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DOCKMATE

Atrake fácil desde cualquier lugar a bordo

¿Desde cuándo surge la empresa y qué hacen especialmente?

Nuestra empresa comenzó en Bélgica en 2012 y Dockmate US se formó en 2018.

Ofrecemos un sistema de control remoto inalámbrico que le permite a un navegante la capacidad de dejar su puesto de mando para ver más de cerca su entorno y aún así tener un control completo y seguro del movimiento del barco.

El sistema de control remoto inalámbrico de Dockmate operará los motores, los pods, los propulsores, el ancla y la bocina de una embarcación desde cualquier lugar a bordo de la embarcación y, con mayor frecuencia, donde la visibilidad es mejor y se necesita para realizar maniobras seguras a baja velocidad.

Esto es particularmente beneficioso en puertos deportivos donde el daño potencial puede estar a solo unos pocos pies o incluso pulgadas de distancia, y cuando el navegante está solo.

¿Cuáles son las variedades de producto que vende y cuál es su uso? ¿A qué tipo de embarcaciones se puede aplicar?

Ofrecemos 4 tipos diferentes de controles remotos inalámbricos, los modelos de panel táctil SINGLE+ y TWIN+, y los modelos de joystick TWIST y VECTOR.

El receptor está conectado a los controles existentes del motor, la cápsula, el propulsor, el ancla y la bocina del barco con cables plug and play hechos a medida que aseguran que las instalaciones sean típicamente fáciles y simples.

Los cuatro controles remotos están emparejados individualmente y de forma segura con el receptor para que la comunicación de radio bidireccional sea siempre confiable, segura e ininterrumpida.

El sistema de control remoto inalámbrico Dockmate se puede instalar en cualquier embarcación con controles electrónicos.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios de usar Dockmate y en qué se diferencia de sus competidores?

El principal beneficio del sistema de control remoto inalámbrico Dockmate es que eliminará por completo el estrés del navegante, que es común en los puertos deportivos típicos debido a la poca visibilidad desde la estación del timón al atracar.

Este estrés puede causar fricciones entre los miembros de la tripulación (¡particularmente entre marido y mujer!), ya que el operador del barco o el capitán están atrapados detrás del timón y confían en la tripulación para que lo guíen hacia un desliz en el puerto deportivo.

Aquí hay un gran ejemplo en un breve video humorístico que encontrará de su interés:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5laq1b4_tg

¡Eddie y Jane nos muestran cómo es una experiencia de acoplamiento típica sin un control remoto inalámbrico Dockmate!

¡Otros beneficios clave se describen en esta página web a continuación, junto con algunas reseñas de Google muy interesantes de nuestros clientes satisfechos!

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Hay muchas ventajas que ofrece Dockmate sobre la competencia y, a continuación, se incluyen algunas de las principales que los navegantes aprecian muy a menudo:

1. Una comunicación de radio bidireccional entre las unidades de control remoto de mano y el receptor que utiliza un sistema de espectro ensanchado por salto de frecuencia (FHSS) que es común hoy en día con redes Bluetooth, teléfonos celulares, militares y Wi-Fi.



Cada sistema Dockmate utiliza 6 canales únicos en 72 canales en la banda de 433 Mhz y ofrece las comunicaciones de radio bidireccionales más seguras posibles, y con un alcance líder en la industria de 165 pies.

2. Nuestro propio software patentado llamado DockControl que brinda al instalador certificado de Dockmate la capacidad de personalizar la configuración según las necesidades exactas y específicas del navegante y su embarcación, y garantiza la completa satisfacción del propietario de Dockmate con el rendimiento del producto.

Este programa de software fue una razón clave por la que Dockmate ganó recientemente un premio a los mejores productos de la industria náutica 2021:

<https://boatingindustry.com/features/2021/05/10/boating-industrys-2021-top-products/>

3. Acelerador del motor suave, de velocidad variable y totalmente proporcional que permite al navegante aumentar con calma y confianza las RPM del motor cuando se necesita potencia adicional al atracar, especialmente en condiciones de viento o corrientes fuertes.

Además, si la embarcación está equipada con un propulsor proporcional, Dockmate también puede controlar este propulsor proporcionalmente.

