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SAIL Magazine Announces 2019 Pittman Innovation Awards

Essex, CT, January 16, 2019—Named after Freeman K. Pittman, *SAIL*'s long-time technical editor who passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease in 1996, *SAIL*'s annual Pittman Innovation Awards recognize exceptional products developed by the sailing industry. *SAIL*'s team of judges—executive editor Adam Cort, cruising editor Charles J. Doane, technical editor Jay Paris and electronics editor Ben Ellison—roamed boat shows near and far to uncover the 15 best in the Class of 2019. "Once again, the industry offered plenty of surprises, including a new system that frees sailboats of the need for a generator, a new 3D printed block, and even a digital variant on the age-old yarn telltale," said Cort, summing up his take on today's equipment manufacturers. Coverage of the 2019 Pittman Innovation Awards appears on page 52 of the February issue of *SAIL* and on sailmagazine.com.

The 15 Pittman Innovation Award winners for 2019 are: In the **Cruising & Safety** category, EuroDesign's Composite Teak Decking, the Khimera life-vest from Mustang, Shakespeare Marine's Galaxy INFL8 antenna, and the SiOnyx Aurora day/night camera; in the **Systems** category, Balmar's next-generation battery monitor, the SG200, Triskel Marine's Integrel advanced generator replacement system, and Blue Guard Innovation's BG-One smart bilge switch; in the **Electronics** category, Autonnic's Starlight LED helming guide, Raymarine's ClearCruise AR (Augmented Reality) system, Sail-Sense from Spinlock, and the Fusion Apollo Series stereo; and in the **Racing** category, the Trim-Control electronic telltale, Colligo's Marine Revo Block, Spider Shoes total grip and Antal's QR quick release clutches.

This year's **Overall Winner**, **Triskel Marine**, and its **Integrel Advanced Generator Replacement system**, was selected by judges Matt Wise (senior manager of services for West Marine) and Gerry Douglas (chief designer and vice president of Catalina Yachts).

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