# SPACE COAST UNMANNED SPECIAL OPERATIONS SEAT





#### **OBJECTIVE**

- Design a light-weight, multi-purpose, forward-facing seat for Maritime Special Operations Forces
  - Compatible with Combat Rubber Raiding Craft (CRRC), specifically Wing Rigid-Hulled Inflatable Boats (RHIBs)
- 2. Quickly reconfigured as a hook/ladder system for obstacle clearance
- 3. Seats can be used as a positively buoyant stretcher.



#### DESIGN APPROACH

- Implement mature open source technologies and reliable commercial off the self products(COTS) where possible to minimize risk
- Design and produce as many components as possible to reduce dependencies on outside resources
  - Reduces risk for future change
  - Reduces procurement costs
- Allows greater customizability to meet customer's future needs



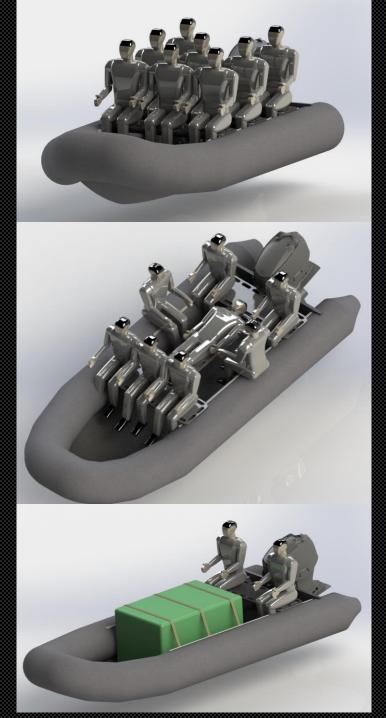
#### SPACE COAST UNMANNED'S SOLUTION

- All in one solution allows a single seat to be used as a stable forward facing seat, ladder or positively buoyant stretcher
- Use of COTS 'L-Track' to allow for rapid attachment, removal and reconfiguration.
- Non skid top surface and grab handles to help with human fatigue in rough conditions.
- In current design spec seat weighs ~28.4lbs



#### CONFIGURATIONS

- 1. Fit up to 8 forward facing crew(all human models are  $\sim 6'5$ ")
- 2. Use of seat for boarding ladder
- 3. Use of seat as a ladder to climb a quay wall
- 4. Inflatable bladder system to ensure positive buoyancy with 400Lb load
- 5. Using the seat as a stretcher to safely evacuate a injured person
- 6. Use L-Track and COTS tie down rings to strap cargo down in rough conditions.



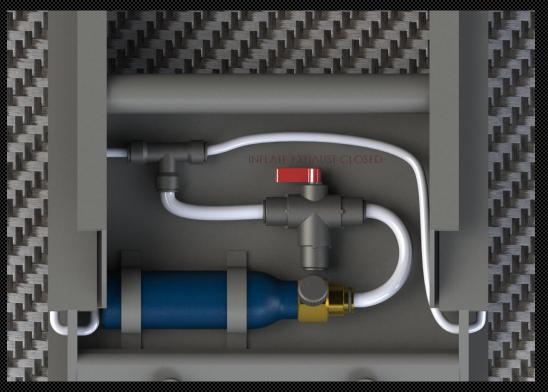




- The seat system floats when thrown in water but in order to support a person(400lb) a re-usable co2 powered inflatable bladder system is used
- Using a COTS co2 paintball 6oz tank at standard 860psi occupies 9liters of volume at atmospheric pressure. Using co2 allows for easy refill when needed.
- 9liters is approximately 3 times the volume of the average inflatable life vest.
- Two 4.25liter bladders inflate to produce a buoyancy force of ~84 Newton with a 400lb load on the stretcher ensuring positive buoyancy
- The bladders can be left inflated when inside the boat, this ensures the operators can quickly remove the injured person and return to safety



CO2 VALVE SYSTEM



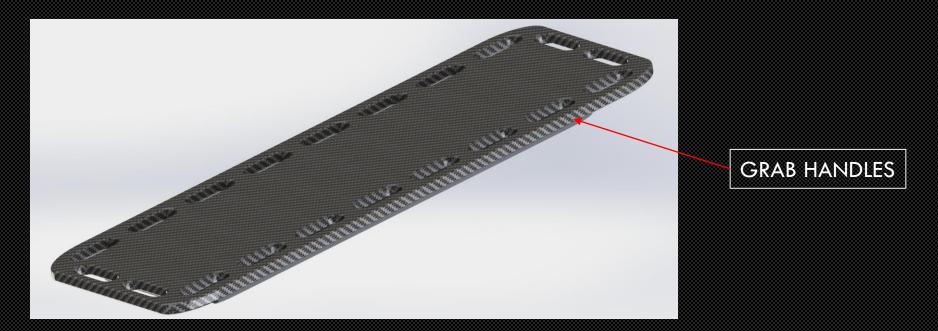


# POSITIVELY BUOYANT STRETCHER CONT.

# **INFLATED** DEFLATED CO2 BUOYANCY BLADDERS CO2 VALVE SYSTEM CO2 BUOYANCY BLADDERS(RE-USABLE) CASE (RE-USABLE)

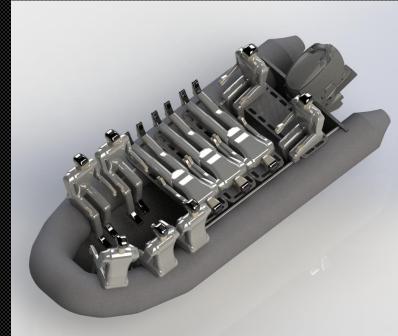
# STRETCHER DESIGN

• The seat was designed with multiple grab handles to ensure easy and fast transport of injured person.

