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MARETRON SHOWCASES HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPASS AT THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

New rate gyro electronic compass proves its mettle in autopilot sea tests and is a featured product at the NMEA 2000® ConnectFest

MIAMI, February 17, 2005 -- What better way to test Maretron's new rate gyro electronic compass than on the deck of a boat plagued by years of autopilot-related steering problems? None, as far as Bob Moulton, captain of the 90' Fort Lauderdale-based "Comanche," is concerned. After spending countless hours and thousands of dollars trying to fix the Comanche's over steering, "S-ing" and unexpected course changes, the problems were resolved when Maretron, a leader in engineering and manufacturing marine electronic networked instrumentation, installed its SSC200 compass late last year. "With Maretron's new compass the Comanche has never steered better. We are impressed with both the company and its product," said Moulton.

The SSC200 is a solid-state rate gyro electronic compass that is factory calibrated to deliver precise, reliable heading information 10 times per second and vessel attitude readings, including pitch and roll, once per second. In addition, the compass provides better than 1-degree roll and pitch accuracy in static conditions and, by using stabilization algorithms, delivers accurate, stable readings during hard turns and rough seas. The SSC200's high performance characteristics make it an ideal heading sensor for autopilot applications.

"Maretron is pleased with the compass's performance on the Comanche. But we did not expect anything less from our NMEA 2000®-approved compass," says Rich Gauer, Maretron CEO and president. "Maretron is designing and manufacturing its marine electronics to the highest performance, reliability and quality standards."

With its quality and performance tested, Maretron is officially launching today the SSC200 compass to recreational and commercial boaters at the Miami International Boat Show. In an interactive booth, (number 1957) Maretron features its innovative instrumentation and navigation products and first-to-market NMEA 2000® approved cable and connectors.

In addition to its exhibit, Maretron is participating in the NMEA's ConnectFest, also at the Miami show. This plug and play event on February 18 is the official launch by the NMEA (National Marine Electronics Association) of the NMEA 2000® standard and features some 10 marine electronics companies and their NMEA 2000® approved marine electronics communicating and sharing data over the same network.

For more information about the NMEA, NMEA 2000® and ConnectFest visit www.nmea.org.

Maretron is leading the way in the innovative design, manufacture and marketing of marine electronics for recreational and commercial boating. Maretron designs its products to the open industry NMEA 2000® standard, which allows electronic equipment from different manufacturers to network and share information throughout the vessel. Maretron's "plug and play" environment seamlessly integrates instrumentation electronics, significantly increases component reliability and greatly reduces wiring complexity. Maretron is headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., and has offices in Rockland, Maine. For detailed product information, visit www.maretron.com.

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