IMC 28* (2022 – 9949534). Yard: Taizhou Huaji Ship Industry, ynr. HJJ20-03. No further details available. Owner and operator: Industry Movers Corp., Manila.

**Casualty:**

Tug *Sugbu 2*, ex *Yu Sin No. 5 '15*, *Hwang Ryong No. 9 '16* (1980 – 8015776) owned and operated by Metro Cebu Harbour Pilots, Cebu has sunk on 3 September 2023.

**ROMANIA**

**Transaction:**

Tug *Lainici* (1976 – 7642027) owned and operated by Braila Santierul has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Volos

Tugs, Volos (GRC) and has been renamed *Leonidas S*.

**RUSSIA**

**Transaction:**

Tug *Protey*, ex *Goliath Gøl '84*, *Sveva '06*, *Odin II '?* (1981 – MMSI 273431860) owned and operated by Rosmorport has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator LLC Shipping Company “Tug”, Astrakhan. Name remains the same.

**SEYCHELLES**

**Newbuilding:**

Tug *Mamelles* (2023 – ?). RAport 1900-SX design. Yard: Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ev Ticaret. Dim. 19,30 x 8,20 x 2,90 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, C32, total: 2.637 bhp. Bollardpull: 33 tonnes, speed: 11,5 kn. Owner and operator: Seychelles Port Authority.

**SINGAPORE**

**Transactions:**

OSVs *Crest Argus 1* (2014 – 9708100) and

*Crest Argus 3* (2015 – 9726865) owned by Enav Crest Pte. Ltd., operated by Strato Maritime Services Pte. Ltd. have been sold in 2023 to new owner AD Ports Group, operated by Safeen Feeders 18 Ltd., Abu Dhabi (ARE). Names remains the same. OSVs *Crest Argus 5* (2015 – 9726877) and *Crest Victoria* (2014 – 9647033) owned by resp. Enav Radiance Pte. Ltd. and Enav Victoria Pte. Ltd., both operated by Strato Maritime Services Pte. Ltd. have been sold in 2023 to new owner resp. AD Ports Group and ADMS Pte. Ltd., both operated by Safeen Feeders 18 Ltd., Abu Dhabi (ARE). Names remains the same.

AHTS *Latona* (2022 – 9812509) owned and operated by POET Shipbuilding has been sold in 2023 to new owner TP08 Pte. Ltd., operated by Astro Offshore Ship Management and has been renamed *Astro Aquila*.

Tug *LG Delta* (2019 – 9885570) owned and operated by Legend Carrier One Pte. Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Crystal Offshore Pte., Ltd., Singapore and has been renamed *Crystal Arion*.

**Newbuildings:**

OSVs *Armada 78.07* (2024 – 9924302) and *Armada 78.08* (2024 – 9924314). VARD 9 60 design. Yard: VARD, Vung Tau. 2.373 GT. Dim. 72,60 x 15,44 x 7,00 m. Engines: 2x Cummins, QSK60-M. Owner: resp. OI7807 Pte. Ltd. and OI7808 Pte. Ltd., operator: Ocean Infinity Operations, Singapore.

OSV *Astro Athena* (2024 – 9762792). Yard: Fujian Mawei Shipbuilding. Dim. 59,60 x 15,20 x 6,20 m. Total: 5.150 bhp. Speed: 13,3 kn. Owner and operator: Astro Offshore Pte. Ltd., Singapore.

OSV *Mainport Edge* (2023 – 9762821).



OCEAN OSPREY Norway

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Yard: Fujian Mawei Shipbuilding, ynr. MW635-1. 2.299 GT. Dim. 59,60 x 15,20 x 6,20 mtr. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, total: 5.218 bhp. Speed: 12 kn. Owner: Mainport Seismic Support Ltd., operator: Marine Assets Corp., Singapore.

#### SLOVENIA

##### Newbuilding:

Tug *Ares* (2023 – 9977842). Yard: Astilleros Armon, Navia, ynr. 847. 471 GT. Dim. 32,00 x 11,00 x 6,20 m. No further details available. Owner and operator: Adria Tow, Koper.

