



19682

ISLAND PILOT 535 IS LATEST TO STANDARDIZE GYRO STABILIZATION

The luxurious new Island Pilot 535 crossover trawler reflects the fresh ideas of its builder. This reputable company joins a rapidly-growing group of forward-thinking builders who have standardized the Seakeeper Gyro Stabilization System on new models. With the IP535, Island Pilot remains on the forefront of pleasurecraft innovation, enabling its customers to cruise in comfort.

Island Pilot president Reuben Trane had never used stabilization on his yachts, "until I took a Seakeeper demo ride. I was quite impressed with the gyro's performance in beam seas." He experienced Seakeeper's powerful righting force that virtually eliminates boat rock and roll at anchor, zero and low speeds, as well as while underway. "We feel so strongly about its advantages that we made the Seakeeper gyro standard equipment on the IP535," he said.

The craft's deep-V planing hull, "is inherently tender at low speeds. On longer passages, such as to the Caribbean, she'll run at eight knots. The gyro will make these trips much more pleasant all around, and safe for the crew because a rested crew is an alert crew. Seakeeper's gyro will also make unpleasant anchorages more comfortable," said Trane. "And, if an existing Island Pilot 395 or 435 owner wants a gyro, we'll be glad to retrofit." Seakeeper is also an option on new builds of these models.

-more-

"We're honored to have Seakeeper standardized on the IP535, as it further solidifies our market position. More and more builders are adding stabilization systems as standard equipment. They've recognized that their customers will be happier and spend more time aboard if they're comfortable. Seakeeper continues to evolve and innovate its product line to provide stabilization solutions to an ever-growing range of vessels," said Seakeeper VP of sales and marketing John Kermet.

The addition of the Seakeeper gyro is among many improvements on the new Island Pilot. The design goals were to maintain its speed, efficiency and style while creating two spacious, private staterooms. Island Pilot cleverly accomplished this with a "Great Room" galley and dinette located between the VIP guest stateroom in the bow and the luxurious 11' x 16' master stateroom aft.

This new design maintains the signature Island Pilot deck house, with extensive glass lending a bright, open feeling and 360° views. Both the aft cockpit and bridge incorporate large settees and plenty of room for dining and entertainment amenities. Lavish electronics aboard include four Garmin 15" GPSMAP 7200 series touchscreens, a KVH 7HD DirecTV satellite dish and LED HDTVs.

The high-performance trawler is powered by twin 700 hp D-11 diesels paired to the new Volvo IPS II 900 drivetrain, and features joystick controls. Top speeds are anticipated at over 30 knots, with fast-cruising speeds of 18-20 knots. Island Pilot created a spacious, walk-in engine room by relocating other systems to an easy-access machinery space under the galley sole. The compact Seakeeper gyro is unobtrusively mounted under the galley stairs, which lift for easy access.

Seakeeper is the world leader in active gyro stabilizer technology for the leisure yacht and commercial marine markets. Unlike fin-based systems, these units install within the craft, eliminating the need for hull cutting, as well as drag-producing and damage-prone appendages.

Small and lightweight, the powerful gyros offer flexible installation options and consume minimal power. Various models can be installed in single or multiple configurations for optimum stabilization performance. Seakeeper is supported worldwide by an extensive team of experienced dealers and service/installation centers.

Contact Seakeeper, P.O. Box 809, California, MD 20688. 410-326-1590; Fax: 410-326-1199. sales@seakeeper.com, www.seakeeper.com.