



PRESS RELEASE

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New boat for security at Santa Barbara

WILLEMSTAD – Friday afternoon the new vessel *Security III* (NC 1600) of the Santa Barbara Security Services (SBSS) was officially launched at Seru Boca Marina in the presence of invitees. The security for this huge area under development was in great need for a new boat that is equipped for all types of weather, rain included; this was not the case with the two former open boats. As of now this boat will be incorporated in the daily patrols along the vast coastline, including the area of the Hyatt Regency Curaçao Golf Resort, Spa & Marina, Barbara Beach and the Old Quarry golf course.

The new vessel is a Minor Offshore 25 patrol boat with a Volvo Penta D4-225 engine, built by Sarin Boats, Ltd in Finland which had built up a tradition of reliable ships. Because of its specific characteristics this type of boat has become popular with companies that run water taxis, water police and rescue organizations all over the world. The Minor Offshore boats have proven their value under difficult circumstances of weather and at sea. Furthermore, they can comply with specific client wishes. The American company Skarne Marine LLC in Milford, Connecticut delivered the new boat to SBSS. Director and owner Carl Skarne himself was in Curaçao last month for the test drive with the boat. In connection to the fierce competition in the market he was delighted that his firm was chosen to deliver the boat which is now in service in such a beautiful area.

All weather boat

One of the directors of SBSS, Mr. Edward Jonckheer, stated at the launching that only a few people realize what it takes to do the security in a big area of 600 acres of Santa Barbara which is full under development and includes a coastline of no less than 13 kilometers (along the south coast and the Spanish Waters inlet). If there is no good control, all kinds of things could be taking place – on land as well as on sea. Therefore the boats are in use daily for several hours.

In August 1995 *Security I* was the first boat; that was a 25 foot open Boston Whaler with two 150 HP outboard engines. This one is still in use, but it has become expensive to maintain and functions therefore more as back-up. In August 2005 *Security II* was purchased, an open Nautica 23 foot RIB with a 240 PK diesel engine. After 10 years of intensive service there was a need for a new vessel, the more so since the steady developments move on. In April last year the Hyatt hotel and the golf course came into operation and the construction of private homes in this extensive area got well underway. For

the security of the increasing number of residents and guests the purchase of *Security III* had become a necessity. “There is nothing ‘minor’ at this boat”, stressed Mr. Jonckheer. “They are well tested under heavy winds and at high seas. It is an *all weather* boat. During the rain the security at work can sit inside to fill paper work, something which was not possible before. The crew can also walk around the cabin to go forward or aft. This is necessary to be able to moor and tie up without help when it is a one-man crew”. The new boat is in compliance with all the legal requirements. The security officers on board do not come into action when they notice illegal activities, but in the context of a good cooperation with the competent local authorities they notify them immediately.

After the speech Mrs. Ursula Janga followed a good tradition to sprinkle champagne over the prow and the remaining on the new vessel when it was let into the water from the trailer at the slipway of Seru Boca Marina. She handed skipper ‘Kapitan’ Martis a branch of *Asahar* as a sign for a safe journey. The new ship immediately got quite some interested viewers.