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CRUISE CONTROL **Electronic console manages**

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RT MARINE'S NEW electronic diagnostics Top System C.E.D. is an electronic surface-drive control. Complete with an electronic switchboard connected to navigational instrumentation, the C.E.D. monitors on a continuous basis as it adapts propulsion draft to speed, trim and navigational conditions. The captain can operate the yacht like an automatic car when in "auto" mode by choosing the desired cruising range and programming the C.E.D. to the set parameters. The C.E.D. then automatically controls the trim according to the program set by the pilot. With choices ranging from planing, cruising, fast cruising and maximum speed, the auto mode ensures efficient propulsion throughout.

The Top System C.E.D. can also monitor anything used on board, including the motors and all their functions, the generator set, alarms and the management of interfaced GPS and other navigational instrumentation. RT Marine's digital C.E.D is also available with a touch-screen monitor for straightforward utilization.

To be used in association with the RT Marine C.E.D. is the Top System Autopilot. Autopilot automatically maintains control of a vessel's steering system for reliable course-keeping based on GPS waypoint navigation. By changing courses in a progressive, exact manner, autopilot avoids dangerous sudden turns at high speeds while maintaining the boat's present course at a lower speed. Contact RT Marine at +39 0773 511167. www.rtmarine.it

SLEEK DISPLAY

Valhalla Enterprises unveils 32-inch monitor

COMBINED WITH THE VEI SSIR touch-screen controller, Valhalla Enterprises' new monitor can be set up according to a captain's exact requirements. Use it as a full screen or split the display into four sections, which can then be quartered or shown in a filmstrip-type format. The monitor comes standard with nine inputs: four VGA, four composite and one DVI, VEI uses a hardened, etched glass to protect the uncoated screen, allowing

better ventilation for the monitor.

To account for both indoor and outdoor use. VEI offers two models: the Pilothouse 500 nit for indoor use and a Sunlight 1200 nit, which produces enough brightness for use outside as a television. The sleek design shows only glass, revealing no bezel or buttons on the front panel. When installed, the displays are waterproof from the front. Contact VEI at 866-834-5237 or 954-653-0210. www.vei-systems.com



ANCHOR MANAGEMENT

Push-button anchoring keeps crew at the helm

THE AA560 PANEL MOUNT Electronic Windlass Controller and Rode Counter from Maxwell Marine allows captains to deploy and retrieve the anchor without leaving the helm. Featuring an adjustable backlit panel, the controller displays battery voltage and windlass speed and direction in feet, meters or fathoms. The AA560 is programmable, providing a preset stopping point on retrieval, and it comes equipped with a safety lock, assuring no accidental deployment.

The graphic LCD screen and intuitive user interface make operation easy.



The system is simple to set up and will fit any windlass, including AC and hydraulic units. It also can be combined with other Maxwell AA products for total windlass control. The durable AA560 logs operation hours to ensure regular windlass maintenance, with built-in diagnostics to help quickly solve any installation issues. Contact Maxwell Marine at 919-791-3845. www.maxwell marine.com