¿Como ha sido aceptado Dockmate en el mercado? ¿Tienes el número de cuantas unidades se han vendido hasta la fecha?.

¡Con mucho entusiasmo! Hemos escuchado de los nuevos propietarios de Dockmate que el producto es un "cambio de juego" e incluso un "salvador de matrimonio".

Aquí hay un enlace a la página de testimonios en nuestro sitio web para una muestra:


www.dockmate.com/dmtestimonials

Hasta la fecha, Dockmate ha vendido miles de sistemas en todo el mundo.

¿Alguna nueva idea para el futuro?

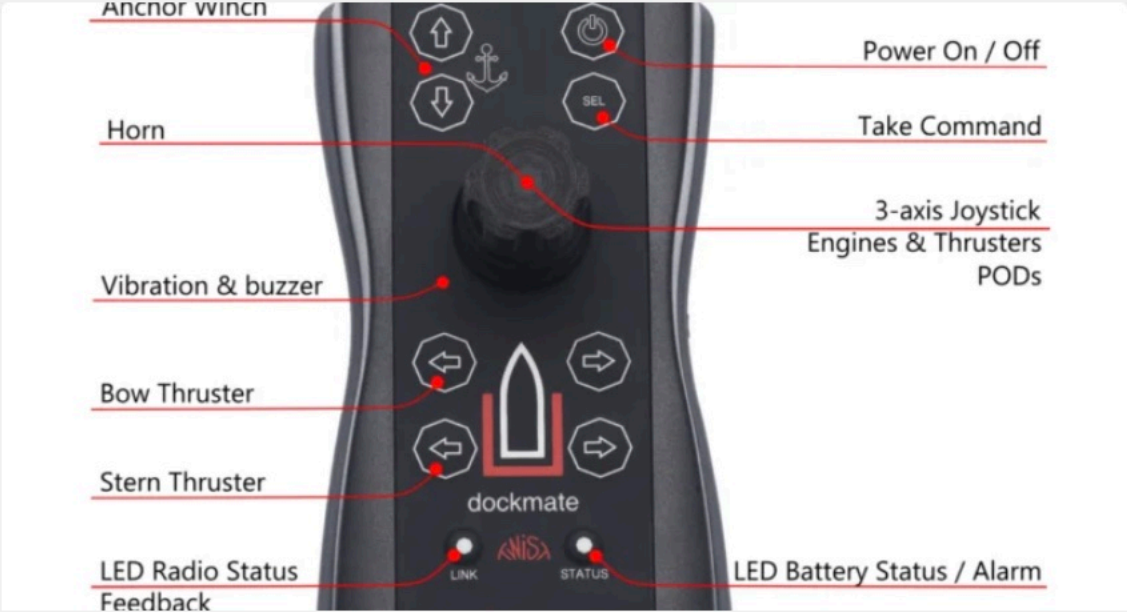
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¿Tiene alianzas con otras empresas y cuál es el beneficio de ellas para su producto?

Dockmate tiene alianzas con conocidas empresas de motores y propulsores que declararán públicamente que Dockmate es totalmente compatible con su producto, lo que a su vez ofrece a Dockmate credibilidad adicional con el navegante. 

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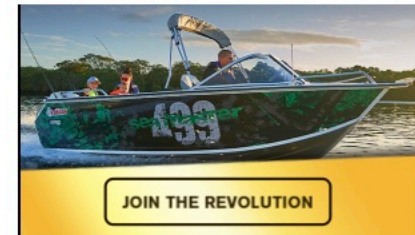
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Dockmate cures the throttle kick blues with Softdocking

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Dockmate says it has fixed the dreaded throttle kick - the lag between making a move on the throttle and the vessel reacting

Wireless remote control boat systems maker Dockmate reckons it has found the solution to one of the big boat owner's biggest low-speed challenges – throttle kick.

The Belgian company announced this week that it had developed Softdocking, which it claims can provide easy and stress-free docking regardless of the size or type of the boat, the power output and the number of engines it uses.

Its solution? Future systems will give the skipper an extra button to push on the remote control that gives the engines a brief squirt of extra revs to get the boat moving almost as soon as the throttle command is given.

