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## **Press Information**

### **West Coast Launch Standardizes on Volvo Penta Engines for Fleet of Water Transportation Vessels**

(CHESAPEAKE, Va.) – Sept. 13, 2017 – A new passenger-vehicle transport vessel being built for Canada’s West Coast Launch Ltd. will be powered by a pair of 750-horsepower [Volvo Penta](#) engines.

The decision to go with Volvo Penta was easy. Over the last 14 years, the family-owned water transportation operator, based in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, has standardized on Volvo Penta as the engine supplier of choice for its growing fleet.

“We’ve had a good history with Volvo Penta engines,” said Capt. Doug Davis, owner of West Coast Launch. “They’re real workhorses, very dependable. I like their speed and torque. They get good fuel economy and run clean. Plus we get good local service from the Volvo Penta dealer, Bridgeview Marine.”

The Davis family’s history with Volvo Penta goes back to 2003, when they purchased the 58-ft. 38-passenger vessel *MV Georgia Master* and repowered the boat with twin 615-horsepower Volvo Penta D12s. Ten years later, in 2013, the engines had over 12,000 hours on them. Although the D12s were still running strong, the Davis’ decided it was time to upgrade to Volvo Penta D13 700-horsepower diesels.

In early 2015, West Coast Launch took delivery of two 38-ft. waterjet-propelled launches to service its growing business for moving stores and passengers. Built by Kvichak Marine, the new vessels are powered by twin Volvo Penta 510-horsepower D11 diesels. The performance of the D11s and waterjets has more than exceeded expectations, according to Davis. “We get there faster and use less fuel,” he said.

The company has also just completed repowering *MV North Port*, its 18-passenger vessel originally built in 1999, with a pair of Volvo Penta 510-horsepower D11s.

The new 85-ft. vessel, to be named *MV Aurora*, will be powered by twin Volvo Penta D16MH engines. The vessel will carry up to 100 passengers as well as vehicles and deck loads to remote construction sites. *Aurora* is being built by Canadian Alberni Engineering in Port Alberni, British Columbia, and is scheduled for delivery in the spring.

For high-resolution images, visit: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6luyqb6k2tvqee7/AAD0Kyq\\_jDI8-wpwpqBunQja?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6luyqb6k2tvqee7/AAD0Kyq_jDI8-wpwpqBunQja?dl=0).

#### **About West Coast Launch Ltd.**

West Coast Launch Ltd. was founded by the Davis family in 1988. The company operates its vessels 24/7 year-round to transport passengers, stores, vehicles and equipment for a wide range of regional customers. The service area includes Prince Rupert, Kitimat, the North Coast, surrounding areas and First Nations villages. The company is the certified launch service for the Pacific Pilotage Authority on the North Coast and also operates sightseeing excursions through its Prince Rupert Adventure Tours subsidiary.

## **About Volvo Penta**

Volvo Penta, with approximately 3,500 dealers in over 130 countries, is a world-leading and global manufacturer of engines and complete power systems for boats, vessels and industrial applications. The engine program comprises diesel and gasoline engines with power outputs of between 10 and 1,000 hp. Volvo Penta is part of the Volvo Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of heavy trucks, buses and construction equipment.

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