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NEW RANGE BOAT FROM ARMOR BOATS ON SHOW AT JERSEY BOAT SHOW 2-4 MAY 2009

April 2009: A new design of powerboat cruiser is on show for the first time at the Jersey Boat Show. The Range Boat combines the design skills of British designer Nigel Irens with high quality advanced manufacturing technology from French boat builder Armor Boats.



The 12 metre Range Boat has a long waterline length, and is much lighter than most boats of this length. This unusual configuration creates a hull shape that is highly energy efficient, enabling the Range Boat to smoothly achieve remarkable speeds without the need to get on the plane. This avoids the uncomfortable slamming and often bumpy ride characteristic of planing hulls, and gives a satisfying feeling of slippery and effortless speed. Iren's non-planing Low Displacement to Length (LDL) concept also allows the boat to be operated at optimum speed to suit the sea state unlike a planing hull which becomes uncomfortable and inefficient when forced by adverse sea-state to travel at sub-planing speeds.

Armor Boats 12 metre Range Boat is 3.3 metre wide, with a 0.9 metre draft. It is designed to seat eight adults in comfort, with a covered front cabin and navigation cockpit. The low profile design means passengers and crew do not experience the nausea-inducing rolling common on taller, shorter and wider powerboats.

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With Nigel Irens' proven design record – which includes the world record breaking power trimaran 'Cable & Wireless Adventurer' – the Range Boat's design ensures good sea-keeping characteristics with a much enhanced passage-making capability in any sea state.

Designed as a day boat or with longer distance cruising boat, there is the option to fit an extended awning to provide protection for the aft seating area. Able to sleep up to four people, the front cabin includes a double berth, sink, shower and heads. The aft decking lounge area features padded bench seating which converts into a double bed, galley with cooker, sink, icemaker and refrigerator; and combined steering and navigation area.

The diesel engine options include a single 100 hp unit designed to attain the optimum cruising speed of 13-15 knots, whereas a single 200 hp installation is required to achieve a maximum speed of 20 knots. Fuel consumption is 13 litres per hour, at average speeds of 13 knots, and seven litres per hour at speeds of around 10 knots.

Based in Northern Brittany. Armor Boats uses the latest epoxy resin-infusion moulding techniques to create a sandwich hull and deck which ensures an almost perfect saturation of the laminate. The components are epoxy resin bonded and the interior is constructed in marine ply which again are all epoxy resin bonded. The Range Boat is available in two options – the Range 39 Day Boat and Range 39 Cruiser – and prices start at Euros 220,000 for the Day Boat, and Euros 230,000 for the Range 39 Cruiser.

Armor Boats will be showing the Range Boat at the Jersey Boat Show from 2-4 May 2009. For more information contact Jean-Pierre Tabu, Armor Boats, Tel +33 (0)2 96 91 03 32 or mob +33 (0)6 11 14 67 20 or by email at jptabu@rangeboat.com

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