“One thing that every boater understands is docking is made more complex by the delay between engaging the throttle and the moment the

boat begins to move," Dockmate said.

"This is one of the biggest differences between driving cars and driving boats, so much so that beginner, and even some advanced, boating safety courses have sections entirely dedicated to safe docking techniques to help boaters understand and feel comfortable.

"Now, Dockmate has solved this problem for good. With its newly-patented technology, the Dockmate remote control docking system now has the ability to provide a measured and fully-customisable engine response," it said.

"This consistent intermediate throttle response eliminates the 'kick' that boaters dread during close-quarter maneuvers."

Push or tap functionality

Dockmate has tweaked its controllers so that a full push of the button will engage the throttle for standard control, but a quick tap of the remote's directional switch or movement of the joystick can initiate a pre-programmed, customisable fraction-of-a-second burst of the propellor.

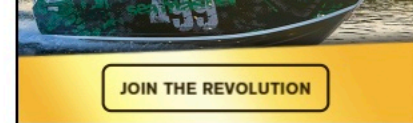
Best of all, the new system is fully backwards-compatible with existing Dockmate systems – although for a fee.

Dockmate [is available in Australia via Docherty Marine](#).

Dockmate announced late last year that its system was now compatible with Twin Disc CANbus throttle and gearshift controls.

"Similar in design to the analogue EC300 controls, the newly released CANbus controls operate via digital communication between engine and helm controls," it said.

Dockmate said it had also added proportional throttle control to its Twist Joystick remote.



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Regardless of the size or type of boat, power or number of engines, one thing that every boater understands is that docking is made more complex by the delay between engaging the throttle and the moment the boat begins to move. Unlike cars, where there is no immediate burst of power when the gas pedal is pushed and the driver can ease into motion, boat engines will fully engage immediately when put into gear. Docking skills are so critical to safe and enjoyable boating that beginner, and even some advanced, boating safety courses have sections entirely dedicated to safe docking techniques.

Dockmate has solved this problem for good with their newly-patented SoftDocking technology. The company's wireless remote control docking system now has the ability to provide a measured and fully-customizable engine response, eliminating the 'kick' that boaters often dread when maneuvering in close quarters.

Once SoftDocking is programmed by a certified Dockmate installer to the preferences of the boat owner, a full push of the keypad button or the joystick will still engage the throttle for standard control, however, a quick tap will initiate a pre-programmed, customizable fraction-of-a-second burst of the propellor. This completely removes the ensuing stress of engaging the throttle into gear. This game-changing functionality is standard on all new Dockmate systems and can be retro-fitted to existing systems for a service fee.

"As a long-time boat owner, I had early frustrations docking, which led us to develop this technology in the first place," said Dirk Illegems, president, Dockmate. "The Dockmate system is designed to eliminate the stress of docking by allowing you to get to a better vantage point than at the helm and control your boat from the rail with a line in your hand. Now with SoftDocking, we're eliminating one more hurdle for boaters that will offer the easiest and most intuitive docking solution ever created. Whether you are a boat owner or captain, there is no reason not to install a Dockmate system on your yacht."

For a video demonstration of SoftDocking, click [here](#).

For more information on the next generation controls or Dockmate, please visit www.dockmate.us.

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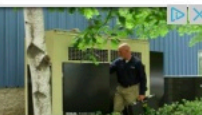


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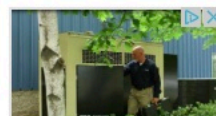
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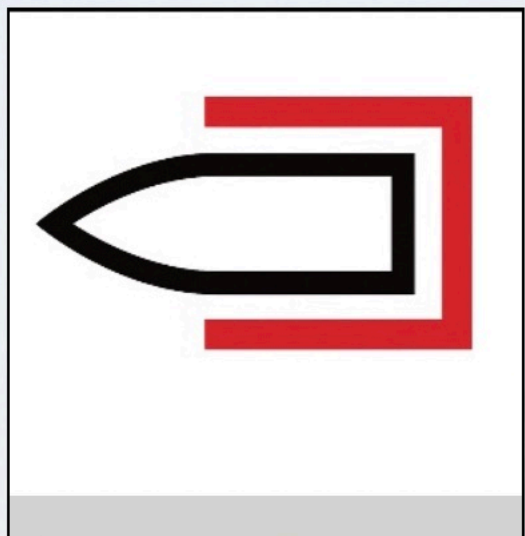
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How do you see the future of the nautical industry?



