

# FEEDBACK

## 9,5m<sup>2</sup> TYPE 26 BLUESTREAM

**F/V VESTTIND, NORWAY – capt. Helge Johannessen :**

Hei Ole

First I will to thank you for the confidence, that we got the chance to test these new trawldoors, which were developed by you – and for very quick delivery of these.

We went from 9 m<sup>2</sup> type 23 trawldoors till 9,5 m<sup>2</sup> of the new Type 26. We were satisfied with the type 23, but we are ready to try something new, when the suppliers claim to bring improvements.

9m<sup>2</sup> type 23 doors were a bit too small when we were fishing in shallow waters, we therefore decided to increase the new doors with 0,5 m<sup>2</sup>. We have to conclude, that this was bot necessary, it shows that the new type 26 trawldoors are much more efficient than the type 23 trawldoors.

Impressing how good the doors keep standing in shallow waters, with this in mind we can operate with increasing wirelength and the spreading will be the same as on deeper waters. These also include lengthning of the bridles. The spreading is extremely stabile with very small changes.

I believed the type 23 and type 14 doors were good at turning, but these are better  
I do not have to haul so much wire during turning, as these doors do not lean as much inwards – they keep a very good spread during all the turn.

I have not registrered any increase in the fuel consumption or pressure on the winches – neither the opposite. The have a slightly smaller AOA (angle of attack) than similar doors.

I also notice the spreading is still very good with low speeds, which means that these doors probably will be very good for shrimp fishing as well. If I had a demand for new shrimpdoors, I would not have any doubt !

Yes, the doors can tilt after a hold or some hanging in the mud, but they get very quick up again, this was even getting better when we moved the towing point up on the brakett (till hole no 2 from top) and forced the doors to lean slightly more inwards. This did also not cause any problems in shallow waters.

The increase in the sizes of the foils also reduces the filling with mud and stones

We are very happy after this 1st trip (5 weeks) with these doors. We have been fishing 720 tonnes – half of this is haddock. 270 tonnes within the latest 7 fishing days. We are very happy with this during this conditions. With a very small cod quota remaining, we have been forced to search for haddock instead of participating in a good cod fishery. Bad weather has also caused some problems.

During the voyage, we have shared information with Arctic Swan, who was also testing this type of doors. They also seems to be very happy with the performance of their chosen 9 m<sup>2</sup> Type 26 doors.

These will, without any doubt, be our future doors.

Best rgds  
Helge Johannessen  
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