

BOND SPEEDBOAT, UPDATED

A NEW VERSION OF THE CLASSIC JAMES BOND SPEED BOAT THAT CARRIED DANIEL CRAIG DOWN AN ITALIAN LAKE IN *QUANTUM OF SOLACE* COMES TO MARKET FROM RBB LTD

After producing four boats for James Bond's enemies, here is a boat for 007 and the good guys—which both stirs and shakes—in memory of Robert Braithwaite, Britain's most successful power yacht entrepreneur.

The reimagined RBB 19 is a boat built as a tribute to Robert Braithwaite CBE DL (1943-2019), one of Britain's leading manufacturers.

The new boat, RBB 19, is a bigger version of the Sovereign Hostess 17, which featured in the Bond film *Quantum of Solace*, carrying Daniel Craig down an Italian lake, with Robert Braithwaite at the helm in a cameo role. The craft is produced by RBB Limited. And true to the Bond genre, this boat is a happy mix of brute force and impeccable style—an iron hand in a velvet glove.

The price of the new RBB 19 is expected to be £190,000-220,000 (approx \$260,000-300,000) excluding VAT and is available to order. A limited number—at least seven—will be built to order, and each will be numbered.

Technically, it is a tour de force, with a compos-

ite sandwich core construction, 19-ft length by 6-ft-5-in beam, draft to propeller 2.5 ft, and a Yanmar 4LV250 engine giving a range of 2 hours 45 minutes at a cruising speed of 35 kts with a top speed of 44 kts.

It was Robert's wish to reimagine his first-ever boat built, the Sovereign Hostess 17. Robert had several molds made in readiness for Robert Braithwaite Boats Limited, which is now continuing the reimagined project. Robert's eldest daughter Nicola Braithwaite and RBB's Stefan Wertans both agree that the project is dear to them, as is a tribute to Robert's wishes to recreate the original Sovereign boats and update them to modern day standards/technology. "The new boat, RBB 19, fits into the marketplace as an express cruiser/superyacht tender and even an inland cruiser, depending on the chosen engine," says Stefan.

The demonstration boat is available for viewing and sea trials by interested buyers. Call Stefan Wertans +44 (0) 7889 110 510 for waiting lists, build times or other information. ■



The RBB 19 is a tribute to British entrepreneur and marine engineer Robert Braithwaite CBE DL, the founder and original president (1969-2010) of powerboat builder Sunseeker Yachts, which provided four motor yachts for four James Bond films.



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