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SKYE FERRY 8500

**Skye 10 Series Lightweight Workboats**





# MADE TO WORK

SKYE 10 SERIES  
WORKBOAT 8500

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# 01

## SkyeAdvance Introduction

At [Skye Advance Africa](#), we are more than boat builders—we are drivers of progress, committed to delivering high-quality, custom-built workboats that serve Africa’s diverse maritime needs. From crew transfers and goods transportation to offshore services and fisheries, our vessels are designed for durability, efficiency, and long-term performance. Constructed using ISO-certified processes, DNV-class materials, and vacuum-infused composite technology, our boats meet the highest industry standards while ensuring operational excellence.

Guided by an “Africa First” ethos, we prioritize regional needs while fostering local talent through workforce development and skills training. Our approach integrates science and research to advance composite technology, offering tailored marine solutions to key markets including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, and South Africa. Beyond manufacturing, we collaborate with local industries, government agencies, and private stakeholders to develop vessels that meet the evolving demands of Africa’s maritime sector. Whether facilitating safe and efficient offshore crew transportation, supporting sustainable fisheries, or optimizing inland and coastal logistics, every Skye Advance vessel is built with precision and purpose.

Welcome to [Skye Advance Africa](#)—where we don’t just build boats; we build solutions that shape the future of African maritime industries.

# 02

## Our People

At [Skye Advance Africa](#), we are committed to empowering young people by equipping them with valuable skills and meaningful career opportunities through the craft of boatbuilding. We recognize that many unemployed youth possess untapped potential, and we believe in creating pathways that allow them to discover their talents, refine their abilities, and develop new competencies.

Our hands-on training programs provide practical experience in marine craftsmanship, engineering, and industry-standard manufacturing techniques, ensuring that participants gain both technical expertise and a strong work ethic. By fostering skill development in a structured and supportive environment, we aim to enhance employability, promote self-sufficiency, and contribute to the long-term growth of the maritime industry.

Beyond technical skills, our initiative instills discipline, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities—essential qualities that prepare young individuals for sustainable careers. Through mentorship and real-world application, we bridge the gap between education and employment, equipping participants with the confidence and knowledge needed to thrive in the marine sector. At [Skye Advance Africa](#), we don't just build boats; we build futures.



## Mr. Ewen Niske - Founder & CEO

### Professional Overview

A Composite Process Engineer with over 30 years of experience in marine, wind energy, and cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) technologies, primarily in Scandinavia. Ewen specializes in Scandinavian marine technology and has an extensive background in superyacht, workboat, and wind turbine component manufacturing. As the leader behind the Skye 10 Series of workboats, he spearheads innovative small workboat solutions for Africa's maritime sector from Cape Town, South Africa.

### Key Roles & Expertise

- CEO, Skye Advance Africa Pty Ltd – Leads composite marine manufacturing, utilizing closed-system processes for lightweight, high-performance vessels with a focus on LEAN manufacturing and skills transfer.
- Founder & Chairman, Skye Holdings Group SA Pty Ltd & SIA Pty Ltd – Specializes in infrastructure rehabilitation, promoting composite solutions to African governments for pipeline restoration.
- Expert in Polymer Science & Composite Engineering – Applies advanced marine materials to workboat design and production.
- Research & Development Leadership – Led a CSIR & Department of Trade and Industry co-funded grant on composite workboat technology.
- Passionate Composite Boat Constructor – Focused on efficiency, durability, and sustainability in marine engineering.

Ewen Niske continues to drive composite innovation, marine technology, and infrastructure rehabilitation, shaping sustainable solutions for Africa's blue economy.



