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## SEASPAN PRINCE & SEASPAN COMMANDER

The SEASPAN PRINCE (photo above) and the SEASPAN COMMANDER head up the North Arm on a (rare) sunny morning in early February '10. Both are former Ocean Marine Towing (formerly Evans, Coleman & Evans, then Ocean Construction Supplies) tugs. The 52-ft 800-hp twin nozzle SEASPAN PRINCE was built as the EVCO CREST to a Robert 'Bob' Allan design and launched by Star Shipyard (Mercer's) in 1969. The SEASPAN COMMANDER was originally built in 1970 as LA DENE for Vancouver Tug Boat Co by their Vancouver Shipyards (North Vancouver) and became SEASPAN COMMANDER that year when Van Tug was merged with Island Tug and Barge (Victoria) to form Seaspan International. Likewise Van Tug's sister Cove-Hatfield design LA GARDE, launched by Star Shipyard (Mercer's) in 1970, became the SEASPAN NAVIGATOR. In 1974 the COMMANDER was acquired by Evans, Coleman &

Evans (see NORTH ARM WAVE on page 43) and became the EVCO BUCCANEER, the flagship of the Evco fleet. Then, in 2007, Seaspan bought back the 85' x 24' x 14' tug with its twin 850-bhp Caterpillar 3512s on CP props and it again became SEASPAN COMMANDER.

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