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Southampton Marine Services launches new Aquaculture Service Vessel for Leco Marine

Southampton Marine Services has launched its latest vessel at its Ocean Quay shipyard in Southampton.

The 23 metre Alyssa is an aquaculture service vessel built for Scottish commercial diving and marine services company Leco Marine. Designed by Argyll Maritime Design Services the Alyssa will perform general fish farm work and is equipped with a net-cleaning and inspection system for the maintenance of fish-farm nets.

Leco Marine's largest vessel, the Alyssa is an ideal workboat platform with a spacious aft deck, high stability and excellent visibility of operations from the wheelhouse. The large deck cargo capacity and deck crane ensures that lifting and transportation of diving gear and net cleaning equipment is completed with ease. This capacity allows the company to diversify into other fish farm duties should the need arise.

Twin marine diesel Doosan V158TIH engines drive twin 4-bladed fixed pitch propellers via reverse reduction gear boxes. Each engine is fitted with dual station ZF electronic controls from wheelhouse and starboard forward side deck.

The vessel has also been designed to comfortably accommodate three crew overnight with single berth cabins and ample mess facilities.

"The completion of Alyssa marks a proud day for Southampton Marine Services," says managing director Chris Norman.

"This 23 metre aquaculture workboat is proof that we are the leading force in quality workmanship. We take great pride in delivering competitively priced vessels on time and to the owner's bespoke specification," he says.

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Speaking of the new vessel, Leco Marine managing director David Skea says, “This vessel design was chosen as I felt it was the most multi-role I had come across and was just the type of vessel we were looking for.

“The twin engine design and bow thruster makes her extremely manoeuvrable in and around fish farm cages whilst her shallow draft design will ensure the risk of catching on moorings or fish farm grids is minimised,” he says.

Southampton Marine Services was selected builder following a competitive tender process. “We have developed a close relationship with SMS through the build and are extremely satisfied with the service provided, says David Skea.

Chris Norman says, “We work closely with our vessel owners to develop and nurture a strong relationship and we very much look forward to seeing Leco Marine succeed with this new addition to their fleet,” he says.

“Our ever expanding family here at Southampton Marine Services looks forward to building, maintaining and converting more vessels this year. The expansion that we have seen on the back of signing contracts such as Leco Marine’s new build means that we now have a 200-person strong workforce and are able to assist in ensuring that UK shipbuilding skills are kept alive,” says Chris Norman.

The vessel is named after David Skea’s 3-year-old daughter Alyssa who will have the honour of christening her namesake at a ceremony on the Isle of Skye shortly after delivery.

Principal Particulars

Builder:	Southampton Marine Services, Ocean Quay, Southampton, United Kingdom
Design:	Argyll Maritime Design Services
Length:	23.0 metres OA
Breadth:	8.0 metres moulded
Draught:	2.3 metres
Propulsion:	2 x Doosan V158TIH diesel engines, each 353 kW @ 1800 rpm
Speed:	9 knots

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