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In Pictures: How to move a 52,434-tonne ship along the River Tees

The North Sea Producer has been saying farewell to Teesside today as it heads off to Africa :: Watch video of its exit

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Any Boro fan who has been to the Riverside this season will have seen the giant ship which has been docked next to the stadium - it seems to have been a good luck omen for the team.

Now, with the side promoted, the 236m long ship which had been working in the North Sea as an FPSO (or Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel to you and I) [is leaving Teesside once again.](#)

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This time she's off to Nigeria, but how exactly do you [move a giant ship along the Tees](#) and out to the sea?



1. You need a few tug boats



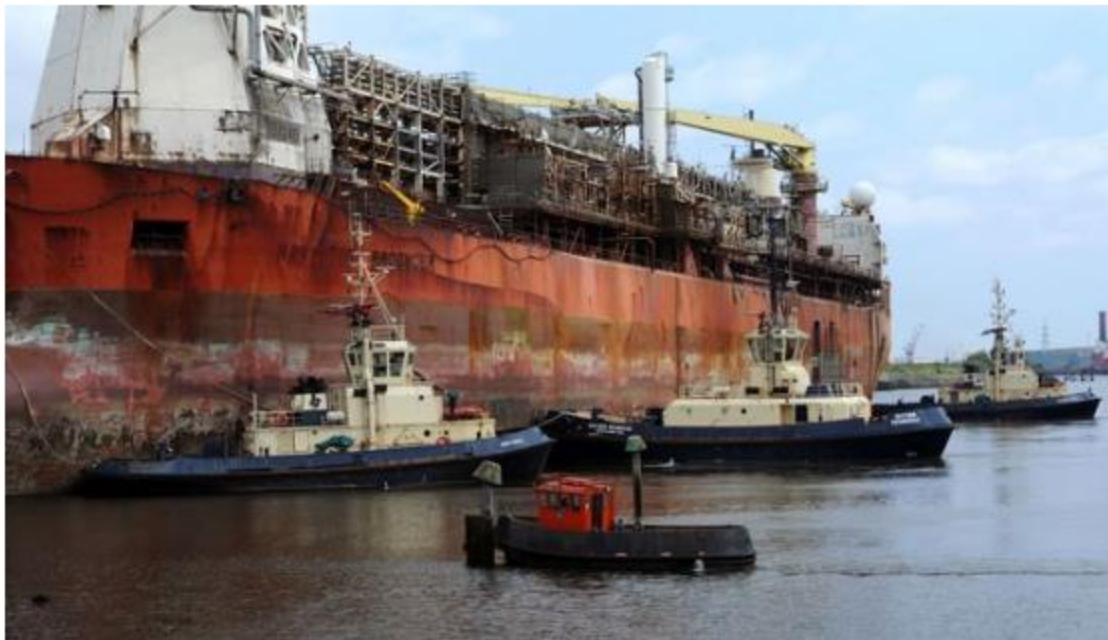
2. It doesn't matter if they're (a lot) smaller than the ship



3. You get a great view from them as well



4. And they all help when it comes to moving a behemoth



5. I mean look at it... it is MASSIVE!



6. Such moves tend to attract an audience



7. And it helps a bit when the weather is nice



8. It really takes some effort to get it to budge



9. LOADS of effort...



10. Then it's moving!



11. Finally, it's goodbye to The Producer



12. But remember how SPECTACULAR it looked



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