

Commercial Tug Owner/Captain Finds Easier Handling With WESMAR Thrusters

Captain Fred Dahl knows tugs. He's been the Owner/President of Dahl Tug & Barge since 1967 and his fleet of seven tugs do their fair share of business.

For contract or charter, his boats travel to Alaska, down the coast of Washington and Oregon. They have been to the East coast and have done some international work as well. "We'll go wherever the water is deep enough," Dahl said.

A fleet of seven and chartering them out means multiple captains. For good reason, Dahl was concerned with their maneuverability. "So many captains are used to increased maneuverability of docking with twin screw boats. Because mine aren't twin screw, I needed a thruster to make a big difference in their handling."

With lengths exceeding 100 feet, Dahl knew the maneuverability had to be



A WESMAR DPC75 was installed on the Neptune in 1996 to increase her maneuverability.

tight for towing jobs as well as docking. For the increased handling he needed, Dahl chose to install a hydraulic WESMAR DPC75 on the 102' Neptune.

"It makes a big difference in the characteristics of the boat. You can turn her around in her own length and hold to the barge or dock so deck hands can get a line up," he said. "It also takes a lot of stress out of docking."

"The ease of installation is great and WESMAR products are fairly priced. Their customer service is excellent. These things made the decision was easy."



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