DAME Design Awards celebrates 35th anniversary with unprecedented triple win

Jury Chair, Andre Hoek, announced Garmin, Scanstrut and Teignbridge Propellers as the 2026 DAME Design Awards joint Overall Winners at the Metstrade Official Opening this morning. The Jury also named nine Category Winners, 19 Special Mentions and an Environmental Design Award winner from 74 nominated products.

Never in the 35-year history of the awards has the Jury named three products as overall winner before. This edition's 153 entries is a new record since the introduction of charitable entry fees in 2008. The 74 products nominated were also the highest number for two decades. These outstanding results offer strong evidence of significant investment in design and manufacturing by the global marine equipment sector over the past 12 months.

The joint Overall Winners were announced as the **Garmin Signal VHF & Remote system**, the **Scanstrut Wireless Powered Navigation Pole Light** and the **Teignbridge Propellers International Controllable Pitch Propeller (T-CPP)**. Each offered unique features that made them stand out in this closely contested edition of the DAME Design Awards. The Jury also recognised the common attribute of them being brilliant examples of design-led progress in their respective market segments.

For Garmin and Teignbridge Propellers this is their first DAME Design Awards overall win and the second for Scanstrut, who also won in 2017. The Category wins and Special Mentions were awarded to a mix of established and newer companies, including a Category win for a Metstrade Startups exhibitor. See below for more information.

Intensive debate and unprecedented decisions

DAME Jury Chair, Andre Hoek, says: "It was a tough task to select the nominated entries, given the noticeably high overall quality of the record-breaking number of products present in our dedicated Jury room. It became more intensive again when assessing which of the nominees would be selected as winners. Several categories saw close decisions, with one being such a close call that we decided to name joint winners in one Category.

"In the final stage the Jury became evenly split and completely unable to separate three top choices for the Dame Overall Winner. Believing that this 35th anniversary year deserved a special celebration of design, we recommended, and the organising team kindly accepted, that we take the unprecedented step of recognising all three of our top choices as joint Overall Winners. Each of this trio serves as an exemplar of the marine equipment sector's ability to move beyond status quo by the application of total design. Together they demonstrate a breadth of different design skills and ideas that is truly impressive."

€25,725 raised by DAME entrants for ocean conservation cause

The DAME Design Awards is organised, fully funded and hosted by Metstrade. All entry fees each year are donated to a charity selected by the Metstrade Exhibition Committee. A record €25,725 was donated this morning to the Royal Netherlands Sea Rescue Institution (KNRM), one of the world's oldest and most respected voluntary rescue organisations. Founded in 1824, the KNRM's mission is to save lives and prevent accidents at sea and on the Dutch inland waterways network.

DAME DESIGN AWARDS 2O26 results
The names of all the DAME Design Awards Winners and Special Mentions are shown below. Please visit damedesignawards.com to see the full Jury Report with information on the winning entries and insights on why they won. You can also visit the DAME Design Awards Showcase at Metstrade in Hall 13 where all 74 nominated products are on display.

DAME DESIGN AWARDS 2O26 joint Overall Winners
Garmin Signal VHF & Remote
Stand 01.103

Jury comments: "The design of the new Signal range of VHF marine radios expands on all expected functions of a VHF and adds much more, including fully integrated AIS transmit and receive (using just one antenna), advanced channel monitoring capabilities and the ability to recall the last three minutes of a transmission. The range offers multi-location operation through a mirrored fully functional remote-control station over a single network connection. Other features include NMEA integration and WiFi connectivity to Garmin's ActiveCaptain app, enabling remote programming. The radio and visually identical remote station appear to take their styling cues from Garmin's Fusion audio range with an aesthetic that will sit nicely within any modern helm station."

Scanstrut Wireless Powered Navigation Pole Light
Stand 03.510

Jury comments: "Scanstrut has taken the concept of the commonly purchased (and re-purchased) all round white navigation light on a pole for smaller craft and totally reinvented it. At the Navigation Pole Light's base, you find a robust socket with integrated drain and sealed magnetic power connection, eliminating a corrosion problem that is typical for products with conventional metal plug and socket bases. When the mast is inserted, the socket cover securely captures it and the light switches on. The bright all-round LED lamp is flush located near the tip of the beautifully understated wand-like mast which is available in 600mm and 1200mm lengths. Elegant, brilliantly executed and a perfect example of the kind of design that the DAME Design Awards seeks to encourage."

Teignbridge Propellers International Controllable Pitch Propeller (T-CPP)
Stand 07.505

Jury comments: “This new type of Controllable Pitch Propeller (CPP) is designed to improve efficiency by up to 20% over a fixed pitch propeller. Instead of rotating the whole blade surface, the pitch is changed by moving trailing edge sections on fixed blades to adjust their camber, a similar concept to aircraft control surfaces. The T-CPP also incorporates blade winglets to reduce efficiency losses in that area. Compared to a conventional CPP this has enabled Teignbridge to retain the optimised shape of a fixed blade prop and create pitch changes using fewer moving parts – with consequential savings in manufacturing costs and end user pricing. The design enables the propeller hub to be slimmer, and the system can be retrofitted on vessels using conventional shafts and fixed pitch props without changes to stern gear or the gearbox. An impressive design, born of excellent research from Teinbridge’s extensive development activities, and well executed.”

