



The "Cornelis Vrolijk" is the first vessel to use the "Flipper" doors. Here the door is seen in action with the foils released - reducing the doors surface area. Photo: Cornelis Vrolijk.

Introducing the New Dual Purpose "Flipper" Trawl door

The new flying trawl door from Thyborøn has been developed for different purposes and is so far the most versatile of all our doors. Equipped with four adjustable foils you can reduce the surface area by 15% making the same set of doors suitable for trawling after different species – in example either herring, mackerel or blue whiting.

On top of that you can adjust the angle of attack by another 10%. All in all you get two types of doors in one, less drag and a better spread. It's so easy going in the water that we call it the "Flipper".

First mover with the Flipper

The "Cornelis Vrolijk" pelagic factory trawler has tested the "Flipper" in The English Channel in December. Using Thyborøn Trawl doors for 15 years the skipper Martin van der Meij was very confident in the new doors. In his own words he left the trawlers other doors ashore when "Cornelis Vrolijk" headed for open waters with the "Flipper" doors. According to Martin van der Meij trawling in shallow water of only 35-40 metres proved easy with the adjustable doors.



Lars Andreasen, the grandson of Thyborøn Skibssmedies founder, accompanied HM The Queen during the visit.

Royal Visit

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II paid our production site a visit in the beginning of September. As one of a few chosen companies in Thyborøn to receive the royal attention we were honored and delighted to show Her Majesty what Made in Denmark also stands for. In memory of the visit we gave HM The Queen a silhouette piece of The Royal Family's beloved yacht "Dannebrog" and Her Majesty's monogram made of Cortex-steel and mounted on a granite block.





"Helga Maria"



"Hopen"



"Ocean Tiger"

Type 14 Conquering New Markets

The first set of Type 14 has been sold in Iceland to the "Helga Maria" of Akranes. More sets are now on their way. Acclaimed among fishermen as being the best high aspect bottom door in the market the Norwegian vessels "Hopen", "K-Arctander", "Andenesfisk", "Havbryn", "Havstrand" and "Prestfjord" have also aquired Type 14 doors. Type 14 is also inspiring others to use them for shrimp fishing such as the "Ocean Tiger" from the Ocean Prawns company.



Specially Designed Type 15 VF Sold to Russian Sea Catch

Starting with a visit in Thyborøn and at Danfish 2013, Russian Sea Catch began negotiations for renewing the trawldoors in their fleet of a dozen factory trawlers. Russian Sea Catch asked for a trawldoor suitable for pollock, squid and herring fishing, combining strength, high speed and low resistance. Based on experiences from other Russian companies, the Type 15 VF with bolted-on manganese shoes was chosen. The company decided to buy 6 pairs of these specially designed Type 15 VF, which have already been delivered to the company to prove their efficiency in the coming pollack season starting in January.



30 Sets Shipped To New Zealand

For Hampidjan in New Zealand we have shipped three containers with 30 sets of doors for the Oceanian market. The shipping contained Type 11, 14 and 16 in sizes from 1,2 to 7 square metres.

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