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RARITAN CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF INNOVATION

Committed to the environment and preserving sea life since their establishment in 1958, Raritan Engineering designs products to help maintain an environmental balance and ensure quality marine waters. This year, the company commemorates their 50-year Anniversary. Raritan president Arthur "Bret" Bretnall made the announcement.

An industry pioneer, Raritan was the first to introduce the dual-action, manual marine toilet. Incredibly successful, the Model PH was also one of the first products to be mass produced as a large, injection-molded part.

An environmentally-conscious company, Raritan immediately realized the need for onboard waste treatment. In the '60s, a time before pump-out facilities and discharge regulations, their concern for the fragile marine ecosystem led them to introduce the first waste treatment system, the electrochemical chlorinator. By early 1970, they had partnered with Diamond Shamrock and began distributing the first approved onboard sewage treatment system, the Lectra/San.

In 1975 the first regulations for onboard treatment systems were introduced and Raritan's products greatly surpassed these parameters. Their systems treat waste to such a degree of purity that the discharge often surpasses the quality of the water in which the boat is floating.

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Today, Raritan is the largest producer of U.S. Coast Guard-certified Type 1 marine sanitation devices (MSD).

The Lectra/San and Electroscan treat waste to a level of 10 coliform bacteria per 100ml of water, far exceeding current standards. This can be compared to the 200 coliform that is considered safe for swimming water or the 14 coliform allowed for water containing shellfish harvested for human consumption.

A leading manufacturer of marine equipment for recreational and commercial applications, Raritan continues to introduce state-of-the-art products, including an icemakers designed to withstand exterior installations, water heaters that last 5 times longer than traditional units and versatile tank monitoring systems. They have achieved ISO 9001 certification for quality.

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