

NEW LOOK MENHADEN FOR CASTLETOWNBERE



The improved Menhaden.

Castletownbere Harbour was full of well-wishers recently as Larry Murphy brought the newly lengthened "Menhaden back the West Cork port for the first time.

Acquired in 2004 as replacement for the family's 1979-built vessel of the same name, The Menhaden has had a new 8.4 metre section

inserted midships which brings her length from 41.3M to an impressive 49.7m. Larry also used the opportunity of being at Karstensens Shipyard in Skagen to install an upgraded RSW and Pumping system and to carry out other alterations.

Originally built at the Karstensens

Shipyard and bought through the brokerage firm Atlantic Shipping AS, the 49.7m Menhaden (originally Silva Nova), with beam of 10m and depth of 4.8m, had been the largest tank boat in Finland and operated mainly in the Baltic Sea when built.

Having been built to operate in

temperatures as low as minus 20 degrees, the vessel is double insulated and is classed as DNV + 1A1 - EO Ice B - (also known as 'Extra Ice' class) with double frames throughout and has the capability of steaming through ice over half a metre in thickness without difficulty.

The vessel's design was ahead of the times as Menhaden was one of the first Irish or UK vessels to take fish in at the stern which was then pumped forward to the separator and then to the tanks - a design concept and adaption that has become popular with owners of Irish and Scottish pelagic vessels in recent years.

The lengthening has provided 3 extra RSW tanks and also a newly built deck house that will be used for sampling and weighing the catch.

A new ammonia based RSW system was supplied by Frio Nordica and a new Desmi seawater pump was installed.

Seaquest, Killybegs supplied the Menhaden with a new 10 tonne mooring winch which was



New ammonia RSW system.



Wheelhouse console.

installed by the yard and also a new 16" fish pump. Karstensens also moved the main deck crane to a new position forward.

Finally the vessel was sandblasted and repainted all over by the yard including the existing RSW tanks.

The Menhaden is powered by a complete package from Wartsilla including the Vasa 6R32E main engine with SCV 69-P46 gearbox with 4.6:1 reduction with auxiliary power from Wartsilla 6L20 and Leroy LSA52 VS4 engines and a Valmet 612 DS1G harbour generator set. This package also includes a Wartsilla 9PR4-11HS3 propellor in a Kort nozzle and S-A 1850/180 F1 Becker rudder with a Ulstein 45TV bow thruster and Ulstein Tenfjord SR 622 steering gear.

The vessel's comprehensive range of deck equipment comprises of a winch package from EK Marine and includes two 40 tonne split winches, two 28 tonne netdrums, one 35 tonne top line winch, one 20 tonne tail winch, two 7.3 tonne auxiliary winches and two 5 tonne net sounder winches



New deck layout.

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Split ready for lengthening at Karstensens Shipyard.



New Desmi main pump.



The two Menhadens side by side in 2004.

The vessel's wheelhouse is fitted with a range of state-of-the-art electronics, some of which was already installed but the package had been enhanced with the transfer of some equipment from the previous Menhaden as well as the addition of some new equipment supplied and installed by Barry Electronics.

pelagic vessels would some day come with gymnasiums installed, the Menhaden goes one step further in that she is probably the only fishing vessel in the whole of the Irish and British fleets to have a fully operational sauna installed. This is not intended as a show of opulence but was in fact a regulation for larger fishing vessels in Finland who must often operate in sub-zero temperatures.

While fishermen of days gone by would have never believed that

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Larry Murphy in the wheelhouse.



Trawl station.

BACKGROUND

Larry Murphy set out on his fishing career in 1963 on board the Jasper but soon joined the late Frank Downey firstly on the 70ft Scottish-built Sea Flower and then on Purple Heather and later on Joan Patrica. One year later Larry joined the Patrica and from there he went on to skipper his first vessel Fiona Patrica in 1974.

After five successful years Larry ordered the building of the first Menhaden in 1979. Over the first few years he paired with several different vessels including the Kinnure, Azure Sea and with Kevin McHugh's Wavecrest. He then joined up with his colleague and mentor from earlier years when pairing up with Frank Downey on the Sea Spray, with the Draocht na Mara acting as a third vessel. Despite Frank Downey's untimely death some years ago, the partnership between the Murphy and Downey families has lasted till the present day.

Larry is also a director of Fast Fish Ltd.

The Skipper wishes Larry, Carol and the Murphy family and crew every success for the future with the new improved Menhaden.

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