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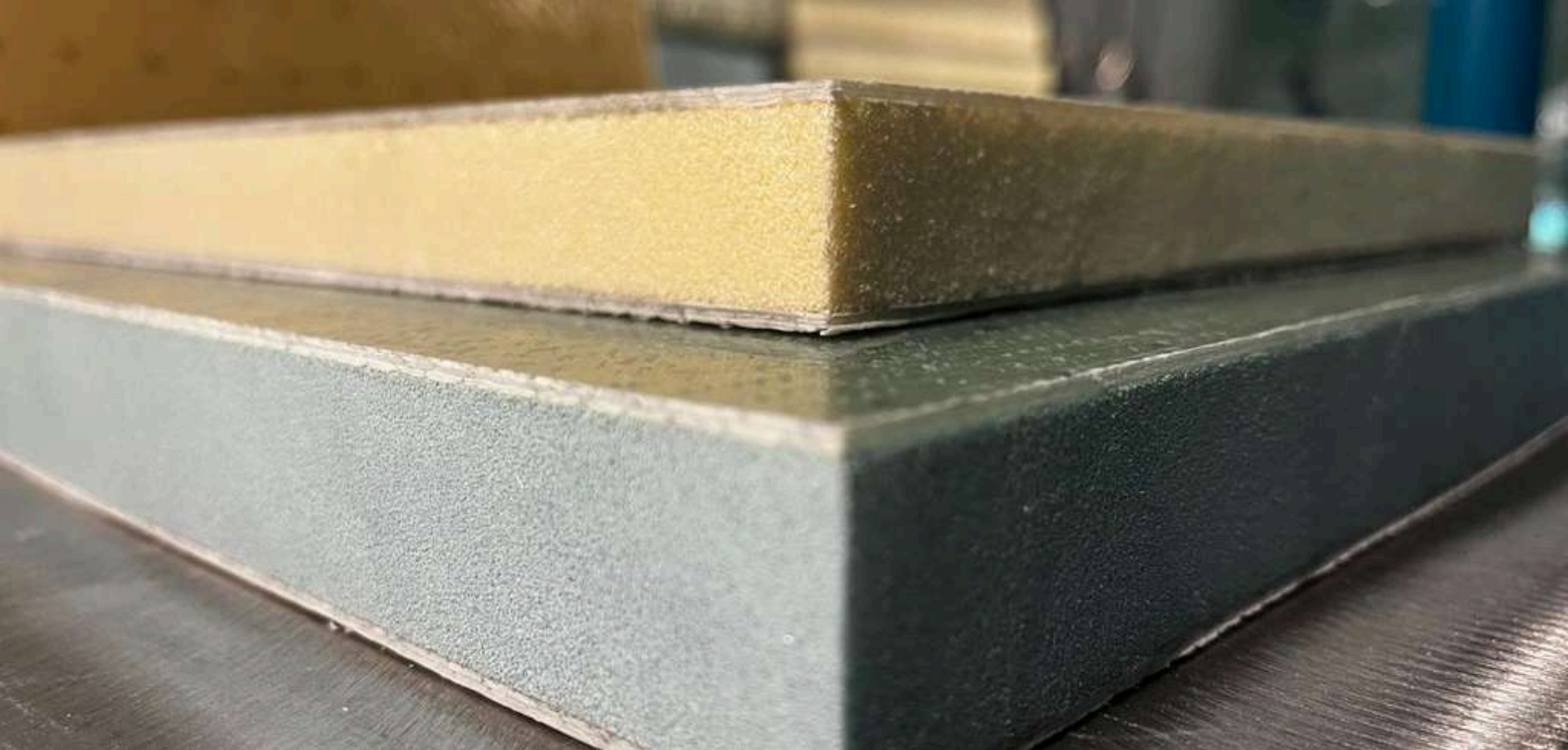
## Material Sourcing and Environmental Sustainability

At [Skye Advance Africa](#), we are committed to utilizing locally sourced materials, rigorously tested in our laboratories to ensure optimal mechanical performance, durability, and cost efficiency. Our advanced composite construction incorporates high-fiber content multiaxial ECR glass fiber, relative-density core sandwich structures, and high-grade Bisphenol A-based polymers, delivering exceptional strength and impact resistance that surpasses traditional aluminum structures.

Our core sandwich construction process involves precisely consolidating inner and outer skins under vacuum pressure, followed by controlled resin injection to achieve maximum structural integrity. This highly efficient manufacturing technique results in a lightweight yet exceptionally durable final product, ensuring longevity and reliability in demanding marine environments.

Composites offer significant advantages for marine applications, making them the preferred choice for high-performance vessels. Their lightweight nature and superior strength-to-weight ratio enhance efficiency, fuel economy, and overall performance. Unlike traditional materials, composites resist corrosion, withstand extreme conditions, and provide long-term structural integrity. Their design flexibility enables the creation of customized, high-performance solutions, seamlessly integrating varied materials and geometries to optimize strength, resilience, and functionality in a single structure. Through innovative engineering and precision manufacturing, [Skye Advance Africa](#) continues to set new standards in marine composite technology.







# 04

## Vessel Introduction

The [Skye Ferry 8500](#) is a lightweight, container-shippable service workboat designed to facilitate the safe and efficient transportation of 12-15 passengers across Africa's inland waterways. Engineered for versatility and accessibility, it features a full hard or soft-top roof, a bow boarding staircase, a spacious landing deck, and a stand-up console, ensuring smooth and efficient embarkation and disembarkation at rivers, lakes, dams, and island transition points. Its ergonomic layout optimizes passenger comfort and operational efficiency, making it a reliable transport solution for both public and private sector operators.

With a shallow draft of less than 0.5m, the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) navigates effortlessly through shallow waters and narrow channels, providing a critical service delivery platform for communities reliant on water-based transport. Built to international quality standards, it is fully customizable in layout, features, and color schemes, allowing operators to tailor the vessel to their specific needs. Designed for durability and low maintenance, it ensures long-term reliability and operational cost efficiency. Container-shippable anywhere in Africa, the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) presents an opportunity for economic growth, offering a scalable and sustainable solution for businesses, municipalities, and transport service providers. More than just a boat, it's a small business opportunity.



