Coulam Wheelyboat V17 and Coulam Wheelyboat V20

Highly versatile craft for sailing clubs, Sailability groups, outdoor activity centres, RYA training centres, hire-boat operators, etc

Specially designed and purpose-built:

- Inland and inshore waters
- Powerboating, powerboat training
- Support, safety cover, casualty rescue
- Self-drive hire, pleasure boating, angling
- Equipment transport/towing, water-taxi, work platform
- Fully wheelchair accessible/drive-from-wheelchair helm

Unique attributes:

- Shallow-V planing hull
- Robust commercial quality GRP build
- 10-year hull warranty
- Bespoke fit out – stainless steel fittings all hand built
- Comprehensive options list including versatile seating
- First class craftsmanship, design and capability
- Superior in every way to mass-produced rotomoulded polythene

Capacity and performance:

- > 1,000kg payload, 10 adults (V20)
- Up to 8.5m² open level cockpit
- Roll-on, roll-off access
- 5 to 100hp/34 knots top speed
- Electric propulsion up to 12kw (20hp)
- Tiller outboard option (V17)
- Safe and stable handling

Significant funding support where disabled people are the principal users

VAT zero-rated to charities for disabled use

For more information and to arrange a trial run in either model, contact:

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Case study: SEAS @ Conway Centre Sailability, Anglesey—Coulam Wheelyboat V17

SEAS (Supporting Enabling Accessible Sailing), is a group that provides disabled people of all ages in North Wales with accessible sailing and boating opportunities. Formed in 2018, it helps disabled people become more physically active, which in turn improves their health and well-being as well as creating new social opportunities. SEAS took delivery of their V17 in September 2019. Ian Roberts, SEAS founder member and wheelchair user, gained his Powerboat Level 2 certificate in the V17 and is now able to fully participate in SEAS’ programme of activities by providing safety boat cover. The group had originally planned to purchase a rota-moulded polythene boat with a bow door and partial wheelchair accessibility but when they heard about the specially designed V17 it was the simplest of decisions to change tack. The V17 was supplied fully fitted with a Suzuki DF90ATL and Coulam-built twin-axle braked trailer. Jon Gamon, Chief Instructor of SEAS @ Conway Centre, said: “The arrival of the Coulam Wheelyboat V17 marked an enormous leap forward in the capability of the SEAS group to deliver inclusive activities. ‘Phil the Boat’ - as we affectionately call it - is a purpose-built craft that we can use to train and qualify our disabled members as powerboat drivers and instructors. I am so impressed with the V17’s handling and performance; flat out it will do almost 40mph and never puts a foot wrong even in the toughest of conditions here on the Menai Straits.” The project was part-funded by The Wheelyboat Trust.

Case study: Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre, Co Cork—Coulam Wheelyboat V20

For nearly 40 years, Kinsale OEC has provided a range of programmes and courses enabling the people of Cork and further afield gain access to the great outdoors. Officially launched at the Watersports Inclusion Games in August 2019, their Coulam Wheelyboat V20 offers a new unique selling point and has added to the many other inclusive activities available there. It provides disabled users with the opportunity to receive specialist training, allowing them to become qualified to skipper the new boat, something that’s not been possible until now. In addition users go fishing and wildlife watching and enjoy tours of Bandon Estuary and Kinsale Harbour.

Case study: Wareham Boat Hire, Dorset—Coulam Wheelyboat V17

Wareham Boat Hire has been operating a Mk III Wheelyboat since 2012. It is immensely popular with up to 500 users per annum but its capability is limited to the sheltered waters of the River Frome. Last year Wareham Boat Hire became an RYA Training Centre and needed a powerboat for training in Poole Harbour. The success they have achieved with their Mk III Wheelyboat and their desire and enthusiasm to ensure disabled people enjoy equality of opportunity in everything they do meant that their latest venture also had to be fully accessible. The design of the V17 does not compromise performance and capability for accessibility. It is a fully-fledged inshore powerboat capable of speeds up to 40mph with its Suzuki DF100B and has stunning lines and looks too.

Yet it has all the necessary features that make it fully accessible with roll-on, roll-off access, open level cockpit, drive-from-wheelchair helm and comfortable and stable ride. The design of the V17 means that Wareham Boat Hire need only one craft for its powerboating activities whether the people using it are able-bodied or disabled. The truly multi-purpose nature of the V17 made it their ideal craft. The project was part-funded by The Wheelyboat Trust.