

New Cleopatra for east coast



The year got off to a good start for the east coast inshore sector with the addition of a fine craft to the Dun Laoghaire fleet. Bobby Creedon's *Haligarian J* is a state-of-the-art Cleopatra 33 built by the Icelandic firm Trefjar Ltd and sold through that firm's UK & Irish agents Watermota.

The Cleopatra's proven reputation for being a solid and reliable sea craft is evident with this being the 319th Cleopatra produced by Trefjar - and is extremely popular with Scandinavian

fishermen with growing numbers of UK and Irish fishermen now beginning to appreciate this hull's strength and performance in all weather conditions. *Haligarian J* has overall dimensions of 33ft in length, 3.6ft in breadth and depth of 1.3ft.

Powerwise, this is the first Cleopatra to be fitted with a DOOSAN main engine, supplied and installed by Watermota who, as well as being agents for Cleopatra, are also the UK and Irish agents for Daewoo and Westerbeke

engines. *Kaligarian J*'s Doosan is the LO86TIM turbo charged model which is an intercooled 8.1 litre engine fitted with a ZF302IV 15° Vee drive reversing gearbox with 1.77:1 reduction ratio. This package, in conjunction with a BT Marine 4-blade fixed pitch propeller, gives the Cleopatra 33 hull the capability of a 21 knot maximum speed.

The compact forward set wheelhouse is fitted with a Furuno package supplied and installed by Barry Electronics - this includes a Furuno M1832

radar; FCV585 Dual Frequency echo sounder; GP32 GPS navigator; GP3500 GPS plotter as well as a Simrad AP35 autopilot with follow up steering lever; an Icom M401 VHF radio; Icom M71 handheld radio and a GME MT401FF EPIRB. Set in the forepeak with access through the wheelhouse is a comfortable galley/mess area with galley table and three bunks.

The vessel has recently undergone its full safety survey which was supervised by Promara's Eoin Leahy and



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Congratulations to Bobby, Margaret & family

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The Cleopatra gives great deck space



Kaligarian J is powered by Doosan turbo charged engine



Wheelhouse console



Hauling station

should be ready for full operations in the coming weeks.

One of the Cleopatra's greatest attractions is its spacious deck work area and *Haligarian J's* layout will see owner Bobby Creedon being able to increase his single handed operation of 300 whelk pots per day substantially. This will be mainly due to the secondary helm controls located aft of the wheelhouse on deck which will allow Bobby haul leaders of pots while retaining craft control. The forward set port side hauling and rebaiting station also allows for ease of operation with the 1.5 tonne capacity Hydro Slave hauler and arm bringing pots to a roller on the rail where the pots are emptied and rebaited and set ready for re-shooting through the transom door. Once on board the whelk will be stored in boxes in the vessel's 2 tonne capacity hold before being landed and transported to the Errigal Fish plant in Donegal for processing for markets at home and abroad.

Background

Bobby Creedon began his fishing career in 1976 on Brian Crummey's Falcon before setting out to fish on various vessels in Arklow, Galway and

Howth. Among these were very well known vessels in their day - including the *Granula*, *Oilean Boi* and *Maureen Rose* (Ex-*Jermalin*). Eight years ago Bobby bought his own vessel and came up with the name *Kaligarian* - taken from the names of his wife Margaret and daughters Kate, Alice and son Killian. The arrival of another son Jack since then sees the addition of a J. to the latest vessel's name. Bobby's previous vessel was sold last month to Wexford where it will now operate from.

The additional power and increased speeds offered by the new *Kaligarian J* will be a bonus for Bobby Creedon as it will not only provide shorter steaming times to his usual whelk grounds on the Kish Bank but will also allow for fishing of grounds previously out of his operational limits. Speaking to *The Irish Skipper*, Bobby said that he was delighted with his new craft and in particular wanted to thank Hogni Bergorsson and his staff at Trefjar in Iceland and WaterMota's David Dagleish who were responsible for production and full completion of the vessel.

The Irish Skipper wishes Bobby and family every success with their new venture.

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