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OK, OK; now that we have the SETR-10 "Oval", which is the best of the best, we hear grumbling about the single station limitation. Well, we like a challenge, and we don't like grumbling, so we'll get the multiple-station Oval going and keep you posted.

In researching the requirements for a multi station Oval we note that the present edition, model SETR-10, could be used in two stations with a changeover relay. At each station, there would be a toggle switch which would transfer the tabs from one Oval to the other, and a pilot light to indicate the status of that station; on for active, off for inactive. The inactive station would blink but would not provide control nor would it indicate tab position.

It would work like this: Initially, both Ovals would come on at engine switch on, the tabs would be retracted, regardless of which station was switched to be the active one, and both would blink "tabs up" with the system ready to go. Also, at engine switch off, the tabs would be retracted and both Ovals would turn off. To operate the tabs, use either station. If the pilot light is on, that station is active and ready. If the pilot light is off, that station is not ready but can be made ready by switching the station selector switch which will also cause the pilot light to turn on there and go off at the other station. But here is the hitch. If the tabs are deployed at station A, the station A indicators will move but station B indicators will not move. At this point, if a switch is made to station B, control will be active at station B but the indicators will not reflect the actual tab position. To get this right, a ten second retract with the two switches is needed at station B to synchronize the tabs and station B indicators. With the boat running, this might be more aggravation than the average operator would want. Otherwise, this setup should work well. Is this worth doing as an interim measure or can we wait for the official dual "Oval"? Comments please.

Stacked up for shipment today are orders for Maritim OY, Mustang Marine, A.S.A.P. and Quintrex. Thanks guys, we really appreciate it.

More next week but let us hear from you in the meantime. Use mailcall@lectrotab.com for your reply. Our responses will continue to be very quick!

Best Regards,

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