



Into the Swell

Larne Harbour

Problem

A heavy swell and the challenging confines of Larne Harbour require the JB119 barge master to call on SMS Belfast for assistance.

Brief

To safely bring JB119 to port in Larne Harbour, Buoy No 1.

Solution

SMS Belfast receives a call from JB119 to assist with harbour towage in the challenging confines of Larne Harbour. SMS mobilise MT Merchantman and Masterman to the scene. Battling the winter swell, MT Merchantman manages to secure two poly lines aft of the vessel as Masterman takes the fore with a single line from her forward winch. The lines are made fast and the tow is picked up as JB119 enters Brownes Bay with the Belfast Pilots now on board.

Securely in tow but still in the swell, Masterman expertly reconfigures her tow to account for the rough waters, allowing JB119 to safely reach her destination in Larne Harbour. Having secured the vessel at buoy No 1 alongside Curran Quay, the Belfast Pilots Association is able to disembark JB119 and the MT Merchantman and Masterman return to Belfast.

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