Dockmate's newest SoftDocking technology provides a measured and fully customizable engine response through a pre-programmed, customizable, quick burst of the propeller, eliminating that "kick" for easy docking.

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Thanks to brand-new technology from Dockmate, docking can be easier and more stress-free than ever. The company's newest SoftDocking technology provides a measured and fully customizable engine response that helps compensate for the delay between the moment you engage the throttle and when the boat begins to move, making docking easier.

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The wireless remote control docking system helps eliminate the "kick" that boaters often experience in close quarters. SoftDocking is programmed by a certified Dockmate installer to the boat owner's preferences, comes standard on all new Dockmate systems, and can even be retrofitted to existing systems for a service fee.

For standard control, boaters simply do a full push of the keypad button or joystick to engage the throttle, or a quick tap will initiate the pre-programmed, customizable, quick burst of the propeller for easy docking.

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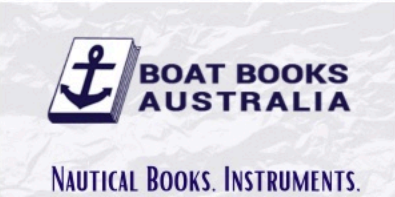


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Dockmate® adds Throttle+ Technology for even more flexibility and control

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Dockmate®, manufacturer of advanced wireless remote control systems for yachts, announced today the addition of a powerful new free feature for all Dockmate analogue and CAN bus remote controls – Throttle+.

In an effort to give users the most flexibility and control to operate their vessels in almost any situation or conditions, Throttle+ offers a predetermined additional boost of throttle on every SINGLE+, TWIN+ and TWIST Dockmate remote control. Building on the recent release of Dockmate's patented SoftDocking feature, every Dockmate can now have three levels of engine control.



On SINGLE+ and TWIN+ models a quick tap of the forward or reverse button gives a pre-programmed gentle rotation of the prop, called SoftDocking, for close quarters maneuvering; a full press of the forward or reverse buttons engages idle power; and by pressing the "SEL" button while pressing either forward or reverse gives a pre-programmed boost of additional throttle called Throttle+. This predetermined amount of throttle can be calibrated per direction to fit the precise needs of each customer and the type of vessel they own.

On a TWIST (joystick) remote there is no need to press the SEL button to use Throttle+. Instead Dockmate uses the proportional nature of the TWIST joystick, allowing users to tap the joystick for SoftDocking, a full push of the joystick in any direction forward, reverse or diagonal, for idle speed or by pushing the joystick further over the Throttle+ threshold to engage the additional thrust.

SoftDocking and Throttle+ are pre-loaded on all new Dockmate controls and are configured during installation.

"We know that our users encounter a variety of conditions in the course of their cruises including changing currents and wind," said Dirk Illegems, president, Dockmate. "Sometimes idle speed is too much and sometimes it's not enough. Throttle+ allows you to give just an extra push when you need it. We are positive that with SoftDocking and Throttle+, these free new features make Dockmate the most versatile remote control docking system on the market."

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Dockmate® launches patented game-changing SoftDocking™ functionality

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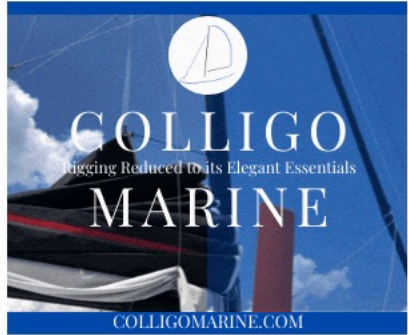
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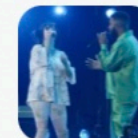
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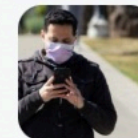
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Weekly News - Monday, January 17, 2022

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Commentary By Barry Thompson

What a great summer we are having. Weeks of sun shine, warm water and of course way too much drinking and eating with family and friends. Still, I reckon that's what Christmas is all about. I love it. Up until I wrote this a week ago, it was all sun, sun, sun, although I did see there is a weather bomb predicted this week. However, I have had my boating curtailed for a little while as last week I went in for a total knee replacement. Bouncing around in boats is not a good look and I certainly want to recover as quick as I can and get back to some sort of normal life.

