



Macduff Ship Design, located in the far north of Scotland, is renowned throughout the United Kingdom and beyond for their tough, no-nonsense, tugs, fishing boats and work boats.



The 'Eileen McLoughlin', a 16-metre, 24TBP tug/line/pilot/survey/work boat is a typical example of the yard's high quality work.

Built for Belfast owner John McLoughlin and Sons, this attractive new tug is appropriately tough, versatile and strong. Macduff Ship Design Managing Director, Ian Ellis, said the 'Eileen McLoughlin' was tailor-made to meet the specific needs of her owner.

"The brief specified that the vessel should be versatile enough to complete multiple tasks, whilst keeping compromise in the design to a minimum," he said.

"With this in mind, the 'Eileen McLoughlin' is unique for its size in that it has the ability to complete bow and stern towing, dredging and general harbour duties as well as crane operations with low level cargo. It also encompasses some crew accommodation for overnight jobs, all in a compact design."

Offering bespoke vessel designs to meet exacting owner requirements, Macduff Ship Design has enjoyed a busy 2014, with

many new enquiries and customers, Mr Ellis continued.

"We have significantly strengthened our portfolio of proven vessels with the completion of several new designs which have included ASD tugs, work boats and a patrol vessel. Alongside this, we have also continued to win orders from both existing and new clients from all areas of the world."

Mr Ellis said the harbour tug industry "seems to be somewhat polarised at present", with strong demand for large new ASD vessels for handling sizeable vessels in large cargo hubs. At the other end of the spectrum, however, there are also many requests for smaller multi-role vessels – an ideal vessel type for Macduff Ship Design's design capabilities.

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