



## ON TEST. SACS STRIDER 15: A POWERFUL AND BOLD MAXI RIB

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### On test. Strider 15, the new Maxi Rib by Sacs Marine

If you think that large-sized inflatable boats are all very similar to each other, the new **Strider 15** will convince you otherwise. The pencil of **Christian Grande**, "majority author" of the **Sacs Marine** fleet, has given shape and substance to a definitively out-of-the-box Maxi Rib, concentrating class, power and boldness in a single boat completely different from its supposed similars.

When we were given the opportunity to test it, we did not hesitate because there are many beautiful and aggressive Maxi Ribs on the market but only a few ones are so innovative and bold as the Strider 15, which the well-known Italian shipyard has **completely redesigned** with only one goal: to overcome the previous model in terms of **comfort and power**.

Something that has not been easy to achieve, since **the previous version was already the top of the range**, so much so it was very successful among the most demanding owners. Nevertheless, Sacs Marine, you know, never ceases to amaze and here is the new Strider 15 which, for one day, indulges in our notebooks and our dormant adrenaline.

### Exteriors: 5-star beach area and stunning spaces

If size matters, especially on board a Maxi Rib, the Strider 15 will certainly satisfy your desire for **comfort and relaxation** even at high speed.

Indeed, the deck offers **impressive spaces**, starting from the **huge beach area** where all the **soft and sinuous lines** of the boat converge and which takes full advantage of the 5-meter beam.

In this abundant boat section, where the **stern platform** is mixed with a **large sundeck** that can be protected by a **bimini top supported by two carbon poles**, passengers have the feeling of shamelessly relaxing in a beach cabana of a five-star resort.

The **cockpit** is an open-air lounge, equipped with a large U-shaped sofa, a bar cabinet and **two folding tables**. In such a comfortable and functionally user-friendly area, **six people** can have lunch, dinner or a cocktail in total freedom and comfort.

The **cockpit** is made up of **four seats**, gathered two by two, and a console equipped with **two XL multifunction displays** and a **multitude of controls** dedicated to the most complete boat handling. Positioned in the middle and **devoid of lateral supports**, the **T-Top** seems to float above the helm station, greatly lightening the vertical development of the Strider .

Walking along the **wide side-decks**, interrupted by a double step on each side, you can get the **bow**, where an **additional super solarium** makes the happiness of the "tan-addicted".

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## Interiors: an open space area worthy of a superyacht

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The luxury spirit that characterize the exterior layout can be found even in the sleeping quarters, where it becomes even more **refined**.

The materials are of the highest quality, the colour combinations create an exclusive atmosphere and the **finishes are worthy of a superyacht**.

The lower deck is an extremely comfortable **open space** that makes this boat a definitively excellent **day cruiser**.

**Two king-sized beds** (one on the bow, the other under the cockpit behind the access ladder) and a **head with separate shower** make the cabin a real modern, elegant and extremely comfortable **suite**.

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## Sea Trial: compact pace and a super performing hull

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What we are about to unleash is the the **sterdrive version** of the new Strider 15, fitted with **twin Volvo D6 diesel engines, 440HP each**, which have nothing to envy to the three Yamaha XT0 425HP that can be installed in the outboard version. Today, we want to show that the Strider 15 inboard is equally capable of reaching remarkable top speeds.

At **11 knots**, without even realizing it, the boat gets up **on plane**. The standing driving position is really comfortable, the push button panel is so assorted that you just want to press every button but we are here to see how it is possible to travel on board this masterpiece, so, having verified the **excellent driving comfort** and the equally **extraordinary view**, we focus on the numbers of the display, which already marks **2,500 rpm, 27 knots** and a fuel consumption of **80 l/h under power**. Not bad, I'd say.

On the straight, therefore, we have no difficulty in reaching the cruising speed in a few seconds. **Acceleration is linear** and the boat is **extremely stable**. Of course, this morning, the sea is slightly rough but, even when crossing the return wave, after a couple of turns and a "8" drawn in the water at **29 knots**, the **sports hull** cuts it in two without hesitation, maintaining a **perfect balance at every single turn**. Then, it immediately gets up in a sinuous way, without **tossing around**.

Now, it's time to push the throttles all forward: the **D-shape tubes do not vibrate**, the boat maintains a **compact pace** and the cockpit is perfectly dry. In short, comfort goes hand in hand with performance. At **3,700 rpm**, the boat runs at **40.7 knots**. A really stunning top speed for a sterndrive RIB of this size.

We return to the port, fully satisfied with the performance of the new Strider 15. What's our opinion? Sacs can only create extraordinary maxi Ribs.

### Sacs Strider 15: Performance

Rpm	Knots	L/h	L/nm
600	4.8	7.6	1.58
1,000	6.8	19.2	2.82
1,500	9.7	48	4.95
2,000	14.5	84	5.79
<b>2,500</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5.9</b>
3,000	29.3	192	6.55
3,600	37.5	294	7.84
<b>3,700</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>8.35</b>

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### Sacs Strider 15 (inboard version): Technical Specs

<b>LOA</b>	13.65 m
<b>Max Beam</b>	5.02 m
<b>Draft</b>	0.80 m
<b>Tubes</b>	80 cm
<b>Number of compartments</b>	
<b>Hull</b>	Deep V Hull
<b>V-hull</b>	20.9°
<b>Weight with standard engines</b>	10.5 t
<b>Fuel Tank Capacity</b>	1,050 lt
<b>Water Tank Capacity</b>	225 lt
<b>Black Waters Tank Capacity</b>	52 lt
<b>Design Category</b>	EC-B
<b>Passengers Capacity</b>	16
<b>Berths</b>	4
<b>Max Power</b>	1,052 kW
<b>Recommended Engines</b>	2 x Volvo D6 440 hp Diesel
<b>Max Speed</b>	42 n
<b>Cruising Speed</b>	28-32 n
<b>Fuel Consumption</b>	90 l/h (28 n)
<b>Range at cruising speed</b>	330 nm
<b>Project</b>	Sacs
<b>Design</b>	Christian Grande DesignWorks

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