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AMERITEX UNVEILS FUSION BIMINI FRAME SYSTEM AT IBEX 2015

BRADENTON, Fla. – Sept. 15, 2015 – Ameritex Fabric Systems, a member of the Taylor Made Group, is introducing a new frame system for bimini tops — dubbed the Fusion System — at the 2015 International BoatBuilders’ Exhibition and Conference (IBEX).

“Historically, the purpose of a bimini top is simple: shade boaters from the sun. What else would one expect?” said Don Zirkelbach, president of Ameritex Fabric Systems. “Well, Ameritex’s Fusion Series Frame System adds new dimensions to this stalwart piece of boating equipment.”

The secret to the Fusion System is in its structural tubing. The newly designed, patent pending, black anodized aluminum tubing includes a cavity. The design and integration of this cavity give the Fusion bimini several unique features.

It accepts the Patented SureSeal™, press-in gasket, eliminating the need for bow pockets. This greatly reduces the number of stitches needed, in turn reducing leaks and eliminating the “duck bill” or sagging look of the material associated with bow pockets — leading to a superior, form-fitting canvas piece. The Fusion tubing also accepts the patented Vadney snap clip, which is a molly insert. It allows the attachment of various fasteners, so that sun blockage panels, hardware and accessories are easily mounted to the bimini frame.

“The new Fusion Frame System gives you virtually endless possibilities for attachment of any screw-fastener without drilling a single hole,” explains Zirkelbach. “Boaters and boatbuilders can let their imaginations run wild with things they might attach to their bimini frame. Cup holders, deck eye loops for hanging and storing items, additional lights or speakers, GoPro camera mounts, and more. But the most exciting part of all, the cavity in the Fusion

System accepts LED rope lights, adding sensational ambient lighting to the boat's cockpit. Given the current trend among boatbuilders to differentiate themselves with branded lighting schemes, we expect this to be one of the most utilized features of the multi-faceted Fusion Series Frame System.”

About Ameritex Fabric Systems

A member of Taylor Made Group, LLC, Ameritex Fabric Systems (www.ameritexfabrics.com) is based in Bradenton, Fla. and is the fabric engineering and manufacturing arm for Taylor Made Systems. Ameritex is a leading supplier of highly engineered fabric solutions for OEM boat manufacturers and the automotive industry.

About Taylor Made Systems

A member of Taylor Made Group, LLC, Taylor Made Systems (www.taylormadesystems.com) is based in Gloversville, N.Y. Together with its partner, Trend Marine Products Limited, Taylor Made Systems is the world's largest manufacturer of marine glazing systems and the acknowledged leader in framed-glass windshield technology for powerboats. Other marine product lines include manual and power-actuated doors, roofs, window systems, skylights and hatches. The company also supplies glass products for a variety of agricultural, construction, mass transit and emergency vehicle applications.

About Taylor Made Group

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