

Hilton's Express

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Vessel: Hilton's Express

Owner: Pacific Seafood

Homeport: Port of Peninsula, Nahcotta

Year built: 2007

Designer: Everest Marine

Engine: John Deere

Cruising speed: Up to 15 knots

Fuel: 600 gallons diesel

Length: 64.5 feet

Beam: 15 feet

Draft: 2.5 feet

Use: Hilton's Express skipper Nick Morrison, 30, said he and the crew are currently harvesting oysters.

"We go out and get oysters from the harvest beds and then ship them to the canneries," Morrison said. "We fill up every tub, there's 800 bushels there. It's about a \$9,000 load every time."

Hilton's became a famous consumer seafood brand starting in the mid-20th century, based in South Bend, Washington. Hilton's Oyster Stew remains popular.



ABOVE: Oysterman David Ross reaches for a rope as the Hilton's Express pulls into the port. **BELOW LEFT:** The Hilton's Express is homeported at the Port of Peninsula in Nahcotta. **BELOW RIGHT:** The Hilton's Express, as seen at the port.

