

Alternative to tuna coils

A COST saving refrigeration system for tuna seiners is being developed by Spanish company Tucal in collaboration with the H. J. Barreras shipyard in Vigo.

Tucal says: "Our latest project consists of an alternative to the traditional system of coils for tuna seiners.

"It will avoid the use of ammonia and requires less refrigerant, so improving security on board, increasing reliability and, also, reducing costs."

A prototype of the refrigeration system is currently being built for presentation at the Navalia International Shipbuilding and Maritime Industry Exhibition in Vigo from May 23 - 25.

Funding for the project is being provided by the Galician government.

Tucal says: "Ever since we started manufacturing and installing refrigeration equipment almost two decades ago, we have been more than a mere supplier.

"We have also invested in researching new systems that could bring improvements in terms of cost and performance."