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Seatrade Cruise Award for the “Environmental Initiative of the Year” – LNG Hybrid Barge honoured once again

The LNG Hybrid Barge first supplied low-emission power to a cruise ship in the 2015 cruise season. Together with AIDA Cruises, Becker Marine System has now won the Seatrade Cruise Award for this environmentally-friendly innovation.

At the “Elb-Panorama” penthouse in Hamburg, Dirk Lehman, Managing Director of Becker Marine Systems, accepted the award for the “Environmental Initiative of the Year” judged by an independent jury. “This award shows that we are on the right track with our ideas in the field of utilising “Liquefied Natural Gas” (LNG), the environmentally-friendly energy source”, said Lehmann.

The LNG Hybrid Barge is making a lasting contribution towards improved air quality at port cities. Just this year it supplied electricity to the AIDASol cruise ship during layovers at the Port of Hamburg. By utilising LNG, soot particles and sulphur oxides are no longer being emitted. Moreover, emissions of nitrogen oxides have been cut by 80 percent and CO₂ by 20 percent.

“Our successful pilot project has been honoured for this once again”, said Lehmann. In addition to the Seatrade Cruise Award, the LNG Hybrid Barge had previously won the GreenTec “Travel“ Award, the Baltic Clean Sea Maritime Award and second prize in the 2014 German-Norwegian Business Award. During a visit to Hamburg just this spring the Dutch royal couple, Willem-Alexander and Máxima, showed enthusiasm for the barge christened the HUMMEL.

The LNG Hybrid Barge will again be supplying low-emission power to cruise ships in the coming cruise season. Becker Marine Systems, the market leader for rudders and energy-saving manoeuvring technology solutions, would in future like to provide the pioneering technology to ferries, container ships, bulkers and tankers as well.

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Hamburg-based Becker Marine Systems is the market leader for high-performance rudders and energy-saving manoeuvring technology solutions for any type of ship. Becker's products are well-established on the world market and represent the top choice for both super tankers as well as container ships, passenger ferries, large cruise ships and luxury yachts.
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Picture 1: Seatrade Cruise Awards 2015 for Becker Marine Systems and AIDA Cruises

Picture 2: The Hummel LNG Hybrid Barge

Picture 3: Becker Marine Systems logo

Picture 4: 2015 Seatrade Cruise Award logo

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