

New Mekanord gearbox for Shetland trawler Arcturus LK59

Currently Arcturus LK59 with home port in Lerwick, Shetland Islands is undergoing repair and upgrade work including installation of a new Mekanord gearbox at Vestkajens Maskinvaerksted in Hirtshals.

We decided to take a trip to Hirtshals to meet one of valued and loyal customers, Mr. Bobby Sandison, skipper and part owner of the British single/twin-rig whitefish trawler Arcturus LK59.

Arcturus is in dock to have a new 500HS Mekanord marine gearbox installed as well as having a general inspection and maintenance repairs. Part of the work is also installation of a new maneuver control system from Lyngaa Marine.

Arcturus was built by Coastal Marine Boatbuilders in 2000. Her home port is Whalsay in the Shetland Islands and with a length of 26 meters and a weight of 302 tons she is one of the larger fishing vessels.

Bobby has been a skipper for 27 years and with him on board the Arcturus are his two sons Gary and Robert. Robert works as engineer and has been there from the beginning when the vessel was built. Gary works as a deckhand and joined his father and older brother Robert in 2003, when he finished school. They are a crew of 6 people and apart from Bobby, Gary and Robert there is also Kevin on board, who is the 2. Skipper/engineer. Two other crew members are back home as they work in shifts.

When Arcturus was built, she had a Mekanord 500HS marine gearbox installed and after 20+ years of operation it is now time to have the old gearbox replaced.



From the left: Gary, Kevin, Robert and Bobby

"The gearbox has performed really well, and we have experienced more than 20 years of trouble-free service. I know the equipment well, so it was an easy decision to choose a Mekanord marine gearbox yet again",
says Skipper Bobby Sandison.

ME Production are pleased to yet again collaborate with Mr. Bobby Sandison and we wish him, his crew and Arcturus many more years of smooth sailing.

