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## **NEW SAILBOAT DRIVE PROVIDES PRECISION CONTROL FOR CRUISING AND RACING VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH SI-TEX AUTOPILOTS**

### **Sailboats With Limited Installation Space Get Full Performance From SI-TEX SP70/80, SP-36 and New SP-110 Autopilots**

**(February 2011)** — With the introduction of the new SI-TEX Sailboat Drive, it's now possible for owners of sailboats with limited installation space to enjoy the full performance, reliability and features of SI-TEX's full range of autopilots. The drive works with SI-TEX's proven SP-70 and SP80 autopilots, the SP-36 Virtual Feedback autopilot with color display, and the compact, new-for-2011 SP-110 autopilot.

Consisting of three important components — a drive unit body, steering cable and linear attachment kit — the SI-TEX Sailboat Drive was engineered for use on light displacement cruising and racing sailboats steered by mechanical cable or tiller. SI-TEX recommends this drive for vessels up to 38 feet with maximum displacement of 15,400 pounds.

The SI-TEX Sailboat Drive was developed to install easily and economically in even the tightest of spaces. The compact drive unit can be mounted either horizontally or vertically in any location that is convenient. Steering cable length is determined by the relative position of the drive unit to the linear drive connection kit. The rudder feedback module is built into the drive unit, further reducing space requirements, easing installation and ensuring optimal performance with SI-TEX autopilots.

This new drive gives owners of medium sized sailboats with limited space a high-performance, reliable alternative to tiller pilots or wheel pilots. It also provides all the advanced steering and control features of SI-TEX's autopilot family.

The SI-TEX Sailboat Drive is very responsive and has little feedback resistance when in Standby pilot mode. This provides plenty of feel on the sailboat wheel or tiller, making it ideal for use on racing yachts. The drive is engineered to provide superior autopilot performance, with features like 12 inches of maximum stroke, 400 pounds of peak thrust and 333 ft./lbs. of maximum rudder torque. Hard over time when using this drive is 12 to 15 seconds.

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For more information about the new SI-TEX Sailboat Drive, compatible SI-TEX autopilots, or the company's full line of marine electronics, visit an authorized dealer or contact SI-TEX at 25 Enterprise Zone Drive, Suite 2, Riverhead, NY 11901. Telephone: (631) 996-2690. Website: [www.si-tex.com](http://www.si-tex.com).

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