

# Victory Rose launched at Whitby

Last month, Parkol Marine in Whitby, saw the latest addition to the Lockers Trawlers fleet, named in a stunning and sunlit ceremony at the famous shipyard on the River Esk.

'Victory Rose' WY 34, the new sister to successful pair trawler 'Our Lass III', WY 261 was christened in suitable style by Sheila Locker, in front of a gathered 300 guests in glorious sunshine, in a fitting and worthy ceremony.

As the champagne duly cascaded over her starboard bow to rapturous applause, the dawn of a new era in pair trawling was heralded for this most famous of Whitby families. Destined to fish the North Sea in tandem with her already successful partner Our Lass WY 261 and land into Peterhead, the new vessel designed by Ian Paton BSc CEng MRINA, the yard's



Jim Morrison, Arnold Locker, Victory Rose Skipper James Locker and brother Andrew were well received, paying tribute to the skill and craftsmanship involved and the family's foresight in investing for the future and planning for succession in the business. The evening concluded with live entertainment and fireworks.

Victory Rose is the latest of five vessels that the Whitby yard have built over the years for Locker Trawlers, and is destined for handover at the end of July, following her sea trials.

She will then team up with Our Lass III to pair trawl for whitefish in the Northern North Sea.

chief architect, was then blessed in a traditional style by Steve Murray, Superintendent of Peterhead's Fishermans Mission, who wished her and her crew, God's speed and safe and bountiful fishing.

Following the ceremony, all the guests were invited back to The Stables at nearby Cross Butts, for a lavish reception that evening, where a superb seafood buffet had been laid on, showcasing some of the finest local fish and shellfish. Speeches from Parkol director

Having christened the vessel, the family addressed the gathered friends and guests with Andrew Locker thanking all involved with her design, construction and support. Parkol Marine were applauded for their expertise, fine craftsmanship and historic links with the Locker businesses.

The celebrations were made doubly special for the Locker family as they celebrate 30 years in the fishing industry with father Arnold starting the business back in the 1970's. Victory Rose is named after the boat skippered by Arnold's Uncle Alf and restores yet another historic link for this renowned Yorkshire fishing family.