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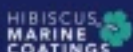


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Dockmate can now simply connect to ZF Smart Command controls via CANbus, with no requirement for any third part interface. Once connected, the Dockmate system will control the idle and neutral functions of the gear box and, when using Dockmate's Twist handset, skippers can also use proportional throttle control for even more control over manoeuvring.

Thanks to a recent comprehensive hardware and ergonomic upgrade, Dockmate, the popular and affordable wireless control system that enables skippers to remotely control their engines and other controls without losing any feeling or response time, is now even easier and more intuitive to use.

Suitable for both single- and twin-engine controls, Dockmate's new layout, complete with remodeled buttons, gives operators a far more tactile feel. Thanks to the addition of a vibration response, alongside the existing visual (LED) and audible (buzzer), it also increases safety and delivers a more intuitive experience.

Dockmate, which is becoming increasingly popular as key waterways become more congested, delivers stress-free docking in all situations, enabling skippers to leave their helm stations while remaining in full control of their vessel. Thanks to Dockmate's wireless hand control options, skippers can operate their thrusters and engine throttles from anywhere on board, ensuring both total control and the best possible visibility while manoeuvring in marinas and other tight quarters.

With a design that enables functions to be added at any time, Dockmate comes with a 3-year factory warranty and is now available through Lusty and Blundell's showrooms in Albany, on Auckland's North Shore; Whangarei and Tauranga.

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Back Cove 340 can certainly skip along. - photo © E Marine

Dear Recipient Name

Closer to a year ago than not, I learned of a good tale. The conversation was with our friend Jed Elderkin, whom we've chatted with a bit, and featured in these miscellaneous ramblings from time to time. Nearly always we can get into being in Miami in the 80s for him, and 1990 for me. So the juxtaposition of go-fast boats to dayboating in classically styled, outboard powered, resin-infused vessels served as a marvellous exclamation mark for the passage of time.

Jed's company, E marine, are the Australian agents for Sabre and sister brand, Back Cove. The vessel in question was the first 340, as in OH for O/B, that had arrived Down Under, and the trip was Jed's delivery from Sydney Town to Sanctuary Cove for the latter's annual boat show in May. And there's the explanation of the headline. Dayboating is where everyone is at, given time pressures, and lumps of the transom can now be found on anything from a tender to a 70-foot CC Sportsfisherman and chase boats for foiling yachts/sailboats. Now that's a wide and varied range!



Galley and dinette main deck, accomodations and head below - Back Cove 340 - photo © E Marine

The questions really remained, what was it like, what was the fuel burn like, how did it feel, what's the new world of outboard power on larger vessels like to live with, and would you do it again?

Elderkin elaborated, "The route from Sydney Harbour to the Gold Coast by powerboat is about as straightforward as it gets for a navigator. Clear Sydney Heads and point northward is, perhaps an oversimplification of it, but it is not far off."



Indoor/outdoor in a Downeast way - Back Cove 340 - photo © E Marine

"For those of us that do the trip with any frequency, it is generally a predictable trip aside from the weather variables and stops along the way that are generally determined by vessel speed, range and weather conditions."

"I've done it more times than I can count, and generally enjoy what many would perceive as the monotony of the journey, and watching the miles run off en-route to the next waypoint."



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"We launched the new Back Cove 340 model, which is the first outboard powered model from this Maine, USA builder of high-quality, high-performance cruising boats traditionally well known for their industry leading single diesel-powered shaft drive models. With a cruising speed envelope of about 10 knots higher than a comparable Back Cove shaft drive model, the opportunity to run up the coast at a fast clip proved very alluring indeed."

