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Italy. Robot for super yacht maintenance wins SeaTec Qualitec Technology Award

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The reference event for the marine industry, Seatec brings together quality companies and is the ideal venue for presenting products and innovation, events and international competitions. This is the case of the Qualitec Technology Award, an award for innovative technology, set up to award and promote technology innovation put forward and presented by companies exhibiting at Seatec, the seventh International exhibition for technology, supplies and design for boats, yachts and ships.

A high profile jury examined the projects for 2009's competition composed of Paolo Scifoni (chairman), Giampiero Audino and Paolo Colombo who, after examining a really remarkable series of products on show, assigned first place to the company A&E Yacht Services based in Viareggio for IMR 1.0, an actual system for the robotic application of complete filling and topcoat cycles on super yacht hulls that, according to the official motivation, is a significant step ahead in many areas such as the pre-calculation of the quantities of filler necessary, continuous applications over longer periods of time and so lower overall time as well as a significant reduction of accident risks related to work high up on scaffolding, with a significant reduction of dust dispersed in the environment. The "robot" carries out the application of the various coats and the milling of each coat so as to carry out the established cycles with an accuracy that is not possible by traditional methods at a lower overall cost compared to traditional methods.

A mention was assigned by the jury to the Whale / Munster Simms Engineering for Supersub Smart 650, a bilge pump, equipped with integrated level sensor for automatic control, designed to be installed in the classical "difficult spots" to get to on board, extremely limited size, very well designed, simple, sturdy. "The product is a simple, well designed solution to a problem of systems which often arises in small and medium-sized boats".

Another mention was assigned by the jury to CMC Marine for Stabilis Electra, a stabilising fin with an electric starter, composed of a continuous current engine with permanent magnets. The current application for the product presented is typically for 25 to 30 m motor yachts with a stabilisation system active on the anchor too.

A third mention was assigned to the company CJR Propulsion Ltd / VEEM Ltd for the Veem Interceptor Propeller, an application of the hydrodynamic principle of the Interceptor that makes it possible to vary the apparent pitch of the propeller without replacing it and even when the boat is afloat, designed for medium to large-sized motor boats.

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