

25m Our Lass III ordered at Whitby

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Lockers Trawlers Ltd. of Whitby placed an order for a versatile 25m whitefish vessel with local boat builders Parkol Marine Engineering last Friday.

The latest hull and propulsion technology will be a key feature of the vessel, which, as the biggest order placed by owners in England for fourteen years, represents a highly significant achievement for the two progressive Whitby Companies.

With a registered length of 23.95m and 8m of beam, the fully shelterdecked Our Lass III will feature a totally new hull form and centerline package that has been developed through a evaluative programme of optimisation tests to meet the owners specific requirements in terms of carrying capacity, speed, seakeeping and fuel efficiency.

Arnold Locker, MD of Lockers Trawlers Ltd. said, "When the opportunity arose to consider replacing Our Lass II, the consistently successful performance of which paved the way for the new build, we decided to take it. That two years of work have already gone into this build shows the amount of research and development work that has already gone into the project behind the scenes. Rather than being a new boat per se, Our Lass III is one part of a full ancillary package that includes catch marketing, quota management and a very experienced and loyal crew, led by skippers James Locker and Steven Veart.

Skipper James Locker added, "With constant changes in fishing opportunities, particularly in relation to quotas for some of our main species, being able to operate with optimum levels of practical efficiency and financial viability is of paramount importance. By investing in new cutting edge new technology, Ian Paton (Naval Architect) of S C McAllister & Co Ltd. and Parkol Marine Engineering lead from the front in terms of delivering highly efficient vessels built to the highest standards."

Our Lass III will feature a triple Mitsubishi engine package. This will include a S6R2 propulsion unit, SLBA3 electrical/hydraulic auxiliary engine and a 6016 genset. Fuel capacity will be 25,000 litres, some of which will be carried in double bottom fuel tanks under the floor of the fishroom, which will have a working capacity of some 1150 boxes.

Rapp Ecosse UK Ltd. of Peterhead will supply the trawler's full deck machinery package. This will include three 15t split trawl winches, two of which will be mounted on the shelterdeck aft of the wheelhouse. A third winch, fitted with larger diameter flanges for use when pair-seining, will be located forward on the main deck. Two 2 x 12t net drums will be positioned as customarily on the quarter. A 5t bagging winch will also be mounted on the starboard side of the trawl gantry.

Our Lass III will be the fourth new trawler Parkol Marine Engineering has built for Lockers Trawlers Ltd. since 1999 when the 18.25 Rebecca WY 790 was launched. The similar sized Our Lass WY 797 was completed the following year, before being replaced in 2007 by the 21.5m Our Lass II WY 261, which earlier this year moved to Ireland after being bought by Ivan and Eamon Wilde of Skerries.

Our Lass III is scheduled to be delivered in the spring of next year.

PHOTOGRAPH CAPTIONS

Skipper James Locker signs the order for Parkol Marine Engineering to build a versatile 25m whitefish vessel supported by Richard Barker (Marketing Director Lockers Trawlers Ltd.) and Jim Morrison (Director of Parkol Marine Engineering) and standing L-R Andrew Oliver, James Morrison (Parkol) and Arnold Locker

Profile of the versatile 25m whitefish vessel which is designed for single, pair and twin rig trawling.

