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Glacier Bay, Inc. Provides Eco-Friendly Option for Perry Catamarans

UNION CITY, Calif. – (December 20, 2007) – Glacier Bay, Inc., manufacturer of integrated electric propulsion and power systems, will provide the diesel-electric propulsion system for the Perry 43 Passagemaker.

Perry Catamarans takes a new tack with their next catamaran, choosing to install a diesel-electric propulsion system by Glacier Bay. Allan Barnett, Owner of Perry Catamarans, explains why: "After researching different manufacturers, Glacier Bay's variable speed generators and electric propulsion motors matched all of our requirements for efficiency, reliability, and ease of use."

Mr. Barnett explained that installing the system in a catamaran makes sense. Because the generator does not need to be connected directly to the propeller shaft, components can be placed in non-traditional locations for better weight distribution and improved use of interior space. Lighter weight than traditional systems, diesel-electric does not require a heavy bank of batteries, allowing for a faster boat with increased carrying capacity.

The Glacier Bay diesel-electric propulsion system uses OSSA Powerlite® technology to provide a highly efficient, environmentally friendly alternative to standard diesel power in boats. The system is an integrated family of electric power components managed by computer controls. Created as a complete package, it features variable speed DC generators, brushless propulsion motors, and various components such as air conditioning units and water heaters.

Glacier Bay generators are designed to meet increasingly tough emissions standards. By using advanced computer controls, the variable speed generators run only as fast as necessary to produce the required power, making them more fuel efficient. This efficiency translates into extended cruising ranges, allowing vessels to remain at sea longer before returning to dock to re-fuel.

"From a builder's point of view, the end result gives us a combination of efficiency and high performance, requires less maintenance, and, of course, is much more environmentally friendly than diesel engines," Mr. Barnett remarked.

Setting the system apart even further is its virtually silent operation. Wayne Goldman, Glacier Bay's Vice President of Sales noted that customers often cannot tell when the engine is turned on. He stated, "We get [this feedback] repeatedly. Customers are amazed at how quietly their boats run. They tell us the loudest sounds they hear are the propellers turning."

Perry Catamarans is considering installing the system in their other catamaran models as well. Mr. Barnett added, "Once we have built one [Perry 43]...we will design a system for our Perry 57."

About Perry Catamarans

The spirit of Perry spans more than a century. Four generations of shipwrights and quality boat building comes with the name. Today Perry designs reflect a perfect blend of classic old-world craftsmanship with modern construction techniques and technology.

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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