

## Thruster Customer Report

# WESMAR Performs Well In Demanding Offshore Oil Industry

Modern Oil Supply Vessels Choose WESMAR Tunnel Thruster for Added Control

In July Seacor Marine Inc. of Houston Texas took delivery of the all-aluminum 165 foot long by 30-foot wide crew supply vessel, Keith G. McCall, and in October they received its sister ship, Milton R. McCall, same size, same MO.

The vessels were built by Gulf Craft, out of Patterson, LA, and join more than 50 crew/ supply boats Gulf Craft has delivered to McCall Boat Rentals (now Seacor) over the past 20 years, according to Joe McCall Western Operations Manager for Seacor and formerly of McCall Boat Rentals. Together they represent greater comfort and control, thanks in part to the installation of a WESMAR 200 HP tunnel thrusters.

"The WESMAR is doing a good job for us," said Joe McCall. The Keith G. McCall is working off Carmen in Mexico for the Mexican Oil Company. "In the months that the WESMAR Vortex thruster has been on board our new Keith G. McCall supply boat, we are very well pleased...This powerful unit handles the boat just as our demanding customers require," said Norman McCall, Manager, Seacor Marine.

The Keith G. and Milton R. are examples of a trend in crew/ supply vessels that oil companies who charter them want: Greater com-



*The 165 foot supply boat, Keith G. McCall, is one of Seacor Marine's newest additions. It is currently operating in the coastal waters of Mexico with a new WESMAR Vortex 200 hp bow thruster.*

fort and more speed. The interiors are similar to a new jet airliner or a luxury passenger ferry, with comfortable reclining business class bucket seats in an air-conditioned main deck cabin. Special accommodations for passengers include a refreshment area with snack and beverage vending, a communications room equipped with cellular phone, fax, and computer with email capabilities, two 30" televisions with VCRs, AM/ FM stereo receiver with CD player and Dolby Surround Sound. Everything for comfort. And it transcends to the crew's quarters as well providing all the comforts of home.

It's no surprise with all these comforts that Seacor would add

a tunnel thruster system to ensure the comfort and control for its work in the oil fields. These are the first two of Seacor's vessels to install the powerful WESMAR tunnel thruster allowing smooth docking, and to hold position in the often-rough offshore waters where the oil rig platforms are stationed.

Key to the speed of the vessels are a combination of four Cummins KT-50-M2 engines that produce 1,800 hp each at 1,900 RPM, plus oversized Hamilton 811 water jets. The gears are Twin Disc 6848's, and these vessels use a pair of Cummins 6BT5.9-G2 diesels driving 99 kW generators. A fifth Cummins engine, a 6CTA8.3-D, powers a WESMAR 200 hp tunnel thruster.



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