

environment protecting vessels, sea-harbor icebreaking vessels, water monitoring vessels, bucket-wheel dredgers, double-hulled passenger ships, LPG vessels, multi-function container vessels, bulk cement carriers. Moreover, the company has long-time cooperation with global-wide classifications societies such as CCS, ABS, LR, BV and KR. *(Source: Jiangsu Zhenjiang Shipyard)*



WALVIS BAY TUGS



A collection of harbour tugs, work boat and pilot boat in Walvis Bay, seen from the deck of the *Queen Mary 2* on her recent visit to the Namibian port. BTW, does anyone know what is the collective for a number of tugs? *(Photo: by Ian Shiffman)*

CHRISTOS XXIV ENTERING GRAND HARBOUR, MALTA

The 1971 built Panama registered with call sign HP3603 tug **Christos XXIV** (Imo 7041625) entering Grand Harbour, Malta for the first time to tow the disabled ro/ro ship *Setubal Express* bound to Tuzla, Turkey on Thursday 16th May, 2013 . The tug is owned by IMS Christos XXIV SA – Attiki; Greece and managed by Spanopoulos Group – Attiki; Greece. The tug was built by F. Schichau GmbH - Bremerhaven under number 1751 and delivered as **Fairplay IX**.



The **Christos XXIV** has a length o.a. of 49.47 mtrs a beam of 11.30 mtrs and a draught of 5.49 mtrs. The grt is 859 tonnes and the nrt 257 tonnes. The two Atlas-Mak 8MU 452 AK main engines develops an total output of 2,648 kW and a speed 14 knots. She is classed Germanischer Lloyd \boxtimes 100 A5 E Tug \boxtimes MC *(Photo: Capt. Lawrence Dalli - www.maltashipphotos.com)*