

“I Will Definitely Choose WESMAR Again”

Powerful Bow Thruster Makes Workboat A Marvel of Mobility

When the oil production fields are busy, the entire Gulf of Mexico Coast is buzzing. Arguably the greatest work boat coast in the world, the Gulf is home to numerous workhorse vessels, built to perform on short notice and serve as the linchpins in one of the world's most explosive marketplaces. To meet production requirements that sometimes change overnight, work boat owners and operators constantly search for ways to improve their vessel efficiency and safety. At Callais Enterprises, a new product accomplished both of these initiatives.

The addition of a WESMAR bow thruster has been a tremendous success story according to owner Jim Callais. He has witnessed improved vessel performance after installing a WESMAR DPC75-150-hp thruster on his 135' x 32' vessel, Kylie D.

Callais has been a consistent contributor and proprietor in this region for a long time. As the owner of Callais Enterprises in Raceland, Louisiana, his experience and equipment have helped several major companies fulfill their objectives. Callais has additionally overseen the growth of his company (launched in 1985) into one of the most respected in the region. His exceptional crew has consistently been recognized for the experience and professionalism they bring to each job. Serving as a supply ship in



Gulf of Mexico oil field boat, Kylie D, chose a WESMAR DPC75-150 Bow Thruster.

rugged seas where safe pick-up and delivery are critical tasks, requires plenty of experience and Callais Enterprises has always been able to provide quality service. Companies with business in the Gulf choose Callais because of the group's attention to detail.

Since installing WESMAR's counter-rotating DPC150 horsepower bow thruster, the Kylie D is surprisingly nimble on the water. The ability to maneuver effortlessly and safely while docking in tight quarters saves time. This is a factor that will set the Kylie D apart in the competitive work boat industry.

Callais considers the WESMAR unit to be the ideal work boat maneuvering tool: a powerful thruster that is not noisy nor space consuming. "The unit was easy to install according to Gulf Coast Air & Hydraulics and our technical experts were amazed at the amount of power the thruster generated in such a small package," says Callais.

The WESMAR counter rotating design with a second propeller cre-

ates greater power by converting wasted swirl into axial thrust producing up to 40 percent more thrust with the same input power. The use of a smaller tunnel almost pays for the unit and the smaller tube allows for installation deeper and further forward, which provides better leverage and avoids cavitation from close to the surface installation.

"The captain of the boat tells me they do not even hear it," says Callais. "The thruster is nice and quiet, unlike some of the engine mounted versions we have tried in the past. I will definitely choose WESMAR again," said Callais. Their service and the performance of their equipment has been outstanding."

