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TOWNSVILLE COAST GUARD COMMISSIONS ITS 2nd O'BRIEN BOAT IN 10 YEARS

Townsville Coast Guard took delivery of our latest purpose built command, search and rescue and patrol vessel in December 2010. The new vessel, "ROTARY RESCUE" replaced our 10 year old "SPIRIT of ROTARY". Both vessels were designed and built by O'BRIEN BOATS PTY LTD of South Townsville.

The "SPIRIT of ROTARY" served the Townsville community very well over the past ten years, successfully completing more than 1500 SARs, retrieving almost 1350 vessels with a total value of \$125 million dollars, carrying over 3300 adults and children. In addition, the vessel has successfully completed almost 260 authority activations. The decision to replace "SPIRIT of ROTARY", a 43 foot O'Brien with "ROTARY RESCUE", a 47 foot O'Brien was not taken lightly as "SPIRIT of ROTARY" was still in good condition and only half way through its projected working life. "SPIRIT of ROTARY" will be sold to another Coast Guard flotilla.

However, we wanted to update our primary vessel in response to changed mission profiles, and technological advancements in design, construction methods and materials, engine efficiencies and new and highly more capable electronics. The flotilla again selected Peter O'Brien of O'BRIEN BOATS P/L to design and build our new vessel. The main reasons we chose O'BRIEN BOATS P/L again was the innovative design, the excellent craftsmanship, the very high quality of the components fitted, the extraordinary quality of the finish and the overall attention to detail during the entire process.

Another benefit of working with Peter O'Brien was the effort he went to in discovering and understanding our requirements and the flexibility he displayed in meeting those requirements thus ensuring he gave us the best possible vessel. The fact that O'BRIEN BOATS P/L build one boat at a time ensures that his entire staff is totally committed to the task of building the best boat they can. This allows all of what I have listed above to happen easily.

We are extremely impressed with the final product from O'BRIEN BOATS P/L. The sea trials and first 7 months of operations have far exceeded our expectations in relation to the design, performance, handling, fuel efficiencies, fit out and finish. I strongly recommend O'BRIEN BOATS P/L to anyone looking for a vessel built with very high levels of innovation, quality, flexibility, design, performance and value for money.

Safety By All Means

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