#### SOUTH KOREA

##### Newbuildings:

Tug *Gold Castle* (2022 – 9954292). Yard: DH Shipbuilding Co., Incheon, ynr. 2101. 114 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Heung Hae Co. Ltd., Incheon.

Tug *Jung Seung No. 9* (2023 – 9988451). Yard: Moonchang Shipbuilding Dockyard, ynr. 22-154. 220 GT. No further details available. Owner and operator: Jung Seung Marine Transport, Mokpo.

#### SPAIN

##### Transactions:

Tug *Montbrio* (2007 – 9361299) owned and operated by Remolcadores Barcelona has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Boluda Towage Spain SL, Valencia and has been renamed *VB Doramas*. Tug *VB Chiriqui*, ex *M.L. Walker '14* (1977 – 7728675) owned by Excelsior Shipping Co. Ltd., operated by Verenigde Tankrederij SA has been sold in 2023 to undisclosed interest in Lima (PER) and has been renamed *Adriano*.

##### Scrapped:

Tug *Don Charley*, ex *Boluda Crespo '17* (1991 –

9003328) owned by Corp. Maritima SA de CV, operated by Boluda Corporacion Maritima SA, Madrid has been scrapped in 2023.

Tugs *Sertosa Venticuatro* (1985 – 8506921) and *Sertosa Diez* (1966 – 6617881) both owned by Sertosa Norte SL, operated by Boluda International SA, Valencia have been scrapped in 2022.

#### SRI LANKA

##### Transaction:

Tug *Virgo*, ex *Salviscount '20* (2004 – 9276676) owned and operated by Sri Lanka Shipping Co. has been renamed *Advantis Virgo* in 2023.

#### ST. KITTS-NEVIS

##### Transaction:

OSV *SSR 1*, ex *NVG 4 '69*, *Sandtor '75*, *Rumalia '86*, *Khalidiyah '93*, *Khalidiyah Star '97*, *Shabab '99*, *Bonita I '99*, *Uata '00*, *Shabab '01*, *Sea Supplier '05*, *Sea Supplier-1 '11*, *Blue Sky 7 '11* (1966 – 6605711) owned and operated by SSR Fuel Supply Services Corp. has been renamed *Lucky Moon* in 2023.

#### SWEDEN

##### Transaction:

Tug *Windforce*, ex *Langenwerder '96*, *Aquanaut '14* (1989 – MMSI 265758290) owned and operated by Karlstad Rederi AB has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator TB Waterwerken, Urk (NLD). Name remains the same.

##### Newbuilding:

OSV *Armada 78 06* (2023 – 992429). VARD 9 60 design. Yard: Vard Vung Tau Ltd. (VNM), ynr. 939. 2.373 GT. Dim. 78,00 x 15,44 x 7,00 m. Owner: O 178 06 Pte Ltd., operator: Ocean Infinity Sweden AB, Vastra Frolunda.

#### TURKEY

##### Transactions:

Tug *Altug* (2010 – 9515072) owned and operated by Uzmar-Uzmanlar Denizcilik has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Seagate Tugs and Barges Services, Souda (GRC) and has been renamed *Captain Dimitris III*.

AHTS *Cengiz Han*, ex *Sealink Maju 22 '07*, *OMS Discovery '12*, *Diamond Discovery '17* (2007 – 9392418) owned and operated by Aras Salvage Enkaz Kadirma has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Gera Shipping SA, Istanbul and has been renamed *Cengiz Han Gera*.

Tugs *Delicay VIII* (2021 – 9901776) and *Delicay X* (2022 – 9943023) owned and operated by Sanmar Denizcilik Makina ve



LAINICI Rumania

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MAMELLES Cheyelles

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Ticaret have been sold in 2023 to new owner Smit Lamnalco Singapore Pte., operated by Boluda Middle East B.V., Rotterdam (NLD) and have been renamed resp. *VB Horus* and *VB Amon*.

#### UKRAINE

##### Transaction:

Tug *Lucaya*, ex *Azami '03*, *Smit Lucaya '14*, *SL Lucaya '18* (1991 – 9047025) owned by Inter Tug Ltd., operated by Intresco Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner Wavecrest Maritime Corp., Mont Fleuri (SVC) and has been renamed *Dynamix*.

#### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

##### Transactions:

Tug *MCS Allianz Enterprise* (2018 – 9840130) owned and operated by Allianz Middle East Ship Management has been transferred to new operator Allianz Offshore Ship Management, Abu Dhabi and has been renamed *Allianz Enterprise*. Owner remains the same.

AHTS *Samed* (2009 – 9415375) owned by Seros Shipping Pvt. Ltd., operated by Whitesea Shipping & Supply LLC has been sold in 2023 to new owner Seros Shipping Pvt. Ltd., Gujarat (IND) and has been renamed *Saksham*.

AHTS *VX Drisana 01*, ex *Jaya Platinum '00*, *Al Jirnaas '19* (2000 – 9218507) owned and operated by Ark Petroleum LLC has been sold in 2023 to new owner Maryland Shipping Inc., operated by Genua General Trading LLC, Dubai and has been renamed *Black Pearl*.

Tug *Yaryour* (1992 – 9043500) owned and operated by Abu Dhabi Petroleum Ports has been sold in 2023 to new owner Promarine Single Member Ike, operated by Promarine, Salamina (GRC) and has been renamed *Protug 87*.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

##### Transactions:

OSV *FS Balmoral*, ex *Island Earl '17* (2008 – 9402330) owned by Northern Supply AS, operated by Fletcher Supply Vessels has been sold in 2023 to new owner Shipinvest 36 AS. Operator and name remains the same. Utility *HST Hazel* (2021 – 9928982) owned by Global Shipleasing 62 B.V., operated by High

Speed Transfers Ltd. has been transferred to new operator Alpha Marine Ltd., Wicklow (IRL) and has been renamed *AMS Retriever*. Tug *Indus*, ex *Drydock '84*, *Smit Azië '88*, *Azië Tug '89*, *Indus '08*, *MTS Indus '22* (1964 – 8884830) owned and operated by Mark Robinson has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Wilson Marine Services, Holwerd (NLD). Name remains the same. Tug *SD Dolphin* (2013 – 9631034) owned by SD Dolphin Ltd., operated by Boluda Towage London Ltd. has been renamed *VB Dolphin* in 2023.

Tug *Sea Challenge II*, ex *Argus 5 '78*, *Jumbo '83*, *Eduard '00* (1967 – 8433320) owned and operated by Bennetts Barges, Rochester has been sold in 2023 as houseboat after engine failure and is now at Hoo Marina, Rochester. Tug *Strathdon*, ex *Azuma Maru '07*, *Keverne '14* (2006 – 9381794) owned by Caledonian Towage Ltd., operated by Boluda Towage Caledonian Towage Ltd., Invergordon has been renamed *VB Strathdon* in 2023.

Tug *Svitzer Surrey*, ex *Sun Surrey '05*, *Adsteam Surrey '07* (1992 – 9019468) owned by Svitzer Eastlands Ltd., operated by Svitzer Marine Ltd. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator A&P Falmouth, Falmouth and has been renamed *Morva*. Tug *Willpower*, ex *Sidi Moussa '14*, *Sidi '14* (2000 – 9220691) owned and operated by Williams Shipping Marine has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Foyle



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**MONTBRIO Spain**

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& Marine Dredging, Londonderry. Name remains the same.

Tug *Zeehond*, ex *Bulgersteyn* '74, *Marlene* '96 (1956 – 8433710) owned and operated by Mark Robinson has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Fransbergen Trading & Shipping, Maasbracht (NLD) and has been renamed *Jolie-F*.

**Newbuildings:**

Work/repairvessel *Grampian Tees* (2023 – 9954307). VARD 4 12 design. Yard: VARD Vung Tau, ynr. 944. 5.033 GT. Dim. 79,80 x 19,00 x 7,40. Engines: 4x Yanmar hybrid system, 6EY22ALW. Owner: Grampian Tees Ltd., operator: North Star Shipping Aberdeen.

OSV *Marina I* (2023 – 9768083). Yard: Guangxin Shipbuilding & Heavy Industry, ynr. G514201. 3.468 GT. Dim. 78,00 x 18,60 x 7,80. Engines: 2x Niigata, 6L28AHX, total: 5.990 bhp. Owner and operator: Go Invest Capital LP, Ellon. Launched in 2016 as *GS Sagittarius*.

