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### **5.8m Kaiwea Crew Change/Survey vessel**

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and the team at White Pointer Boats on the design and build quality of our latest White Pointer Boat Kaiwea.

As you are aware we sent Kaiwea directly to Newcastle Australia where it is working alongside our backhoe dredges Machiavelli and Kimahia. The dredging project is for BHP Billiton and Thiess services Ltd, both companies had identified that crew transfer between the crew change vessel and the dredges was going to be a high risk activity and were keen to see what measures Heron Construction were implementing to minimise the risk. When Kaiwea was delivered to site and they observed the bow transfer area and the vessels fendering system they were extremely impressed and this was all before she was put into the water.

Sea trials for the Kaiwea with safety managers from BHP and Thiess Services on board could not have gone better, the foam fenders offered great protection to Kaiwea as she can alongside the dredges and the bow transfer area work perfectly to enable crew to embark and disembark.

Since the sea trials Kaiwea has continued to perform it duties faultlessly, Kaiwea is alongside dredges and barges at least a dozen times a day and there is not a mark on her hull, the foam fenders are a great addition to the vessel and given the level of protection they offer we would consider retro fitting them to our 8.5m White Pointer at some time it that was at all possible.

Having previously owned two Niaid RBI we believe the foam fender system is a better choice, it requires far less maintenance, the foam tubes do not deflate and the Rhino protective coating on the foam fenders offers great protection to Kaiwea and the other vessels she come alongside.

Keep up the good work and once again thanks for a great boat!

Yours faithfully

**Heron Construction Company Limited**

**Greg Kroef.**