Thrane & Thrane launches new SAILOR DSC VHF Class D with Dual Channel AIS Receiver

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AIS functionality now available on world’s toughest VHF radio series

Thrane & Thrane has expanded its established workboat and fishing vessel VHF radio portfolio with the launch of the new SAILOR 6217 VHF DSC Class D AIS Receiver. The new system brings parallel dual channel VHF receive functionality to the toughest line of VHF DSC Class D radios available, making it the ultimate safety and communication tool for workers and fishermen in any conditions.

Building on the SAILOR 6215 VHF DSC Class D, the SAILOR 6217 VHF DSC Class D AIS Receiver integrates a two channel parallel AIS Receiver, which enables it to perform a constant watch of both AIS channels, rather than switching between them. This provides greater safety through better situational awareness, because users get a seamlessly updated view of AIS equipped vessels in the surrounding area at all times.

The SAILOR 6217 VHF DSC Class D AIS Receiver can be easily connected to any NMEA 0183 chart plotter so all signals can be viewed and plotted on a vessel’s existing equipment. Designed with reliability and ease-of-use in mind, the SAILOR 6217 VHF DSC Class D AIS Receiver belongs at the helm of any vessel crewed by professionals. Features include:

• Full waterproof to IPx8
• SAILOR Replay – listen to the previous 90 seconds of messages
• Easy to read display with red backlight and dimming
• High quality, powerful loudspeaker
• Up to 2 additional handsets/control speaker mics connected front or back
• Interfaces for AIS output and optional loud hailer
• DW, Tri-watch and scanning
“We’re delighted to offer dual channel AIS receive with integration to NMEA chart plotters in our portfolio of professional VHF radios,” comments Casper Jensen, VP Maritime Business Unit, Thrane & Thrane. “Our dedicated customer base see SAILOR radios as more than up to the job, with excellent reliability and an incredibly long life. With the SAILOR 6217 VHF DSC Class D AIS Receiver, we offer this unrivalled design and build quality, with the latest AIS functionality that will enhance safety and operations aboard any commercial craft, especially workboats and fishing vessels.”

The proven performance and unrivalled solid build quality that makes SAILOR the VHF of choice for users in the workboat and commercial fishing sectors are built into the new SAILOR 6217 VHF DSC Class D AIS Receiver. As with the SAILOR 6215 VHF DSC Class D that it is based on, it improves on the previous generation of SAILOR VHF radios, which have been viewed by professional users as the toughest on the market, for the last three decades.