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CAPT. JIM MCALLISTER

A nearly 7,000 hp Tier 4 McAllister Towing tractor tug

The Capt. Jim McAllister, the fourth in a series of four 100- by 40-foot, 80-metric-ton bollard pull tugboats, has joined McAllister Towing of Charleston, S.C. The vessel is the 33rd tractor tug in McAllister's fleet.

The Capt. Jim is powered by twin ABS Caterpillar 3516E Tier 4 EPA Certified Marine Diesel Engines each delivering 3,386 hp at 1,800 rpm. Main propulsion is by two Schottel SRP-510 Z-drives fixed pitch driven via two Lufkin MV1600S reduction gears with 2:1 reduction.

The vessel's fire pump and monitors include one FFS Model SEP150x200HD, 3,000 gpm, with two FFS Model 300M monitors at 1,500 gpm each.

It has one Markey Machinery Series DEPCF-52-75 single drum hawser winch that is bow mounted and one ABS Markey Machinery Series DEPC-42-40 Single drum tow winch mounted on the stern.

The tug achieved nearly 91 tons (or 82.50 metric tons) during its ABS bollard pull certification and had a maximum pull of 83.70 tons.

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most powerful EPA Tier 4 tugs in the McAllister fleet. Combining its eco-friendly Cat engines with Markey winches on the bow and stern puts the Capt. Jim at the forefront of ship docking tugs on the U.S. East Coast and supplying McAllister's customers with the power they need to make their port connections in a timely fashion.

The Capt. Jim McAllister was delivered from Eastern Shipbuilding on August 16 and set sail for its new homeport in Charleston on August 20.

Capt. Steven Kicklighter, McAllister's vice president and general manager, said he is eager to put the tug into service. "We are excited and proud to be able to bring the newest level of service to our customers in Charleston," he said. "The Capt. Jim will make a huge difference here. We are receiving 1,200-foot, 14,000 TEU containerships on an almost daily basis. This tug, with her capabilities, will be able to safely handle these ships and even larger ones with exceptional control and power. McAllister and our team in Charleston are ready!"

The Capt. Jim McAllister is named after James P. McAllister, the legendary

second-generation McAllister who joined the company in 1885. Capt. McAllister's combination of brain and brawn, along with his fighting Irish spirit, led McAllister Towing on its route at the beginning of the 20th century and the company is honored to name this state-of-the-art tug after him.

McAllister Towing operates a fleet of more than 75 tugboats, crew boats and barges in 17 locations along the U.S. East Coast from Portland, Maine, to San Juan, P.R. The fleet of over 270,000 hp, consists of 28 Z-drive/ tractor tugs, 11 Tier 2 compliant tugs, more than 20 vessels involved in coastal towing and 35 ABS load line classed vessels.

