New Survey Vessel for ABP



Associated British Ports (ABP) has awarded Blyth Workcats the contract for a new 14metre survey vessel to be built at the company's yard on Canvey Island, UK. The boat will be based on one of Blyth Workcats' established survey craft models but built to a bespoke design detailed to meet the specific requirements of ABP's hydrographic surveyors.

The vessel will be based in Hull and used for survey operations throughout the Rivers Humber, Ouse and Trent, covering the ports of Hull, Goole, Grimsby and Immingham. ABP's four Humber ports together handle more than 65 million tonnes of cargo annually. Immingham is currently the UK's largest port by volume and in 2017 Hull will be home to one of the UK's largest port developments; the GBP310 million Green Port Hull project.

The new ABP boat will powered by two lveco Cursor D90 engines de-rated to 550hp which will give it a top speed of 25 knots and a cruising speed of around 21 knots. The interior will provide two survey desks and comfortable seating for up to six surveyors. Outside it will be fitted with a hydraulic A-frame for the deployment of survey equipment, a P500L deck crane, a moon pool and an electric multibeam sonar deployment carriage.

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