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## Maintaining a Leadership Position in Marine Seating

**Springfield Marine Company** has always understood the importance of good, reliable seating on a boat. Any skipper worth his salt knows a well-engineered seat makes a voyage more comfortable and helps to ease the stresses associated with navigating for long periods of

time or in challenging conditions. Since it was founded over 50 years ago, Springfield has produced high-quality seating for the marine industry. Its product lines include models designed for freshwater as well as saltwater, and a variety of seat-related hardware, including ped-

estals, swivels and slides.

A few years ago, Springfield Marine opened a 350,000-square-foot factory in Jiangsu, China. At about twice the size of the company's original plant, the new facility has made it possible for Springfield Marine to boost manufacturing capacity, produce more components in-house and increase R&D efforts. "That type of aggressive strategic planning has made our company a trusted name among marine OEMs," said Danny Sweeney, director of sales

and marketing.

Springfield Marine continues to invest in research and development and to launch innovative new products. The company recently added three new products to its lineup; all of which are made in the U.S.A. Like all products from this company, these meet ABYC standards.

### Offshore-ready helm seat

The Marine Pilothouse Chair is one of the most comfortable and durable upholstered seats in the company's line. "Intended for use in open seas, it's suitable for the bridge on a big pleasure yacht or a workboat," said Sweeney.

Rugged construction features include an internal, powder-coated steel frame for strength and corrosion-resistance. For comfort, key features are the 45-degree recline and molded armrests that swing up when the skipper needs to leave his seat or just lean over to reach a piece of electronics or simply open the door at the bridge for a passenger.

## Helm Seating

### Gold Series

Norwegian

Mariner II Slide/Swivel

Air Adjustable Mainstay

### Platinum Series

Pilothouse

Electric Mariner II Slide/Swivel

Electric Adjustable Mainstay

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Springfield Marine has launched a new, easy-to-navigate website at [www.springfieldgrp.com](http://www.springfieldgrp.com).

### Electric slide

"One of the most important elements of a seat is the slide/swivel underneath it," said Sweeney. "This mechanical piece affects both comfort and performance. Springfield offers a number of slides/swivels to meet the various adjustment requirements of boat owners."

New from Springfield is the Mariner II, 4-inch Electric Slide; a 12-volt-powered unit that fits any Springfield Marine 4-inch pedestal. It's designed to be paired with the company's hydraulically adjustable pedestal, but this slide can also be used with the fixed-height and gas-rise pedestals. It features the strength and durability of the traditional Mariner II slide, only with a power option that offers a full six inches of slide travel. Like all Springfield products, it comes with a five-year warranty.

The third new product from Springfield Marine is the hydraulic 12-volt Electric Pedestal, which is engineered to lift an impressive 1,000 pounds. Available in polished aluminum or 316 stainless steel, it requires just 7-amps to lift 500 pounds. It's compatible with all Springfield 4-inch slide/swivels and it's available with up to 12 inches of vertical travel.

"With this pedestal, you can get the height adjustment you want without having to stand up," said Sweeney. "Operation is quiet, too, at just 60 decibels."

To control movement, the helmsman can use a hard-wired DPDT switch or a wireless key fob remote.

"We spend a lot of time and effort engineering new products to cover a broad spectrum of boats," said Sweeney. "We control every step of the production process, and we believe that our OEM clients and aftermarket customers appreciate the high-quality products we make."

For more information, contact Springfield Marine Group at 417-616-6707, or visit [www.springfieldgrp.com](http://www.springfieldgrp.com).