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Salvage Tug "Taikoo"



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The third vessel to bear the name **"Taikoo"** This salvage tug became renowned for its many successful salvage jobs and towage exploits in the South China Seas between 1950-70s. Built in 1950 by Taikoo Dock Yard & Engineering Co., Hong Kong, for their own use. **"Taikoo"**, 812 GRT, fitted with 2 3cyl Triple Expansion Engines plus L.P. impulse turbine developing 1500-1800 Inp, twin screws in Kort Nozzles, provided a service speed of 12.5 knots and a Bollard Pull of 30 tons. However, she operated at 10.5 kts.

This tug became an icon within Asia, having conducted many spectacular salvage accomplishments in her years of valuable service. In 1973 she was sold to Asia Marine Corporation Ltd. and renamed **"Audrey B"**, and registered in Panama. Later broken up at Bangkok in October 1973, but her legacy lives on.

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