# 05

## The Hull

The *Skye Ferry 8500* hull is meticulously designed for efficiency, stability, and fuel economy, making it the ideal choice for inland, inshore, island, and nearshore adventure and sport fishing operations. With a 10° deadrise, it ensures a smooth, controlled ride while optimizing performance in diverse marine conditions. Constructed from high-quality, internationally tested materials, it incorporates up to 65% high-fiber content composites, vacuum-infused quadriaxial E-Glass, premium marine-grade polymers, and a reinforced core sandwich structure, delivering exceptional strength and durability.

Measuring 9.00 meters in length with a 2.35-meter beam, the hull is designed for superior maneuverability and handling across varying environments. Built to DNV class standards, it sets a new benchmark in modern marine engineering—built to last, made to work.



## Mr. Alex Bromley - Lead Designer

### Professional Overview

The Skye 10 Series Workboats are the result of a collaboration with [Bromley Marine Design](#) of Cape Town, South Africa. Leading the design is Alex Bromley, a talented marine designer from the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology, who quickly understood our vision for a durable, modular, and easy-to-build vessel suited for Africa's needs. His expertise has been key in developing workboats that are both highly functional and visually refined.

Designed for resilience, modularity, and adaptability, these vessels are built to withstand Africa's demanding waterways. With interchangeable components inspired by Lego and Ikea, they allow for easy customization and maintenance. Our partnership with Bromley Maritime Design aims to transform Africa's workboat industry by delivering vessels for critical applications such as medical transport, emergency response, and improved access to education and healthcare. Constructed with eco-friendly materials, these boats also challenge the traditional perception of workboat aesthetics.

We highly recommend Alex Bromley and [Bromley Marine Design](#) for any marine project. Their technical expertise, innovation, and commitment to functional yet modern vessel design make them an invaluable partner in shaping the future of maritime solutions.

