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GRP BOAT BUILDERS AND ENGINEERS

NEW VESSEL

24ft 'Skerries' - "Rathlin Isle" - CE 181 (Coleraine)

Owner: Vincent Cecil, Rathlin Isle, Northern Ireland.

Dimensions: Length o.a. 24ft (7.3m), beam 9ft 3in (2.8m), draught, 3ft 3in (1.0m), displacement, 4½ tons approx.



"Rathlin Isle" is a standard 'Skerries 24' fishing boat, moulded and fitted out by Orcantic at their Kirkwall facility. She will be used by Mr Cecil mainly for lobster fishing but with occasional use of trammel nets. The boat will serve additionally as the general workboat for the Island, carrying passengers to and from the mainland and will also take oil, freight and local produce - thus the rails around the well deck, which are easily demounted when fishing. The population of Rathlin Isle is 85, so this Orcantic '24' is to become a vital means of local communication and will both raise the standard of safety and increase local income.

The standard GRP mouldings, to Lloyd's and WFA requirements, comprise hull, raised foredeck, self-draining well deck and wheelhouse - the latter having an orange safety top.

A 30bhp/2,300rpm Lister STW3M diesel drives a fixed pitch three-blade propeller via a 3 : 1 hydraulic gearbox. Control is by Morse single lever and there is a wet exhaust system.

Dual-station Wagner hydraulic steering is fitted and a 1,000 lb - pull Spencer Carter hydraulic pot hauler is mounted to starboard, aft of the wheelhouse, the pump being remotely controlled therefrom.

The accommodation includes two bunks, forward, under the raised foredeck, with cooker and sink unit. Cargo handling is by a mast-mounted derrick, positioned to serve the fish hold and the whole of the non-skid surfaced deck. The vessel carries Seascan III radar, Multivoice VHF and Seascribe II echosounder.

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For immediate use.

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