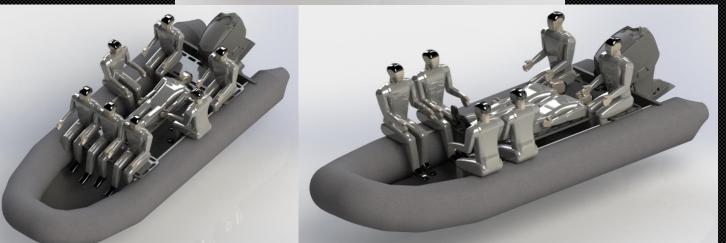


## LEAVE NO PERSON BEHIND

- With a full crew the seats can be reconfigured to bring home up to 3 injured people on stretchers depending on the seating configuration
- Since the seats are attached with L-Track a cross bar can be installed to allow injured people to lay in a more conformable position, minimizing their discomfort.
- All human models are  $\sim\!6'5"$  Tall ensuring there is enough room for operators no matter there size or equipment load



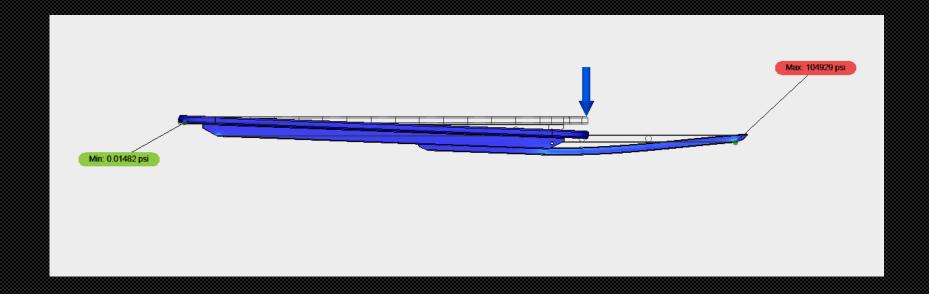




#### LADDER SYSTEM

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- A spring latching extension ladder is located on the bottom of every seat
- The seat system was analyzed using Finite element analysis(FEA) simulation software
- The results below show a 3g 400lb load with each end fixed. This simulates the use of the extension ladder as a boarding plank. (note: deformation is 10 times real life)



## LADDER SYSTEM CONT.

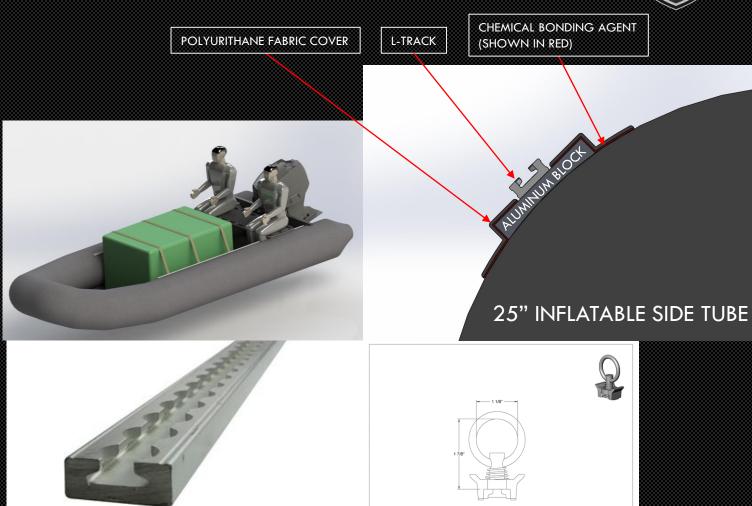
- Ladder extension is easily adjusted in 12" increments up to 10ft total height.
- Spring loaded locking pins lock the ladder extension out and allow for rapid extension retract.





#### L-TRACK

- Use of L-Track to the Wing Rigid-Hulled Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) allows for easy attachment and removal of seat system
- It also allows operators the ability to use COTS accessories such as tie down rings
- L-Track mounts to plates that have been chemically bonded to the RHIB, this allows for removal of the L-Track so that the RHIP can be deflated and stored compactly
- Future attachment for specialty equipment or weapon mounts could be easily done







# DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Space Coast Unmanned currently has 3500sqft of space available for R&D work
- We have a full aerospace quality CNC machining shop and general manufacturing space



#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONT.

- Space Coast Unmanned would like to work with Wing Inflatable to develop a tested and proven technique to ensure a solid bond of the L-Track
- L-Track could be bonded during the Rigid-Hulled Inflatable Boat (RHIB) manufacturing process to ensure repeatable placement and 100% adhesion
- Space Coast Unmanned has the resources to test and validate chemical bonding method if Wing Inflatable does not want to invest their time.





#### COST

- With the completion of the conceptual design shown in the previous slides, a prototype could be easily produced at low cost.
- With the use of our R&D facility we could keep cost down with out using risky outside suppliers and manufactures.
- Space Coast Unmanned would like to move forward with prototype design if given the opportunity.





#### Offers a system that includes:

- ✓ Forward facing ergonomic seats
- ✓ Seating that is easily reconfigurable, installed and removed
- ✓ Seat system that operates as a extension ladder up to 10ft
- ✓ Seat that can be positively buoyant stretcher with a 400lbs person capacity
- ✓ The use of L-track allows for extra commercial off the shelf accessory's to be used



# RESOURCES

- This presentation, along with the User Manual and CAD files can be found at our Github repository:
- Link here

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