

## Maretron Founder, Richard Gauer, Retiring December 2018

PHOENIX, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Today Maretron announced that its founder, Richard Gauer, will be retiring in December of 2018. Mr. Gauer founded Maretron in 2003 to design and market networked marine electronic products for the recreational and commercial market places.

Mr. Gauer said, “In 2004, Maretron introduced its first four products, a compass, a GPS antenna, a depth/speed/temperature transducer, and a display that were all interconnected on a common industry standard Controller Area Network (CAN Bus) using the NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> protocol. Maretron chose to design all of its products around this new industry standard because of the many benefits associated with networked electronics. One of the many benefits is low wiring complexity with components interconnected through a single cable routed throughout the vessel. This single cable reduces wire compared to conventional systems and lowers installation cost and maintenance of the system.” Mr. Gauer went on to say, “Over the next 15 years, Maretron developed more than 35 electronic products for interconnection over the industry standard NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> network. Most products monitored systems onboard the vessel like tanks, engines, generators, batteries, bilges, but also included safety items like smoke, carbon monoxide, and propane sensors as well as security items like motion detectors and door alarms. All the vessel monitoring products shared their data over the network where the information could be shown using a display connected anywhere along the network.” Maretron also supplies over 100 different cable and connector components used for interconnecting the electronic products. In addition to supplying electronic products, cables, and connectors, Maretron also developed some of the industry’s first network design and diagnostic tools for NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> systems. These tools allow dealers and suppliers of marine electronics the ability to properly design and diagnose NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> networks.

In 2007, Maretron partnered with Carling Technologies whose power distribution products were also developed around the NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup> standard. Maretron’s vessel monitoring and control products are interconnected over the same network with Carling Technologies power distribution products, which offers yet another level of integration on board recreational yachts and commercial vessels. In 2017, Carling Technologies acquired a 100% equity stake in Maretron.

Mr. Gauer was instrumental in building Maretron into a world leader of vessel monitoring and control systems by offering some of the most comprehensive products and tools in the industry. Mr. Gauer said, “Maretron’s success was based solely on its dedicated employees and in retirement, I will miss working with such a great group of people.”

Maretron’s parent company, Carling Technologies is in the process of identifying Mr. Gauer’s successor as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, which is expected to be announced sometime in January 2019.

### **About Maretron**

Maretron, a world leader in vessel monitoring and control systems, designs, manufactures, and markets leading edge products for commercial and recreational marine markets. Our products are highly integrated to provide a common user interface to the equipment and systems commonly found onboard a vessel. Maretron’s corporate philosophy is to provide premium quality, state-of-the-art vessel monitoring and control products that work in conjunction with traditional navigation techniques for the highest level of safety and performance while on the water.

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