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Shipowner SAUPIQUET entrusts PIRIOU with the building of new 67m freezer tuna seiner



SAUPIQUET has just confirmed to PIRIOU the order of a 67m tuna seiner dedicated to oceanic tuna fishing. This new unit to be delivered by the end of 2020 will be built by PIRIOU Vietnamese shipyard, which has already built and delivered eight tuna seiners from 80 to 90m since 2010 as an addition to the historical site of Concarneau-France.

The 'sea proven' design of PIRIOU INGENIERIE naturally takes into account several regulatory changes and contributes to improve working conditions, rest periods and security for crew on board in accordance with the MLC 2006 rule (Maritime Labour convention).

The vessel will be equipped with optimized propulsion featuring variable pitch propeller and shaft alternator allowing better use of energy.

With this first order SAUPIQUET joins the shipowners who have already entrusted PIRIOU for the renewal of their tuna fleets. PIRIOU thus confirms its real presence both in coastal and ocean fishing: in 2019, one tuna seiner, three longliners, and two trawlers will be built within PIRIOU's various shipyards.



Vincent FAUJOUR, PIRIOU C.E.O. declares: ***‘We are happy and proud our customers now include SAUPIQUET shipowner and more broadly the BOLTON Group. This new tuna seiner is a part of a responsible and sustainable approach to fisheries management and also contributes to environmental compliance and crew well-being. This is how we keep on supporting shipowners in the necessary renewal of their fishing fleets’.***

Patrick FURIC, SAUPIQUET General Manager adds: ***‘Deciding to partner with PIRIOU shipyard to build a modern series vessel has the significant advantage to comply with the rules and regulations of the French flag. This type of vessel is an important asset for the future of SAUPIQUET shipowner. We are bringing down the average age of our fleet made of four vessels with a smaller tuna seiner concept we consider to be the right tool for a self-imposed sustainable fishing’.***

As a matter of fact SAUPIQUET has modified its supply since 2018 to ensure more demanding and responsible fishing through an offer of tuna in brine with French fishing methods (‘Pêche Française’ label). Through this commitment, SAUPIQUET guarantees 100% of their canned tuna in brine was fished by French vessels.

With the ‘Pêche Française’ label, SAUPIQUET guarantees a responsible fishing respectful of resources and ensuring quality, traceability and supporting French jobs.

This commitment is part of the company corporate social responsibility programme: ‘Sustainable quality’ -an approach targeting a 360° quality in the respect of environment and staff throughout the chain- from the fish catch up to the final product arriving under the consumer’s fork.

Main characteristics



Length overall	67.3 m
Breadth	12.4 m
Depth at main deck	6.1 m
Fuel capacity	350 m ³
Fresh water capacity	30 m ³
Crew	23
Speed	14 kn
Hull/superstructure	steel / aluminium
Range	55 days

Handling: 1 fore + 1 aft crane

Tenders: 1 x 10 m steel skiff + 1 speed boat

Propulsion

Diesel propulsion: 3000 kW

Main generators: 2 x 800kVA

Alternator coupled to reducer: 1 x 1500 kVA

Storage

Fish storage full capacity (14 holds): 1 200 m³

About PIRIOU

Involved in shipbuilding, repair, naval engineering and services since 1965, PIRIOU specializes in producing vessels up to 120 m with high added value through a combination of high-performance engineering and a global network of industrial sites in Europe, Africa and Asia. With over 460 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU provides bespoke solutions as well as a complete range of standardized or customized vessels that satisfy the requirements of international shipowners, whether they be private or public, civilian or military.

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About SAUPIQUET, member of the BOLTON group

Founded in Nantes in 1891, founding member of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) and brand of the BOLTON group, SAUPIQUET offers a full range of cans of carefully selected and prepared tuna, sardine and mackerel.

SAUPIQUET is an actor implicated in the marine ecosystem equilibrium and asks its suppliers to get involved in their responsible fishing practices. It can identify the origin of all the fish of its cans and guarantees the consumers quality products.

SAUPIQUET was created in 1977 with the acquisition of SOCOLUZ, including the vessels P. Briant, Biscaya and Jacques Cartier, and was strengthened with the Via Harmattan and the Via Simoun in 1986. The SAUPIQUET fleet counted up to 7 vessels. Since 2002 the shipowner has included 5 tuna seiners. This new vessel -Via Alizé- will join the fleet next year to catch up with Via Avenir, Via Euros and Via Mistral.

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