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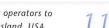
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The October delivery of the 93.3 metre 'Skandi Patagonia' strengthened Norway's grip on the multipurpose OSV market.

'Kanchadewa' is one of a pair of harbour tugs recently completed by Colombo Dockyard Limited for the Sri Lankan Ports Authority

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Fast open patrol boat from Alucraft

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Spanish minehunter series completed



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