

DEA CHAMPION

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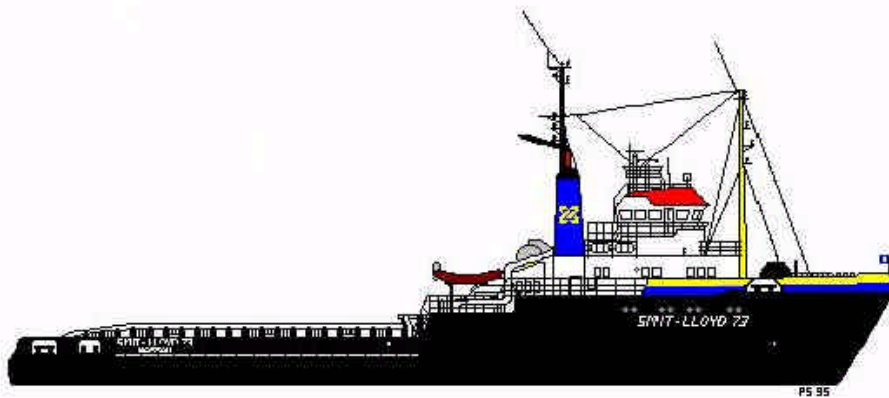


Top : The DEA CHAMPION working offshore Dahej (India)

The **DEA CHAMPION** started her life as the **SMIT-LLOYD 71**, she was build at the Merwede Shipyard in Hardinxveld Giessendam during 1980.

This 6000 hp vessel was one out of serie of 5 ships of the Smit-Lloyd 70 Class, but she was different to her sisterships because she was build for a long term charter in Brunei and had different equipment onboard which was required for that charter.

Left :
General drawing of the 70-Class



The **SMIT-LLOYD 71**, is equipped with 2 BOLNES 18V.DL150/600 main engines and had a Electric driven 500 HP bow thruster and had a length of 60.5 mtr and a beam of 14 mtr, the max draft of the vessel was 5.2 mtr.

At the picture right and below the **SMIT LLOYD 71** working offshore Brunei, clearly visible the difference With the other ships of this class



Upon completion of the long term contract in Brunei the vessel returned to Singapore and was served with several salvage jobs ([photos below](#)) and other works with SMIT Singapore,





Top : The **SMIT LLOYD 71** departing from Singapore for a casualty.

Left & right : The **SMIT LLOYD 71** in drydock in Singapore after she had a tree "log" in the propeller in the Straits of Malacca.



When SMIT LLOYD was sold to SEACOR Smit Singapore kept the management of the vessel, even when the vessel was sold to NOMIS Shipping, who is the current owner of the vessel.

The ship was renamed in **DEA CHAMPION** during 1998, and is still having this name and operating in the Far East.

