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DOCKMATE AND YAMAHA HELM MASTER, IN TOTAL HARMONY!

POSTED ON FEBRUARY 6TH, 2020 | POSTED BY JOHN



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Volvo Penta's new D13 propulsion system delivers the benefits of IPS to large semi-displacement yachts. In the updated D13 IPS 1350, the propulsion system's torque curve has been modified to cope with higher thrust loads at slower speeds and a wider speed range. It also introduces two new SD-only propellers – the QS4 and QS5. Until now the advantages of IPS – increased onboard comfort, better fuel efficiency and longer range – were not available for larger, semi-displacement yachts. As an integrated marine propulsion system, IPS delivers a seamless and intuitive onboard experience for the driver, including simple joystick control. Individually steerable IPS drives give ultra-responsive handling and pilot-like control when docking or manoeuvring in tight spaces. The new D13 IPS edition is already used in the Absolute Navetta 73, ISA 93 Extra and the Arcadia Sherpa XL.

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DOCK IT!



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Cannes – Raymarine's free LightHouse™ 3 operating system upgrade for Axiom®, Axiom Pro and Axiom XL MFDs – comes complete with the new Victron Energy Battery Management app. With Cannes LightHouse™ v3.11 running on an Axiom MFD, boaters can monitor and control their entire Victron Energy system via the app. Compatible with all Victron GX products, the app allows you to check shore power and generator status, main/secondary battery(s) charge percentage and voltage. It also monitors chargers, inverters and inverter/chargers, showing all AC/DC loads at a glance. When leaving the boat, you can set the shore power current limit, turn the inverter charger on/off, or set it to charger-only. Cannes also supports FLIR M300 Series cameras, allowing skippers to view visible and thermal video streams simultaneously across split-screens. Other enhancements include expanded square search and rescue pattern functions and support for AIS text messaging with AIS5000. The new upgrade also includes ITC-5 calibration of depth, speed and wind sensors from the MFD, improved sonar performance and new sailing polars. Download the operating system free from <http://www.raymarine.eu/multifunction-displays/lighthouse3/>.

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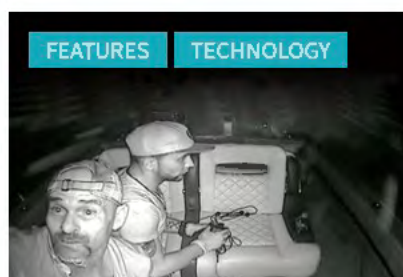
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Dockmate Receives Official Factory Approval From Volvo Penta

Manufacturer of Wireless Yacht Remote Controls Now Compatible with Volvo's EVC Gateway

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Dockmate, manufacturer of advanced wireless remote controls for yachts, recently announced that it has received official factory approval from Volvo Penta. After extensive testing for any potential compatibility issues, Dockmate has obtained approval to connect to the Volvo Penta electronic vessel control EVC-E and EVC-2. Dockmate is the only wireless control manufacturer that has authorization to do so.

Delivering plug-and-play connectivity with engine and thruster systems, Dockmate's wireless remote control allows users to remain in command of their boat's movement while away from the helm, where visibility is often limited. Building on its highly successful partnership, the Dockmate system is now approved to integrate fluidly with Volvo's complete line of drive-by-wire steering systems such as the Volvo Inboard Performance Systems (IPS), Aquamatic, and Inboard systems.

"Our focus on creating a stress-free docking experience is perfectly aligned with Volvo's 'easy boating' philosophy," said Brian Sheehan, Dockmate U.S. spokesperson. "The brand's drive-by-wire engine control systems pair effortlessly with our plug-and-play remote controls; combining to give our customers incredible power and control over their vessels in tight quarters maneuvering."

For more information, please visit www.dockmate.us.

About Dockmate

Based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Dockmate manufactures the latest in advanced, yet very affordable wireless remote-control technology. Highly-reliable and intuitive, the Dockmate Single, Twin, Twist and Twist VECTOR systems allow every skipper to dock a boat singlehanded, offering the ability to leave the helm and get a closer look at the surroundings in marinas and other tight quarters, while still in complete control of the boat's movement.



