

Watch out for the new generation of project vessels



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PES is pleased to bring you a preview of the latest multipurpose vessels: the new R-Class, from Spliethoff, built in the Zhejiang Ouhua shipyard in China. The ships will be just the ticket for the offshore wind industry.

Amsterdam-based shipping company Spliethoff has placed an order for six multipurpose vessels at the Zhejiang Ouhua Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., shipyard in China and are looking forward to a long partnership.

Spliethoff is a dry cargo and multi-purpose specialist. It was established in 1921 and over the years has built up an excellent reputation for its high quality standards and for being a reliable, loyal partner.

These new, state of the art, R-Class vessels have been designed to comply with the Polar Code and are therefore highly suitable to trade in remote areas such as the Arctic.

Working for the wind industry means it's very important to be ecological, both in terms of the environment and emissions. So with this in mind, they will be optimised for fuel efficiency and equipped with scrubbers which will also reduce their environmental footprint to a minimum, and ensure they are ready for SCR and Tier III compliance.

These will be highly suitable to operate in the specialised breakbulk market, with heavy and outsized cargoes. They have an unobstructed hold length of over 100 metres and heavy lift cranes which are combinable up to 800 metric tons lifting capacity. Their overall length is 165 metres, with a deadweight of approximately 18,000 metric tons.

The accommodation, including the navigation bridge, is situated at the bow end of the vessel. This means any ultra-long pieces will be well protected when carried on deck.

The hull has been designed for optimal stream line and minimal water resistance.

The ships are compliant with the future global sulphur regulations and make use of sulphur abatement technology. Plus the other advantage is they can operate on MGO.

The personnel whether on board the ships or in various ports, all over the world, are highly trained, motivated and totally committed to maintaining quality standards. The company has a firm commitment to training and health and safety.

The offshore wind industry is awaiting the arrival of these vessels with baited breath and

the first one of the series, named mv Raamgracht is scheduled to be delivered late 2018, followed, every two months, by her 5 sisters: mv Realegracht, mv Reguliersgracht, mv Rijpgracht, mv Ringgracht and mv Rozengracht. 2. These 6 new vessels herald a new era in offshore transport.

Any project – large or small – requires a vast amount of planning, coordination and expertise. By getting involved in the planning process as early as possible, Spliethoff provides its clients with detailed, workable solutions and adds value to projects.

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Spliethoff is an independent, ship owning company, which with its daughter companies, today, make the Spliethoff Group. It manages a fleet of 50 multipurpose, geared, tween deck vessels, ranging from 11,000 to 23,000 DWT which all fly the Dutch flag.

Being the founding father, Spliethoff can call upon the assistance of the members of the Spliethoff Group: BigLift Shipping, one of the leading operators in the worldwide heavy lift market; Ro-Ro operator Transfennica, Finland's leading provider of logistic services for the forestry industry and shortsea specialist Wijnne Barends. In total about 100 vessels are operated by the Group.

Other members of the group are Sevenstar Yacht Transport, boat shipping and Bore, tonnage provider.

The Spliethoff Group is committed to the safety of its employees, contractors and third parties, the vessels and their cargoes. As well as adhering to the very latest industry safety standards, the company works hard to identify risks and provides specific training about any new topics or special projects, ensuring employees are kept up to date.

Spliethoff has a solid track record and decades of experience in the offshore sector and frequently handles project cargo of all sorts.