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PALFINGER MARINE equips famous crab fishing boat “F/V Northwestern” with a marine crane

In April 2018, PALFINGER MARINE received a purchase order for a knuckle boom crane (PKM 250) from the F/V Northwestern’s captain, Sig Hansen. The knuckle boom crane will be used for lifting operations on the iconic crab fishing boat “F/V Northwestern”.

Captain Sig Hansen has been fishing crabs in Alaska aboard the F/V Northwestern for more than 30 years. In 2005, Discovery Channel aired the documentary TV show “Deadliest Catch”, which portrays real life aboard fishing vessels in the Bering Sea. Since then, he has been one of the most charismatic characters of the globally watched TV show.

This crane order is historic for PALFINGER MARINE: it is the first PALFINGER MARINE crane dedicated to the Alaskan crab fisheries and comes two years after Brian Jacob started his new position as Business Development Manager for the North American fishing industry in Seattle. His mechanical engineering background led him to spend time on various fishing boats, analysing the conditions, and proposing PALFINGER MARINE’s high-quality safe and reliable cranes to customers.

Super-low weight convinces fishermen

Cranes are extremely important on crab fishing boats. They are used intensively in rough seas. The F/V Northwestern can carry up to 250 pots, which are handled by the crane day and night with very few interruptions. The super-low weight of was one of the main selling arguments for the PALFINGER MARINE knuckle boom crane. The lighter the crane, the more stable the ship is, which means that the ship is both safer and more efficient.

“I am very proud that Captain Sig Hansen and his crew trusted us as a crane supplier for the F/V Northwestern, and I just cannot wait to see our crane aboard. It proves that PALFINGER MARINE is recognized for its high-quality and reliable products,” says Brian Jacob.

Delivery of the crane to Dutch Harbor is planned by the end of 2018. From there, it will head straight to the opilio and bairdi crab seasons.

Get to know Brian and the PALFINGER MARINE team at Pacific Marine Expo November 18-20. We are looking forward to welcoming you at our booth.



F/V Northwestern

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About PALFINGER MARINE

PALFINGER MARINE is the global leading manufacturer of highly reliable, innovative and customised deck equipment and handling solutions for the maritime industries. The product portfolio includes cranes, lifesaving equipment, winches and handling equipment. A worldwide service network including the supply of spare parts ensures fast and professional onsite support. PALFINGER MARINE operates in all major maritime segments, including Offshore, Marine, Cruise, Navy and Coast Guard, and Wind. The internationally operating company, which has its registered office in Salzburg (Austria), is part of the publicly listed PALFINGER Group.

About PALFINGER AG

For many years PALFINGER has been one of the world's leading manufacturers of innovative lifting solutions for use on commercial vehicles and in the maritime field. As a multinational group headquartered in Bergheim, Austria, the PALFINGER Group, which has approx. 10,212 employees, generated total revenue of approx. EUR 1,471.1 million in 2017.

The Group has manufacturing and assembly facilities in Europe, CIS, North and South America, as well as Asia. The pillars of its corporate strategy are innovation, further internationalization, enhanced flexibility of products, services and processes, and PALFINGER 21st (the development of smart solutions and innovative, data-based business models). PALFINGER is regarded not only as the market leader, but also the technology leader, in the global market for hydraulic loader cranes. PALFINGER is always in proximity to its customers due to its over 5,000 sales and service centres located in over 130 countries across all continents.

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