

## “Best Steering System”

### Safehaven Marine



Safehaven Marine was established in 1998 by its Managing Director Frank Kowalski from Cork harbour in Ireland. He is responsible for the design and naval architecture of all his companies' vessels over the past 14 years, which include the now renowned Interceptor design of monohulls, which are produced in a range of 6 different sizes from 11m up to 18m, as well as the Wildcat Catamaran range of offshore wind farm support vessels and hydrographic survey vessels. In the years from 1997 to 2005 his company grew and expanded at a steady rate and had by 2006 build over 60 vessels, mainly in the commercial work boat and passenger vessel market, as well as a percentage of high end recreational versions of his designs. His vessels had at this stage gained a fine reputation for possessing excellent sea keeping abilities combined with sleek and graceful design flair.

Safehaven have pilot boats for the Port of Aden, Yemen and Algeciras, Spain in build, as well as a lifeboat for the Faroe Islands rescue service based on their Interceptor 48 pilot, and this year will see their 100th vessel being launched.

Designed for all weathers the Interceptor 48 Pilot Vessel has large rudders and coupled with a powerful Hypro Marine power steering system means she is exceptional manoeuvrable with quick, light steering of just 4 turns lock to lock meaning she can 'turn on a sixpence'.

Safehaven began using Hypro Marine to steer their vessels at the end of 2011 and are now installing their Integrated Power Steering system as standard. Frank Kowalski said "The steering systems supplied by Hypro Marine are the best we have ever fitted, during sea trials in 8m seas, the system proved very quick, light and powerful enough to turn without loading up on the wheel even operating in heavy weather. The result was a highly manoeuvrable and responsive vessel and a pleasure to helm".

Steve Clarke, Commercial Director for Hypro Marine says "We are delighted to be able to supply Safehaven Marine, and to have a major part in the quality and performance of their vessels. At Hypro Marine we have a great deal of experience in these applications and are very confident with the products we supply"

Hypro Marine has been providing steering solutions since 1976 to many of the world's biggest and most prestigious names in the Marine industry. The steering can be designed around the specification of the vessel to ensure the perfect match between vessel and steering.

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