

Smooth Cruising

Seakeeper's Vice President of Sales and Marketing Andrew Semprevivo introduces a stabilizing gyro for Great Lakes boats 30-39 feet.



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LB: We understand that Seakeeper gyro stabilizers provide exceptional stabilization, virtually eliminating roll and thus preventing seasickness. What is new about the Seakeeper 3?

Semprevivo: Seakeeper is here for small boats! Our first step toward stabilization for the boating mainstream was the Seakeeper 5, optimized for boats between 40 and 49 feet. The new Seakeeper 3 is a smaller, lighter gyro specifically designed for 30- to 39-foot boats. It's 30 percent lighter, 25 percent smaller and still eliminates up to 95 percent of boat roll, making every trip out on the water more enjoyable for everyone on-board. Since it runs solely on DC power, there is no need for a generator.

LB: What are other benefits of the Seakeeper 3?

Semprevivo: Another huge benefit is the flexibility it offers for installation. We have designed a custom leaning post foundation that allows you to install the Seakeeper 3 within a leaning post. For small center consoles, your boat could be in and out of the shop in as little as two days.

LB: How does a Seakeeper work?

Semprevivo: A Seakeeper applies the physics of gyroscopes — long used for stabilization and orientation — to eliminate up to 95 percent of boat roll. Inside a vacuum encapsulation, a flywheel spins at speeds of up to 10,700 rpm. When the boat rolls, the gyro tilts fore and aft, producing a powerful gyroscopic torque to port and starboard to counteract the boat roll.

LB: What types of boats will accommodate a retrofitted Seakeeper?

Semprevivo: Seakeeper has become a must-have on new builds, which has driven demand and increased awareness of the gyro among current boat owners. A growing number of owners want to refit their current boats with this latest and greatest technology in the marine industry. Seakeeper's refits stretch across most brands and models. Because of this ever-growing portfolio, we can supply a scope of work and an estimated cost immediately in most cases.

LB: Do different boats require different gyros?

Semprevivo: Yes; ensuring you have the highest level of stabilization while out on the water is important to us. We look at every Seakeeper installation individually and customize our product recommendations accordingly. We don't want to simply reduce roll — we aim to eliminate it!



LB: How is the Seakeeper 3 powered?

Semprevivo: This Seakeeper model is powered by 12V DC power. The power demand is extremely low thanks to the vacuum encapsulation.

LB: How does a boater operate the Seakeeper?

Semprevivo: Operation couldn't be easier than with our intuitive touch-screen display. Simply turn it on and allow the gyro to spool up, and then the Seakeeper can be activated. Just two quick touches of a button and your boat is fully stabilized. Our smart technology adapts to changes in sea state automatically.

LB: Are there any speed or sea condition limitations?

Semprevivo: There are no limitations; it is effective in all sea conditions and eliminates boat roll both at speed and at rest.

LB: Where on the boat is the gyro installed? Does it take up much room?

Semprevivo: The Seakeeper can be installed virtually anywhere on-board. Depending on the needs of a particular vessel, any number of units can be installed to reach optimal performance. Seakeeper takes up a small percentage of the boat's total volume.

LB: Do most boat dealers know how to install the Seakeeper?

Semprevivo: We have created a global network of certified refit installers. To find a service center near you, visit SEAKEEPER.COM/FINDUS.

LB: How much does the Seakeeper 3 cost?

Semprevivo: The suggested retail price is \$26,900.

LB: How can an owner see how it works?

Semprevivo: We have demos at many boat shows across the nation and can also schedule demos with our brand ambassadors globally. Visit SEAKEEPER.COM/TAKEARIDE. ★



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