



Q-West Boat Builders

A diverse range of vessels with the commonality of quality



New Zealand's Q-West Boat Builders has a long and established history of producing commercial craft such as pilot and port vessels, many of which are still in use after two decades of continued operation.

Over a period of 25 years the company has built a stable team of managers and trades-people focused on aluminium commercial vessel construction and marine engineering, ensuring every vessel is delivered on time and on budget from their Wanganui-based facility located off the lower west coast of New Zealand's North Island. With an extensive build experience of a wide range of custom vessels, the team offer a professional and informed one-stop shop to the commercial operator. A particular strength, however, is pilot boats.

The pilot boat 'Arataki' was built by Q-West for the Port of Tauranga, the country's busiest shipping port. The fourth pilot vessel built in recent years; the ports of Napier, Wellington and Taranaki have also had pilot boats constructed at the Q-West facility. The 'Arataki' replaced the 'Tauranga II', which was built in the same yard 26 years ago and is still currently in use as a pilot boat in the port of Picton at the top of the South Island.

During vessel development, Q-West works with a large number of national and

international vessel designers. This provides the flexibility to source design solutions tailored to individual projects. Q-West worked with the Port of Tauranga to identify what was most important in relation to performance, cabin environment, and how the vessel would be operated and maintained. The outcome was a locally designed vessel that met their client's needs and in many cases exceeded them.

"Ultimately, we want to provide a safe, stable and comfortable platform for our pilots and launch crew in a wide variety of sea and weather conditions," said Nigel Drake, Port of Tauranga's operations manager.

"Regular visits to Q-West's yard over the building period allowed the Port to have confidence in the building programme without compromising the ability of Q-West to get on with the job required. The resulting standard of build and detail is a credit to all parties involved."

Q-West has also supplied various government organisations throughout the world and an extensive range of high profile companies and corporations.

Having completed well over 300 aluminium boats from six metres to 40 metres in length, many with repeat customers, Q-West is committed to providing customer service and



constantly looks to improve their operation and build quality with each new vessel. The company ensures swift tender responses and competitive pricing for any prospective clients undergoing the tendering/pricing process.

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