



TUGS TOWING & OFFSHORE NEWS SPECIAL “MAASTROOM”



Contract signed for newbuild EuroCarrier Maasstroom

On 23rd January 2026 Van Wijngaarden Marine Services B.V. and Neptune Marine have signed the contract for the construction of a new EuroCarrier 2712 – DP1 – TIER III, to be named [Maasstroom](#) with Imo number 1152587.

The signing took place at the offices of Van Wijngaarden Marine Services.

With this newbuild EuroCarrier, Van Wijngaarden further expands its fleet with a multifunctional workboat designed for a wide range of maritime operations. The [Maasstroom](#) will be deployed for single and double towing operations, anchor handling, port-related crane and transport works, survey and geotechnical services, and support for dredging activities.

The vessel will feature a large working deck, accommodation for up to 12 personnel and will be equipped with modern systems including DP1, a four-point mooring system and preparation for an A-frame.

The design focuses on flexibility, efficiency and reliable performance across various projects.

The **Maasstroom** will be built at Neptune Marine, with delivery scheduled for September 2026. This **Maasstroom** will become the fourth Neptune-built ship within the Van Wijngaarden Marine Services fleet, further strengthening the long-standing cooperation between both parties.



Peter van Wijngaarden (left) with Martin de Kok – Neptune (right)

Throughout the year, work proceeded at full pace at the Neptune shipyard to deliver this Eurocarrier to its owners last Tuesday.



EuroCarrier Maasstroom: Ready for launch

The hull construction of our EuroCarrier Maasstroom at Neptune Marine is entering its final stage. With the last structural works almost complete, the project is approaching a key milestone is the launch. After launching, the vessel will be transported to Neptune Shipyards in Aalst, where the outfitting phase will begin. There, technical systems, interior spaces, and remaining components will be installed to bring the vessel closer to full operation.



A strong step forward and a great moment to see design and reality coming together.

After their outfitting at the Neptune yard in Aalst, where she could be admired in all her beauty in the summer sunlight, she was transported back to Hardinxveld-Giessendam. Ready for christening and delivery by the Neptune yard to Van Wijngaarden Marine Services.



On Tuesday October 06, 2026 the new build Neptune Shipyard EuroCarrier 2712 – DP1 – Tier III “**Maasstroom**”, within one year after contract signing, was christened at the Neptune Construction - Hardinxveld-Giessendam

The **Maasstroom** is an impressive Eurocarrier 2712 Multi purpose workboat – DP1 - IMO TIER III, that boasts exceptional features. With her dimensions of 27,00 meters in length 12.00 meters and 3.90 metres width. She has ample space to accommodate a variety of marine projects.

Maasstroom's bollard pull is around 35 tons, making her an excellent option for Towing, Anchor Handling, Dredge support, Diving support, Oil & Gas support, Sustainable Energy support, Surveying, Ploughing, geotechnical survey Cable / pipelay support.

Her cranes are exceptionally strong, ensuring that she can handle even the most challenging of marine operations.

The innovative EuroCarrier **Maasstroom** is designed to operate in unrestricted waters. She is classed Bureau Veritas I # HULL • MACH / Tug, Special service - Multi purpose ship / • AUT-UMS / DYNAPOS AM/AT DSI - Unrestricted navigation Anchor Handling Tug - Clean Ship

The vessel has great manoeuvrability due to its two fixed pitch propellers in Ø 1850 mm Nozzle

Fitted with a DP1 functions. 12 comfortable cabins are equipped in line according to the MLC regulations. Two large deck cranes are provided.



Photo: Willem Holtkamp

History

Van Wijngaarden Marine Services has been founded by Wim van Wijngaarden in February 1974. At that time auxiliary equipment was being rented out to the dredging industry in The Netherlands. Already in 1975, the first miles were sailed abroad. In the United Kingdom we executed the first assignment. Since then many more projects were executed across the border.

Van Wijngaarden Marine Services is a firm family-owned company. The daily management is in the hands of the second generation of the family. The full team exist currently of 125 permanent employees and a variable number of temporary workers.



