

New Towing tanker

Good news for the tug towing fans - at the Blackpool show we obtained a nicely discounted supertanker GRP hull about 8ft long and 15" beam. This now needs to be converted over the winter into a suitable semi scale tanker for towing. Phil Scales currently has custody but various parts of the work can be contracted out to volunteer members.

Barry will undertake some of the woodworking for decks and bulkheads, someone can possibly do a superstructure/funnel in Berts Plastic! Deck details by way of railings, pipework, bollards etc can be done by suitable people or donation of parts. Some strong lifting slings will also be needed!

In committee it was decided this will be a tanker rather than a bulker. It will be part free flooding for ballast and be painted in club colours to match the tiny tugs. It will be un-motorised and kept simple. This vessel will be better than the current tow as it will not leak and will be a bit lighter empty.

Phil will be away at the November meeting, but will bring the hull to the AGM meeting in December for examination and 'volunteers' to assist with it.

We will then have two tows in the club and Phil hopes to form an enthusiastic group of 'tuggers' for next season.



The team impresses at Birchwood



Part of the stand at Blackpool