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SAIL Magazine Announces the 2012 Pittman Innovation Awards

Boston, MA, January 10, 2012—SAIL's annual Pittman Innovation Awards recognize the most innovative gear and equipment in the sailboat market. For 2012, SAIL editors selected 15 leading new sailing products. "We're impressed by the marine industry's ability to continue to develop such exceptional, well-designed products each year," said Editor-in-Chief Peter Nielsen.

The 2012 Pittman Innovation Award winners are: Karver Flying Cam Cleat, Torqeedo Cruise 2.0/4.0 Electric Outboard Motors, Doyle Anomaly Headboard, Cousin Trestec Constrictor rope clutch, Colligo Soft Snatch block and soft padeye, Spinlock Pylon LED lifejacket antenna, Kannad SafeLink R10 SRS, Maretron FFM100 fuel flow monitor, Vetus Rim Drive Bow Thruster, H2OUT Systems Dryers, B&G T41 multifunction display, Iridium Extreme satellite phone, Navico 3G/4G radar and Raymarine e7 series GPS/chartplotter.

For the first time, a **Freeman K. Pittman Overall Winner** was selected this year by a panel of judges that included Nigel Calder (systems expert and author), Gerry Douglas (VP, Catalina Yachts), Chuck Hawley (VP of Product Development, West Marine) and Peter Nielsen (Editor, SAIL).

Coverage of the 2012 Pittman Innovation Awards appears on page 58 of the February issue of SAIL. Pittman winners will also be featured at SAIL's Innovation Station at the Strictly Sail Chicago Boat Show, January 26-29, 2012.

In the Cruising category, judged by SAIL Executive Editor Charles Doane: **Karver's Flying Cam Cleat** handles load working lines more comfortably; both racers and cruisers will benefit from its multiple uses. **Torqeedo's Cruise 2.0/4.0 Electric Outboard Motors** take portable electric propulsion to a new level. The motors can be configured for remote (R) or tiller (T) steering and run on battery packs.

In the Racing category, judged by SAIL Editor-at-Large David Schmidt: With **Doyle's Anomaly Headboard**, square-headed mainsails can be hoisted without needing to manually re-attach the headboard to the carriage or re-install the gaff batten. **Cousin Trestec's** new **Constrictor** makes line handling easy with its lightweight, fiber-on-fiber rope clutch system. **Colligo's** lightweight **Soft Snatch Block** uses static block technology and works especially well with slippery synthetic line in conjunction with the sheave's anodized-aluminum surface. The **soft padeye** provides an innovative solution for adding deck-mounted soft-strop pad-eyes.

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In the Safety category, judged by SAIL's Senior Editor Adam Cort: 2012 Freeman K. Pittman Overall Winner **Kannad Marine's Safelink R10 SRS** (survivor recovery system) uses AIS technology to assist in man overboard recovery. The device is fitted to lifejacket and will transmit continuously for 24 hours when activated. **Spinlock's Pylon LED** lifejacket antenna deploys automatically should the person wearing it fall overboard. The antenna projects about 9 inches above in-water head level and displays a 360 degree visibility flashing light for up to 10 hours.

In the Systems category, judged by SAIL Technical Editor Jay Paris: The **Vetus Rimdrive** is an innovative breakthrough in bow thruster design. It's self-contained, takes up minimal space inside the boat, and its multiblade propeller is virtually cavitation free. **Maretron's Fluid Flow Monitor (FFM100)** converts signals from fuel, water and other fluid sensors into NMEA 2000 data, and when used with Maretron's positive displacement technology, provides great accuracy in measuring fuel consumption. **H2OUT Systems** has developed three kinds of dryers relevant to the sailboat owner: the SD (space dryer) keeps interior spaces dry; the AVD (fuel air vent dryer) prevents water vapor from entering and corroding the fuel tank; and the HD (hydraulic dryer) protects hydraulics from water vapor entering the fluid reservoir.

In the Electronics category, judged by SAIL's Electronics Editor Ralph Naranjo: **B&G's** new **Triton T41** is a kind of mini-multifunction display that has been configured specifically for use by sailors, clearly displaying data such as depth, boatspeed, apparent and true wind speed and wind direction. **Iridium Extreme's** pocket-sized satellite telephone is rugged and includes a built-in GPS receiver with tracking and a programmable distress function. **Navico's 3G/4G radar** provides in-close detail, low power consumption and instant-on capability. **Raymarine's e7** is a compact display GPS-chartplotter with Wi-Fi capability. The e7 can be used as a standalone digital charting system with a built-in GPS and Navionics charts or be networked via Raymarine's SeaTalk systems.

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