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Van Wijngaarden Marine Services offers with her extended fleet maritime support to the dredging and renewables industry, offshore companies (oil & gas) and to the inland and open sea shipping. Amongst others we take care of towing services, transport, anchor handling and survey activities. We work worldwide to be of service to our clients in a professional and sustainable way.

We have a fleet of 18 vessels and number 19 under construction for deep-sea, coastal and inland waters. They assist worldwide at dredging and a variety of offshore projects. In addition to that we execute towing trips. We support with the construction and maintenance of offshore and renewables

projects, like windfarms at sea. Other services are geotechnical activities and seabed levelling in harbours and fairways.

Quality, Health, Safety and Environment (QHSE)

Unceasing care of quality, health, safety and environment is pivotal. Our sea-going vessels sail under classification of Bureau Veritas and meet the standards of the flag state. Continuously we strive to improve the awareness and behaviour of our employees concerning quality, health, safety and environment. Regular internal and external audits, regarding MLC – ISM – IMCA, as well as training of crews and office staff contribute to that.



The Maasstroam prepared for the christening ceremony at the Hardinxveld-Giessendam Neptune Yard

Dimensions:

The “**Maasstroam**” has a length overall of 27,00 meters, with a beam overall of 12,00 meters and a She has a depth 3.90 meters a shallow draft of 2.90 meters and maximum 3,35 meters. She has a grt. of 292 tonnes a nrt of 87 tonnes and a displacement of 452 tonnes..



Propulsion system:

The propulsion system consist two Cummins type QSK38-M - Tier III each 1381 hp @1800 rpm connected to twin disc gear boxes. This connect the fixed pitch propeller in a Ø 1850 mm Nozzle.

Further the three generator sets on board of the [Maasstroem](#) consist of two Volvo D13-Tier III and one Caterpillar C4.4. On the bow there is a electric driven thruster fitted with a 300 kW capacity. A stern thruster is fitted with a capacity of 250 kW.

Two Cummins Main engines

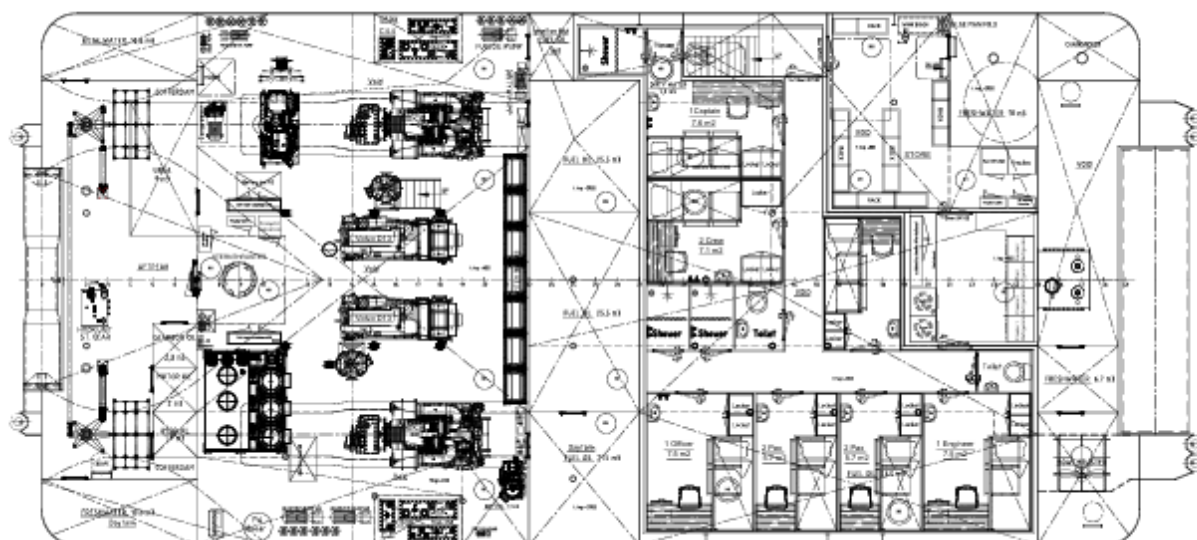
Portside Main engine



Starboard side Main engine



Below decks



Auxiliary equipment

Portside Volvo generator set



Starboard side Volvo generator set



Caterpillar generator set



Hydraulic power pack



HV/AC installation - Sewage treatment plant - Fuel oil separator - bio degradable hydraulic oil