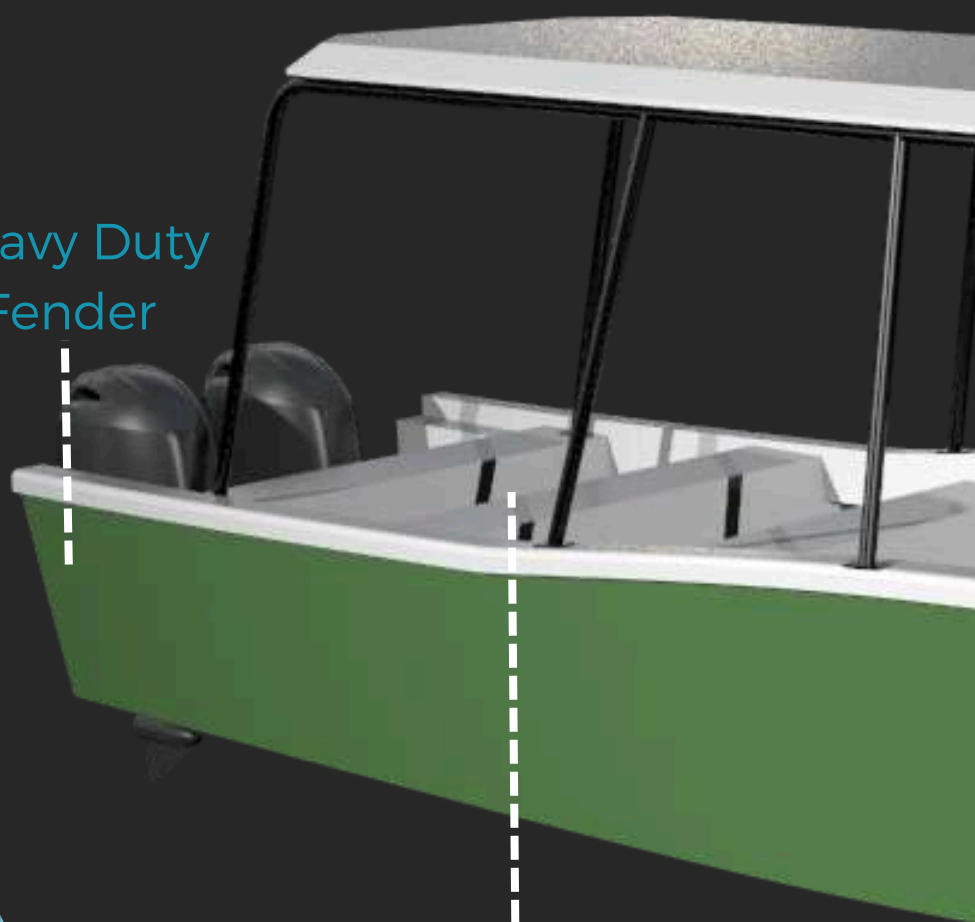




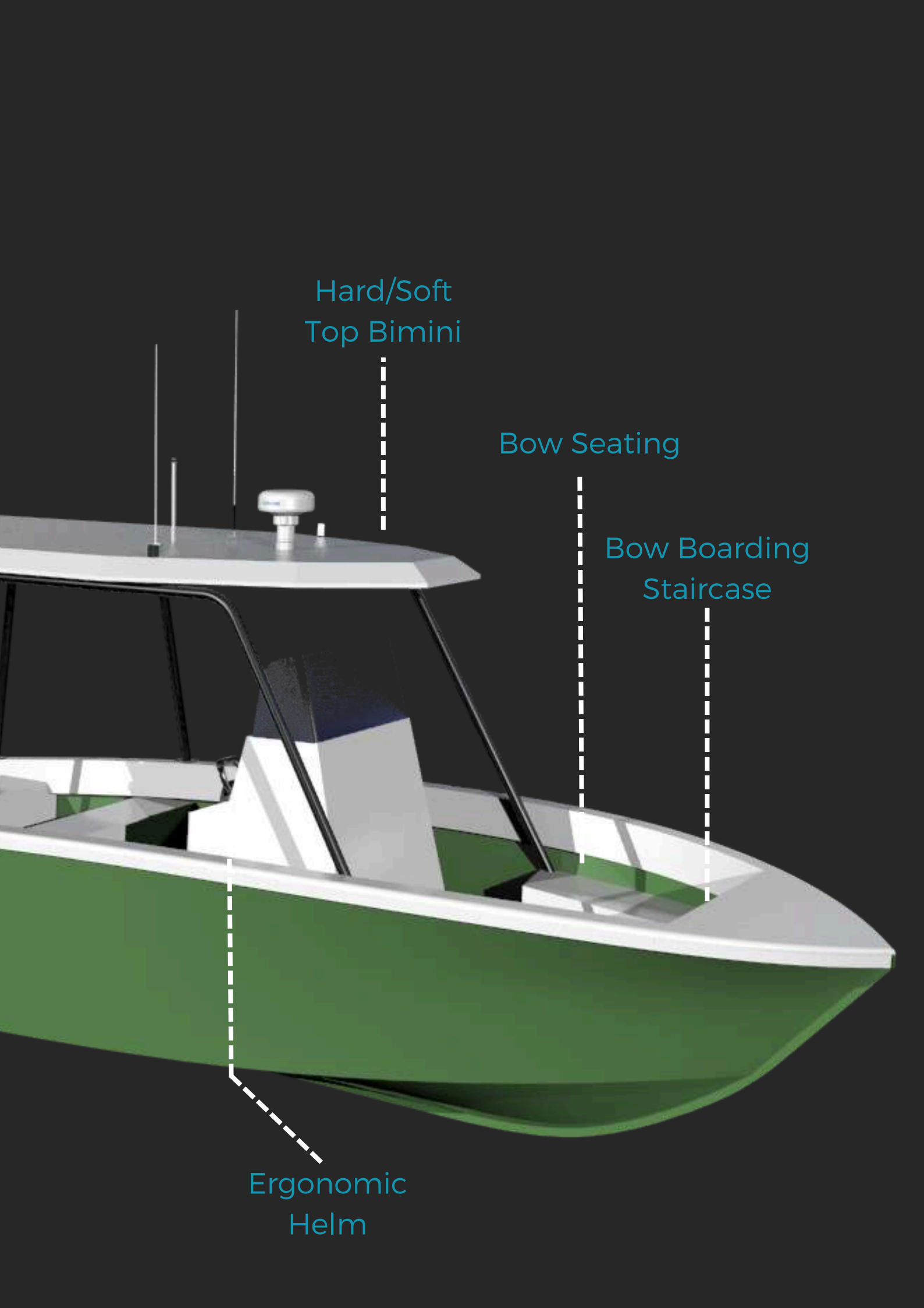
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## The Deck

Heavy Duty  
Fender



Seating



Hard/Soft  
Top Bimini

Bow Seating

Bow Boarding  
Staircase

Ergonomic  
Helm

The [Skye Ferry 8500](#) is engineered for efficiency, durability, and seamless passenger transport, accommodating 12-15 passengers with a spacious open-deck layout. Its stand-up console and forward boarding staircase ensure unobstructed movement, facilitating quick and safe embarkation and disembarkation at docks, islands, and other transit points. Designed for inland, inshore, and nearshore waterways, the ferry provides a stable and comfortable ride, making it ideal for commercial passenger services, waterway transit, and tourism operations.

