



## Discover the world with a RIB

URK – Seahorse 12M LR was designed for heavy conditions to discover the world’s seas. Robust, solid, super fast and still comfortable for the passengers. In a few hours, you can be drinking coffee in England. The wishes of the customer, adventure, gave Workboats.nl a free hand in the further development of the successful aluminium RIB Seahunter 8 M.

Most ships are built for the luxury market. That made it was a fun challenge for Workboats.nl to build a ship that could take a blow and did not have to be luxurious. But this was still a bit different than the solid work boats that the company usually builds and delivers “The customer wanted a bucket for a toilet, no chemical toilet or built-in toilet,” explains Klaas Post, owner of Post Workboats and partner of Workboats.nl. Solid, robust and most of all suitable for long distances. The Seahorse 12M Long Range can sail for 18 hours non-stop and has a range of over 1,000 kilometres at cruising speed.

### Comfortable seats

To make long journeys comfortable, at the minimum sprung chairs are important. However, in this ship the whole console and the chairs were placed in a suspended unit on the deck. This makes reading the console and sitting at high speed even more pleasant. The people on the suspended console are also completely protected from spray by the roof.

It began with a sketch and discussion with the customer. All their wishes were made known. The customer was impressed by the journeys by the adventurer Bear Grylls and wanted to do similar journeys. Vripack then constructed a solid hull into which all the wishes were built. Egbert van Veen, director of KD Workboats and partner at Workboats.nl, built the seawater-proof aluminium hull.



### Solid

“It is super strong, in part due to the number of stringers and ribs,” says Van Veen. “No concessions were made. Solid was the most important thing.” A lot of horsepower provides a high economical cruising speed of 60 kilometres per hour.

The Mercedes of engines was chosen, three Yamaha F300B four-stroke outboard motors. The motors give the ship a top speed of over 100 kilometres per hour. Aside from these motors, the ship can also be equipped with diesel outboard and inboard motors. This makes the ship excellent as a patrol vessel for the military and other government operations. The aluminium hull means the ship can take a bump. The hull is designed as a deep V-hull, allowing it to cut through high waves smoothly.



### Long journeys

Klaas Post from Post Workboats: "This is a unique ship. We have not been able to find anything comparable. Most boats are built for the luxury market. Hilko van der Paard, the client, found it all either too luxurious or too boring. We know the customer; he has been sailing a smaller RIB of ours for years. He likes hard and heavy sailing. He wants to discover the world. Norway, Iceland, Scotland and England are all on the wish list. Adventure off the beaten tracks. Even America is in the plans for the future. The operational range of the ship means that this is very feasible in seven steps. Van Der Paard also wants to do something socially valuable with this ship. The intention is also to do sea journeys with people with disabilities and people who are terminally ill."

Workboats.nl is a partnership between KD Workboats and Post Workboats. These companies each have over thirty years of experience in the maritime industry. Workboats.nl specialises in the development and production of fully equipped vessels for rescue and salvage companies, the offshore and the seismic industry and other nautical sectors and also for water sports. Customers can rely on worldwide 24/7 service.

Technical data for Seahorse 12M LR, Length: 12.00 metres. Beam: 3.56 metres Draught: 1.00 metres/0.50 metres trimmed up , Maximum speed: 105 kilometres per hour Operational range: 1,080 kilometres, Weight: 5 tons, Engines: three Yamaha F300B four-stroke outboard motors, Passenger capacity: 6 people on sprung chairs under the roof

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