

Recognition



Recognition. It's a fundamental human need. It's not what drives us to excel, but it makes our accomplishments all the sweeter. Whether it's the Academy Awards or the Pulitzers, professionals of all walks of life gather annually to recognise the accomplishments of their peers.

In that spirit, this issue of Offshore Industry spotlights a number of the most advanced, dedicated offshore vessels with the personal touch of innovators and leaders in the field of ship design and shipbuilding. Their work is the pulse of the industry and they are the ones whose vessels you never miss at a major offshore trade show.

No one in this business would turn down the opportunity to hear a leading technical director discuss the main element of importance in the design process of the world's largest and most sophisticated stone dumping vessel. Nor would someone ignore expert industry advice as to why to pursue the principle that a custom-designed offshore vessel has to be a reflection of the owner's knowledge and experience. This is exactly what ir. Noël Pille of Jan De Nul n.v. tells us during a recently held technical tour on board the world's largest fall pipe and rock dumping vessel, Simon Stevin, in the Belgian port of Zeebrugge. There are some fascinating insights and a terrific optimism for the vast experience that can bring excitement to a highly successful and efficient design, when executed to perfection.

This issue of Offshore Industry also examines state-of-the-art offshore vessels such as sister vessels VOS Shine and VOS Sweet of Vroon Offshore Services and Subsea 7's Seven Havila – belonging to the world's most advanced and modern diving support fleet and the pinnacle in terms of safety, efficiency and productivity. Lastly, within this issue, you will find that offshore companies offer high-quality products and excellent services. Within that frame of mind, I am convinced this edition of the Netherlands' leading business magazine for the international offshore industry will play an important role in expanding international business contacts. In addition, our mission may also serve as your port of entry into the international offshore industry. Either way, we seek to provide you with the most informative, in-depth and useful information along with insight and analysis related to offshore technology and innovation. We appreciate your interest and look forward to your feedback.

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Front Cover: The 191m long Simon Stevin is deployed for accurate rock installations up to depths of 2,000 m. The vessel is in operation since late 2009 and has successfully completed challenging projects in Australia, Siberia and in the North Sea. Offshore Industry toured Jan De Nul's stone dumping vessel 'Simon Stevin' in the Port of Zeebrugge, Belgium. More on page 36. (Photo courtesy of Jan De Nul/Imagen Naval 3kmi s.l.).

Background picture contents page: Whether it is a platform supply, emergency response and rescue work, anchor handling or subsea support, Vroon Offshore Services (VOS) has the fleet, the people to deliver and the determination to succeed. Photo courtesy of Vroon Offshore Services).