

Specific details of the Wolverine Terminals project contributed by MDEM

As we told in the previous publication, MDEM specialists participated in the projects of two marine fuel barges Wolverine Terminals, which construction began at Damen Shipyards in Vietnam. And today we will tell you more about the Transloading Barge Wolverine Spirit 1 – a double-hulled Barge, fully compliant with the requirements of MARPOL, Lloyds Register Class, and Transport Canada for tankers of over 5,000 deadweight tonnes.

This nominal 80,000 bbl capacity Transloading Barge can transport a mix of liquid cargo products, including marine diesel oil (MDO) and fuel oils (FO). The barge is also specially configured to accommodate up to 24 railcars on deck, with track arrangements optimized for efficiency in loading and offloading the railcars at the existing CN Aquatrain terminal in Prince Rupert, British Colombia. The barge's ballast system is also specially configured to maximize loading and unloading windows at the Aquatrain terminal across a wide of a range of tidal conditions.

The Transloading Barge's primary function is to supply marine fuels to the Lightering Barge which has the assignment of delivering the fuels to client vessels in the Port of Prince Rupert. The Transloading Barge will accomplish this by loading and securing tanker railcars at the Aquatrain terminal, and after being shifted by tugs and moored at the Wolverine Terminal approximately 400 meters North, transferring the marine fuels directly from the railcars into its hull tanks. A cargo offloading system will then allow for barge-to barge transfer of these fuel products to the Lightering Barge. Empty railcars will be returned to the Aquatrain terminal, and the cycle repeated.

In addition to its double-hull design, the Transloading Barge incorporates several other features to minimize environmental impacts. These features include catchment basins under each railcar, additional catchment coamings around the periphery of the barge, spill response equipment, and a vapor recovery system.

>> Dimensions

Length overall 142.0 metres (excluding aft ramp notch)

Length, summer load WL 141.4 metres
Breadth, moulded 30.0 metres
Depth, moulded 7.2 metres

Draft, navigational 5.0 metres at summer load

waterline

13863 m3 (87,196 bbls)

14725 tonnes (approx.)

up to 11636 m3 (73,188 bbls)

up to 13863 m3 (87,196 bbls)

International Gross Tonnage 8,822

>> Capacities

Total Cargo Oil Capacity Heavy Fuel oil Marine Diesel Oil Maximum Deadweight

Maximum deadweight (oil) Railcars

at summer load waterline
(oil) less than 12500 tonnes
up to 24 x 29,000 gal
DOT-117R, 59'-31/2" length
over couplers

Fuel Oil Day Tank 13.5 m³

>> Performance

Towed Speed up to 10 knots (approx.)

Read about the role in this project, as well as the impressions of MDEM specialists in the next publication.