Sewage treatment plant



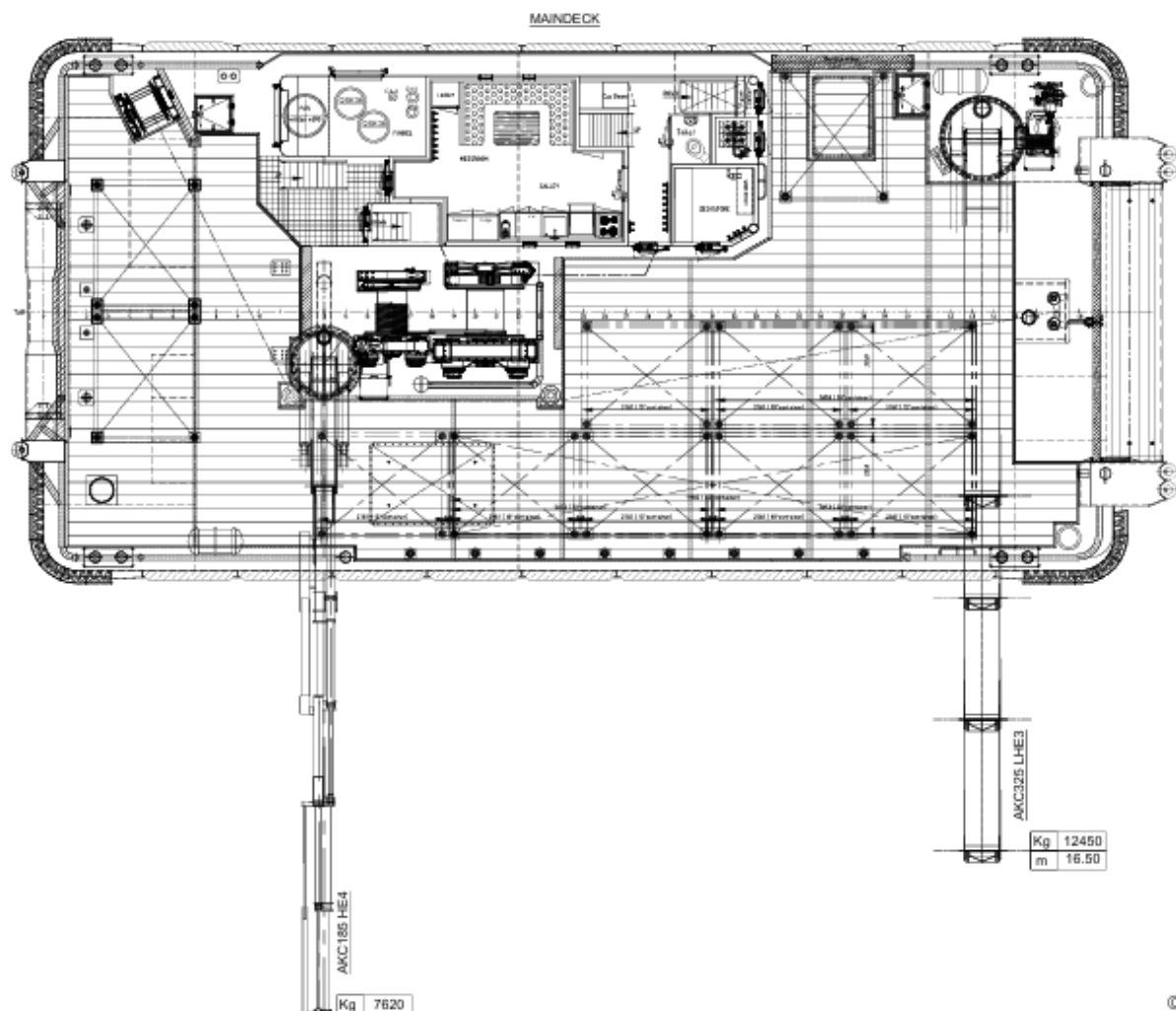
Starboard side Box cooler



Main switchboard Portside view



Main switchboard Starboard view

*Deck layout:**Deck equipment*

In keeping the EuroCarrier 2712 **Maasstroom** is fitted fore and aft with AKc type 325 and 185 a capacity respectively 12.4 T @ 16.5 mtr and 7.6 T @ 15.1 mtr. A Towing winch with a steel wire