"Departing from our home at Clontarf Marina at 5:00am we were under way and outside the Heads as dawn broke on the horizon. Near perfect conditions were forecast, with a light Southerly and a moderate swell. Dialling in the course on autopilot it was just a tad lumpy as we passed Barrenjoey Headland and across the mouth of Pittwater at 30 knots on the GPS, as the sun rose for the day."



Ye olde and ye new - Back Cove 340 - photo © E Marine

"Passing New South Wales' Central Coast, the seas flattened as forecasted, and we wound up the twin 300 Yamaha outboards to a cruise speed of 32 knots, settling in to enjoy the ride. Calculating our fuel burn and range in real world conditions, we headed into Port Stephens at about the time the marina was opening up the fuel dock for the day, topped up the tanks, grabbed fresh coffees, and dashed back out to sea. Calm conditions continued and we maintained our 32-knot cruise speed travelling the outside route past Broughton Island, and then before we knew it Seal Rock was in our wake. We had our next fuel stop at Port Macquarie in our sights."

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Only angle you see the new world - Back Cove 340 - photo © E Marine

"I was comfortable we had the range, and at that speed with continued calm conditions, it was easily achievable in daylight, even on a short winter's day. We firmed up berthing arrangements at Yamba Marina, and arrived just on 5:00pm to tie up to the fuel dock for the night. They had gone home for the day, and we would have to wait to refuel in the morning."

"In a traditional diesel inboard powered vessel, this would be a time to have a quick inspection of the engine room (hot), and wait until pre-departure in the morning after cooling down overnight to do oil level and more exhaustive checks, before heading to sea again. This is where the benefits of outboards really cemented themselves to me. Nothing to do here! No through hull or shaft and rudder gland inspections or worries. No oil level or coolant checks. No hot engine room. So good!"



Where once the diesel did live... Now cavernous storage - Back Cove 340 - photo © E Marine

"Instead, we just enjoyed some showers and an early cheap and cheerful Chinese meal at the local haunt, before heading to our own berths for the night."

"Normally, on a delivery trip of this nature it is customary (for me at least) to depart at, or before the first light of day. As we needed to wait for the marina to open to refuel and settle for the overnight berth, we didn't get away until just after 8:30am. This meant we had the opportunity to walk to the village and have a nice coffee and good breakfast beforehand."



Back Cove 340 can delight or cruise - your call - photo © E Marine

"Another calm day offshore awaited, and we wound her back up to 32 knots, steamed past the Tweed River, and had the Southport Seaway behind us about 11:30am, where we arrived at our good friend and customer's home and dock in Runaway Bay at noon, where we would leave the boat and head back to Sydney until the Sanctuary Cove Show."

"In summary, any misgivings or entrenched beliefs about diesel shaft versus outboard power have certainly been negated in my experience. The high horsepower modern outboard is transforming the way boats are built, and the performance characteristics they offer to the boat owner. It is, after all, meant to be a pleasure boat. If ease of maintenance, performance and reliability equal pleasure in your boating, then the new outboard models from Back Cove are not to be missed and are here to stay."

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Arrive Yamba. Fuel: 737 Litres Cruise speed 32 knots

Arrive Destination Runaway Bay - Total trip data: 409NM, 2389l used, Running time of 14.5 hours approx, at and average speed of 28 knots (includes fuel stops and idle zones). Equates to 5.84l/NM or 164.75l/hr.



Mission accomplished - Clontarf to Runaway Bay in 14.5hrs on the Back Cove 340 - photo © E Marine

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Spirit of Ulysses wraps up successful ocean crossing

The crew of Spirit of Ulysses crossed the finish line of their Atlantic Crossing on Sunday morning, commencing what was a pretty routine cruise for a Nordhavn, but a memorable and exhilarating first crossing for the owner.

Project Aura hits the water

Heesen is delighted to announce that YN 19650 Project Aura was launched at the Oss facility on December 17.

YN202 arrives at Moonen Yachts

Moonen Yachts' latest project, YN202, has arrived at their shipyard in Den Bosch and will now remain in the outfitting shed until her next milestone; the joining of the hull and superstructure, due to take place in early 2022.

Rossinavi unveils full-electric catamaran concept Sea Cat 40

On the occasion of Miami's design week at the beginning of this month, Rossinavi has proudly presented Sea Cat 40, a new fully electric catamaran concept, the first one conceived by the brand.

