

Flexible water tanks - 28/07/2004

We have noticed that a number of owners have problems with flexible water tanks dating back to the early Sadler 32 (which has flexible tanks both sides) and as recently as certain Bowman Starlight 35's with one large flexible water tank.

We have now discovered that Hovercraft Consultants of Totton are the best people to talk to and my contact is Ian Mitchell 023 80871188, who is a director of the company. Ian has been involved in supplying water tanks from about 1976 to Sadler and then to Sadler International and then Bowman and currently to Rustler. During this period of nearly 3 decades there have been certain sub-contractors who have produced less than satisfactory product. Ian is very aware of this and I understand that not only are they leaders in flexible water tanks, but they also do a range of flexible effluent tanks. Their main business is hovercraft skirts and they also do work for the RNLI.

Available from Hovercraft Consultants are the pillow bags for the 26 and 29, flexible tanks for the 32 and also for the Starlight's 35 and 39. Interestingly they also make a liner which will fit into the GRP tank of the Sadler 34. Brand name is DURATANK and the double-skin flexible water tanks are assembled/bonded with double row heavy duty stitching. The polyurethane liner is 1mm thick and is highly elastic and robust.

Details are available on www.duratank.com and by e-mail: sales@duratank.com