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# Breaking Records at METS 2013

THIS YEAR'S METS HAD MORE COUNTRY PAVILIONS THAN EVER AND THE SUPERYACHT PAVILION WAS BRIMMING WITH BRILLIANT innovations and solutions. Among those who had the privilege to go home with the prestigious DAME Design Awards 2013, Sleipner had a standout show as overall winner. SYI's Anoeshka Maaskant took a closer look at their patented Vector Fin stabiliser and reviews some of her picks of the show.

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The 3-day B2B METS exhibition in November at the Amsterdam RAI Convention Centre had a record attendance of precisely 20,500 professionals. The show sets the tone for the year ahead for the leading maritime equipment suppliers. METS Domain Manager Irene Dros noticed the positive vibe at the trade fair, "a rise in attendance of over 5 percent compared to 2012 is very good news for everyone connected to METS and the global maritime supply industry. We also had a couple more exhibitors than last year and more country pavilions than ever. The various conferences and meetings also attracted huge numbers. We are very proud it has been a record-breaking event and grateful to our exhibitors and visitors for reinforcing the reputation of METS as an unmissable exhibition." >>>



## 1 Skysol Motion



Oceanair won its DAME category with Skysol Motion, a stylish pleated blind offering the practicality and convenience associated with traditional roller blinds, combined with the elegant look and feel of a pleated blind. A

specially designed self-retracting recoil system developed and manufactured in-house by Oceanair is the key innovative feature of the blind. Oceanair's Managing Director Andy Fitzgerald: "We are thrilled to accept this award. At Oceanair we pride ourselves on our ability to deliver innovatively designed custom solutions. Constantly looking to push the boundaries of blind design and manufacture, it's fantastic to be recognised for this quality within the wider marine industry."

i. [www.oceanair.co.uk](http://www.oceanair.co.uk)

## 2 Roll Damping

DMS Holland made their debut appearance at METS showcasing a unique roll damping system, named AntiRoll, especially designed for the superyacht market. Thanks to its unique, dual-axis fin stabiliser, which rotates whilst sailing and flaps at anchor, AntiRoll provides stabilisation both underway and at zero speed without any compromise of performance in either circumstance. The curved, high-aspect ratio fin significantly reduces the drag by between 50 and 75 percent whilst sailing, which in turn has a positive impact on fuel consumption. In addition, with the fin flapping at zero speed as opposed to rotating, a greater lifting force is generated providing a more stable platform.



i. [www.dmsolland.com](http://www.dmsolland.com)