Viking 64 - New photos released

With the new 64 Convertible, Viking distances itself further as the leader in this segment of the sportfishing boat market. Just look at these stunning images from our recent helicopter photoshoot off Palm Beach, Florida.

Every wonder why Engineering hates the sales guys?

Hate might be a strong word, but at least us sales guys have gotten a reprieve from being the proverbial face on the dart board. Thankfully, vendors, suppliers and shipping guys own that Grinch honor right now.

Alla Yachts announces new 60-metre superyacht Vripack design sold

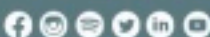
The exciting superyacht project reunites the build team responsible for Al Waab with Dutch studio Vripack for the design and naval architecture, and GCC-based SF Yachts that will serve as project manager and owner's representative throughout construction.

Absolute Yachts presents 56 Fly - Let charm and personality inspire your next route

The result of engineering innovation, Italian design and a passion for details, the latest project by the Piacenza-based shipyard is called 56 FLY - The Absolute Charisma.

The Great Loop on a Riviera SUV: the journey is the destination

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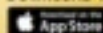
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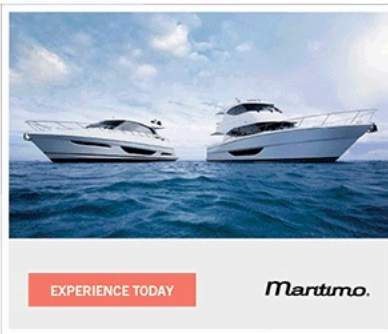
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Dockmate® adds Throttle+ technology for even more flexibility and control

by Dockmate 26 Jan 04:23 PST



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Dockmate®, manufacturer of advanced wireless remote control systems for yachts, announced today the addition of a powerful new free feature for all Dockmate analogue and CAN bus remote controls - Throttle+.

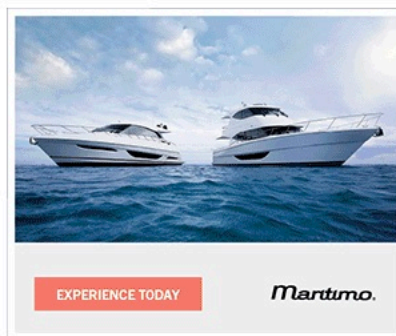
In an effort to give users the most flexibility and control to operate their vessels in almost any situation or conditions, Throttle+ offers a predetermined additional boost of throttle on every Single+, Twin+ and Twist Dockmate remote control. Building on the recent release of Dockmate's patented SoftDocking feature, every Dockmate can now have three levels of engine control.

On SINGLE+ and TWIN+ models a quick tap of the forward or reverse button gives a pre-programmed gentle rotation of the prop, called SoftDocking, for close quarters maneuvering; a full press of the forward or reverse buttons engages idle power; and by pressing the "SEL" button while pressing either forward or reverse gives a pre-programmed boost of additional throttle called Throttle+. This predetermined amount of throttle can be calibrated per direction to fit the precise needs of each customer and the type of vessel they own.

On a TWIST (joystick) remote there is no need to press the SEL button to use Throttle+. Instead Dockmate uses the proportional nature of the TWIST joystick, allowing users to tap the joystick for SoftDocking, a full push of the joystick in any direction forward, reverse or diagonal, for idle speed or by pushing the joystick further over the Throttle+ threshold to engage the additional thrust.

SoftDocking and Throttle+ are pre-loaded on all new Dockmate controls and are configured during installation.

"We know that our users encounter a variety of conditions in the course of their cruises including changing currents and wind," said Dirk Illegems, president, Dockmate. "Sometimes idle speed is too much and sometimes it's not enough. Throttle+ allows you to give just an extra push when you need it. We are positive that with SoftDocking and Throttle+, these free new features make Dockmate the most versatile remote control docking system on the market."



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For a video demonstration of SoftDocking, click [here](#).

