



Solo in Gdynia

Gdynia Harbour

Problem

A 300x90 barge requires towage to berth in Gdynia with no second tug available to assist.

Brief

Bring a 300x90 barge through a narrow cut safely to berth in Gdynia.

Solution

As SMS's Welshman is called to Gdynia Harbour to berth a 300x90 barge, the shipmaster is informed that a second tug would not be available for 48 hours to assist in the job. The narrow cut into berth leaves only a couple of meters on each side of the vessel, requiring utmost care and precision, even with two tugs on the job, but tug master of the Welshman, Ceirion Phillips makes the decision to proceed single handed.

Resisting the temptation to crack under pressure, the crew of the Welshman secures a tow line with the barge and carefully manoeuvres the barge through the cut. Despite having almost no room for error, the Welshman manages to get the barge through the cut with no problems, getting her to berth unscathed and on schedule.

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