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Winners of the Maritime Awards

BATTLE OF THE YEAR

Every year, representatives of the Dutch maritime industry gather for the Maritime Awards Gala. Last October, I had the pleasure of attending the prestigious award show with my colleague Rob van Akkeren, where five of the Netherlands' most prominent national maritime awards are presented. With a jam-packed Studio 21 in Hilversum it quickly became clear that the maritime sector is indispensable for the Dutch economy. In a welcome speech at the event the Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte made clear that the industry is extremely beneficial and lucrative, with over 12,000 businesses represented in the maritime sector, resulting in over 253,000 jobs, and an added value of EUR 25 billion.

Innovation was widely highlighted during this gala, in five different award categories. The winner of the Ship of the Year Award was fishing vessel MDV 1 Immanuel. Almost everything about this fishing cutter has been freshly designed. The vessel's shape, arrangement, materials and construction, propulsion installation and fish processing are all innovations in comparison to the traditional North Sea cutters. The KVNR Shipping Award 2016 was presented to the combined submission from the Holland America Line (HAL) and the Center for Simulator Maritime Training

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to the Integrated Monopile Installer from IHC IQIP that ensures safer, more efficient and more accurate installation of the largest monopiles in the offshore wind sector and for the Maritime Designer Award the jury chose Etienne Duchateau as its winner, with his method for an interactive and controllable exploration of ship designs. He has come up with an unconventional and at the same

time highly effective approach to conceptual designs. It was an inspirational and unforgettable evening that makes me wonder what novelties will be created in 2017.

For now, I'd like to wish you happy holidays and a wonderful new year.



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Fishing vessel MDV 1 Immanuel was voted Ship of the Year 2016.



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Focus on Ship of the Year 2016

Maritime sector rakes in the prizes during the 2016 Maritime Awards Gala. After the opening speech by Prime Minister Mark Rutte, the five most important maritime sector awards were presented this evening during the Maritime Awards Gala that is part of the Maritime Week. In the presence of some 800 maritime professionals, politicians and interested parties, the fishing vessel MDV 1 Immanuel was voted Ship of the Year 2016. This makes the vessel the new standard bearer for entrepreneurial spirit and innovation within the maritime sector. With innovation in the maritime industry one often sees that just one aspect is subject to a new development, for example the propulsion. But this is not the case with the Immanuel – here almost everything about this fishing cutter has been freshly designed. The vessel's shape, arrangement, materials and construction, propulsion installation and fish processing are all innovations in comparison to the traditional North Sea cutters.

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April	March 29 – 31, 2017 Innex Vietnam 2017 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam www.maritimeshows.com/vietnam
May	April 5 – 8, 2017 Europort Turkey Tuzla, Turkey www.europort.nl/about-europort/europort-exports/
	May 9 – 11, 2017 Maritime Industry GG 2017 Gorinchem, The Netherlands booking.evenementenhal.nl/en/maritime-industry-gg-2017/