



TAB TALK

Email To All Lectrotab Users

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IBEX Show Review: The International Boating Exposition opens on Thursday morning at the convention center in Miami Beach, and we will be there with some very interesting new Lectrotab trim tab items.

Alloy Tabs: As noted in last months Tab Talk, we will have the production model of a 12 X 12, set of 6005-T5 aluminum alloy tabs on display. Production is scheduled for January, 2007, and we will be offering 9" and 12" chord models in any width. Since the alloy tabs will be extruded in the chord profile, in long lengths, we can conveniently and economically cut the extrusion to any length with no wasted material. Booth 701; don't miss this item!

Wireless Trim Tab Control: Last year, we showed a concept version of our proposed wireless control and were encouraged by the interest it generated. A production model of this system will be on display at IBEX, with production scheduled for January, 2007. This approach will eliminate all tab interconnecting wiring. The two actuators, at the transom, will connect directly to two pairs of lugs on a receiver module, about the size of a wallet, which can be conveniently located in the transom area adjacent to where the tab actuator wires enter the boat. The main tab power will also connect to a pair of lugs on this same small module. And the wiring is done! The wireless control looks like the present "Oval" control, except it's a bit smaller, 2 1/2" x 3", and has an additional convenient feature. On the face, at 9 o'clock and at 3 o'clock, are push buttons. The one on the left is a "one touch" tabs down button, and the one on the right is a "one touch" tabs up button. Tap either button and both tabs move together up or down as appropriate, until you tap the button again, wherein both tabs stop. For bow down, tap the left button to start both tabs down. Wait until the boat is where you want it, and tap the button again to stop both tabs. Coming in the harbor and need tabs fully up? Tap the right button, and if you don't tap it again to stop the process, the tabs will retract fully and that's it.

This will be the "Wireless Oval" which is waterproof and can be mounted anywhere. The only connection to the control will be 5 to 30 volts DC, to power the transmitter and the tab position indicators, and a connection to the vessels gauge switch to turn the "Wireless Oval" on, and initiate a full tab retraction and tab indicator calibration. This power can be from any local source or from small batteries if you wish. The "Wireless Oval" is multi-station capable, and will support up to 5 remote stations. The wireless approach will be a real installation time saver on larger boats, especially when multiple stations are used, and for retrofit installations. No dragging wire to the bridge or tuna tower! Booth 701; don't miss this item either.

We've got you covered: If you are marketing Lectrotab equipped boats into France, our stocking distributor there since 2003, Vidal Diffusion Marine, in La Garde, is available for product support. Our contact is David Elderkin at 33 494 0868 20.

Thanks for the chat – more next month. In the meantime, give us a call, toll free, 888-LECTROTAB (532-8768). Two rings and no buttons to push. Tab Talk is available via email, or by fax, or from our website, www.lectrotab.com.

Regards,

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