



THERE'S NO BUSINESS  
LIKE TOW BUSINESS



EMDER SCHLEPP - BETRIEB GMBH



# OUR HISTORY

## A LOOK BACK SINCE 1859

The origins of Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH (ESB), founded in 1994, date back to 1859. Seaman Peter Wichmanns Wessels, who sailed all seven seas, towed a large sailing ship anchored off Borkum due to calm winds with his motorized cutter „Primus“ and safely brought it to its destination port in Emden. This first operation laid the foundation for the towing business.



**1859**

Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH has a long and rich history that began in 1859. At that time, Emden was becoming increasingly important as a port location due to its strategic position on the North Sea for sea trade and the burgeoning industry in Germany. In these early years, the focus was on towing sailing ships that needed assistance due to unfavorable winds or tides. Steam tugs gradually began to revolutionize traditional methods and gradually shaped the working methods of Emden's towing services.



**1945–1960**

After the war, Emden's towing operations entered a phase of growth. The reconstruction of the Emden port and the German economic miracle led to increased ship traffic and a growing demand for professional towing services. Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH continuously modernized its fleet and introduced increasingly powerful tugs to meet the demands of larger ships. In the 1960s, the Emden port became an important location for the export of German products, especially Volkswagen vehicles. This led to a renewed increase in towing operations, making Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH an indispensable part of the maritime infrastructure.



**1994**

In the 1980s and 1990s, the maritime industry experienced a wave of consolidation. Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH had to adapt to changing market conditions as competitive pressure and economic challenges increased. There were cooperations and partnerships to increase efficiency and secure port operations in the long term.

During this time, the company further modernized its fleet and introduced new technologies to make towing operations safer and more environmentally friendly. With the advent of stricter environmental regulations, Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH began investing in lower-emission and more energy-efficient tugs.





**2002/2003**

With increasing globalization and the continued growth of world trade, the Emden port once again became a significant transshipment point, particularly for automobile and container transport. Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH invested in modern, powerful tugs tailored to the requirements of larger container ships and special transports. The first Voith-Schneider tugs expanded the fleet.



**2020**

A paradigm shift occurred with the introduction of modern ASD drives on the newest fleet member „Peter Wessels.“ The company is one of the major players in port logistics and towing operations in Emden and along the Ems River and has established itself over the decades as a reliable partner for the maritime industry.



**2024**



Today, Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH is one of the leading towing companies in the region. With its modernized fleet and a growing focus on sustainability, the company plays a key role in maritime logistics in Emden. Challenges such as increasing digitalization and the need to integrate low-emission technologies shape the company's current and future actions.

# SEA TOWING BUSINESS AHOY!



## WELCOME TO THE PORT OF OPPORTUNITIES!

ESB operates five modern coastal and harbor tugs. Through cross-border cooperation and close connections with other German tug shipping companies, short-term access to additional tugs of any size is ensured.

ESB, the company name is the program: Efficiency. Safety. Readiness. ESB tugs offer prompt service 365 days a year and around the clock, enabling sea vessels to perform quick and safe entry and exit maneuvers in any weather.

With experienced and well-trained employees, ESB is a competent partner for shipping companies and shipyards in the ports along the Ems River and the entire coastal area. Assistance with launches, pontoon towing, and new build transfers are part of the service spectrum, as well as material and personnel transport and work on water construction sites.

Worldwide contacts enable solutions for any requirement in both sea vessel assistance and the offshore sector and for the transport of project cargo of all kinds by sea.



# COMPETENCE IN PORT AND SEA TOWING BUSINESS

The port has several Ro-Ro facilities, a container terminal, and efficient handling bridges. Many berths are equipped with rail connections.

The city of Emden has about 50,000 inhabitants. All the facilities of a larger port city are available. Logistic service providers, efficient handling companies, and several shipyards are available.



# STRONG TUGS FOR EVERY CHALLENGE

## YOUR SAFETY IS OUR DRIVE!

Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH has an impressive fleet designed for the diverse requirements of the towing business. The fleet includes powerful tugs that can be used both in the port and on the open sea. These tugs are equipped with the latest technology to ensure maximum efficiency and safety. From small, maneuverable tugs to large, powerful units, Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH offers the right ship for every task.



### „KÄTHE WESSELS“

Length:	21,02 m
Beam:	10,81 m
Draft:	4,80 m
PS:	3.702
Bollard Pull:	51,2 to.

### „PETER WESSELS“

Length:	25,78 m
Beam:	9,8 m
Draft:	4,8 m
PS:	4.935
Bollard pull:	62 to.

**„FRIEDRICH WESSELS“**

Length: 30,38 m

Beam: 8,8 m

Draft: 4,5 m

PS: 2.400

Bollard pull: 34,2 to.

**„FINN“**

Length: 28,2 m

Beam: 8,4 m

Draft: 4,5 m

PS: 2.394

Bollard pull: 32 to.