with a diameter of 36 mm and a length of 550 meter and 50 / 80 T. An anchor winch with a steel wire with diameter of 52 mm and a length of 400 meters and 100 / 150 T Tugger winch, 1 x 15 T - Deltapin 100T SWL Sharkjaw 200T SWL up to 85 mm Bow roller, L. 6.50 mtr., Ø 1525 mm 1x Towing hook SWL 30T Container locks (5x 20 ft. / 10x 10 ft.) - Push bow / stern

Optional:

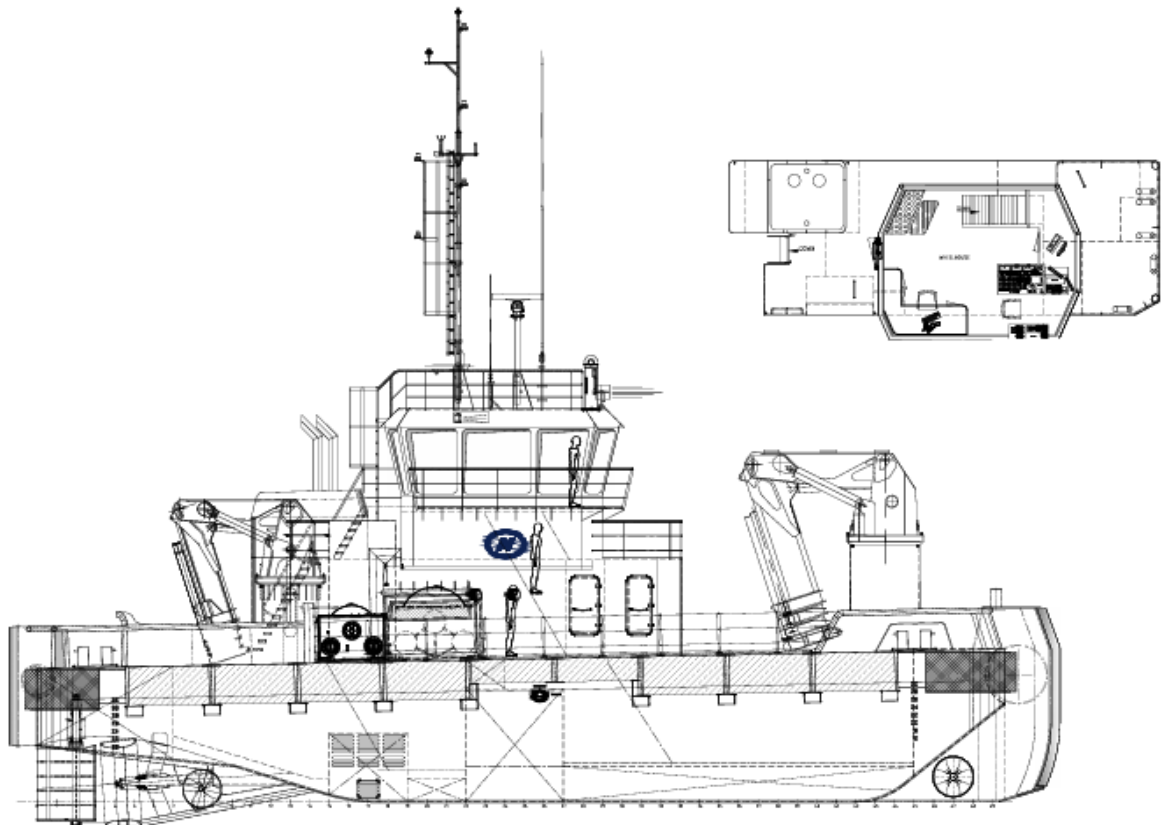
A-frame 50 T / 25 T (with plough) / 4p-Mooring system / ROV - Diving Ops. platform / Dynamic position



