

American Tug-34 Semi-Displaces the Competition

In less than two years, Tomco Marine Group's (TMG) American Tug-34 has captured dozens of cruisers' hearts and imaginations. So much so, in fact, that this winter the La Conner, Washington company plans to more than double its factory space as well as introduce an all-new 44 foot yacht tug.

"Our goal is to step up production on the 34 and introduce the 44-footer," said Kurt Dilworth, TMG's vice president of engineering. "The new boat will be similar in lines, concept and value to the 34. Both are couples' cruisers designed with maximum living space and minimum maintenance. We offer *turnkey* boats."

Response to the American Tug-34 has been excellent ever since prin-

cipals Tom Nelson, Mike Schoppert and Kurt Dilworth started Tomco in January 2000. Since then, the company has sold more than 30 American Tug-34s to its three dealers (one dealer is Back East, another is in the Midwest and the third is on the West Coast). Seventeen boats have been completed.

To meet demand, Tomco plans to more than double its facility from

12,000 to nearly 30,000 square feet by January 2002. After the expansion, Tomco hopes to meet a construction schedule of one boat every two weeks.

Tomco has capitalized on Lynn Senour's "Bristol Bay" hull design to provide a seaworthy coastal cruiser with loads of interior space. With a



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TUG LUV — The American Tug-34 (above) has been so successful that Tomco American Marine Group will be introducing a new 44 foot yacht tug.



13 foot, 3 inch wide beam, the master stateroom accommodates a queen-size island berth, and a full-size shower and head.

Tomco's West Coast dealer, Dave Scott of Northwest Tug Sales in La Conner, noted that his customers love the American Tug Web site. While waiting for their boats to be finished, own-

ers can log on to check their boat's progress. Later, when owners send Tomco a photograph of themselves sitting on the stern of their new 34 foot tug, their image joins the ranks of the "family" gallery.

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