

## Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. Launches the AVA M. McALLISTER for McAllister Towing and Transportation Co., Inc.



Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. is pleased to announce the launch of the Escort/Rescue Z-Drive Tug **AVA M. McALLISTER** for McAllister Towing & Transportation Company, Inc. on December 7, 2018, 58 days after Hurricane Michael devastated the Florida Panhandle. This Escort/Rescue Z-Drive Tug design provided by Jensen Maritime Consultants is currently under construction at Eastern's Allanton facility. The vessel arrived at Eastern earlier this year and is scheduled to deliver the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019.



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Present at the launch was the Owners' onsite representative, Jamie Thibodeaux of McAllister Towing with Eastern's project manager Patrick D'Isernia. The **AVA M. McALLISTER** (ESG Hull #222) is from the same 100' Z-drive tug design provided by Jensen Maritime Consultants of Seattle, WA as the **ROSEMARY McALLISTER** (ESG Hull #224) and the upcoming **CAPT. JIM McALLISTER** (ESG Hull #223), tugs constructed at Eastern. The **ROSEMARY McALLISTER** was recently honored as one of the Significant Boats of 2018 by WorkBoat Magazine, at the 2018 International Workboat Show in New Orleans. The lead vessel of this four (4) vessel series is the **CAPT. BRIAN McALLISTER** delivered in the summer of 2017 built by Horizon Shipbuilding, Inc.



The **AVA M. McALLISTER** Escort/Rescue Z-Drive Tug features the following characteristics:

ESG Hull #222:	3rd Vessel in the Series of 4
Dimensions (Overall):	100' x 40' x 16'-4"
Total Horsepower:	6,772 HP
Main Engines:	(2) Caterpillar 3516E 3386 HP @ 1800 RPM, Tier 4 EPA Certified Marine Propulsion Diesel Engines
Main Propulsion:	(2) ABS Schottel SRP-4000 Z-Drives Fixed Pitch Drop-in Tubs
Main Generators:	(3) Caterpillar C7.1 Turbocharged, each rated at 118kW @ 1,800 RPM
Firefighting:	(2) Caterpillar C18 Tier 3 EPA Certified Marine Auxiliary Diesel Engine (2) FFS Model 1200LBS Monitors, Min of 5,284 GPM
Hawser Winch:	(1) Markey Machinery Series DESF-48-100 Single Drum Hawser Winch, Bow mounted
Towing Winch:	(1) Markey Machinery Series TES-40 Single Drum Tow Winch or approved equal, Stern mounted
Classification:	ABS ✕ A1 Towing, Escort, ✕AMS, FFV-1, Ice Class "D0", but without ABS notation, EPA Tier 4
Flag:	United States of America

**McALLISTER TOWING** is one of the oldest and largest family-owned marine towing and transportation companies in the United States. Founded by Captain James McAllister in 1864 with a single sail lighter, the company has served the maritime community continuously, earning a reputation for unsurpassed excellence.



Today, the company operates a balanced and extensive fleet of tugs, barges, and ferries in the major ports on the U.S. East Coast and in Puerto Rico. Captain Brian A. McAllister is the Chairman and a great-grandson of the founder, representing the fourth generation of McAllisters at the helm. Five McAllisters of the fifth generation are also employed by the company.

Jensen Maritime is a full-service naval architecture and marine engineering firm. They can handle any vessel design and construction consulting requirements, ranging from new concept to shipyard liaison, and have organized our business in a way that facilitates the best-possible communication and understanding for all parties involved. Services include:

- Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering
- Production Engineering
- Vessel Modifications & Upgrades



Eastern Shipbuilding Group is a family held Shipbuilding Company located in Panama City, Florida since 1976 and has been a long-time employer in Bay County for over 40 years. Since 2008, Eastern has spent more than \$75 million dollars upgrading and expanding its facilities and shipbuilding capabilities to continue expanding and meeting the needs of its Commercial and Government Customers.

Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. has three new construction and repair facilities engaged in new construction and repair of all types of steel and aluminum vessels including harbor/escort tugs, offshore tugs, offshore/platform supply vessels, ATB's, multi-purpose construction vessels, research vessels, firefighting vessels, barges, dredges, ferries, passenger vessels, fishing vessels and inland towboats. Eastern maintains its role as one of the most diversified and innovative construction shipyards in the United States.

Eastern Shipbuilding Group continues to remain a custom shipbuilder, delivering ten (10) vessels of various sizes and designs over the past eighteen (18) months. Visit our website at <http://www.easternshipbuilding.com> for more information.

