



- Features:**
 - Removable floating seat
 - Alloy oars
 - Hand pump
 - Service kit
 - Protective skids
 - Strong carry handles
 - Transom protection plate
 - Anti-slip deck grip
 - Internal oar storage
 - Internal auto bailing drain
 - Davit lifting points
 - Optional outside handles or grab ropes

Shearwater RIB

Super tough, large volume aluminium tender

The Southern Pacific Shearwater is a rugged RIB designed for bigger payloads, with large diameter tubes and voluminous aluminium hull. Pressed strakes strengthen the aluminium hull as well as deflecting the wake for a drier ride. Large diameter tubes are built extra tough. Rubstrake runs from bow to stern making the Shearwater rugged and durable and three separate air chambers in the 280, 310 and 340 provide maximum safety. A centre transom support only on 280 310 and 340 Shearwater models, keel capping, deck grip and davit lifting points are standard across all 4 sizes. Fuel storage space comes standard in the three larger models. The Shearwater is the ultimate small heavy duty RIB proudly made in New Zealand.

	Length External		Beam External		Length Internal		Beam Internal		Tube Diameter		Weight		Air Chambers
260 RIB	2.6m	8'5"	1.59m	5'1"	1.77m	5'8"	0.75m	2'4"	0.36m	1'2"	30kgs	66lbs	2
280 RIB	2.8m	9'2"	1.60m	5'2"	1.79m	5'8"	0.76m	2'5"	0.36m	1'2"	35kgs	77lbs	3
310 RIB	3.10m	10'1"	1.61m	5'2"	2.17m	7'1"	0.76m	2'5"	0.36m	1'2"	38kgs	84lbs	3
340 RIB	3.40m	11'1"	1.61m	5'2"	2.47m	8'1"	0.76m	2'5"	0.36m	1'2"	45kgs	99lbs	3

	Payload		Max HP/Shaft	Overall Height		Hull Degree Deadrise	Pack down size (Length)		(Width)		(Height)	
260 RIB	400kgs	880lbs	5hp short	0.7m	2'2"	12	2.04m	6'6"	1.0m	3'2"	0.42m	1'4"
280 RIB	450kgs	990lbs	10hp short	0.7m	2'2"	12	2.24m	7'2"	1.0m	3'2"	0.42m	1'4"
310 RIB	540kgs	1188lbs	15hp short	0.7m	2'2"	12	2.52m	8'2"	1.0m	3'2"	0.42m	1'4"
340 RIB	620kgs	1364lbs	18hp short	0.7m	2'2"	12	2.84m	9'3"	1.0m	3'2"	0.42m	1'4"

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 ★★★★★★★★★★