



LATHAM MARINE'S SIDE MOUNT STEERING FOR THE YAMAHA F350

Latham Marine has been a manufacturer of steering systems for hi-performance and raceboats for more than 35 years. Now Latham has come up with a side-mount steering for the big Yamaha 5.3 litre V8 350 hp outboard. These seriously big outboards weighing in at around 800 pounds create a special challenge for a traditional steering system. By: S&P

While a center mounted system may work just fine in nice conditions, the side-mount systems are intended for heavy duty use. These are perfect for the hi-performance sportfishing boats powered by two, three or four of those biggies but also for offshore applications where a hi-performance application is needed. These steerings are made for going out at sea where the conditions are far from calm and to go there at high speeds and to do it safely.

Where a center mount steering essentially turns an outboard engine from its pivot pin and steering bracket, Latham Marine's side mount steering system grips the outboard between the powerhead and the mid-section, turning the entire engine.

For Latham Marine, the side-mount steering is nothing new as founder Bob Latham cut his business teeth designing and engineering steering systems for outboard powered offshore racing boats.

These efforts evolved into a brand of performance boating components and accessories known for the quality of their design, engineering, manufacturing and durability and the F350 side mount steering system is no exception.

Unlike high-volume, low-price marine steering systems, the Latham Marine side mount system is purpose-specific, designed and manufactured to complement the F350's form and function and for applica-

tions from single to quad motors.

Latham begins by plasma-cutting the major steering components from 316 marine-grade stainless steel. The high definition plasma cutter allows precise, intricate detailing with minimal waste. The results are clean edges reducing the amount of finishing work required in the manufacturing process.

Bob Latham's philosophy of building everything "like it's going on my own boat" leaves nothing to chance. In fact with the exception of certain valves and fittings every component of every Latham product is designed and made at its Fort Lauderdale, Florida facility.

Couple the Latham Marine 350 side mount or front mount steering system with its Hydro Electric Steering and the captain can steer a four-outboard fishing boat using one finger to turn the helm. The combination will deliver a full steering range "lock-to-lock" (left-to-right) from 3 to 7 turns of the wheel depending on your handling preference.

The various helm options offer something for everyone...

For any big multi-outboard set-ups, Latham has an exclusive line of ten-inch spacers available which keep the powerheads on wide spread outboard set-ups at even heights.

The spacers eliminate some rigging challenges and help keep the propellers in the water at the same level for improved performance and less engine induced torque, Info: www.lathammarine.com