

**Caterpillar Marine Power Systems**

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**Caterpillar Marine Power Systems sponsors  
“Amistad Atlantic Freedom Tour”**

**Hamburg, Germany** – This week the “Amistad”, a recreation of a 19<sup>th</sup> century schooner, visited the port of London, UK, during her “Atlantic Freedom Tour”. A pair of Cat 3304B marine engines supported the vessel while navigating the Thames river.

The first “La Amistad” became famous in 1839 when 53 Africans sold as slaves seized the schooner and tried to return to Africa in her. This year’s voyage organised by Amistad America, Inc., a non-profit educational foundation, will retrace the slave industry triangle with stops at more than a dozen Atlantic ports that played a significant role in the trade and reflect today’s social, political and cultural diversity.

Amistad number two was built at Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut, USA between 1998 and 2000. Caterpillar supported the initiative donating two Cat 3304B marine engines rated 104 kW (140 hp) at 2000 rpm to Amistad America, Inc. Representing the last mechanically controlled generation of marine power, the Cat 3300 series is well-known for its power density and reliability while being easy to service world-wide.

“Since the schooner left New Haven, Connecticut, USA, on June 21, 2007, the Caterpillar engines have given us a smooth journey across the ocean and off the UK”, explained Ben Clarkson, Amistad Engineer. “I am familiar with Cat marine power from my professional career, and I am very confident these engines will also do their job for the remainder of the tour. In other words: What Mother Nature doesn’t supply, Caterpillar Marine does!”

Bob Masek, the Caterpillar Marine Engine Sales Manager involved with the installation of the engines back in 1999, pointed out: “This ship represents hope, freedom and a spirit of cooperation among different cultures. Caterpillar products are used in many areas of the world to build infrastructures and generate a future for people. They share a similar philosophy, and I consider Cat engines the appropriate power for Amistad.”

Amistad’s next port of call will be Lisbon, Portugal, then on to West Africa. Further information about the Amistad Atlantic Freedom Tour can be found at [www.amistadamerica.org](http://www.amistadamerica.org).

**Caterpillar Marine Power Systems****About Caterpillar Marine Power Systems**

Caterpillar Marine Power Systems, with headquarters in Hamburg, Germany, brings together all the sales and service activities for Cat and MaK branded marine products within Caterpillar Inc. This organization provides premier marine power solutions (high and medium speed with outputs from 11 kW to 16,000 kW) and customer service from a single source for the global ocean-going, commercial and pleasure craft markets. The Caterpillar Marine Power Systems sales and service network includes more than 2,100 dealer locations world-wide and is well positioned to support customers wherever they are.

More information is available at <http://www.cat-marine.com/> or <http://www.mak-global.com/>.

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