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Maritime Administration Department of Guyana visits OCEA shipyard and the ECO 50 pilot boat under-construction



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The vessel provided to Guyana's Authorities is a sistership of the "PALÉTUVIER" delivered by OCEA to Cameroon in 2016.

As the national regulator of Guyana's port and maritime sector, and in a remarkable context of growth mainly due to shipping, the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD) has embarked on the modernization of its nautical fleet with the purchase of a pilot boat, type "ECO 50 PB", from OCEA shipyard. Besides its main mission, she will enhance MARAD's fleet, participating in Search and Rescue, as well as other public service purposes.

Captain Stephen Thomas, MARAD Director General, and Thandi McAllister, Legal Services Director, came to the French yards, in Les Sables d'Olonne, noticing with satisfaction the production stage, with respect to the contract commitments regarding deadlines and technical specifications. Furthermore, OCEA has been able to answer positively to additional, non-contractual, technical requests, without any additional cost.

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Director General, Capt. Stephen Thomas, and Legal Services Director, Ms. Thandi McAllister (2nd & 3rd from left) with OCEA team members in France.

At the same time, faithful to its motto “Partners all the way”, OCEA guided Guyana’s Delegation to the port of La Rochelle, for discussions with its harbormaster, and the port of St-Nazaire with some Pilot officers of the “Station de la Loire”.

OCEA ECO 50 PB: vessel’s missions

- Transfer of pilots between the station and merchant ships
- Transfer of passengers from or to merchant ships
- Repatriation of sick or injured persons
- Assist vessels in their manoeuvres

To carry out these missions in the coastal and port areas of Guyana, the OCEA ECO 50 PB has excellent operational capabilities:

- Good transit speed
- Good manoeuvrability and responsiveness, even with a reduced crew, which allows safe docking and transfer manoeuvres
- Good visibility from the cockpit
- Good seaworthiness in the area of operation, even in rough seas
- Low draft allowing near-shore operations
- Communication equipment for good coordination between the vessels and the piloting centre

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Characteristics of the OCEA ECO 50 PB

- Length overall: 16.20 m
- Width: 5.10 m
- Capacity: 4 crew + 6 passengers
- Speed at full load: 26 knots
- Range: 350 NM @ 16 knots
- Hull / Superstructure: Aluminium
- Design: OCEA

Through its **“Maritime Territory Administration” offer**, OCEA has developed a wide range of solutions to know and administrate maritime territories, secure navigation and develop blue economy. This includes hybrid power vessels to support beaconing, oil & gas and wind farm offshore industries, as well as hydrographic organizations.

Among the **10 hydro-oceanographic vessels delivered**, 5 have been delivered in the last 7 years (OSV 95 SC-WB – 29m, OSV 130 SC-WB “BEEAH - 1” – 40m, and OSV 190 SC-WB “KRI 933 RIGEL” “KRI 934 SPICA” “NNS LANA” – 60m).

The French Administration in charge of marine beacons and lighthouse has been working with OCEA since 1998. Based on this expertise, **more than 10 buoy tender vessels**, type OCEA ECO 60-70-90 and OSV 145 SC-WB “SAMBA LAOBE FALL”, (from 19m to 45m) have been delivered to install and maintain beaconing in Europe, Caribbean, Africa and Oceania.

Beside the support to maritime public organizations, **more than 35 crew boats and transfer vessels**, type OCEA COMBI 60-30 and OCEA COMBI 60-40, have been delivered by OCEA to private operators in the offshore industry. Vessels are known by the technicians and the crew for their comfort and security.

OCEA has also built **multi-purposes workboats**, from 20m to 45m, type OCEA OSV CAT 85 SC-WB “NANOPLON”, to assist Authorities and Companies with their maritime operations (diving, cargo handling, harbour works etc.).



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About OCEA

Founded in 1987 in Les Sables d'Olonne, the OCEA group specializes in the design, construction, sale and support of aluminium vessels up to 90 meters. OCEA now generates 95% of its turnover from exports. With a turnover of about 140 million euros, OCEA employs more than 450 people and has an industrial organisation spread over 4 production sites in mainland France (Les Sables d'Olonne, Saint-Nazaire, La Rochelle and Fontenay-le-Comte), a subsidiary in Guadeloupe and a subsidiary in the Philippines. OCEA has delivered more than 300 vessels since its creation.

From its inception, OCEA's objective was to design and offer competitive solutions with a reduced environmental footprint. OCEA's continuous innovation strategy, implemented for over 30 years, has led the company, in particular, from 2015, to equip its ships with hybrid propulsion systems. Using its integrated design office, OCEA has developed a wide range of solutions dedicated to the various markets addressed by the company:

- Maritime Safety and Security
- Maritime Transport and Mobility
- Maritime Territory Administration
- Transoceanic Yachts

To support its customers in the sustainable use of their resources, OCEA, your Partner All the Way, has developed a Support and Services offer (SAS) including, in particular, documentation, training of crews and maintenance teams, means of support, technical assistance and maintenance in operational condition.

OCEA in video: <https://bit.ly/2TqEF5I>

More information about OCEA's offer: [OCEA SHIPBUILDING AND INDUSTRIES](#)

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