Tug *Svitzer Estelle* (2023 – 9984144). Rastar 3200-W design. Yard: Uzmar Shipyards. Dim. 32,00 x 13,20 x 5,50 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-E, total: 6.865 bhp. Bollardpull: 80 tonnes. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Svitzer Marine Ltd., Middlesbrough.

**Scrapped:**

Tug *Boss Tug*, ex *Lady Laura* '00 (1967 – 6726852) owned and operated by Thames Towage, London has been sold for scrap in January 2024 to New Ross.

**UNITED STATES**

**Transactions:**

Tug *Aaron Joseph*, ex *American Eagle* '94 (1982 – 8128527) owned and operated by Crosby Marine Transportation Company has been sold in 2023 to new owner Marine Support LLC, Houma, LA and has been renamed *Emmett Joseph*.

Tug *Cheyenne* (2019 – USCG 1294381)

owned and operated by Inland Marine Service Inc. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Findley, OH. Name remains the same.

Tugs *Compas Dominator*, ex *David Reese* '13, *Crosby Challenger* '16 (1974 – 7390973) and *Compass Stallion*, ex *Lady Jill* '14, *Webb Crosby* '16 (1967 – 7337579) both owned and

operated by Next Generation Marine Company have been sold to new owner and operator Crosby Marine Transportation Company, Golden Meadow, LA and have been renamed resp. *Webb Crosby* and *Crosby Challenger*.

Towboat *DMO Ready*, ex *James W. Crawford* '93, *Mark L* '19 (1970 – USCG 525886) owned and operated by IntraTug has been renamed *Mr. Paul Mutta* in 2023.

AHTS *Gerard Jordan* (1998 – 9163348) owned by BZ Constructor LLC has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Atlantic Oceanic LLC, Providence, RI and has been renamed *Atlantic Power*.

OSV *Go Crusader*, ex *St. Joseph the Worker* '13, *Harvey Cougar* '22 (2011 – 9622655)

owned and operated by Go Crusader LLC has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Guice Offshore LLC, Lafayette, LA and has been renamed *Go Beyond*.

OSV *Harvey Lion*, ex *Infant Jesus of Prague* '14 (2010 – 9578737) owned by Harvey Lion LLC, operated by Harvey Gulf Int'l Marine LLC



**AMS RETRIEVER United Kingdom**

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**SD DOLPHIN United Kingdom**

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has been renamed *Gol Brave* in 2023. Tug *J.A. Bisso II* (1965 – 8623236) owned and operated by E.N. Bisso and Son Company has been sold to Belize based undisclosed interest.

Towboat *Koolcat*, ex *Sean L '90*, *Ray Eckstein '97* (1982 – USCG 644561) owned and operated by Kindra Lake Towing has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Middle River Marine, Molena, IL and has been renamed *Macey Lauren*.

OSV *Mia* (2006 – 9382877) owned by Island Ventures II LLC, operated by Edison Chouest Offshore LLC has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Hornbeck Offshore Services LLC, Covington, LA and has been renamed *HOS Black Hawk*.

Tug *Miss Yvette* (1975 – USCG 566996) owned and operated by Coastal Marine Constructors LLC, Stoughton, MA has been renamed *Chetta* in 2023.

OSV *MS Norma Lee*, ex *Lytal James '07*, *Odyssey Trek '13* (2004 – 9089396) owned and operated by MNM Boats Inc. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Freedom LLC, Vancouver, WA (CAN) and has been renamed *Freedom*.

Tug *Ruby M*, ex *Texaco Fire Chief '89* (1967 – 6804484) owned and operated by Dann Ocean Towing Company has been sold in 2023 to undisclosed interest.

Tug *Sea Coast* (1980 – USCG 625680) owned and operated by Dann Marine Towing Company has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Trinity Tugs LLC, Galliano, LA and has been renamed *Sherena B. Cheramie*.

