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SEAKEEPER GYROS IN TESTING ON WIND FARM SUPPORT VESSELS

Continuing its aggressive commercial marine growth, gyro stabilizer manufacturer Seakeeper recently shipped M21000 units for testing with Hvide Sande Skib & Baadebyggeri (HSSB). The gyros will be used aboard 25m and 34m monohull wind farm support vessels for DONG Energy, a Danish leader in offshore wind farm development and construction.

In a sector previously dominated by catamarans, Seakeeper gyros now create exciting opportunities for monohulls and builders such as HSSB in wind farm support segments. The powerful righting force delivered by a gyro, up to 80% roll reduction, creates greater safety and stability for crew transfer onto wind power stations and more comfort while in transit.

Seakeeper's M21000, its most powerful gyro, generates 21,000 Newton meter seconds of angular momentum by spinning a steel flywheel inside a vacuum. Its unique design has a power draw of just 3 kW and a compact, lightweight package for retrofit or new build applications.

The company already has successful military installations, such as on torpedo recovery craft and an unmanned surveillance vessel. Seakeeper gyros are available in an M8000 model for craft up to 35 tons displacement and the M21000, rated for typical displacements up to 90-100 tons. Multiple gyros can be fitted to suit a customer's requirements.

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