Towing – Anchor Handling Winch



Anchor winch





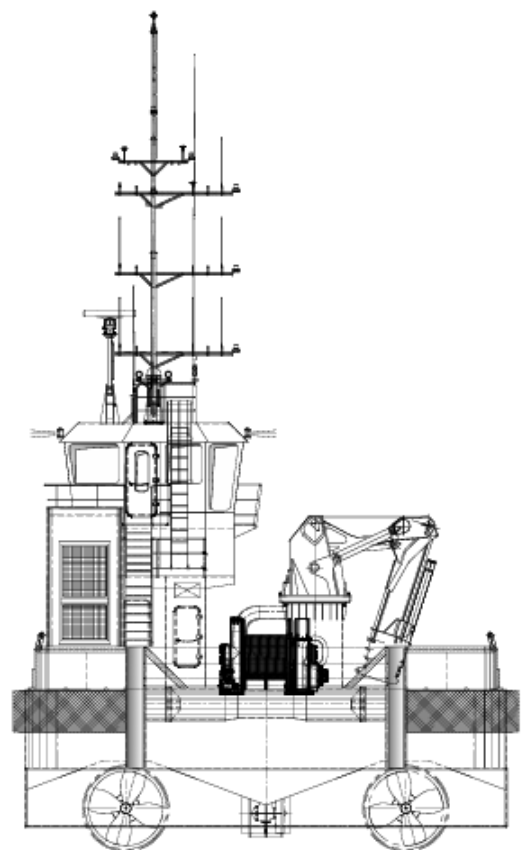
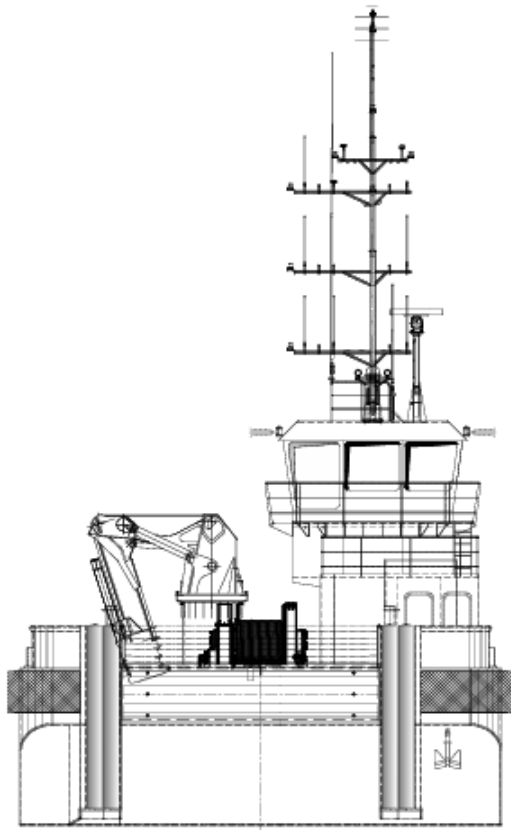
Fuel supply winch



Ship's Bell

Tank arrangements/capacity:

The **Maasstroam** tug consist tanks for the following liquids; Fuel tanks capacity of 95.00 m³; Fresh water tanks with a capacity of 35.00 m³; Lubrication oil with a capacity of 1,90 m³; Hydraulic oil with a capacity of 1,90 m³; Sewage tank with a capacity of 7.00 m³; Dirty oil tank with a capacity of 2.00 m³; Bilge water tank with a capacity of 11.00 m³ and a Urea with a capacity of 9.00 m³



Forward and aft arrangement view

Accommodation:

The **Maasstroom** is being fitted out to the highest standards. As part of Van Wijngaarden Marine Services' (VWMS) commitment to crew welfare, crew capacity and comfort is most important. Comfortable heated and air-conditioned accommodation with 7 cabins with in total of 12 beds is facilitated. Three officer single cabins and five double crew cabins are positioned in the deckhouse above the waterline according MLC regulations. A messroom, galley and laundry are provided



