Simrad launches AP60 entry level professional autopilot

Simrad Yachting – world-leader in the design and manufacture of professional-performance marine navigation, autopilots, communications and fish-finding systems — announced today its new Simrad AP60 Professional Autopilot. A distinctive entry-level commercial autopilot, the AP60 completes the Simrad autopilot range by complementing the premium AP70 and award-winning AP80. Simrad autopilots provide the ultimate vessel heading control and network integration for every class of commercial vessel.

Unlike many other entry-level commercial autopilots, the Simrad AP60 includes thruster integration for improved low speed maneuvering. The AP60 is incredibly easy to use giving boaters clear and intuitive menu systems; a large, high contrast monochrome LCD screen for clear display of critical information; a rotary course control wheel; Auto and Standby buttons; and dedicated work modes.

The Simrad AP60 has a wide range of features designed to make piloting commercial vessels more efficient. Two user configurable profiles, WORK and NORMAL, allow custom parameters for specific vessel operations such as trawling or towing. Switching from NORMAL to WORK profiles is performed with the press of a button. The AP60 includes NoDrift steering, thruster integration and turn patterns such as U-Turn and S-Turn — features not found on other comparable Autopilots.

“The new Simrad AP60 with thruster integration is the most cost effective commercial autopilot system available on the market today,” said Leif Ottosson, CEO of Navico. “Born of nearly 70 years of award-winning autopilot technology, this system provides commercial vessels with the perfect balance — professional performance at a great price.”

An incredibly flexible solution, the Simrad AP60 autopilot is equally suited for use in isolation, as part of a multi-station system, or alongside a wide range of control units including the QS80 QuickStick remote with integrated joystick and the NF80 Non Follow-Up Remote with rotary lever.

The Simrad AP60 will be available from your local Simrad dealer this summer.