CATEGORY WINNERS

Personal Equipment
Mustang Women's Tidal Waterproof Bib
Stand 08.534

Onboard Facilities, Comfort & Entertainment
Blue-Airco Multizone Control Kit
Stand 10.301

Navigation & Communication
In this tightly competed category, the Jury was tied in its decision over two very different products. After much deliberation it named joint winners:

Garmin Signal VHF & Remote
Stand 01.103

Scanstrut Wireless Powered Navigation Pole Light
Stand 03.510

Electronic & Electrical Systems
MOTA Cooling System H2 Marine One
Stand 05.130

Propulsion & Dynamics
Teignbridge Propellers International Controllable Pitch Propeller (T-CPP)
Stand 07.505

Deck Equipment
Facnor Tackfurl
Stand 05.441

Safety & Security Aboard
OHNOH2O WIF-Pro
Stand 02.113

Manufacturing & Support Products & Materials
Sensiblue S4
Stand 05.213D

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN AWARD WINNERS
August Race Oceans Assured Compliance Platform, submitted by Lankhorst Taselaar
Stand 08.166

SPECIAL MENTIONS
Personal Equipment
Zhik OFS800 Offshore Range
Stand 05.404

Onboard Facilities, Comfort & Entertainment
Kenyon Signature Induction Cooktop Series
Stand 02.213

Queensize Camper Deluxe Folding Faucet
Stand 05.631

Navigation & Communication
Digital Yacht NAVDoctor Pro NMEA 2000 Advanced Diagnostics Tool
01.535

Nextfour Solutions Q Display Float Series
Stand 01.866

Teledyne Raymarine RCU-1 Autopilot Remote Control System
Stand 01.111

Electronic & Electrical Systems
EPTechnologies Solid State Technology Battery – Svenner II
Stand 03.331

HikoTerra H4 Hybrid Power System
Stand 02.129

Totallux TLX 3D Flexline Series
Stand 08.523

Propulsion & Dynamics
ePropulsion Spirit 1 Electric Outboard
Stand 06.202

YANMAR Marine YF12e Hybrid
Stand 01.343

Deck Equipment
Easysea Ballast fender
Stand 03.134

Rigging Projects X Batten Car
Stand 01.243

Seldén Mast Reversible Electric Winches
Stand 01.775

Wichard Anchor Swivel
Stand 05.441

Safety & Security Aboard
SafeLi Battery Gas Detector
Stand 01.535

Manufacturing & Support Products & Materials
August Race Oceans Assured Compliance Platform, submitted by Lankhorst Taselaar
Stand 01.331

Cyclops Marine Smart Rig Manager
Stand 03.101

SUNBRELLA Plus Recycled
Stand 08.305

About the DAME Design Awards
Metstrade's DAME Design Awards is a much coveted globally recognised benchmark and endorsement of design quality in small boat, yacht and superyacht equipment. Juries of renowned designers and end user specialists have scrutinised more than 4000 products since 1991. Nearly half that number were commended with a nomination, from which 200 DAME Category Winners have been named and then considered for the ultimate annual accolade of DAME Overall Winner.

Metstrade fully funds the DAME Design Award's costs as an important investment in the industry it serves. All entry fees are donated to charity, resulting in more than €330,000 of grant funding being awarded to 16 deserving causes since 2008.

Read more, including the full results and comments within the Jury Report on all of the Winners and Special Mentions at damedesignawards.com

You can also view our hall of fame featuring all 35 of the past DAME Design Award Overall Winners in the main corridor between entrance C and Hall 13 at Metstrade.

DAME Jury 2026

This year's DAME Jury comprised 11 individuals:

- Andre Hoek (chair), naval architect and yacht designer, founder of Hoek Design and Hoek Brokerage, The Netherlands
- Leonie von Baeyer, guest student Jury member for 2026, third-year technical design student at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology
- Davide Cipriani, boat and industrial designer, president of yacht design at Centrostiledesign, Italy
- Rory Coase, yacht designer, Coase Design, Norway
- Patrick Hemp, technical director, International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA), South Africa
- Toby Hodges, experienced sailor and test editor at Yachting World, UK
- Arjen Jansen, senior lecturer, School for Industrial Design Engineering at TUDelft, The Netherlands
- Amy Munroe, sustainability consultant, Foxall Munro, UK
- Alexandra Foineau Oakley, yacht surveyor, France
- Klaus Roeder, yacht designer and surveyor, Germany.
- Ben Stein, editor of Panbo marine electronics hub, USA

The DAME Jury is supported by a non-voting secretary, Kim Hollamby of Hollamby Partnership, UK

About Metstrade 2026

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