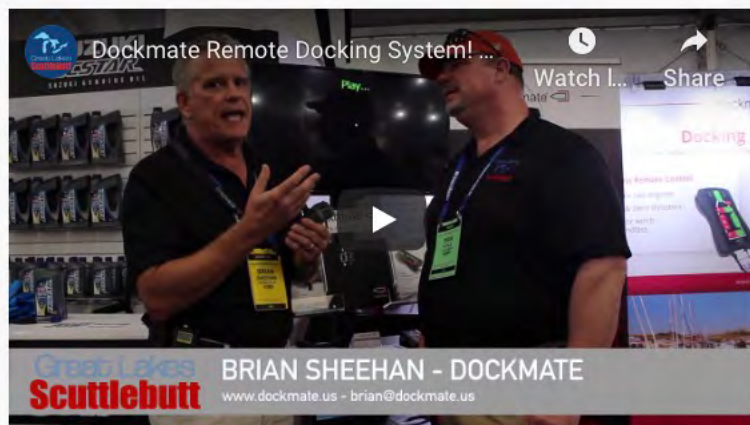
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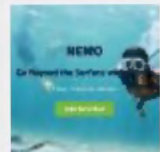
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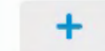
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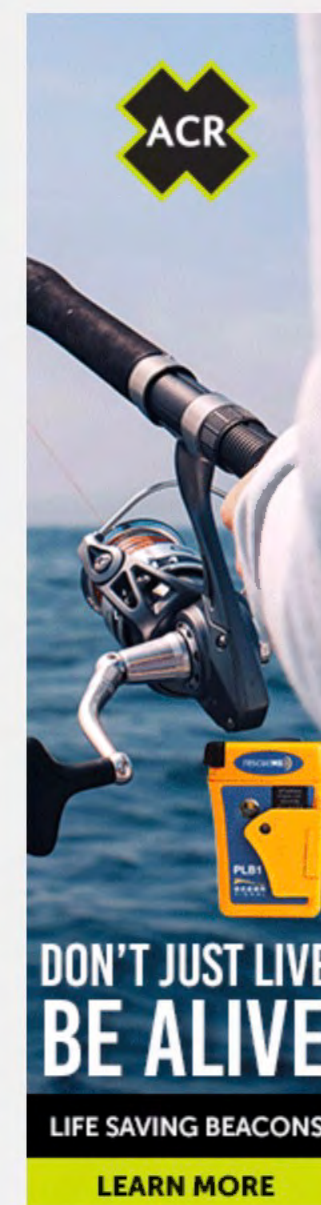
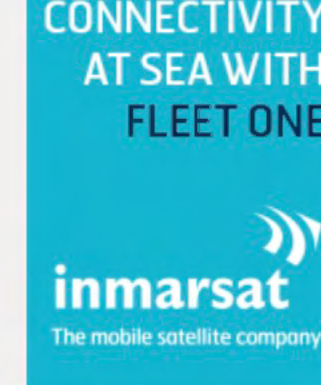


Qi charging isn't limited just to phones. On *Have Another Day* my [Dockmate docking remote control](#) and [Ray 90 wireless handsets](#) also charge using Qi. In fact, as you can see above, Dockmate has worked with Scanstrut to make a custom version of the Active for their remote control. This customized version has a much taller top clamp to grab the thicker body of the Dockmate remote. Additionally, the Dockmate version of the Active comes with a Dockmate connector on the power cable. Now that the remote can be securely mounted at the helm it can be used as a joystick. But, Dockmate remotes are designed so that they can't be used to control the boat while the remote is charging. So, with the charger connected to the control box, Dockmate has modified their system so that when you turn on the remote it stops sending power to the Active. Thus avoiding the issue of the remote not working while it's being charged.



Scanstrut's Rokk products aren't limited just to wireless chargers, they also offer wired, waterproof USB chargers. I've had enough unprotected USB chargers and cables rust to understand the value of water protection on a USB charger. So, when I got *Panbo(at)*, I went looking for a water-sealed charger. I found the [Rokk Charge+ Dual USB Charge Socket](#) and

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purchased two. They've performed well and filled exactly my need. The two ports can deliver 4.2 amps of total charging (or 21 watts) which is great when charging larger, power hungrier devices like tablets. Like the Rokk wireless chargers the Charge+ accepts 10 to 30 volts, it's easy to install, and so far has performed reliably with no signs of any wear or corrosion from weather. To open the charger you press on the unlocked padlock just above the front hinge. That releases the lock and lets you swing the cover open. Inside the cover there are two [USB type-A ports](#) and guides to route the cables out the end of the charger. Once the charger is closed the gaskets in the charger seal the charger against water.

