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New Lifeboat

For 7 years Gustav Kuhr in Bremerhaven has developed his idea of an unsinkable lifeboat. The shipbuilder and engineer permitted our cameraman to participate in the first public demonstration of the boat which is made of plastic material.

Already the outward appearance of the boat differs from the customary lifeboat which has remained unchanged since centuries. In many respects the boat resembles a submarine. And, indeed, the inventor is a submarine-specialist!

The boat, 8 metres long and 3 metres broad, can take 40 persons on board. The four hatches can be closed hermetically. Two globes of plexiglass fore and aft are the eyes of the boat. The stability of the boat is so extraordinary that the vessel can sink 60 feet deep in the suction of a sinking ship and survive. Special flooding tanks keep the boat upright.

The price of the new lifeboat is not higher than the customary lifeboats of wood.