

New build RV Wim Wolff



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The RV Wim Wolff is a new shipbuilding project for the Dutch national research fleet. The fleet is owned and operated by the National Marine Facilities (NMF), a department of the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ). The NMF fleet consists of three vessels capable of conducting research from the shallow coastal waters out into the open ocean.

The RV Wim Wolff is intended to replace the Wadden Sea research vessel RV Navicula, and with its shallow draught of 1 meter it is specifically designed for overnight voyages for research in the Wadden Sea, the Zealand delta or the coastal zone.

With a permanent crew of four, the RV Wim Wolff will offer state-of-the-art facilities for a maximum of 12 passengers, and is equipped with onboard dry and wet lab facilities. The vessel also has room for two customised lab containers on the working deck.

The RV Wim Wolff is being built by Thecla Bodewes Shipyards (TBSY) in Harlingen, and is scheduled for delivery in the 2nd quarter of 2024.







END IN SIGHT



The RV Wim Wolff at the TBSY quay in Kampen

Last month, TBSY in Kampen successfully completed most of the sea trials, including the sea trial with the classification society on board.





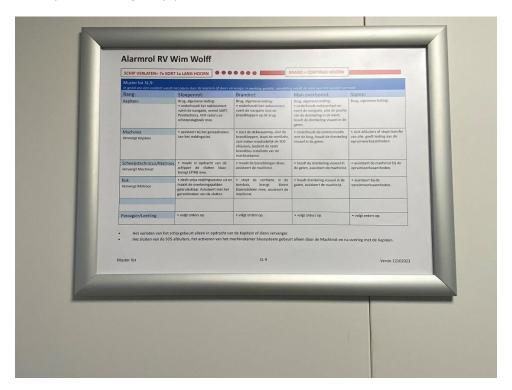


SEA TRIALS

Each sea trial tests the proper function of one of the vessel's systems or aspects, followed by acceptance upon successful completion of the trial. Before each sea trial, the shipyard draws up a detailed protocol with a time schedule for the systems and functionalities to be tested.

Safety is an extremely important issue during the sea trials, especially because some of the passengers are not accustomed to working on a ship at sea, and are therefore less familiar with safety and emergency procedures.

So in addition to a detailed discussion of the day's schedule, each sea trial also begins with a briefing on safety and emergency procedures on board.

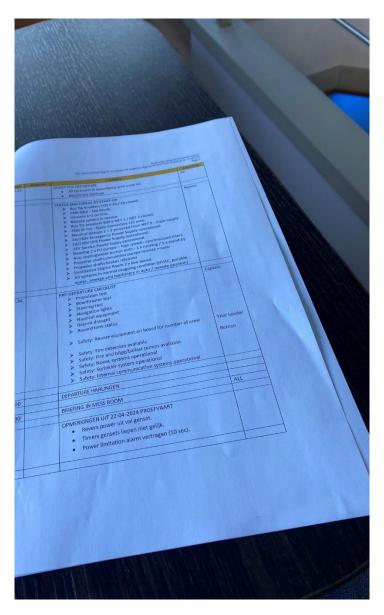








Emergency procedures, such as this muster list, are clearly posted at several locations throughout the RV Wim Wolff.



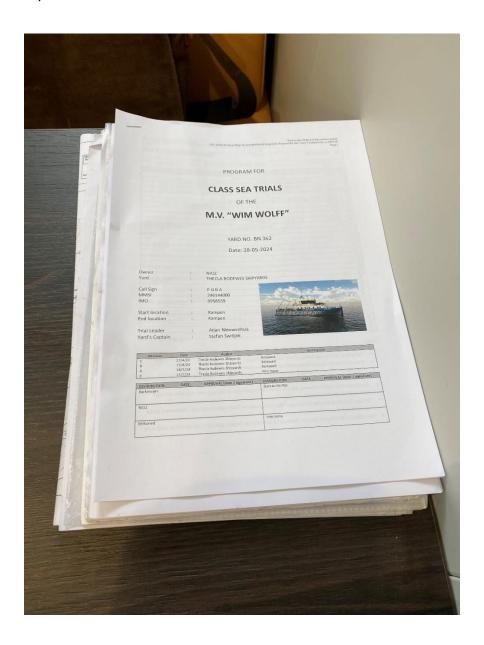
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Before a sea trial, the crew must complete a detailed checklist similar to the pre-flight checklist used by aircraft crews.



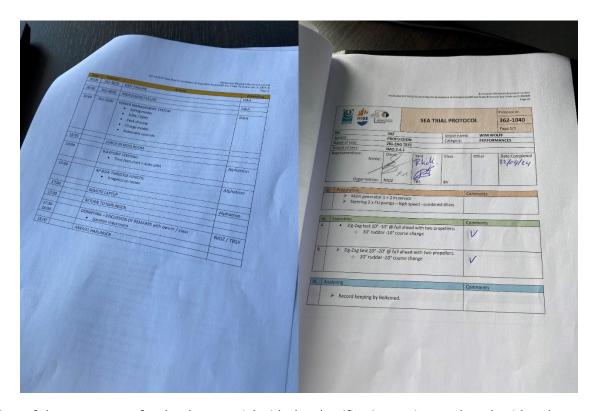






The programme for the sea trial with the classification society on board.

During the sea trial, the crew complete each item of the programme, which is then signed upon approval.



Part of the programme for the sea trial with the classification society on board, with a document signed for approval to the right.

DELIVERY

After a month of intensive tests, only a short list of items remain to be completed. The essential items will be dealt with and submitted for approval in early June.







When that is done, the vessel will be delivered to NIOZ in early June as well.

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