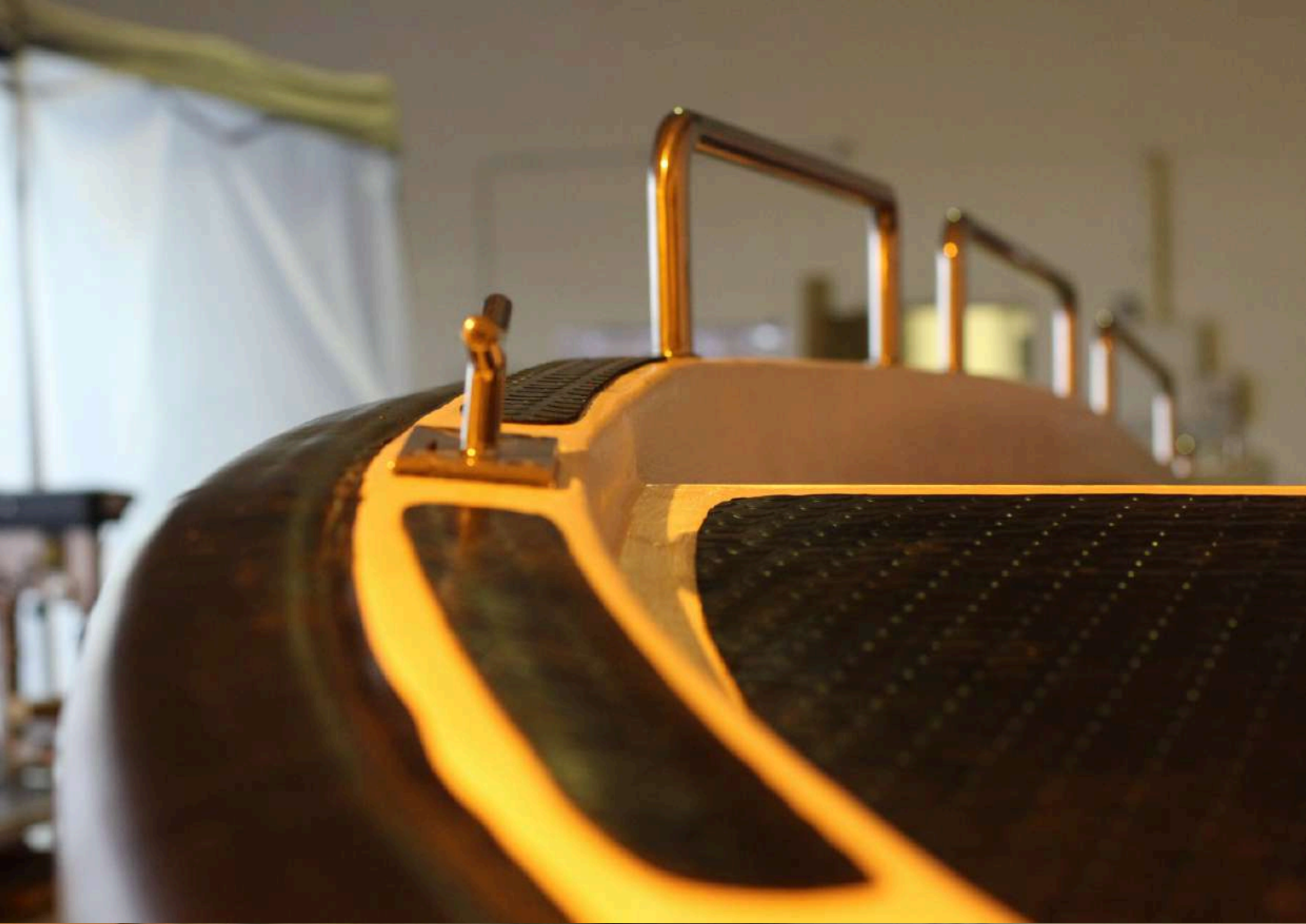
To enhance comfort and reliability, the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) features a full hard or soft-top Bimini cover, providing essential protection from the elements. Safety is a priority, with grab rails, modern navigation systems, a kill switch, automatic bilge pump, lifejackets, and a fire extinguisher ensuring compliance with maritime safety standards. Built for long-term service, it incorporates a reinforced solid keel with an impact strip in stainless steel or high-density plastic, along with a high-density rubber D-profile fender (110 x 100 mm, 20mm EPDM) with A4 stainless steel harnessing for maximum impact resistance in busy docking environments.

With high-quality stainless steel fittings and a reinforced high-module transom, the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) offers exceptional structural strength and durability. Its shallow draft (less than 0.5m) allows it to operate efficiently in low-depth waterways, ensuring accessibility to remote communities. Designed for stability, functionality, and ease of operation, the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) is a trusted transport solution for Africa's rivers, lakes, and coastal networks.





