

Water ambulance Sneek, The Netherlands



The Antonius hospital in Sneek is going to bring a water ambulance into action in order to improve the accessibility and safety on the Frisian lakes. The water ambulance has been presented at the Hiswa in March 2008.

For decades the Antonius hospital has been located near one of the most attractive water sport area's in all of Holland. With a new and fast ambulance the hospital reacts to the growing demand in aid and service on the water. The water ambulance will increase patient safety. Due to the fact that ambulance care will now be near, people with a disorder or restriction will also be able to take part in water sport activities. The hospital says in a statement: "The nature of water sports is restful and relaxing. Therefore it should be accessible for everybody, for as long as possible."

For the time being the water ambulance will be brought into action at big Dutch events such as 'Sneekweek', 'Skûtsjesilen', the 'Visserijdagen van Harlingen', and the 'Harlingen – Terschelling race'. The inventory of the water ambulance is identical to that of a normal ambulance. In order to guarantee expeditious ambulance care on the water, the medical equipment depends on a reliable and constant power supply. The hospital is very pleased with the batteries and Victron-inverter which were made available by Victron Energy. In several countries, Victron is market leader in the emergency response vehicle markets.

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