

BUSY TIMES AT CORNISH YARD

LT 1048 'Kindred Spirit' is the latest new fishing vessel to be launched at C. Toms & Son in Polruan, Cornwall.

She has been built for their Lowestoft-based client, Roger Klyne and joins his growing fleet.

'Kindred Spirit' has been designed by S.C. McAllister to be a sister ship to SU 516 'Spirited Lady III' which Roger bought from Lankford & Sons Fishing in 2015. The hull is identical but there have been alterations made to the interior layout with a smaller engine room and the accommodation moved down below.

The engine differs too as 'Kindred Spirit' has been fitted with a Volvo Penta (D13MH) and a Volvo Penta D5 generator package from Marine Engineering (Looe) Ltd whilst Spirited Lady's engine is a Scania. This is to take advantage of Volvo's great fuel economy.

The winch package on the vessel was supplied by Spencer Carter with hydraulics by Hercules Hydraulics and electronics by Kevin Green from Marine Electrical Services.

C. Toms & Son are currently building a 13.5m trawler for North Devon Trawlers and a 12m for Lankford & Sons with another 12m for DQ Boats about to start.

Paul Toms from the yard says "by building boats of a similar size and working regularly with the same suppliers, each build is benefitting from the lessons we've learnt from the last one. This means that we are adjusting our processes each time to make the project run more efficiently."

"One of the big changes we've made is that we are now starting the



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fit out of our boats at an early stage in the build before the hull plating is finished."

Whilst registered in Lowestoft, 'Kindred Spirit' will fish in the South West working out of Plymouth, Brixham and Newlyn.

C. Toms & Son Ltd is a family run business based in Polruan on the River Fowey in Cornwall.

The company runs a thriving boatyard building vessels up to 20m in steel and wood and offering a wide range of refit and maintenance services for commercial and leisure boat owners. C. Toms & Son has a national reputation in the fishing industry and has built boats for customers across the UK.

The boatyard continues a strong heritage of boat building that has taken place in Polruan for centuries. It has two slipways that

can accommodate vessels up to 300 tonnes and craneage facilities to 50 tonnes together with a well stocked chandlery, fuel sales, showers and laundry facilities.

In addition, C. Toms & Son runs

the Bodinnick Car Ferry which provides a daily service for across the river between Bodinnick and Fowey and also Polruan Ferry Company Ltd which operates the passenger ferry service between Polruan and Fowey.



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