HATECKE | In 2005 the Italian shipbuilder FINCANTIERI chose Hatecke, one of the leading suppliers of lifeboats, rescue boats and davit systems, to supply the lifesaving equipment for a cruise liner new building for Carnival Cruise Line.

CARNIVAL FREEDOM is now the first new cruise liner equipped with Hatecke products. Sixteen new lifeboats for 150 persons, seven tender boats for 90 passengers and two combined life/rescue boats for 60 persons were delivered to this vessel.

During the whole production process of the tender boats, Hatecke worked closely with the owners representatives of Carnival Cruise Line to fulfil their specific needs.

With a overall length of 9.8m and a width of 4.3m, the new developed tender boat type PL 9.7 provides a tender capacity for 90 passengers, while the lifeboat capacity is 150 persons. "We attached great importance to a possible fast and easy boarding of the tender boats," says Peter Hatecke, owner and CEO of Hatecke GmbH. "For this reason, a board-to-board embarkation platform was installed on the boat."

Powered by twin engines, the tender boat achieves a speed of more than 8 knots. The empty boat reaches more than 10 knots. Two hydraulic controlled stainless steel rudders and a bow thruster give the boat excellent manoeuvrability which impressed the customer. All control units are clearly arranged at the helmsman position. The boats are fitted with two 9 tons stainless steel simultaneous release hoisting hooks, type DUPLEX, with central release from helmsman position. The hoisting hooks and release system are entirely made of stainless steel and brass. Furthermore, the hooks are equipped with special "safety pins" for maintenance and training reasons. The design of the new boat type is not only driven by safety reasons but offers also some special features to make it more comfortable for the passengers. Big windows offer a good source of light in the main cabin. An effective forced ventilation provides a good air exchange inside. In addition, comfortable seats are installed on the lifeboat / passenger launch. Hatecke delivers all of its equipment for the purpose to use the lifeboat also as tender boat. Also, Hatecke supports its customers with high-quality service – worldwide.

Boats' dimensions and weight allow customers to replace former Hatecke lifeboats or Schat Harding MPC36 with the newly developed Hatecke tender boats without any necessary changes of the davits. "We enter a new market sector," Peter Hatecke says, "This are exciting new projects". Recently, Hatecke received an order from German cruise operator Phoenix Reisen for the delivery of two tender boats for their vessel „AMA-DEA“.

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“Carnival Freedom” equipped with 16 lifeboats, seven tender boats and two life/rescue boats from Hatecke