

NEW PRODUCTS

Multifunction Hub

A new product recently introduced by Blue Sea Systems combines the functions of an ignition-protected fuse block with that of a remote battery switch. The SafetyHub 250



features integrated connecting plugs and can consolidate up to seven circuits from 1A to 200A. Adding the SafetyHub to a boat's electrical system will eliminate loose wires, protect fuses from explosive fumes and provide a main battery shutdown from a safe location. Among its key features are a manual control knob that switches high-amp circuits for emergency battery disconnect or servicing. The same housing will accommodate up to three switched 30A to 200A MIDI/AMI fuses, which are ideal for high-amp circuits including panel feeds, windlasses and stereo amplifiers, along with four 24-hour 1A to 20A ATO/ATC fuses, which are intended for circuits such as bilge pumps, alarms and clock memory.

The SafetyHub's ignition-protected fusing meets Coast Guard and ABYC requirements for installation on gasoline or diesel boats, and a sealed cover protects fuses from the harsh marine environment. For more information, visit blueseas.com.

Staying Dry Down Below

It's a problem as old as boats. No matter how much you pump, bail and wipe, there always seems to be some

residual water sloshing about in the bilge. And while a bit of excess fluid isn't particularly dangerous, it can cause problems ranging from odor and mildew to equipment damage. Microbes, bacteria and even mosquitoes can make their home in a wet bilge environment. When left in constant contact with water, untreated or partially treated wood may swell or rot. Fiberglass will blister. Steel will rust. Aluminum will oxidize and pit.

An even more common problem is condensation damage. Sunshine can heat the poorly ventilated compartments of a boat to temperatures beyond 120 degrees, causing standing water to evaporate and creating condensation that lands



on everything inside. Circuit boards and wiring may be damaged, hoses and belts may rot, and hydraulic seals are more prone to failure.

A new solution to this problem is the Arid Bilge System. This new device takes up where conventional bilge pumps leave off. Your pumps are designed to move a lot of water in a short time but to always leave a bit behind. The Arid Bilge adds small, low-flow pickups to every compartment where standing water might occur. These various pickup lines are routed to a central station that periodically suctions those small residual reservoirs dry. The unit's common discharge can be routed to an existing through-hull connection.

To learn more, visit aridbilge.com. — *Pierce Hoover*



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