

New potter for Western Isles

Iain Johnson, Benbecula has arrived back in his homeport of Petersport with his new Cygnus Cyclone potter "VESPER"

The 38' vessel was built and fitted out by FM Marine services on Valentia Island and after sea trials was steamed the 400 miles home by Iain and longtime crewman Callum MacIntyre.

The project began after Iain paid a visit to the FM Marine Services stand at Skipper Expo int, Aberdeen in 2014. After placing the order for the new build the design and specification was developed in collaboration with Iain and yard owner Fionan Murphy. As Vesper is primarily a day boat, emphasis was placed on a large working deck, sea keeping abilities and a good turn of speed.

Iain will fish the vessel in the waters around Benbecula and Eriskay targetting Prawns, lobster and Crab with creels supplied by Caithness Creels. The catch will be landed to local company Kallin Shellfish for mainly export.

"Vesper" is fitted with a FPT Iveco Cursor C90 main engine with a Twin Disc gear box driving a 50mm shaft with a 25" 5 blade prop attached. The engine also powers the Jabsco deck wash pump which doubles as an emergency bilge pump to all the water tight compartments.

Iain opted for a 1.5ton Spencer Carter Hydraulic package supplied and fitted by Derek Noble with a variable displacement Rexroth hydraulic pump driven off the main gearbox. The Rexroth pump is a load sensing design that provides power on demand and keeps the load off the hydraulic system when steaming or idling. The Hauler is mounted on the Wheel house back bulkhead which was angled forward to Stb to give best possible hauling angle over the heavy duty stainless steel Gunwale roller.

Inboard of the roller is a purpose built pot table with removable bait boxes, and on the gunwale aft



of the pot table is the control station which houses the Second Kobelt engine control, and Hydraulic joy sticks for the hauler and bow thruster.

The yard capped the gunwhales with stainless steel sheet and stainless steel removable railings and a spacious stern cat catcher were fitted. The hull was also clad with stainless at the starboard side hauling rail.

FM Marine Services fitted the comprehensive Electronics package Iain had provided which included.

2 X Icom VHF with AIS, Maxsea Plotter, Furuno BSD Sounder, Simrad 4G Radar, Furuno Sat Compass and a Simrad A70 Autopilot. The yard fitted the equipment into a custom made console with flush fitting 19" Neovo flat screen displays.

Commenting on the boats delivery, Fionan

Murphy took the opportunity to wish the Iain and his family many years of safe and successful fishing.

Speaking to The Skipper on the pier at Knightsdown before beginning the trip home Iain was full of praise for Fionan Murphy and his team:

"I am very pleased with the boat. It is exactly as i envisaged it would be when i placed the order with Fionan. His team have done an outstanding job and it was well worth the trip to Ireland to have it built here."

The Skipper would like to wish Iain, Ann Marie and family good fishing and safe passage for the future.

For more information on the Cygnus range or other services offered by FM Marine Services visit www.cygnusboats.com or contact Fionan at 00353669476883.



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