

## **N e w s   R e l e a s e**

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### **Introducing Cheetah Marine's next generation Walk-Around Cabin workboat**

Marking the latest addition to its fleet, the Cheetah Marine Walk-Around Cabin perfectly combines the practicality of a workboat with all the option of a high-end finish, to widen the market of the vessel. This Cheetah is perfect for patrol craft, crew transfer vessels, corporate events and small ferries.

#### **Fluid Water Taxi (operated by Urban Truant)**

Featuring a wealth of standout features, Cheetah Marine's Walk-Around Cabin has been customized for the recently launched Fluid Water Taxi company to include a fully bespoke internal cab with generous seating for 12 passengers or guests, alongside a customized hull and branded cab.

Currently operating an on-demand water taxi service on the south coast, Fluid Taxi has commissioned a fleet of Cheetah Marine catamarans to operate across a variety of destinations. These agile, stable craft are the ideal choice for transporting passengers around the picturesque shores of the Solent and beyond.

#### **Safety first**

The fleet of newly customized Cheetah Marine workboats also meets the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's (MCA) current MGN 280 Code for small boats operating commercially with 12 passengers, with the primary aim to ensure the highest standards of safety and protection are met for all on-board. This includes a watertight weather deck, reinforced hull, robust guardrails and tinted windows, offering year-round peace of mind for passengers and crew.

Cheetah Marine have also just delivered a vessel to the new Workboat Code Edition 3, which provides important standards, such as for the construction, electrical systems, fire protection, as well as provision of firefighting, lifesaving, navigation and radio equipment, to ensure the safety and protection of the crew, personnel, passengers and other marine users, and to maintain environmental standards.



The Cheetah Marine Walk-Around Cabin has been finished using premium materials to create an ambiance of elegance and durability. From the soft flooring to the refined stainless-steel fixtures, every detail has been crafted to perfection.

Beyond its high-end finishes and spacious seating, the Walk-Around Cabin is a powerhouse of performance. Built with the latest in marine technology, it promises smooth sailing, even in challenging conditions. The walk-around design also allows for easy movement around the deck, perfect for fishing, cruising or simply taking in the breathtaking views.

"Our latest Walk-Around Cabin represents a ground-breaking fusion of workboat practicality and yacht-like high-end finish, designed to cater to a wide range of activities, from crew transfer vessels to corporate events," says Ed O’Kane, General Manager at Cheetah Marine.

"With the launch of the Fluid Water Taxi service, we're proud to see our customized Walk-Around Cabins in action. These vessels, with their bespoke internal cab and branded hull, offer unmatched stability and performance, making them ideal for navigating all the extreme conditions of UK’s unpredictable seas.

"Safety is at the forefront of our design, and we are pleased to confirm that our customized catamarans also meet the highest standards of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's newly released Workboat Code 3."

Bringing 30 years boat making experience to the table, Cheetah Marine have reimagined a vessel that embodies the perfect blend of luxury, performance and functionality. Whether hosting a lavish gathering, embarking on an adventurous trip or putting the boat to work, the Cheetah Marine Walk-Around Cabin is designed to meet every need.

Chris Sheaff, Head Draftsman at Cheetah Marine, comments: "Collaborating with our entire team, we pooled our collective years of industry expertise and knowledge to craft a fresh, modern design that maintains the rugged, all-weather spirit for which Cheetah is renowned."

For more information on Cheetah Marine’s range of boats, please visit:

[www.cheetahmarine.co.uk/en/ranges/](http://www.cheetahmarine.co.uk/en/ranges/)

For more information on Fluid Water Taxi’s on-demand service and routes, visit: [www.fluid.taxi](http://www.fluid.taxi)

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- Within the RS Marine Group, RS Sailing is internationally renowned for producing durable, award winning, and fun sailing dinghies. RS Electric Boats works towards reducing emissions from chase boats. The Pulse 63 is 100% electric, uses emissions-free propulsion, and is made using sustainable materials. Cheetah Marine and RS Electric Boats joined forces in 2022 to develop a new generation of electric workboats. The companies are working together to accelerate the evolution of dependable electric boats for commercial, and leisure use. Ocean Play is a collaboration between RS Marine Group and Jo Richards to manufacture Picos, Bugs, Bahias and Vagos. As well as manufacturing to Richards' original design, Ocean Play offers worldwide customer services for all four boats.  
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- Cheetah Marine launched its first catamaran in 1990. Designed by founder Sean Stevens, who was then a commercial fisherman, it was made to handle rough seas and beach safely in surf. Since then, the company has built over 600 catamarans for commercial seamen, fisherman, divers, patrol personnel, hydrographic surveyors, expedition skippers and more.  
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- RS Electric Boats' parent brand, RS Sailing is internationally renowned for producing durable, award winning, and fun sailing dinghies. RS Electric Boats was born from the company's desire to reduce emission from chase boats. Production facilities for its Pulse 63 – a RIB with fully integrated electric hard drive – has recently moved to the Hamble. The Pulse 63 is 100% electric, uses emissions-free propulsion, and is made using sustainable materials.  
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