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## **OSSA Powerlite Propels Corsair Marine's New Diesel-Electric Line of Catamarans**

**UNION CITY, Calif. (April 18, 2007) – Glacier Bay, Inc., manufacturer of DC power management technology, is teaming with Corsair Marine on their next sailing catamaran production line. The Corsair 50 will be announced at the Strictly Sail Pacific Show in Oakland, California.**

Glacier Bay's OSSA Powerlite® diesel-electric propulsion system will be the standard configuration on the Corsair 50. OSSA Powerlite is an integrated family of electric power components managed by computer controls. It features variable speed DC generators, brushless propulsion motors, and various components such as air conditioning units and water heaters.

The OSSA system is designed as a complete package, with all components fully integrated. "I like the fact that Glacier Bay is responsible for all of the engineering of the system from start to finish. Having one source of technical assistance is invaluable," stated Paul Koch, President of Corsair.

OSSA Powerlite allows boat builders greater design flexibility. The Corsair 50 is being designed around the diesel-electric system. "OSSA Powerlite allows us to separate the generator from the drive system and install electric drives more centrally in the vessel. In this way, we are able to not only optimize weight centering, but improve comfort and upwind performance, by reducing pitching," explained David Renouf, Sales Manager of Corsair Catamarans.

The OSSA Powerlite generators use computer controls to match generator output with power load. In this way, the generators run only as fast as necessary to produce the required power, making them more fuel efficient.

The Corsair 50 is still in the design phase. Information on the catamaran will be available at the Corsair display. The first eco-friendly catamaran will be ready in 2008, and the boat builders anticipate producing 6-12 Corsair 50's per year.

### **About Corsair Marine**

Established in 1985, Corsair Marine is the world's largest and best known builder of trailerable trimarans. Acknowledged as experts in lightweight composite construction, Corsair's latest production line is a logical extension of their growing range of boats.

### **About Glacier Bay, Inc.**

Glacier Bay, Inc., founded in 1990, is an internationally recognized R&D and manufacturing leader of DC power management technologies, advanced climate control and sound reduction products. Glacier Bay's deep commitment to the environment is visible in leading-edge developments throughout its product line.

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