100th Alnmaritec Vessel Delivered



Alnmaritec has reached a landmark achievement with the launch of the 100th vessel built by the company. Endurance was launched in August of this year nearly a century after Shackleton's original boat, launched in 1912, and she is built for duties in wind farm maintenance support roles. As befits the famous name she carries the boat is built to excel whilst operating in extremely demanding conditions and she is one of the Alnmaritec Wave Commander class.

The *Endurance* has been built for the operators North Sea Logistics and she is the fifth in a series of sister vessels of the same design built for this company for support operations on offshore wind farms with a further vessel currently under construction at the yard.

Endurance is an aluminium asymmetric catamaran fitted with twin 875bhp Caterpillar C18 diesels engines driving conventional five bladed 800mm diameter fixed pitch propellers through Twin Disc MGX 5135 Quick Shift gearboxes. These give her a top speed of 25 knots and she is also fitted with twin electric bow thrusters which give her excellent manoeuvrability. Alnmaritec has paid particular attention to the standard of outfit in this vessel and she is fitted with wood panelling and trim in the interior, full suspension seating for the twelve passengers and two crew, full galley and WC as well as a turbine spares storage system. Dave Armstrong, the Managing Director of North Sea Logistics described Endurance as "the best boat that I have had built".

The company offers bespoke boats for a broad range of different roles from line handling and oil spill response to fish farming support and harbour patrol. It exports all over the world from the Antarctic to Africa and has built up an enviable reputation within the industry since it started building aluminium boats in the late 1980's.

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