

Subsea Support Vessel 'r/v Mintis' joins Mark Offshore fleet

Catamaran Research Vessel ready to be deployed for offshore renewables, marine survey, and nearshore energy projects

Mark Offshore has reached an agreement with Klaipėda University (Lithuania) to operate Research Vessel Mintis, further strengthening its position in the offshore renewables and subsea support market. Under this agreement, Klaipėda University has appointed Mark Offshore as commercial and operational manager for activities within the renewables and energy domains.

The addition of r/v Mintis represents a strategic expansion of Mark Offshore's service offering towards flexible, cost-efficient subsea support solutions that are specifically tailored to the growing demands of offshore wind, marine survey, and nearshore energy projects.

Originally designed as a scientific research vessel, r/v Mintis combines high-end research capabilities with practical offshore functionality. This unique combination enables commercial clients to benefit from a highly versatile platform that bridges the gap between traditional Survey Vessels and dedicated Subsea Support Vessels.

Operational experience in offshore renewables

R/V Mintis is a 40-metre DP1 catamaran research vessel built in 2014, with proven operational experience across the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Mediterranean and Eastern North Atlantic. Since 2015, the vessel has been actively involved in international marine research projects, many of which are directly linked to offshore renewable energy developments. The vessel is currently located in Klaipėda and available for client inspections.

Mark van der Star, Mark Offshore's founder and managing director, says: *"Adding Mintis to our fleet is a significant step forward for Mark Offshore. The offshore renewables market increasingly demands flexible, multi-purpose vessels that can operate efficiently in both shallow and deeper waters. Mintis fits that requirement perfectly, and we thank Klaipėda University for their trust to have us manage this ship.*

"What makes this vessel truly special is the combination of scientific capability, operational flexibility, and cost-efficiency. It is a beautifully designed catamaran with exceptional stability, a smart layout, and a proven track record in demanding environments. This allows us to offer our clients a highly capable platform that delivers real value across a wide range of offshore projects."

Note for the Editor:

RV Mintis - a versatile and cost-efficient subsea platform

With over 12 years of operational experience, r/v Mintis has successfully supported a wide range of offshore activities, including:

- **ROV, AUV and USV operations**
Equipped with a central moonpool between the twin hulls and a dedicated midship A-frame, the vessel enables safe and efficient deployment of a wide range of subsea vehicles. The onboard laboratory can be converted into a fully functional ROV control room, ensuring optimal working conditions offshore.
- **Subsea equipment deployment**
The aft deck features a 14-ton SWL A-frame and multiple winch systems, enabling the deployment and recovery of subsea equipment such as CPT systems, buoys, landers, clump weights, measurement pods and environmental monitoring equipment.
- **Diving and shallow water operations**
With a dedicated 4-point mooring system and shallow draft, Mintis is ideally suited for nearshore and shallow water projects requiring a stable working platform. The 120 m² free deck space accommodates project equipment and containerized diving spreads, including decompression chambers.
- **Hydrographic and geophysical surveys**
The vessel is equipped with a wet lab featuring a moonpool with Reson MBES, an SVP davit, and a survey pole capable of deploying MBES, SSS, and sub-bottom profilers, making it highly suitable for comprehensive survey campaigns.
- **Accommodation and connectivity**
The vessel accommodates up to 17 personnel, supported by a professional crew and onboard catering. Additional modular accommodation can be installed on deck if required. High-speed connectivity is ensured through Starlink, backed up by a 5G solution.

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