



eNewsletter Dec '17

As we approach the end of 2017, we take a look back over our 40th Year in business. Since 1977, we've built over 880 boats including wooden and GRP fishing boats and, of course, our world famous RIBs. As the demand for our RIBs increases, we made the decision to sell our Fastfisher 21 mould to Tom Costello in Tralee. Whilst we're sad to see it go, we wish him all the best with his new venture.

2017 saw us launch a total of 18 boats, with the bulk builds being in the 8.5 metre and over. However, 2017 has seen a demand for larger, more complex RIBs and we subsequently launched 6 RIBs over 10m! This includes 3 SF 1050s, our fourth SF 1250 and our second SF 1650 for The Port of Belfast.

2 of our 1050s were fitted with Yanmar engines whilst the third was build especially for Southampton Boat Show to show case Suzuki's new

twin prop 350hp engines, which achieved the 60knot barrier! Keep an eye out for this feature in Power Boat and Rib Magazine in the new year!

2017 also saw us open Workshop Number 4 featuring overhead cranes with a lifting capacity of 20 tons. Dave Poudger, formally of Yamaha, did us the proud honour of cutting the ribbon in front of a large crowd customers, friends and suppliers. This has seen our workforce grow and we have welcomed 4 new members of staff to Team Redbay! We would like to thank everyone who to attended the event.

**RED BAY BOATS IS
CLOSED FROM FRIDAY
22ND DECEMBER –
TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY**



Ben Madigan at the opening of our new workshop along side Redbay 1



Stormforce 1050: Torloisk



Stormforce 1050: Atlantic Dawn made for Southampton Boat Show and fitted with Suzuki DF350

Ardbeg Trip 2017

This years' annual trip to Ardbeg was extra special for us and on 20th August, a special effort was made for our 40th Year. 33 RIBs and 185 people made the trip across the channel with excellent weather conditions on the day. Ardbeg, as usual, provided excellent food, a few drams and guest glasses. We even met a pod of inquisitive dolphins on the way back! Returning to Redbay we were greeted with a lovely BBQ provided by Suzuki and Yanmar at the local Yacht

club featuring some of Kearney's finest steaks!



Svalbard Bookings Adventure Group

Redbay boats must be the trend in Norway with the third boat of its kind being delivered to Svalbard Bookings!

The Svalbard Archipelago is situated mid way between continental Norway and the North Pole and well within the Arctic Circle. The capital of the islands and the base for this rather amazing Redbay creation is Longyearbyen, which is already home to two of our 12ms owned by 'Better Moments'.

The boat provides day trips during the summer months when the ice sheets melt and offer opportunities to see the northern lights, island hop and even see Polar Bears, their cubs and whales, all from a warm, safe deck!

The new 12m cabin design features an innovative central bow door which allows passengers to enter from the bow. The extended cabin offers seating for up to 12 passengers and 2 crew with a Standing Toilet Compartment.



Existing Redbay's moving onwards and upwards



Aquasports from Ballycastle was purchased by Sea Harris destined for its new home on the Isle of Lewis.



Manx Sea Quest from the Isle of Mann was reconditioned and repurchased by Sea Bird Tours in Shetland.



Go to St Kilda island ferry "Infinity" was sold to another operator from Barra who plans to do day trips to the Island.

The year in Photos



Little and Large



The first boat launched in 2017 was a SF 1650 Pilot Boat for Belfast Harbour which completes their £2 million investment. Having two boats will allow them to deal with the large number of cargo and cruise ships which enter the port every year. The second boat was named "Ben Madigan" after Cave Hill a local landmark looking over Belfast.

The boat was fitted with twin Scania diesel engines linked to ZF Gear boxes. Inside was fitted with modern electrical equipment including air conditioning, CCTV, two 16 inch touch screen GPS' as well as crew quarters completed with toilet and galley.



The first week in March saw us launch a new SF 650 for a Mr Jack Keane who plans to use it for leisure in the South of Ireland. The 650 is fitted with our 4- seater Explorer console and an additional removable rear storage box which can offer seating for two extra people. Propulsion is lead by a Suzuki DF175 outboard pushing it to speed of up to 45 knots. Electronics Included: Garmin 751xs GPSmap Garmin VHF100i Suzuki Fly-by Wire control system Fusion Sound System



Early December saw another Stormforce 11 making its maiden voyage destined for the Isle of Mann. This one of a kind RIB features an all black exterior with contrasting teak decking from Advanced Marine Decking. It also includes an outer steering position with engine and steering controls, auto pilot display as well as a Yanmar Joystick control making docking very easy. The boat was MCA coded with all the necessary safety equipment, including life rafts and Redbay Boats lifejackets. Propulsion is lead by twin Yanmar ZT370 Sterndrives driven by Yanmar 8LV-370 engines.

Santa's New Sleigh

Santa and two elves were spotted out sea trailing one of the last boats of 2017, just in time for one lucky customer to wake up on Christmas morning with a new Stormforce 7.4 under the tree! This 7.4m features twin Suzuki 175hp outboards which pushes the boat to 50 knots. Our 7.4 model is one of our most popular boats and with 111 boats made so far, it possesses excellent sea keeping capabilities and this one is no different, with 2 Scott Suspension Seats absorbing the worst of the waves.



Additional News



This year also saw us team up with Suzuki to provide 2 90hp engines to Refugee Rescue, a skilled Search and Rescue NGO. The engines were delivered to Greece where they have helped thousands of refugees fleeing violence and war. We are also involved in organising a container of relief supplies to be delivered at the end of January which will provide vital provisions to the charity.

2018 | the year ahead

We are continually developing our range and 2018 is set to be no different! Already on the table is our new 1150-S which features a new hull with a redesigned cabin and an additional 8 inches of headroom in the bow cabin allowing a head to be fitted. We have 2 sold already with the first to be launched in May.

We have also received an order for the 1st shaft driven 1250 fitted with twin 500hp Mercruisers and air foam tubes, the boat is destined for Svalbard to an existing customer of ours who already owns two 12ms.

We have also just launched a new 12 meter outboard boat for Redbay Powerboating which is an 11m canopy top fitted to a 12m hull, leaving the last meter as an outboard bracket. The boat will be fully coded and fitted with 14 seats, 6 of which are removable. The boat will be used for a variety of commercial activities including ferrying workmen to the Island of Islay who are building the new golf hotel.

Another exciting development is the signing of a deal for the first of the pleasure 1650s! This boat will be configured as a luxury cruising RIB and will be powered by 2000hp of Volvo IPS



Stormforce 1150 new for 2018.



New 11m Outboard design



Stormforce 1650 pleasure vessel coming 2018.

