

# Hepworth Newsletter September 2020

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*“Opportunities don’t happen, you create them”.*

- *Chriss Grosser*

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## 1. FRC Harrold Miller

On April 3, Bollinger Shipyards, Lockport, La., delivered the 38th FRC, the *Harold Miller* (WPC 1138), which was commissioned on July 15 at its Galveston, Texas, home port. The cutter’s patrol area will take in 900 miles of coastline from Carrabelle, Fla., to Brownsville, Texas.



[In-Mar Systems Inc](#), our agent in the USA, has supplied 3 of our Wynn Type C Straight Line Wipers.

## 2. U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Stone

The US Coast Guard’s newest vessel, the national security cutter *Stone*, recently completed sea trials in the Gulf of Mexico. Being built at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi, the *Stone* is the ninth in the class which is currently planned to have a total of 11 vessels.



[In-Mar Systems Inc](#) supplied 22 Type C wipers with a 3000 series controller.

## 3. Monitor Marine New Projects

Monitor Marine has been producing some of the world’s most elegant deck fittings from surgical stainless steel for almost twenty-five years and are about to launch a high-performance evolution of their proven range of hatch closures.

The need to keep pace with modern developments and modern production techniques has led the Monitor project team to completely reimagine how our hatch closures work. Lighter, thinner, and much more versatile, our prototype hatch handle is designed to provide a singular user-experience where one simple actuator can perform multiple roles. The 80mm handle will allow “handed” installation where the same handle movement will operate a variety of locking mechanisms on any edge of a hatch, and by this versatility enables the boatbuilder to incorporate Monitor’s clean design aesthetic into almost any application.



This vision enables the Monitor Marine performance handle system to be available in a variety of finishes and materials, all with our exceptional finishes and workmanship.

## 4. Rail

The world has not stopped for the rail team with several new project enquiries received this month. Subsequently, the ongoing projects are stronger than ever, and the rail team are working hard to ensure we deliver to our customer's expectations.

In supporting the increase in demands from our customers, we are currently in the process of recruiting a new project coordinator. We hope to announce this in the next few months and this person will be an asset to our already strong Rail team.

## 5. Fabrications

Hepworth Fabrications have this month been helping a Rail client with the manufacturing of newly designed flooring panels and hatch assemblies for a prototype vehicle.

The project has involved a wide usage of materials, both standard Aluminium & Stainless, as well as Nylon, plastic & polymer seals. All amounting to over 50 individual line items.

The client initially approached requiring an exceptionally quick turnaround, which has been successfully delivered upon in September.

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