Captain bedroom cabin



Chief Engineers bedroom cabin



Mesroom



Galley

Nautical and Communication Equipment:

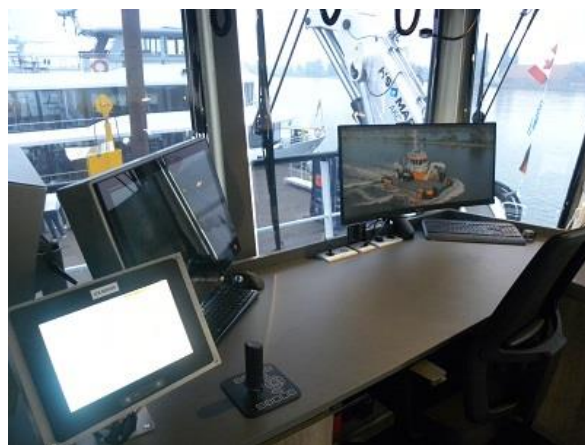
The bridge is equipped with extensive nautical and communication equipment according GMDSS: Area 3 + Starlink – Fan Beam Laser.

Bridge arrangement

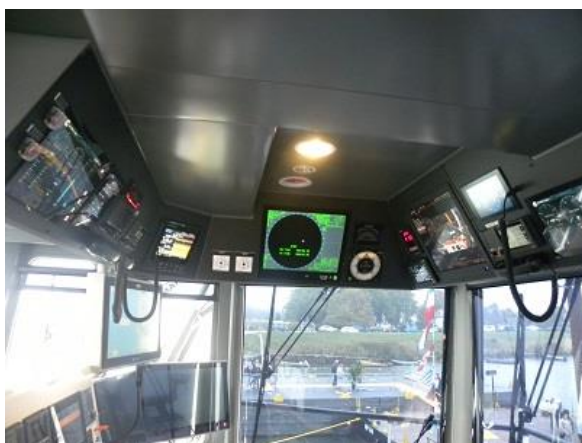
One chair is fitted on a sliding rail at starboard side for manoeuvring consoles of the bridge. The bridge chart table is found at the port side bridge. The very spacious bridge has a beautiful good looking layout with an around view over the fore deck, aft deck and sides. This Neptune EuroCarrier 2712 is again built to the highest standards.



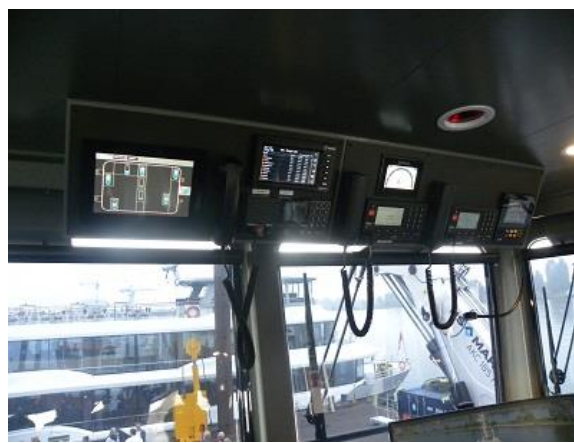
Forward side Bridge Console



Starboard side Bridge console



Ceiling forward Bridge Console



Ceiling starboard side console

Christening Ceremony



Two sons of the owners are waiting their moment



Sponsor Lady Nancy Ort-Tulaseket



Bottle of Champagne prepared for the christening



Bottle breaks on ship's hull (photo Kloetfoto)

Speeches

After the baptism ceremony, the guests were asked to board a passenger ship. The first speech was given here by the shipyard director of Neptune de Hr. Martin de Kok.

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, Peter, Wim, Corie, family, and colleagues,



Today is a special day. It gives us great pleasure to be here for the christening of the Maasstroom (Eurocarrier 2712).

We are happy and proud to have built another vessel for Van Wijngaarden. The last time we stood here was for the christening of the Amerstroom, back when Wim was at the helm. Since then, Peter has taken over, and more than thirteen years have passed.