The [Skye Ferry 8500](#) is designed to provide safe, efficient, and reliable passenger transport, featuring a rubberized, non-slip deck that enhances stability and protection in all conditions. This high-traction surface minimizes the risk of slips and falls, ensuring secure footing for passengers and crew during boarding, transit, and docking. Its impact-absorbing properties reduce vibration and fatigue, delivering a smooth and comfortable ride for extended operations. Built to withstand wear, corrosion, and harsh marine environments, the low-maintenance deck ensures long-term reliability, making it ideal for high-traffic waterway transport. These features position the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) as an optimal solution for inland water transit, prioritizing passenger safety, durability, and operational efficiency in rivers, lakes, and nearshore environments.





# 07

## Propulsion and Performance Characteristics

The [Skye Ferry 8500](#) is designed for efficient, fast, and reliable passenger transport across inland and coastal waterways. Powered by twin high-output four-stroke engines, it reaches speeds of up to 30 knots, ensuring rapid and smooth transit. With a 400-liter fuel capacity, it provides extended range and endurance for continuous operations. Built for stability, maneuverability, and efficiency, the [Skye Ferry 8500](#) combines modern marine engineering with a spacious open layout, optimizing passenger flow and boarding efficiency. Whether for public transport, tourism, or private use, it delivers a safe, fast, and dependable solution for Africa's waterways.





At [Skye Advance Africa](#), propulsion and onboard electronics are now inseparable due to the extensive integration possibilities available in modern marine technology. As a result, our propulsion systems are carefully selected based on efficiency, reliability, seamless integration, and budget considerations, ensuring optimal performance and operational flexibility.

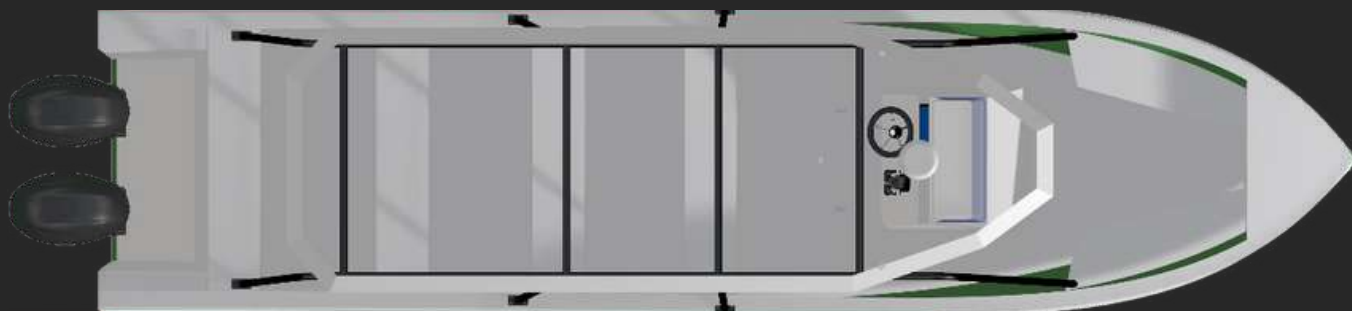
Recognizing that propulsion versatility is just as critical as vessel adaptability, our hulls are engineered to support a wide range of power configurations, accommodating both single and twin installations. This design approach allows for customized propulsion solutions, ensuring that each vessel is tailored to meet specific operational demands while maximizing performance, fuel efficiency, and longevity.

	Performance with Power Options	Max Speed Light Duty	Max Speed Full Load	Crusing Speed Full Load
Single Engine Petrol	1x90 Hp	27	15	12
	1x115 Hp	33	25	15
	1x200 Hp	35	25	18
Dual Engine Petrol	2x60 Hp	25	15	12
	2x90 Hp	35	25	22
	2x115 Hp	38	30	28
	2x150 Hp	38	32	32
Diesel Outboards	2x50 Hp	25	19	15
	1x300 Hp	38	32	30
<b>Electric Engine Options</b>				
2x70 Hp		32	25	22
2x150 Hp		38	32	28
1x300 Hp		38	32	30
<b>Using Patent Closed Liquid Cooling and Axial Flux Permanent Magnet Motor</b>				

# 08

## General Particulars

LENGTH OVERALL	8.859 M	FUEL CAPACITY	400 L
LENGTH OF HULL	8.366 M	WATER CAPACITY	200 L
BEAM	2.35 M	BLACK WATER TANK CAPACITY	
DRAFT	0.3-0.5 M	POWER	90-250 Hp
DRY WEIGHT	1450 Kg	MAX SPEED (LIGHTSHIP)	30 KNOTS
FULL LOAD WEIGHT	3500 Kg	MAX ECONOMIC RANGE	Range Dependent on Engines and Operator
ENGINES	Outboard	CREW	2
CARGO CAPACITY	1.5-2 Tons	GUESTS	10





## Quality Assurance & Quality Control

At [Skye Advance Africa](#), we implement a rigorous and comprehensive approach throughout the entire boatbuilding process to ensure the highest standards of quality and craftsmanship. This brochure outlines the key steps in our process, with further details on each stage available in a separate document.

