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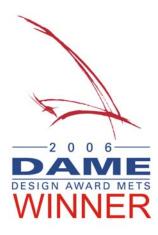
METS International Marine Equipment Trade Show DAME AWARD 2006 WINNER

CATEGORY WINNER- SEATORQUE CONTROL SYSTEMS LLC Presented by BARROW INTERNATIONAL, Seatorque's European Marketing Representative

Seatorque Control Systems is announced the winner in the Machinery, Propulsion, Mechanical and Electrical Fittings category of the Internationally recognized DAME Award METS 2006

JURY REPORT ON THE 2006 DAME AWARDS

The 16th annual Design Award METS competition attracted a total of 166 products from 136 companies. The task of the Jury was to select an outright winner from eight categories and to choose entries that merited 'Category Winner' and 'Special Mention' certificates. Category level awards are not made when it is perceived that standards are not equivalent to the level of other winners. From these the Jury selected five outright Category Winners.



When making any assessment under the DAME rules the most important aspect, central to the final judgment, is design in its fullest context — the degree to which the overall styling, construction, functionality (the capability of the product in relation to its intended use) and level of innovation are seen as equally balanced features of the entry. Originality, use and ease of human operation are also taken into account, as well as other considerations such as the ratio of price to performance.

"The ENCLOSED SHAFT SYSTEM from SEATORQUE CONTROL SYSTEMS LLC of the USA, submitted by BARROW INTERNATIONAL of the UK, offers a completely integrated propeller to gearbox solution with low mechanical losses that breaks new ground. A non-rotating, oil-filled, outer casing to the shaft eliminates the need for cutlass bearings and shaft seals. The system has a bearing to transmit thrust loads to the hull and it can incorporate a variety of flexible couplings. This is a brilliantly presented example of engineering excellence that promises to move conventional shaft boats into the 21st Century."

The Mets Judging Jury