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Three new plotters

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Launched in November last year, the **AdvanSea** range of chartplotters and fishfinders are brought to us by **Navimo**, the company that used to supply the Navman range. Navimo has taken all the best features from its experience with the Navman range and created three new AdvanSea plotters. The T50 and T56 are 5in and 5.6in plotters while the C56 is a 5.6in combi unit. All units use CMAP MAX cartography and come with a clever, quick release and multi orientation mounting bracket.

ENGINEER ROOM

■ As always there was a raft of launches from the engine manufacturers at this year's London show. Such has been the movement in this field lately that we will be giving you a more in-depth rundown of all the latest developments in next month's issue.

■ The star of the show was the new drive system from **Caudwell Marine**. The Axis drive has been developed in South Africa over seven years and promises to offer a more effective option to sterndrives and outboards. It certainly looks different with the engine mounted at 45° and the leg, which is

mounted on a transom specifically designed for this drive, is made entirely from stainless steel. This not only means it looks good, it should also reduce friction and prove highly corrosion resistant. Currently there are three petrol-powered versions on offer to boatbuilders, with diesel versions under development.

■ Another interesting launch was **Yanmar's** new sterndrive. For years if you wanted a Yanmar engine on an outdrive boat, you ended up with a MerCruiser leg. Although there is nothing wrong with that, it has seemed long overdue for a big

name like Yanmar to have a leg of its own. The ZT350 is rated up to 350hp, comes with counter rotating twin props and a new type of hydraulic clutch for smooth operation.

Yanmar also unveiled its new 6-cylinder 6CX530, which at 855kg is the lightest 530hp engine available, and the new BY series of 4-cylinder and 6-cylinder electronically controlled common rail diesels producing between 150 and 260hp.

■ On the outboard front, there were new launches at the top end from Mercury with its biggest ever Verado – an in-line 2.6 litre 6-cylinder motor producing 350hp. At the other end of the scale



Caudwell's Axis drive could revolutionise the sterndrive market



After years of using MerCruiser drives, Yanmar has launched the ZT350



The biggest Verado to date, Mercury's new 350hp outboard



Evinrude's multi fuel, jet drive outboard – the 55MFE

Yamaha was displaying its new 25hp, 30hp and 40hp models incorporating electronic fuel injection and a remote immobiliser security system called Y-COP.

■ **Bombardier Recreational Products** launched two new baby E-TEC engines. The new 25hp and 30hp two-stroke engines offer all the normal advantages of

E-TEC, such as three-year service intervals, quick acceleration and good fuel economy.

■ Also on show was the jet drive **Evinrude 55MFE**. Designed for military use, this engine has the capability of being run on just about any fuel you can find – be it petrol, diesel, paraffin or even a bottle of your finest 18-year-old whisky.