/Kamoo Topaz launches a 30-metre catamarán crew boat for Kanoo Shipping

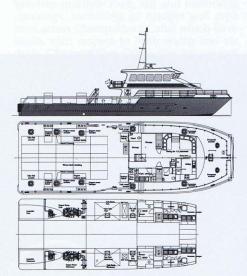


Topaz Energy and Marine, through its subsidiary Nico Craft, has launched a 30.2-metre crew boat named 'Kanoo 40' for Kanoo Shipping.

The crew boat was designed by Technicraft, New Zealand and all the engineering and construction work was undertaken by Nico Craft in Fujairah.

'Kanoo 40' is a medium speed catamaran vessel designed to service vessels within a distance of 50 nautical miles from port. The boat was constructed using welded, seawater-resistant aluminium alloy and the hull is a semi-planing type.

The vessel has an overall length of 30.2 metres on a ten-metre moulded beam and a





draught of 1.2 metres. Built under survey to Bureau Veritas, the crew boat has a deck cargo capacity of 35 square metres and can carry a crew of 5 and up to 35 passengers.

The 185GRT vessel is powered by twin Caterpillar C32 ACERT main engines, each rated at 1,045kW at 2,300rpm, driving fixed pitch propellers via Twin Disc MGX6620A gearboxes. Auxiliary power is produced by a single Perkins 4.4 TGM generator set developing 60kVA/60Hz/380V at 1,500rpm.

The vessel has a maximum speed of 27 knots and a cruising speed of 20 knots (with 40 tonne deadweight at 90 percent MCR).

Topaz Engineering has its shipbuilding base in Fujairah (Nico Craft) and Abu Dhabi (Adyard). Nico Craft's focus has been passenger ferries, fast patrol boats, crew boats, utility boats and various commercial craft up to 40 metres in overall length. Its new state-of-the-art facility has two sheds of 120 metres each with all the required production machinery including a 200 tonne capacity marine Travelift. Nico Craft currently has in excess of nine boats under construction, five of which are steel monohull crew boats designed by Incat Crowther, Australia.

Nico Craft forms a part of Topaz Engineering, the newly formed engineering division of Topaz Energy and Marine.

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Kanoo 40 SPECIFICATIONS

Type of vessel: OSV Crew/support craft

In survey to: Bureau Veritas

Home port: Dubai

Owner: Kanoo, UAE

Operator: Kanoo Shipping, UAE

Designer: Technicraft, New Zealand

Builder: Nico Craft, Dubai, UAE

Hull construction material: Aluminium

Length overall: 30.2 metres

Beam: 10 metres

Draught: 1.2 metres

Depth: 1.5 metres

Tonnage: 185GRT

Main engines: 2 x Caterpillar C32 ACERT,

each 1,045kW at 2,300rpm

Gearboxes: 2 x Twin Disc MGX6620A

Propulsion: 2 x fixed pitch propellers

Generators: 1 x Perkins 4.4 TGM,

60kVA/60Hz/ 1,500rpm/380V

Steering system: Teignbridge electric-hydraulic

Maximum speed: 27 knots

Cruising speed: 20 knots with

40 tonne deadweight

at 90 percent MCR

Electronics supplied by: Radio Holland

Radar: Furuno M 1934C

Depth sounder: Furuno GP 1850 WDF

Radio: Sailor RT2048

Compass: Silva

GPS: Furuno Navigator

Capstan/windlass: Boatmax

Cranes: Atlas Terex

2.9-tonne, foldable

Paints/coatings: International Paints Seating: Beurteaux Ocean Diner

Flooring/deck

surface finishes: Non-skid vinyl

Interior fitout/furnishings: Ayres Panels

Liferafts: 4 x 20-person

Deck cargo capacity: 35 tonnes

Fuel capacity: 14,000 litres

Freshwater capacity: 6,000 litres Crew: 5

Passengers: 35

