


Kiwi Made
Features:

- Removable floating seat
- Collapsible oars
- Solid carry handles
- Protective skids
- Hand pump
- Repair kit
- Anti-slip deck grip
- Transom protection plate
- Internal auto bailing drain
- Davit lifting points

Puffin RIB

The ultra light, Kiwi-made aluminium tender

Southern Pacific Inflatables specialises in durable, light weight aluminum tenders, and the Puffin RIB is our proven flagship model. Weighing in at a very user-friendly 23kg and 25kg, the 240 and 260 RIB are easily handled and will plane with just a small amount of power.

Pressed hull strakes on quality aluminum hull and thermally welded tubes make for a safe, dry ride. New features include; RAILBLAZA rowlock fittings with the ability to fit rod holders and other accessories, light weight oars and sharp new styling and colours. Welded lifting points and soft edges throughout make the Puffin RIB a perfect tender for your launch or yacht.

	Length External		Beam External		Length Internal		Beam Internal		Tube Diameter		Weight		Air Chambers
240 RIB	2.4m	7'9"	1.35m	4'4"	1.7m	5'5"	0.64m	2'1"	0.33m	1'1"	23kgs	51lbs	2
260 RIB	2.6m	8'5"	1.35m	4'4"	1.9m	6'2"	0.64m	2'1"	0.33m	1'1"	25kgs	55lbs	2

	Payload		Max HP/Shaft	Overall Height		Hull Degree Deadrise	Pack down size (Length)		(Width)		(Height)	
240 RIB	270kgs	594lbs	5hp short	0.68m	2'2"	10	1.98m	6'5"	1.0m	3'3"	0.48m	1'5"
260 RIB	360kgs	792lbs	5hp short	0.68m	2'2"	10	2.18m	7'1"	1.0m	3'3"	0.48m	1'5"

Southern Pacific Inflatables - A History of New Zealand Made Quality

Since 1988 Southern Pacific has built inflatable boats for Kiwis to withstand the harsh New Zealand conditions. Back in those days the fabric was glued together by hand, transoms were crafted from plywood, and the yard operated out of Brown's Bay.

In 2013 international yachtsmen Richard Macalister and Dean Barker saw an opportunity in a brand that had entrenched itself in New Zealand boating. During their experiences racing and working in the marine industry overseas they saw inflatable boats being used everywhere from rescue craft to super yacht tenders. With an influx of poorly built boats, mostly out of Asia, they had a vision to bring back quality, locally crafted boats to New Zealand, and the rest of the world.

Through almost 2 decades of evolution, Southern Pacific now manufactures out of a world class facility in Kumeu, West Auckland. PVC tubes are machine cut from digital patterns out of the highest quality fabric, and the seams thermally welded together to ensure maximum strength and longevity. Specialising in aluminium hulls, only the highest quality welding is accepted into the factory, with CNC cut sheets ensuring perfect symmetry in the larger RIBs. Drawing on the skills of renowned local naval architects, Southern Pacific designs are constantly improving with customer feedback.

Southern Pacific is now the country's leading inflatable boat producer, building anything from small tenders for chandleries through to 14 metre Hypalon tubes for international coastguard and military contracts.

And they are still all proudly made here, in New Zealand.

Trade-A-Boat says

"The new boat is beautifully finished off, with very smart looking grey and charcoal tubes"

"The deep-V hull... simply cut straight through smaller waves and wakes at speed, while the bigger ones received the benefit of the pontoons to cushion the landing"

Boating NZ says

"It feels stable underway, secure at speed and has excellent stability at rest"

"Light to tow and easily managed"

"Simple and versatile, it rides well, corners brilliantly and handles nicely."

"Nimble Performer!"

How does it rate?

Southern Pacific Cormorant 550 RIB

1	SUITABILITY FOR PURPOSE	★★★★★★★★★★★★
2	INNOVATION	★★★★★★★★★★★★
3	DESIGN AND LAYOUT	★★★★★★★★★★★★
4	QUALITY OF FINISH	★★★★★★★★★★★★
5	HANDLING AND RIDE	★★★★★★★★★★★★
6	STABILITY AT REST	★★★★★★★★★★★★
7	ERGONOMICS	★★★★★★★★★★★★
8	STANDARD EQUIPMENT	★★★★★★★★★★★★
9	VALUE FOR MONEY	★★★★★★★★★★★★
10	X-FACTOR	★★★★★★★★★★★★

Average ★★★★★★★★★★