Scanstrut's Rokk line of chargers has the same overall quality [Ben Ellison appreciated several years ago](#) in [Scanstrut's Rokk mounts](#). The chargers are made of high-quality materials that feel as though they will stand up to abuse from the sun, water and getting banged around on a boat. The clamp mechanism is very secure and has held phones in place without allowing any movement through some pretty rough waters. Thus far I haven't seen much to improve.

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Hartley Gardner March 25, 2020 at 8:27 am

Looks neat, Ben! I looked at their information on these, but I didn't see the "compass safe" distance for them? I tried to use a magnetic phone mount for Lesley's fone a couple of years ago, and it majorly confused the autopilot sensor about 6' away.

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Advances in Safety Technology



✦ *By Capt. Mike Martel*

It's a funny paradox, but the most sophisticated piece of safety equipment aboard a powerboat is the captain. Beyond that, safety equipment and technology, surprisingly, don't change dramatically in basic form from year to year; a lifejacket is still a lifejacket, for example. But the improvements and innovations in equipment continue to advance. Improvements are invariably in the areas of better communications and higher reliability, even though basic concepts remain the same.

Consider, for example, a simple set of binoculars. How many skippers consider binoculars to be safety equipment? And yet they are. According to legend, an officer aboard RMS *Titanic* was reassigned at the last minute and mistakenly took the key with him that accessed a locker where the *Titanic's* binoculars were kept. On the night of the collision with the iceberg, the lookouts had no binoculars. If you're under power cruising at speed, you need them. I have delivered expensive yachts to the Caribbean that for all their fancy electronics had either no binoculars aboard or had cheap plastic junk instead.

Orion 09332 Scenix

That's why we begin with a focus on a good set of 7×50 binoculars by Orion, the **Orion 09332 Scenix** with its great definition made possible by the BAK-4 Porro prism, a wide field of view, which should be a given for marine binoculars, and good fog-proofing enabled by two

watertight O-rings, and a durable metal body. The Orion 09332 Scenix Wide 7.1 Degree Field 1000 Yard linear view binoculars stand up to being knocked around the cramped confines of a motorboat in perpetually corrosive and salty air. I've seen too many that begin to deteriorate rapidly in this environment.

The BAK-4 Porro prism provides crystal clear images, and in addition to a wide exit pupil diameter, the brightness level of its image is supplemented by a light-absorbing coating, which prevents glare and also adds color correction. At only 1.8 pounds, the model is light enough to be held to eye level without creating fatigue (and consequently shaking). Online reviews of this product have been exceptionally positive. The price is quite reasonable at **\$103**.

Dockmate Wireless Remote Control

It has been said that boaters in general don't fear rough weather as much as they fear docking. That has, on many

occasions, been true for me, especially in Bermuda, where for the most part, public docks and piers are basically chunks of stone. One has the urge to jump off onto the pier to fend off while still 10 yards away. Now it is possible to walk away from the helm to a different vantage point, even from the dock itself, and remotely control and dock your boat using an advanced handheld wireless remote controller from Dockmate U.S. We all know that docking, particularly on a vessel with limited visibility from the helm, can be a very stressful and possibly even a mildly dangerous experience; not all miscalculations will buff out.

Dockmate is a wireless handheld remote-control system that offers the ability to control a boat's engines, thrusters, anchor and horn—all from a small handheld device. With Dockmate, boaters can walk away from their helm station to a safer vantage point where they can have better visibility and easily handle lines while docking. Retail price for Dockmate is **\$6800** for a five-function system that controls two engines, a thruster, an anchor, and a horn. It's described as a reliable, easy-to-install and -use solution. If you're docking a big powerboat in a tight slip and know that you would be best able to do so from the vantage point of up



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Product information is available from Lusty and Blundell on (09) 415-8303 or at www.lusty-blundell.co.nz.

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