OSV *Speciality Operator*, ex *Gulf Quest '02*, *Ocean Quest '19* (2001 – 8968741) owned



*SEA CHALLENGE II* United Kingdom

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and operated by Speciality Offshore Inc. has been sold in 2023 to new owner and operator Delilah Dean LLC, Houma, LA and has been renamed *Delilah Dean*.

Tug *Stalwart II*, ex *Stalwart '21* (1976 – 7507382) owned and operated by Marine Service Int'l Inc. has been renamed *Lotus V* in 2023.

#### Newbuildings:

Towboat *Andy Mac* (2023 – MMSI 368289330). Yard: Steiner Construction. Dim. 30,48 x 10,36 x 3,23 m. Engines: 2x Cummins, QSK38, total: 2.600 bhp. Emission Standard: Tier III. Owner and operator: Maritime Partners, Metairie, LA.

Towboat *Angela M. Aldrich* (2023 – MMSI 368307130). Yard: Steiner Construction. Dim. 25,76 x 10,36 x ? m. Engines: 2x Cummins, QSK38, total: 2.600 bhp. Owner and operator: Evansville (Ind) Marine Service Inc., Evansville, IN.

Tug *Artemis* (2023 – 1037804). RAport 2500-D design. Yard: Diversified Marine,

Portland OR. 307 GT. Dim. 23,47 x 12,19 x 4,26 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3516-E, total: 6.865 bhp. Bollardpull: 96 tonnes, speed: 12 kn. Emission Standard: Tier IV. Owner: Double Drum LLC, operator: Crowley Maritime Corp.

Towboat *Erin Elizabeth* (2022 – USCG 1273625). Yard: Main Iron Works, Houma, LA, ynr. 457. 287 GT. Dim. 27,49 x 10,36 x 3,29 m. Engines: 3x Cummins, QSK 38, total: 3.900 bhp. Owner and operator: Carver Marine Towing Co, Ravena, NY. Launched as *Jock Cenac*.

Towboat *Freedom* (2023 – USCG 1333590). Yard: Vessel Repair Inc., Port Arthur, TX, ynr. PB53. 397 GT. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3512-E, total: 2.680 bhp. Emission Standard: Tier IV. Owner and operator: Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga, TN.

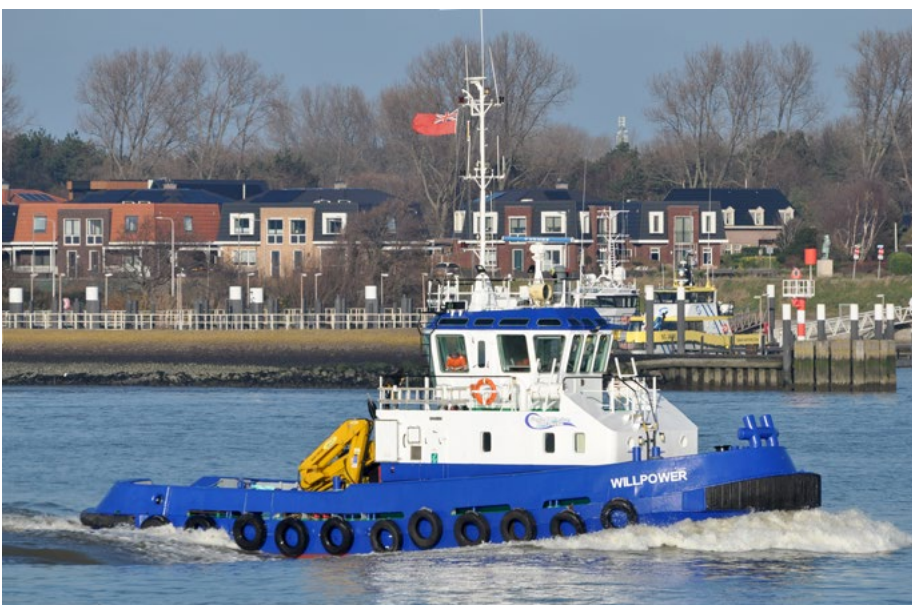
Towboat *Green Diamond* (2023 – USCG 1325947). Yard: San Jac Marine, Channelview, TX, ynr. PB411. 341 GT. Dim. 22,43 x 9,14 x 3,35 m. Engines: 2x Danfoss electric motors, total: 1.563 bhp. (if needed, Caterpillar generators). Owner and operator: Kirby Inland Marine, Houston, TX.