A great deal has changed in the meantime. Van Wijngaarden has welcomed many fine new vessels into its fleet, including the Waalstroom

(formerly Aitana B, Eurocarrier 2712). With the Maasstroom, a second Eurocarrier is now being added—this time a new build. A wonderful addition to the fleet.

The construction of the Maasstroom has once again been a successful joint project, characterized by excellent collaboration. We are proud of the final result. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to it: our employees, subcontractors, suppliers, and the Van Wijngaarden team—and a special thanks to Niels and Jan Willem for your dedication in creating something truly great.

Peter, thank you for placing your trust in Neptune.

We hope the Maasstroom has a bright and successful future ahead and that she sails many safe nautical miles. And, of course, we wish the crew great enjoyment on board and, above all: fair winds and following seas!

Peter, the floor is yours.

The baptismal woman Nancy Ort-Tulaseket and owners were surprised by the shipyard with the usual gifts for the trust they have given to the Neptune shipyard

After this, Van Wijngaarden director Peter van Wijngaarden Marine Services took the floor



Dear guests,

Today, we are celebrating more than just a christening. We are celebrating:

- craftsmanship
- collaboration
- trust
- the collective effort of everyone who contributed to the creation of this magnificent vessel.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to the builders, suppliers, and staff who have worked on the *Maasstroom* with such expertise, commitment, and dedication. A ship is not built from steel, engines, and technology alone; it is built by people—people who strive for quality every single day and take pride in their work. Thanks to you, we have a DP1 EuroCarrier 2712 here today—a vessel of which we at Van Wijngaarden can be rightly proud.

A special word of thanks also goes to our godmother, Nancy Ort. It is a wonderful maritime tradition to officially name a ship and wish it safe passage. We deeply appreciate you taking on this special role today.

Why did we choose this type of vessel?



The choice is actually quite logical. Our regular clients asked for it. Furthermore, since 2021, we have had excellent experiences with its sister ship, the *Waalstroom*. Over the past few years, that vessel has proven itself to be a reliable and efficient workhorse within our fleet. The positive feedback from our crews and the strong demand from our clients gave us the confidence to opt for this successful concept once again. Thanks in part to a regular client, this vessel is already scheduled to prepare for a project tomorrow morning at 07:00.

While I first used the slogan "Growth creates opportunities" at Waddenstroom in 2023, I would like to add that it is thanks to our staff—both on the fleet and in the office—that we are able to continue growing and innovating. Because they take responsibility, tackle challenges, and work together every day, we move forward as an organization.

Thank you for your dedication, both now and in the future.

A christening is traditionally accompanied by a gift. This year, we chose to link this gift to the maritime future of a new generation.

Over the past year, Van Wijngaarden Marine Services has proudly helped fund the Sea Cadet Corps Netherlands summer camp and NAWAKA—the quadrennial water scouting camp—for several water scouting groups. In doing so, we are investing in young people who enjoy the water, learn to work together, and may well become the maritime professionals of tomorrow. That is why we are suggesting a donation to the Sea Cadet Corps Netherlands as a gift option; if you would like to make a contribution, the QR code is displayed near the exit.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for joining us today to celebrate this special moment: the expansion of our fleet.

I wish Martijn, Maarten, and their crew many safe nautical miles and great job satisfaction.

I wish everyone a safe journey home, and please pick up a small token of appreciation near the exit on your way out.



A proud family



A special gift for the captain the broken bottle neck from the christening ceremony



A well-prepared buffet was opened by former Managing director of Van Wijngaarden Marine Services B.V. Mr. Wim and Ms. Corry van Wijngaarden

Towingline thanks the owners – Van Wijngaarden Marine Service Services BV – Hardinxveld-Giessendam and the yard – Neptune for their hospitality and invitation for the christening ceremony of the EuroCarrier 2713 – DP1 – Tier III “[Maasstroom](#)”



Photo: Willem Holtkamp

Towingline/Tugs Towing & Offshore News wish the vessel, the owner and her crew in all-weather work circumstances safe voyages



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