



New Gear

Rupert Holmes on products to find at Southampton Boat Show

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Harken Element blocks

Stand: Harken, J219

This new range of blocks has been engineered for the cruising market, with the aim of creating a cost-effective, strong and reliable product.

The sheaves run on plain bearings and are of fibre-reinforced nylon, while the side cheeks are made from hard anodised aluminium. Attachment is via a traditional stainless steel spindle and shackle.

The series is available in 45mm, 60mm and 80mm sizes and will accept lines from 8-16mm diameter. Single,



double and triple blocks are included, with options including fiddles and cam cleats.

The company will also have its latest lightweight, yet strong, Fly Blocks that are designed for use with high-tech lines at the show, along with the new Reflex 3 top-down furler for asymmetric and code sails on larger boats.

Prices: from £39.31

■ harken.co.uk



Torqeedo power

Stand: Torqeedo BO80

The technology behind electric propulsion has been advancing rapidly over the past few years and is making ever larger inroads into the boating world. Torqeedo will have the latest version of its best-selling Travel 1003 outboard at the show. This has sufficient range to propel a small boat or tender more than 10 miles with a battery consumption equivalent to 40ml of petrol.

Other models on display include the award-winning Cruise Fixed Pod (FP) range of saildrive-style units. These offer high-tech propulsion with power equivalent to 5-20hp diesel inboards, yet are extremely compact. The motors have an extra robust design that's wear-

DSC VHF with AIS receiver

Stand: Standard

Horizon, J377

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Horizon's new

GX-6000E is a

high spec

combined VHF

and AIS

receiver.



Features include

full DSC (Digital Selective Calling) capability, a loud hailer, a GPS navigation page and a Class B AIS receiver. It can be networked with up to four wireless remote mic units.

AIS functions include the MMSI number, plus name and call sign of targets, together with their bearing, distance, speed over the ground and course over the ground. Programmable alarms can be set for closest point of approach (CPA) and time to closest point of approach (TCPA). If necessary, radio contact can be made quickly using soft keys. Connectivity includes both NMEA 2000 or NMEA 0183.

Price: GX-6000E £490

The company will also have its new HX40E and HX210E handheld VHF's (see PBO August and September 2018) at the show for the first time. Both are high specification models and include an FM radio receiver. The HX210E has sufficient buoyancy to float if dropped in the water, while the HX40E is much more compact – it's only half the volume.

Prices: HX40E £160; HX210E £135

■ standardhorizon.co.uk

resistant and maintenance free.

Torqeedo is also displaying the latest of its innovative batteries for the first time at Southampton. The Power 48-5000 is a high-performance 5,000Wh lithium battery. Its battery management system has integrated protection against overcharging, short circuit, deep discharge, polarity reversal, overheating and submersion.

Prices: from £1,699

■ torqeedo.com






Dry bags galore

Stand: Overboard, J022

Overboard will be showcasing key products from its extensive range of dry bags, phone/tablet cases and waterproof luggage. "Southampton Boat Show is always a great opportunity to talk to our customers about our shared passion for life on the water," says managing director Dan Levy. "We love to hear stories about the adventures our bags and cases have been on."

Recently launched products include a revamp of the popular 20 Litre Classic Waterproof Backpack and 2 Litre Pro-Light Waterproof Waist Packs with new limited-edition colours. These are intended to prove that functionality doesn't have to be boring. Throughout the show the company is offering its hugely popular £14.99 Backpack Tidy for free with every backpack sold.

Prices: from £14.99
 overboard.co.uk




Crewfit lifejacket improvements

Stand: various chandlers

Crewsaver has added a heavy duty model to its Crewfit 180N Pro range of lifejackets.

The Crewfit 180 Pro HD includes tougher front body panels to improve durability, plus reflective tape on the outer part of the cover to maximise visibility at night. The high visibility bladder includes a built in chin support, location beacon attachment point and lifting becket.

From September 2018 the existing Crewfit 180N Pro models will also include as standard a surface lifejacket light, which was previously an extra priced at £22. The range is also available in new colours – black and red (above), and white and red (right).

Price: From £95
 crewsaver.com



Furlex Electric

Stand: J213

Selden will be officially launching its redeveloped electric headsail furling system for 30-45ft boats (see PBO April 2018).

The Furlex 204E and 304E offer two-speed push-button operation from the cockpit and are available as upgrade kits for the existing Furlex 200S/204S and 300S/304S manual systems.

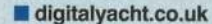
Price: from £2,463; upgrade kits from £1,493
 seldenmast.com



NMEA to wifi server

Stand: Digital Yacht, J417

Digital Yacht's new WLN10 Smart NMEA to wifi server allows iOS and Android charting, instrument and navigation apps to use data from onboard systems. The unit connects with just two wires to the boat's NMEA 0183 network and wirelessly sends data from sources such as AIS, GPS, wind, speed or depth to mobile devices. It can support 4,800 and 38,400 baud systems, is password protected and up to ten devices can be connected. NMEA 2000, SeaTalk and multi input versions are also planned.

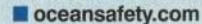
Price: £120
 digitalyacht.co.uk

Ocean Safety Kru Junior lifejacket

Stand: Ocean Safety J275

This child's lifejacket has been completely re-designed to make it more comfortable and effective, while having a new cool kids' style. Inflation is via a standard 33g CO₂ cylinder and the jacket is rated to provide flotation for children from 25-60kg.

A reshaped scoop neck gives complete freedom of movement – the aim is that children will barely notice they are wearing the lifejacket, which means they'll keep it on for longer.

Price: £67.99
 oceansafety.com

