

# New Multi Use Cat For Aran Islands



Inis Mór islander Tommy Flaherty has taken delivery of his new multi-purpose catamaran "Westward"

Westward is a 10 metre Cougar displacement built to Seafish standard, Irish P5 passenger code and Irish commercial fishing class which was a challenge in its self.

Tommy will use the vessel for potting Crab & Lobster, gill netting and sea angling as well as carrying

passengers to the island from Rossaveal when required.

The vessel is fitted with twin Nanni Diesel main engines with PRM gearboxes a top speed of 14knts and a cruising speed economically at 10knts. 500 LT fuel tanks are fitted both sides and Both engines are fitted with hydraulic pumps with the port side proving power for the net stacker and the starboard side taking care of the slave and net hauler.

Each engine powers a 1¼ inch deck wash which are also rigged to act as bilge pumps as well.

Pat Maguire from Galway supplied and fitted the comprehensive wheelhouse electronics package on westward. The range of equipment included a Koden 4kw Radar, Koden Colour Sounder, Koden Gyro Compass, 2 x Icom DSC VHF's, An Icom AIS, Sodena Plotter and a back up Onwa

Plotter/Sounder.

A complete Solent Engineering Hydraulic package as well as extensive stainless rails and mast was ordered at the Skipper Expo, Galway show

Audacious Marine made a one off roof with a hatch in to make unloading easier and this vessel was the first to have a wider wheelhouse by 0.5m and 1m

longer to accommodate passengers plus double outside GRP seating. An outside toilet with running hot and cold water is provided for passenger use and crew accommodation is available on the port side under the wheelhouse.

The main deck has 3 doors built into the rails, port, starboard and stern with a shooting ramp for pots

Medley Pots and Swan Net Gundry supplied Westward with Pots, Ropes. Gill Nets and assorted chandlery

Tommy collected Westward at Ramsgate for the long steam home averaging 10 knts with only 2 stops. The Vessel Name Westward comes from Tommy's last vessel "Westward Isle"

Speaking to the Skipper, Paul Canon from Audacious Marine said; "Tommy was an absolute pleasure to work with and a true gentleman. We wish him and his family every success with Westward".



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO TOMMY & CREW ON THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR NEW VESSEL "WESTWARD"**

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