The hybrid system works by combining the diesel generators with batteries to deliver efficient power. It is the first plug-in diesel hybrid electric towboat in the United States.

Towboat *Kristy Dutsch* (2023 – MMSI 367096290). Yard: Steiner Shipyard, Bayou La Batre, AL. Dim. 23,16 x 10,67 x 3,29 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 32B, total: 4.000 bhp. Owner and operator: Florida Marine Transporters, Mandeville, LA.

Towboat *Laura Blessey Todd* (2022 – MMSI 368215660). Yard: Vessel Repair, Port Arthur, TX. Dim. 30,48 x 10,36 x ? m. Engines: 2x Cummins, QSK38-M1. Owner and operator: Blessey Marine Services, Elmwood, LA.

Tug *Layton K* (2023 – 9985590). RAport 2600 design. Yard: Master Boat Builders,



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Coden, AL. 199 GT. Dim. 24,32 x 11,73 x 5,09 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, 3512-E, total: 4.800 bhp. Emission Standard: Tier IV. Owner and operator: Bay Houston Towing Company, Houston, TX.

Tugs *NFE Explorer* (2023 – 9965124), *NFE Frontier* (2023 – 9980590), *NFE Pathfinder* (2023 – 9980605) and *NFE Vanguard* (2023 – 9984132). RAStar 3200-W design. Yard: Uzmar Gemi Ins ve Ticaret AS. 499 GT. Dim. 32,00 x 12,00 x 5,70 m. Owner and operator: New Fortress Energy, Wilmington, DE. Tugs *Signet Capella* (2023 – 9998535) and *Signet Sirius* (2023 – 9998444). ART92-32W design. Yard: Signet Shipbuilding. 491 GT. Dim. 31,51 x 13,89 x 4,78 m. Engines: 2x MTU, 12V4000 M65L, total: 7.725 bhp. Bollardpull: 92 tonnes. Owner and operator: Maritime Partners Services LLC, Metairie, LA.

**Scrapped:**

Research vessel *Deep Stim III*, ex *Gary Chouest '99*, *C-Searcher '03* (1982 – 8136544) owned and operated by Offshore Services Vessels LLC, Cut Off, LA has been sold for scrap in February 2023.

**Casualties:**

OSV *Bonnie G*, ex *Honorine '95*, *HOS Lone Wolf '96*, *Lone Wolf '01*, *Iye I '17*, *Century '20*, *Bella '22* (1981 – 8023864) owned by Third Lady LLC, operated by MMS Americas LLC, West Palm Beach broke her anchorchain on 4 October 2023 in storm Philippe off St. Thomas (US Virgin Islands) and drifted onto a coral reef. The crew was evacuated and on 30 October she was refloated and towed to St. Thomas.

Tug *New England Coast*, ex *New England Sun '97* (1966 – 7110866) owned and operated by Dann Marine Towing Company, Chesapeake, MD has sunk as part of the Shark River Reef, appr. 15 miles off of Manasquan Inlet off the coast of New Jersey.

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**Newbuilding:**

Tug *Hai Au 04* (2023 – 9963671). ASD 2811 design. Yard: Damen Shipyards, Song Cam, ynr. 513224. 299 GT. Dim. 28,57 x 10,80 x 4,60 m. Engines: 2x Caterpillar, total: 5.168 bhp. Speed: 13,1 kn. Owner and operator: Hoa Phat Dung Quat Steel JSC.

**In previous editions sales were reported without a new name, now this has become known.**

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OSVs *Topaz Endurance*, ex *Britoil Power '18* (2015 – 9678769) reported as being sold to



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Goodwood Shipping Pte. Ltd. operated by Fugro has been renamed *Fugro Resolve*.

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Tug *Condor*, ex *Kinsman Condor '00* (1995 - 9103300) owned and operated by Seabulk Towing Services Inc. has been changed operator to McAllister Towing and Transportation, New York, NY in 2022 and has been renamed *Suzanne McAllister*.

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