

New RIB Update

Since August work on the new fisheries patrol vessel has progressed well. The 7.8m RIB is nearly at the construction completion stage. Throughout the construction process officers have visited the factory providing input into any specification queries and ensuring speedy resolutions to any questions from the builders. Officers have inputted into the layout of the console and location of equipment and instruments.



Figure 1 Mock-up of console to allow for any necessary modifications



Figure 2 First stages of hull construction



Figure 3 Constructing the Hull

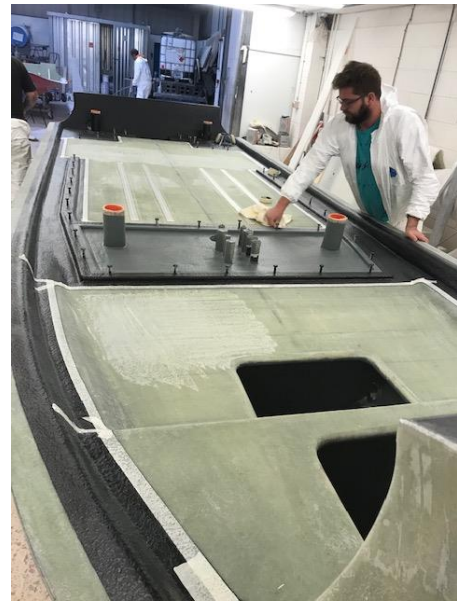


Figure 4 Further progress on construction

The wheelhouse has been constructed and the hull, decks and console have been power-coated providing a tough and durable finish. Figure 5 shows the console fitted to the hull. The vessel is now all fitted out inside and the wiring up of the instruments and vessel is on-going. With the hull now complete the next steps in bringing it closer to completion will be the fitting of the tubes.



Figure 5 Console and wheelhouse constructed



Figure 5 Final stages of build

The expected completion and delivery is between 10th and 15th December 2018. The import documentation for the FLIR camera is being dealt with by officers, part of which includes assurances that the FLIR camera will not be installed on a military vessel. Once complete Ribcraft will fit the FLIR to the vessel, before delivery.

Once delivered sea trials will commence before being put into full service in the new year. Consideration should now be given to the date of official naming ceremony of the vessel. This could potentially coincide with the Authority Quarterly meeting in March as it is being held at the Brixham Office.