

Lürssen Hydrofoil...

[11 Nov 01, updated 16 Dec 01] I wonder if IHS is aware that Lürssen once built a fully submerged hydrofoil of their own? Here is a photo of it from a book on the FR. Lürssen Werft which I found in our library. The book is titled: *Fr. Lürssen Werft . Bremen - Vegesack - Builders of Fast Boats*. "Reproduction or use of the whole or any part permitted if source is quoted." Printer: H.M. Hauschild GmbH, 2800 Bremen. There was no publication date apparent on the book (which was undoubtedly a company handout). Only the slightest details about this hydrofoil were provided in the book. -- Martin Grimm (seaflite@alphalink.com.au)

[16 Dec 01] I also now have found the pages with a little more detail of this hydrofoil. They have a chronology of the development of the company and for the year 1963 under 'projects' they indicate: "After the purchase of patents subsequent development and construction of a hydrofoil with fully submerged foils [photo 63, reproduced at right]. Development of this type of ship is followed closely in the whole world." Incidentally, in 1954 they also indicated under 'projects': Hydrofoil in aluminium *BREMER PIONEER*, length 19m. I seem to recall the *BREMER PIONEER* was one of the early Supramar-designed surface piercing hydrofoils. They did not have a photo of that hydrofoil in the book. In the same year they



indicate under 'Employees' column that Gunther Popp was (engaged as) naval architect, he became manager in 1962 and technical director in 1973. Other employees are also listed in the book... perhaps one of them could recall more of the history of hydrofoil work at the company if they could be tracked down? -- Martin Grimm
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