1. Quality Objectives
2. Quality Management System
3. Quality control Procedures
4. Quality Assurance Procedures
5. Internal Audits and management review
6. Continuous Improvement
7. Human Capital Development and management
8. Management responsibility
9. Allocation of resources and personnel
10. Quality System Management
11. Project Review and Proposal Submission
12. RFQ and Contractual Review
13. Proposal Preparation
14. Project Set up
15. Control of Project Documentation
16. Purchasing and Material Control & Requirements
17. Subcontracting requirements
18. Maintenance of Procurement Data
19. Product Identification and Traceability
20. Inspection and testing During Construction
21. Final Inspection and testing



# 10

## Available Options

Mark Desired Option  
for your Boat

SK8500 01	HDB Only: LOA 9 Meters (With engines) 8,368 m without engines. High module composite vaccum infused Hull, scantlings, Deck sole (Full) anchor locker and hatch. Deck Comings full length. Reinforced keel. Ral Color gelcoat 1 TONE. High load transom (No transom SS) Self draining deck. Buoyancy Bottles. Anchor Locker	
SK7500 01	HDB Only: LOA 7,75 Meters (With engines) 7,25 m without engines. High module composite vaccum infused Hull, scantlings, Deck sole (Full) anchor locker and hatch. Deck Comings full length. Reinforced keel. Ral Color gelcoat 1 TONE. High load transom (No transom SS) Self draining deck. Boyancy Bottles.	
SK6500 01	HDB Only: LOA 6,75 Meters (With engines) 6.250 m without engines. High module composite vaccum infused Hull, scantlings, Deck sole (Full) anchor locker and hatch. Deck Comings full length. Reinforced keel. Ral Color gelcoat 1 TONE. High load transom (No transom SS) Self draining dec . Boyancy Bottles.	

Seating Options		
SKYE 1001-1	Seating: Tiller driven vessel Transom and seat for 2-3 Pax	
SKYE 1001-2	Seating: 10-12 Pax Longitudinal seating (open bottom storage)	
SKYE 1001-3	Seating: 10-12 Pax Longitudinal seating (Closed locker bottom storage)	
SKYE 1001-4	Seating: 18-20 Pax longitudinal seating (Open Bottom Storage)	
SKYE 1001-5	Seating: 18-20 Pax longitudinal seating (Closed locker Bottom Storage)	
SKYE 1001-6	Seating: Transversal 3 Pax without back rest: Fixed Format	

SKYE 1001-9	Seating: Transversal 3 Pax with back rest: Removable format
SKYE 1001-10	Seating: Forward settee 3 Pax arrangement permanent
SKYE 1001-11	Seating: Aft 3 Pax
SKYE 1001-12	Seating: Aft 6 Pax
SKYE 1001-13	Custom 2 Pax GRP seats with safety handrails for 6 pax/crew and under seat open storage shelves 500mm wide off deck.
SKYE 1001-14	Removable reinforced Crew Seating, Custom 2 Pax GRP seats with safety handrails. Bolt on bolt off brackets for seat and deck location tapping plates
SKYE 1001-15	Custom High strength custom 1 crew Jockey GRP seats with safety handrails and back rest for 1 crew and under seat storage, Grab Rail and Upholstery.

Seating, Deck and Layout Options	
SK2002-1	Console Stand up Open Format
SK2002-2	Console Stand Up with Ptop and SS Work (No screen)
SK2002-3	Console Stand Up with Ptop and SS Work (with screen)
SK2002-4	Forward wheelhouse (Full beam Forward steering arrangement ) With screen & Ptop
SK2002-5	Forward wheel house (Half beam Forward steering arrangement) with screen & Ptop
SK2002-6	Forward wheelhouse (Full beam Forward steering arrangement) Screen and Full Hard top
SK2002-7	Forward wheel house (Half beam Forward steering arrangement) Screen and Full Hard top
SK2002-8	Storage locker forward with Hatch with drainage
SK2002-9	Staircase Forward arrangement
SK2002-10	Landing platform and staircase Midships (Pilot) with Hand safety hand rail.
SK2002-11	Hard top Full length with mounting
SK2002-12	Soft top removable Bimini (Stretch tent , Poles & Base)

