



West Norfolk firm Tidal Transit recruits three new skippers

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West Norfolk-based business Tidal Transit yesterday said it had appointed three new skippers to join its expanding seagoing team on the back of new contract wins.

In July the business, based in Docking, near King's Lynn, extended contracts to transfer offshore wind workers to both the Greater Gabbard offshore wind farm off the Suffolk coast and the Sheringham Shoal windfarm, off north Norfolk.

And the firm, a member of the EDP Future 50, said this had helped create the new jobs, which also included two additional office-based roles.

Leo Hambro commercial director said: "We are fortunate to have recruited three such able and experienced skippers to work with us in expanding the business.

"Our contract to supply a crew transfer vessel to the developers of the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm has just been extended until the end of November, and we are delighted that Tidal Transit is able, with the recent recruitment of staff, to play an increasing role in the offshore renewable energy supply chain in Norfolk and the rest of the UK."

We are happy to employ ex-military personnel and to train people that we believe will succeed in the industry.

"It is unfortunately, not always possible to recruit local people for each position that we create, but where possible, that is our aim. The two people who are office based, working in administration, accounting and HSE, both come from the area; one is from Docking where our business is based, and the other from Hunstanton just up the coast."

Three new skippers joining the team are Ben Greer 33 who has had a career in the Royal Air Force. On leaving the forces, and sure of the direction he wanted his career to take, he invested in his future to become a fully qualified skipper.

Also joining is Harry Getliffe, 23, who started with Tidal Transit as a trainee, having already amassed 15,000 miles of sea experience delivering yachts. Harry and his crew will feature on a forthcoming video of Tidal Transit's boat, Eden Rose.

The third recruit is Colin Lowe 38 from Blackpool, who has enjoyed a long career in Search and Rescue. Colin has served with the RNLI since 1993, both manning the boats and as a trainer.