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DockMate vs. Yacht Controller

Jan 24, 2022 by Kevin Quirk

Triton puts two remote control docking devices to the test — and finds that both are winners

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The Triton team recently gathered a group of independent yacht captains for a comparison test of wireless, remote-controlled docking devices. Three dealers were invited to participate, but Docking Master declined, so that left two: Yacht Controller and Dock Mate. The day before the event, Yacht Controller's local distributor informed us that they were unable to send a dealer's representative. But the owner of a 59-foot Marquis agreed to demo his Yacht Controller system for the testing, and Dock Mate's local dealer team participated with their 32-foot Pursuit. The size of the vessel was not of concern, as we were only testing the feel and responsiveness of the remote docking units.

The testers included the owner/operator of the Marquis, a yacht electronic service tech, and three seasoned captains of vessels ranging from 90 feet to 250 feet. We took both boats out at the same time and had a team on each test boat. Each participant was given ample time to operate and dock both boats with each remote system on board.

Both systems feature controller options of either toggle switches or a joystick. The seasoned captains all preferred the toggle switches over the joysticks, since they were similar to having dual controls on the console.

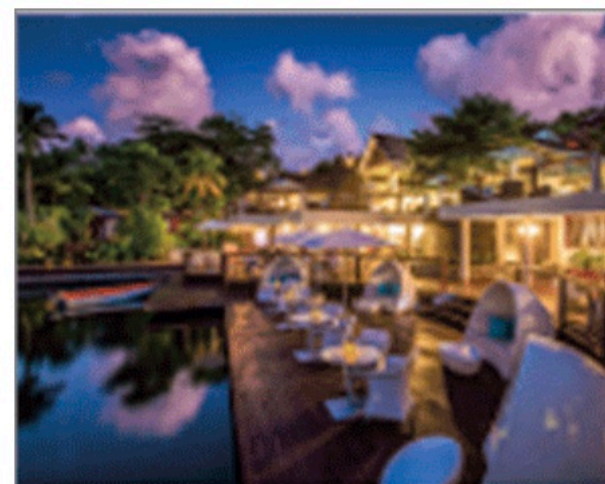
After testing the units on the water, we returned to the dock and asked each tester to score a series of 10 questions relating to the feel of the unit, response times, ease of use, quality of the switches and toggles, range of the unit, etc. Surprisingly, the results were a tie — five questions favored Dock Mate and five favored Yacht Controller.



Here is some feedback from the testers:

Most preferred the simplicity of the Yacht Controller unit.

Dock Mate will always engage the thrusters when the



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unit is on, whereas the Yacht Controller will time out.

The levers on the Yacht Controller were preferred over the buttons on the Dock Mate unit.

Response time was slightly faster on the Yacht Controller.

Dock Mate's ability to thruster up the main engines was critical for proportional control; Yacht Controller was only able to produce idle speed.

Dock Mate's rechargeable battery was preferred over Yacht Controller's standard AA batteries.

Yacht Controller featured a lanyard connection on each side of the unit that made it very easy to switch over when looking aft and controlling in the reverse direction.

Both products tested well for range; when walked about 250 feet away from the boat, each unit still responded to the controller.

Finally, we asked which unit was preferred, and Dock Mate came out the clear winner at 4-1. One must wonder, would the outcome have been different if Yacht Controllers dealer's rep had participated?

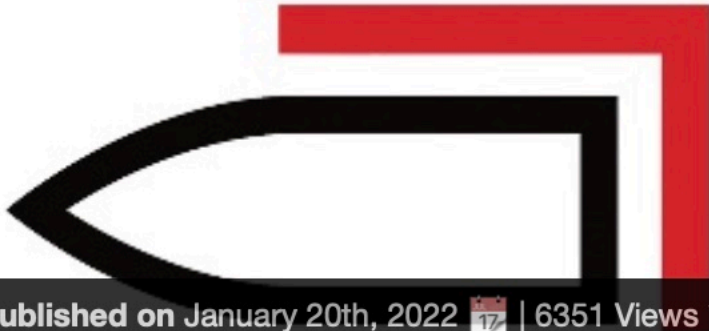
Overall, it was a fun day to be on the water. Both of these remote units are great accessories and provide freedom of movement on board. Is there a product you would like the Triton team to test? Send your ideas to crew@TritonNews.com.

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BY JOSEPH HEALY

