



The Darwin Port Corporation is the proud owner of the Best Small Pilot Boat for 2016. Built by Norman R. Wright and Sons of Bulimba in Queensland, 'Delirra' takes the award thanks to her builder's ability to utilise recent advances in boat design and construction materials intelligently for the benefit of the crew and the owners.

Design features that were implemented for crew comfort includes the use of a vertical bow that has reduced vertical accelerations by up to 24 per cent compared to previous designs. Further enhancing crew comfort, especially with regards to reducing crew fatigue, is the implementation of a fully floating

wheelhouse which has resulted in 'Delirra' having amongst the lowest levels of cabin noise and vibrations in Australian pilot vessels.



A number of design choices were made to make her more suitable for her hot and humid operating environment. Forward

raked windows and being painted in light colours help with the beating sun whilst three separate air-conditioning systems keep the crew sane in the humidity.

The owners appreciate the effort that went into the hull design that has reduced hull resistance by seven per cent over previous models and which is already leading to healthy fuel savings. The forward engine room was designed to simplify maintenance and overhauls with the engine and transmission being entirely replaceable within one day.

Lastly, Norman R. Wright and Sons has built this vessel with a 20-year structural warranty on the hull. How's that for confidence?

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