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## PRESS RELEASE

### Meet the Newest Addition to the Fleet – MICHELLE SLOAN

SEATTLE, WA (March 20, 2015) – Harley Marine’s growth remains steady as a new ship handling vessel, the MICHELLE SLOAN enters the fleet. The vessel is an improved version of our existing RAmports 2500s, the TIM QUIGG and JOHN QUIGG, designed by Robert Allan.

The MICHELLE SLOAN and her sister class vessel, the LELA FRANCO, are being built at Diversified Marine of Portland, Oregon. The MICHELLE SLOAN will be delivered to Harley Marine on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the LELA FRANCO will follow just 3 months afterwards.



The vessels will each have a length of 80’, a beam of 36’ and a depth of 16’-8”. The vessels are powered with approximately 5,200 horsepower and are able to achieve sixty-five tons of bollard pull. Each vessel is equipped with (2) CAT 3516, Tier III engines and (2) 125kw John Deere 6068, Tier III generators. The cutting edge engines reduce NOx and particulate matter, from a Tier II, by seventy-four percent (74%), this reinforces both Harley Marine and Caterpillar’s commitment to being environmentally responsible industry leaders. She is also equipped with a Markey bow winch, a barge handling stern winch, and Shibata fendering. Sound proofing material was added to the bulk heads and decks to improve life onboard the vessel for the crew. A closed circuit TV (CCTV) has been installed to the engine room for semi-automation. The CCTV can be accessed from the wheelhouse or ashore for management to monitor. The vessels are being built with the most technically and environmentally advanced equipment available and will exceed all regulatory, internal, and customers’ needs and expectations.

Harley Marine Services has chosen to name the tug the MICHELLE SLOAN after a remarkable women that is very important to the company.

Michelle was an exceedingly generous person whose greatest talent and joy was bringing people together. She was a creative, loving and truly creative wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Michelle was honest to a fault and someone who could always be counted on. She brought so much depth, joy and fullness to the lives of those around her and deeply loved everyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

On November 21, 2014, Michelle lost a 12-year battle with breast cancer, which she always characterized as *living* with cancer. With her husband Marc by her side, she endured chemotherapies, radiation, cyber knife and a variety of other painful interventions. She faced all of her challenges head on with a steely resolve and determination to beat cancer.

Harley Marine chose to honor Michelle by naming a tugboat after her to celebrate her strength, courage and service to others even in the face of extreme challenges. This also gave an opportunity to shine a light on powerful women in the maritime industry and the impact they have in our community.

Michelle was excited about the prospect of having a boat named after her. She will be sorely missed.

The tugs presence on the West Coast will support our ship assist and tanker escort business by providing more horsepower and strength to the ports. The MICHELLE SLOAN will *“bring beauty, style, power and grace to Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors”*.

**Harley Marine Services** is a leading provider of marine transportation services in the United States, with operations along the West Coast (including Alaska), New York Harbor and the US Gulf Coast. Services provided include the transportation and storage of petroleum products, ship assist and escort, the transportation of general cargo and rescue towing. Harley Marine is dedicated to providing excellent customer service and maintaining our obligations to employees, shareholders, our community and the environment.