

# Tidal Transit bolsters fleet



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**Tidal Transit has announced an increase to its fleet by 50% in order to meet contracts for Crew Transfer Vessels (CTVs) from offshore wind farm operators. The two new 19 metre vessels are now available for charter, bringing the total number of CTVs in Tidal Transit's fleet to six.**

**Following a tradition within Tidal Transit, the vessels have been named after the youngest daughters of its two directors. *Ava Sofie*, named after Adam Wright's daughter, was launched on 22 April 2020, and *Honor Mhari*, named**

**after Leo Hambro's daughter, launched on 6 May.**

**The 19 metre Southboats come from the used market, having previously been owned by international shipping company Vroon, and have undergone full refurbishment at Grimsby Shipyard Services. Changes have been made to increase speed, fuel efficiency and transfer performance. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic social distancing measures have been introduced by the installation of additional crew and passenger separators to allow continued operations for the Tidal Transit's wind farm clients.**

***"We are very proud of the impressive utilisation and reliability records of our current Mercurio-built CTVs," said Tidal Transit's Commercial Director Leo Hambro. "The fleet has racked up some incredible statistics since new, constantly running at over 88% utilisation since new with 98.7% availability to charterers during that time. This is the result of the success of our in-house preventative and reactive maintenance team, as well as the high performance and durability of the vessels' hull form.***

***"We saw the MAN powered Southboats as particularly attractive additions to the fleet, due to shared common parts, and their design, which will allow us to diversify and serve projects requiring shallower drafts. We believe people will be very surprised to see what we will achieve with these proven Southboats hull forms with the modifications that we have already, and will continue, to make."***

**For the latest contracts, vessel specifications and news for Crew Transfer Vessels (CTVs), Service Operations Vessels (SOVs) and Accommodation vessels, [click here](#).**