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HUMPHREE PROVIDES STABILIZATION SYSTEM FOR NEW VIRGINIA PILOTS BOAT

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – Sept. 4, 2018 – The new Virginia Pilots Association boat is equipped with an advanced interceptor system from Humphree USA to stabilize the boat and provide a smooth ride for the crew and passengers.

The 55-ft. Chesapeake-class pilot launch, christened *Hampton Roads*, was designed by C. Raymond Hunt Associates and built by Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding, and was delivered to the Virginia Pilots Association this summer.

The transom-mounted Humphree electric-powered interceptors deploy retractable blades that adjust automatically to create lift that counteracts the vessel's roll and pitch motions. The fast response times of the interceptor blades ensure a smooth stable ride, which results in better maneuverability and improved fuel efficiency. The boat uses Humphree's active trim, list and turn controls to improve performance and reduce fuel consumption.

Pilot boats are a growing market for Humphree's stabilization products, according to Sean Berrie, CEO of Humphree USA. "We provide a field-proven, fully automatic solution to ensure comfort and safety and also to optimize performance and achieve significant gains in fuel efficiency."

"We are installing Humphree interceptors as standard fit on most of our new Chesapeake-class pilot boats in response to demand from customers," said Peter Duclos, president of Gladding-Hearn. "They are far superior to traditional trim tabs, and the electric-powered interceptors do not require high-maintenance hydraulics."

High-resolution images may be downloaded at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sa2fdh1bvjeexd9/AADl_h3ERFkBosp6fIGEqoP5a?dl=0.

About Humphree USA

Humphree was established in 2002 and is a leading manufacturer of interceptors, fins and automatic trim, list and stabilization controls for recreational and commercial marine vessels. The parent company is based in Gothenburg, Sweden. Humphree USA is based in Virginia Beach, Virginia and is responsible for sales and service in the Americas.

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