# TOGETHER STRONG

## ALWAYS A SHIP LENGTH AHEAD WITH OUR PARTNERS!

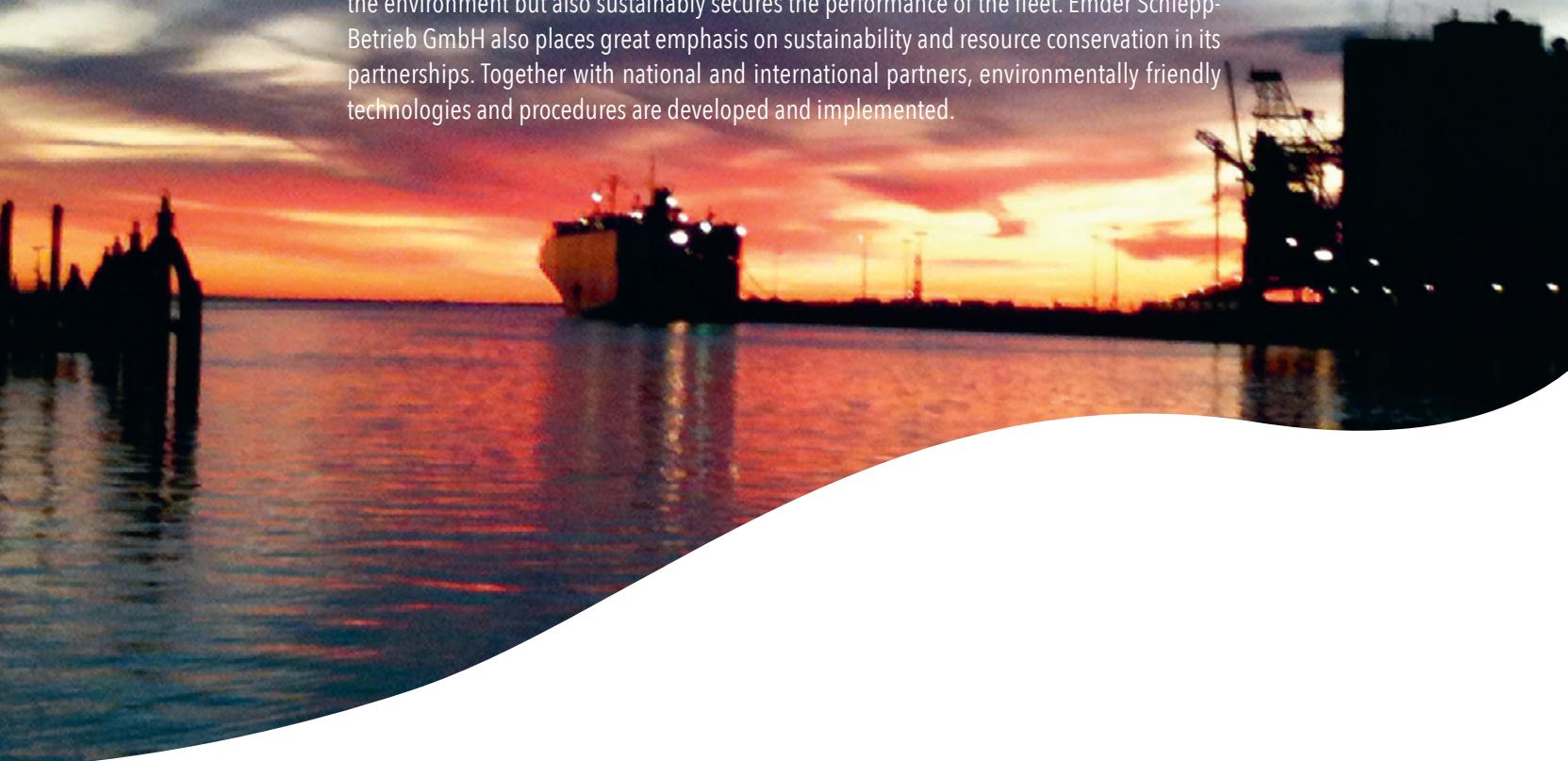
To further increase their flexibility, Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH collaborates with a number of national and international partners. These partnerships enable the quick and efficient provision of additional capacities and specialized ships when needed. This allows the company to always respond optimally in exceptional situations and particularly demanding projects, offering tailored solutions to its customers.



# SUSTAINABLY STRONG

## WITH INNOVATION AND EFFICIENCY INTO THE FUTURE!

Emder Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH focuses on sustainability and resource conservation. By using modern, low-emission technologies and regular maintenance, fuel consumption is minimized, and environmental impact is reduced. At the same time, the company continuously invests in innovative solutions to increase the efficiency and safety of its tugs. This not only protects the environment but also sustainably secures the performance of the fleet. Emden Schlepp-Betrieb GmbH also places great emphasis on sustainability and resource conservation in its partnerships. Together with national and international partners, environmentally friendly technologies and procedures are developed and implemented.



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Heute sind wir ein spezialisierter Ausrüster und Berater für den medizinisch/pharmazeutischen Bedarf sowie der Medizintechnologie für alle Arten von Schiffen und Flaggenstaaten. Unsere Kundenflotte reicht dabei vom kleinen Bei- und Rettungsboot, den bekannten Frachtschiffen, über Super- und Megayachten und natürlich bis zum Ozeanriesen der Kreuzfahrt.

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