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DOCKSTAR TO INTRODUCE A RADICALLY NEW CONCEPT IN BOW THRUSTERS AT 2018 SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

Low cost, self-contained, externally mounted bow thruster retracts out of water for zero drag on both sail and power boats

Seattle, Wa., November 9, 2017– DockStar is introducing their revolutionary concept in bow and stern thrusters at the 2018 Seattle Boat Show. The “Smart Thruster” slides up and down a standard Schaefer T-track that is mounted to the hull of the boat. The T-track assembly is easily mounted to the boat using just four above-waterline bolts.

The full installation can be done by one person in about two hours. It requires no wiring because the “Smart Thruster” contains its own batteries and is wirelessly controlled. Other than drilling the holes for the four bolts, no modification to the boat is required. The boat does not even need to be hauled out of the water.

DockStar President, Randall Sprague, explains, “we all know that bow and stern thrusters significantly improve the maneuverability of pleasure boats, making boating more enjoyable and safer, but the high cost and complexity of existing thrusters deter most boaters from fitting them to their boats. Now, anyone can affordably enjoy the benefits of having a bow and stern thruster”.

Because the Smart Thruster is retracted up the track while underway, there is nothing below the water line to create drag. This makes the Smart Thruster ideal for sailboats.

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When preparing to dock, the Smart Thruster is easily slid down the track at the same time the fenders are put out.

The power is provided by internal rechargeable LiFePo4 batteries. This battery technology is capable of producing very high power in a small package. The thrusters can operate continuously for about 10 minutes before needing charging, which is enough time for 8 - 10 dockings.

The thruster can be left on the track in the retracted position while underway, or can be completely slid off the track and stowed away. The thruster is fully standalone so there are no wires or mounting apparatus to interfere with true portability.

The same product can serve as either a bow or a stern thruster. The handheld remote control can be configured to control both the bow and the stern thruster from a single transmitter. This combination provides for impressive maneuverability.

The DockStar Smart Thruster is intended for both sail and power recreational boats ranging from 24 to 40 feet. For further information visit us at <https://dockstarllc.wixsite.com/dockstar>

DockStar is a Kitsap, Washington company specializing in leveraging recent technology advances in battery chemistry and electronics to enable a new generation of bow and stern thrusters.

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