

Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. Commences Steel Cutting for Weeks Marine, Inc. Vessel R.B. Weeks



Left to Right: Hans Bloomberg of Weeks Marine, Inc., Brian D'Isernia ESG, Kenneth Munroe ESG, Jamie Keel ESG, Benny Bramblette ESG, and Bob Babb ESG

Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. is pleased to announce that on, **August 19, 2020**, Eastern commenced steel cutting for **R.B. WEEKS**, ESG Hull 258, a new Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger for Weeks Marine, Inc. following the contract signing four (4) months earlier. The new vessel will be constructed at Eastern's Allanton Shipyard Panama City, Florida. This is the second Trailing Suction Hopper Dredge project for Weeks Marine, the **MAGDALEN**, ESG Hull 256 was delivered back in December of 2017. This reflects Eastern's commitment to building complex dredge vessels for the US Jones Act maritime industry and secures its long history of being a successful diversified U.S. Shipbuilder supporting repeat customers.

The **R.B.WEEKS**, (ESG Hull 258) is named in honor of Richard B. Weeks, a co-founder of Weeks Marine and married to Magdalen Weeks, the namesake of the sister vessel **MAGDALEN** (ESG 256), also built by Eastern and delivered in December 2017. This new Trailing Suction Hopper Dredge is scheduled for delivery early 2023.

The Trailing Suction Hopper Dredge features the following characteristics:

Vessel Name:	R.B. WEEKS
ESG Hull#:	258
Dimensions (Overall):	356' x 79'-6" x 27'-3"
Designer:	Royal IHC
Main Engines:	(2) GE 16V250 MDC IMOIII/EPA Tier 4
Main Propulsion:	(2) Wartsila CPP in Nozzles
Main Gears:	(2) Siemens (Flender)
Bow Thruster:	(1) AC 730kW VFD Fixed Pitch Tunnel Unit
Main Shaft Generators:	(2) x 3400ekW
Auxiliary Generator:	(1) GE 6L250 MDC (1423ekW) IMOIII/EPA Tier 4
Emergency Generator:	(1) Caterpillar C18 (430ekW) IMOII/EPA Tier 3
Classification:	Lloyd's Register, ✕100A1 Hopper Dredger, ✕LMC, UMS
Flag & Regulatory:	USA, USCG
Hopper Capacity:	8,550 yd ³ (6540m ³)
Accommodations:	26 Person

Eastern is proud to be part of the Weeks Marine, Inc's. Team, building another dredge vessel, investing in the maritime future of America, and constructing this state-of-the-art "Jones Act" vessel to meet our Country's growing needs.

