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THE PERFECT LANDING CRAFT

Ribeye has announced a unique new range of 12 RIB Tenders for up to nine persons, built using epoxy powder-coated all-aluminium hulls.

The boats, from 2.4 to 4.8m overall length, have been developed and designed by Ribeye for use with a selected range of Yamaha four-stroke outboards, giving customised packages to suit most needs.

Like all Ribeye craft their quality is excellent, with well-constructed two-tone, multi-chamber *Hypertex* buoyancy tubes and heavy-duty rubbing-strakes for alongside berthing.

All models are finished with Ribeye colour trim and the now familiar Ribeye “powered by Yamaha” logo.

What especially singles out these Ribeye Tenders, with their white aluminium hulls, is their ideal suitability for beaching roles, typical for long-term tender use. Such smaller boats are much more likely to be dragged onto beaches or slipways where gravel, shingle and hard surfaces can be less than friendly to GRP hulls, which can be prone to deep scratching and the wear and tear of frequent abrasion. Aluminium hulls will take the punishment year after year.

These Ribeye aluminium tenders are roomy, strong and robust, yet light and easy to transport. The smaller models travel easily on roof rack, swim platform or coach roof; however all models can be davit hung or towed astern.

Because of their light weight they are a real alternative for those who may have chosen an inflatable in the past for getting to and from a larger boat but would prefer a hard hull.

Tiller steering is standard on all models but an attractive range of consoles can be fitted for use with higher hp for remote use.

There are three types of Tender within the range. The TL (Tender Light) 240, 260, 280, 310 has a single skin aluminium hull; the TS (Tender Standard) 280, 310, 350, 370 has a double skin hull; the TA (Tender All-Aluminium) 365, 380, 430, 480 has a heavy-duty aluminium hull.

Standard equipment:

- anti-slip deck tread ● up to 10 internal & external grab handles
- davit lifting points ● towing bridle points ● double fixing point on bow ● reinforced transoms
- large-diameter multi-compartment buoyancy tubes ● recessed inflation valves ● raised anchor/stowage locker c/w access hatch and mooring cleat ● auto-bailing transom drains ● heavy-duty rub strake ● maintenance kit ● foot pump ● owners manual

Optional equipment:

- remote steering seating consoles - single or double
- davit lifting kits ● snap davits
- seat cushions for console and anchor locker
- dinghy wheels

Hp four-stroke range:

remote steering - minimum remote 15hp; maximum 60hp depending on model

tiller useable – minimum 2.5hp; maximum 60hp depending on model

Price range:

In addition to versatility and genuine Ribeye style, the Tender range is very competitively priced against conventional grp RIB tenders.

RIB only prices start from £1,050 incl. VAT for the TL240. With the Yamaha F2.5hp, RIB and engine package is £1,665 incl. VAT.

TS280 RIB only price is £1,350 incl. VAT. With Yamaha F4hp, RIB and engine package is £2,256 incl. VAT.

TA365 RIB only price is £3,100 incl. VAT. With Yamaha F15hp, RIB and engine price is £5,507 incl. VAT. TA365 with console and helm seat with Yamaha F25hp, fully rigged and commissioned is £8,922 incl. VAT.

Models from the Ribeye all-aluminium Tender range will be shown for the first time at the Southampton International Boat Show, on Ribeye's stand E058 and on Yamaha's stand D015.

The range is available through Ribeye Sales Centres and Yamaha dealers throughout the UK who can customise with navigation aids and leisure electronics.

Ribeye celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2009 and has grown from a small UK builder to an international competitor in markets around the world.



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