



Newsletter May 2017

ETA 54th Annual Meeting to be the biggest of its history

ETA 2017 has already made its mark before starting, since it has registered a record attendance to the Annual Meeting. When there is only one day left, 160 people have confirmed their participation. Among these, ETA will host 115 delegates representing its full and associated members.

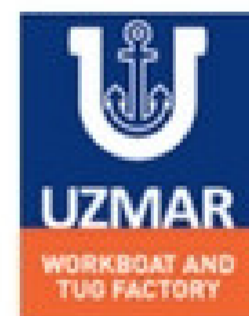
This year's ETA Annual Meeting will be again the best scenario for discussing the future of the European towage sector, networking and enjoying the beauty and hospitality of Trieste and its surroundings during three days. The programme is filled with varied activities that offer both delegates and their partners and guests a good token of Italian cuisine, culture and style. The highlight of the Annual Meeting will be the Gala Dinner at Duino Castle, one of the jewels of the Adriatic coast. You can find the programme of this year Annual Meeting here.



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ETA member Ostensjo Rederi receives Europe´s first dual fuel tugboat

DUX, Europe´s first dual fuel tugboat using LNG and Diesel was successfully delivered to Ostensjo Rederi at the end of May. The vessel constructed by Astilleros Gondán and designed by ETA´s associated member Robert Allan Ltd, is going to provide tug services to Norwegian state-owned energy company Statoil, at the far-north terminal located in Melkøya.

DUX is the first of a series of three tugboats following the brand new RAstar 4000-DF class tugs. Among other services, the boat will assist with berthing operations and will be maintained in readiness for emergency services such as long line towing, fire-fighting, and oil spill response.

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The European Commission calls for the transposition of EU Directives affecting the maritime sector

The EC has requested Austria, Cyprus, Portugal and Romania to fully transpose EU law on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues (Commission Directive (EU) 2015/2087). This Directive require ships to notify a number of information before entry into port, such as the volumes and types of waste to be delivered and storage capacity on-board. The 4 Member States have been given two months to remedy the situation; otherwise, the EU Commission may decide to refer them to the Court of Justice of the EU.

Moreover, The EC has asked Cyprus, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Portugal and Slovenia to fully transpose EU rules on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (Directive 2014/94/EU). The main purpose of the Directive is to establish a common framework for the large-scale roll-out of alternative fuels infrastructure in Europe.

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Next events

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