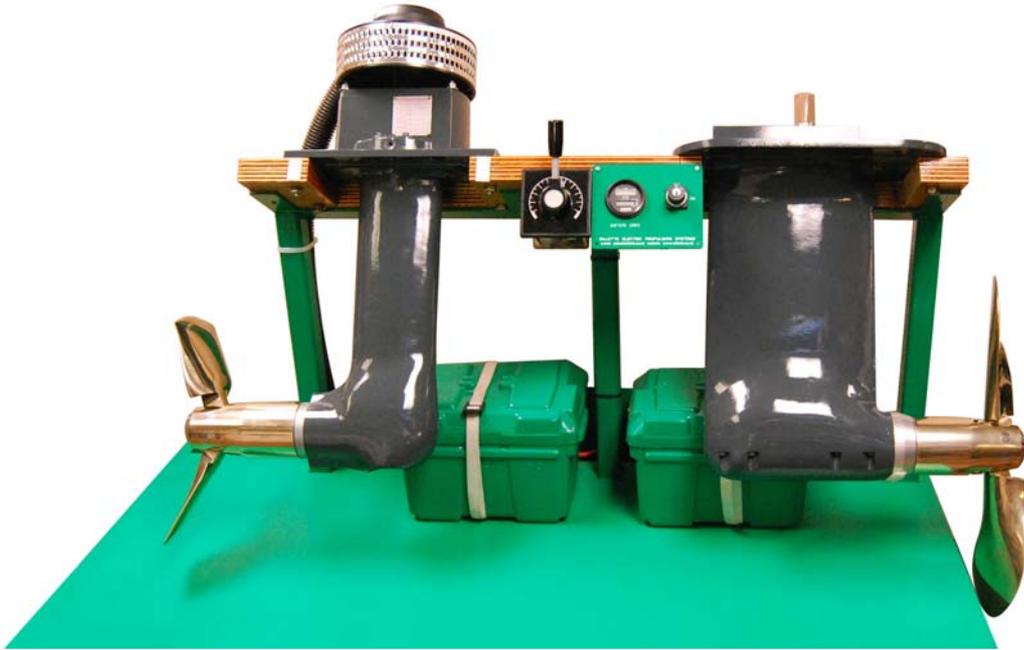


“GREEN POWER” FOR YACHTS *the electric saildrive is now a reality*

A new electric powered saildrive leg will be on show on the Sillette Sonic Stand, S1A, at this year’s London International Boat Show.



Using their many years of experience in the production of electric marine propulsion systems, Surrey based Sillette Sonic have developed another new unit as an alternative to diesel or petrol powered engines of up to 50 hp.

The electric motor is mounted directly onto the drive leg. The batteries may be positioned almost anywhere within the hull to optimise weight distribution and space management.

Controls couldn’t be simpler. Switch on and use the joystick to drive almost silently ahead or astern, the more the stick is moved, the faster the speed. The only other instrument is the battery state monitor, which indicates how much power is in the batteries.

Typically, this unit will give up to three hours continuous operation at full power, ample for manoeuvring into harbours, moorings and marinas. However this obviously depends on the number, size and type of batteries. Once berthed, simply plug in to the shore power connection and the batteries can be recharged via the battery charger supplied, which incidentally can be set to handle a variety of different types of batteries.

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Sillette offer two alternative electric motor options, the powerful and well proven Lynch or the slightly less expensive Bellmann. Alternatively, customers can purchase the leg without the motor and specify and fit one of their own choice.

Selecting and buying the most suitable prop to match the yacht is also no problem, since the company hold over 2,000 propellers in stock at their Poole Engineering division for immediate dispatch.

The new Sillette Sonic 30 Kw electric sail drive is the quiet, efficient and “green” solution to providing motor power for serious sailboats.

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