Rubber and EDPM	
SK3003-1	Fender strake 6mm x 25mm fitted EPDM
SK3003-2	Fixed fender hull 60mm x 25mm x 1m x 3 sets: port and starboard
SK3003-3	Fender strake 60mm x 60mm D profile EPDM
SK3003-4	Fixed fender hull 60mm x 60mm x 1 meter x 3 sets: port and starboard
SK3003-5	Robust heavy duty Rubber D fender 100mm x 100mm system on front of vessel, reducing to 80mm x 60mm heavy duty rubber D profile on aft section and 3x500mm vertical hull defenders with high load reinforcing and composite high load construction
SK3003-6	Rubberization of main deck work areas in 3mm EPDM High wear abrasion matting in Dotted or Checka format
SK3003-7	Coaming edge trim Pinch-weld PVC large

Stainless Steel and Aluminum Works	
SK4004-1	Stainless steel works: Keel strip 30mm x 5 mm, Set of 8 x 200 mm 8 (H) x 1000mm (L)High Quality Grab Rails in 32 mm SS, Set of 6 High quality Custom cleats in Stainless steel
SK4004-2	Radar arch system
SK4004-3	Engine protection Bar

Electrics	
SK5000-1	Electrics: LED Nav Lights, House Battery, Start Battery, Charge combiner, Switch Panel, Marine Grade cables, installation, Canopy Lighting LED, 2 water proof Work lights, Magnetic Compass, Bilge pump manual & automatic

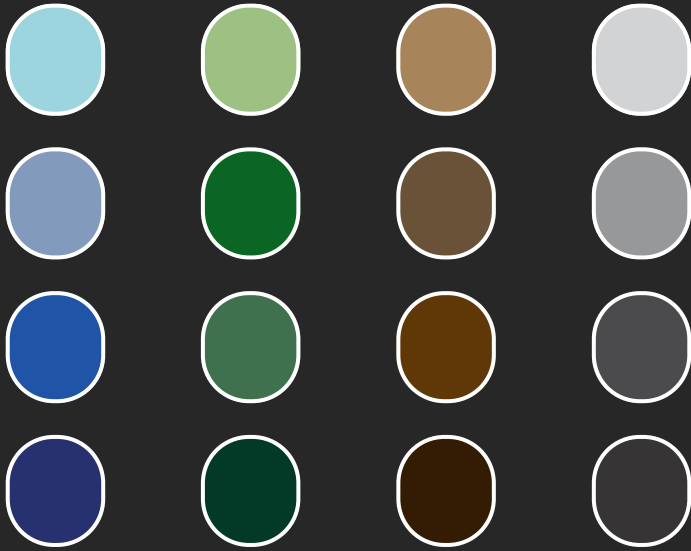
SKYE 6000	Epoxy Primer (Hydrobarrier) and Anti foul
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SKYE 7000	Handling and containerisation for shipping
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SKYE 8000	Road Trailer 28ft 2,5-ton braked axel, with 16inch wheels, RWC, data dotting
SKYE 9000	Composite Boat Stand
Engines and Motor	
SKYE 10000	Please refer to Propulsion and Performance Characteristics section (07) for engine options
Set: Seamanship / Safety:	
SKYE 11000	15kg anchor, 10-meter chain, 40-meter 16mm Polyester Rope, Mooring line 80 meter of 18mm, Cleats 4, Lifejackets x 8, Life ring x 1, 1,5kg DPC Fire extinguisher, Capsize canister, SART Transponder,
Radio & GPS	
SKYE 12000	Garmin Echo Map UHD 72 cv w/GT56UHD TM & ICOM M330G 25-watt VHF with antenna and Installation.
Optional Extras and Options	
SK 13000-1	Radar: Raymarine 20 Nm
SK 13000-3	Night Vision System Installation
SK 13000-4	LED Deck Lighting/Blue Courtesy Lights
SK 13000-5	Wireless Phone Charger/USB charge station at console
SK 13000-6	Work Lights High Power LED water proof
SK 13000-7	Search Lights
SK 13000-8	Marine Horn and PA System
SK 13000-9	Blue Tooth Audio System Fusion
SK 13000-10	Navigation system Upgrade
SK 13000-11	Synthetic EVA Teak deck Cover (Teak/Grey/Light Grey)
SK 13000-12	Soft Padding deck pads
SK 13000-13	Transom Wash off/Shower
SK 13000-14	Swim Ladder/Boarding platform, 3-tier telescopic ladder

SK 13000-16	Gunwale Braai / Barbecues	
SK 13000-19	Anchor bollard	
SK 13000-20	Bow roller	
SK 13000-22	12 V Build In Fridge	



The Skye series offers full customization options, allowing you to tailor the boat's color to match your corporate identity, brand, or personal style. Whether for commercial operations, tourism, or private use, this customization ensures a cohesive and professional appearance, enhancing brand recognition and visual appeal on the water.

## Choose your Layout



The Skye series offers flexible layout and operational customization to meet your specific needs. Whether for cargo transport, passenger service, or specialized operations, the design can be tailored to enhance efficiency, functionality, and comfort, ensuring a seamless fit for your business or personal use.






## Quote

The quote for this boat will be provided on another, separate document upon request

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