

Announced on the opening day of this year's TheYachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show, the latest accolade adds to a DAME nomination, Pittman Innovation and Fisheries Supply award.

The Sailing Today Awards recognise the best the marine industry and the cruising world have to offer across 12 categories. In the weeks leading up to Southampton Boat Show, voters selected the Ocean Signal device as their favourite from a short-list of leading marine products in the category of Gear Innovation in association with Kingfisher Yacht Ropes.

James Hewitt, Ocean Signal's Sales and Marketing Manager, said: "We are delighted that the readers of Sailing Today voted for the rescueME MOB1 next to the other exceptional products in this category. It is always good to know that people appreciate and understand the importance of our products in helping to ensure their safety out on the water."

The rescueME MOB1 incorporates both AIS and DSC technologies within the most compact product on the market to ensure the best chance of rapid rescue for someone who has fallen overboard.

The device provides two methods of communicating the location of a person in the water back to the boat and other nearby vessels, plus visual indication. Once the MOB1 is activated, it transmits an alert to all AIS receivers and AIS-enabled plotters in the vicinity. Secondly, the MOB1 will activate the DSC alarm on the vessel's VHF radio to alert fellow crew members. The integrated strobe light with moulded lens ensures the survivor is easily spotted in poor light conditions.

Measuring just 134mm (height) by 38mm (width) by 27mm (depth) and weighing 90g, the MOB1 has been designed to integrate easily into most lifejackets ready for automatic activation on inflation and sending the first alert within 15 seconds. The device can be pre-armed quickly and the activation tape then connected and placed around the deflated bladder of the life jacket. Operating within a temperature range of -20C and +55C, the rescueME MOB1 has a comprehensive self-test facility and a 7-year battery life.

Priced at £209, the rescueME PLB1 is available at Southampton Boat Show on the Ocean Safety (J272), Cactus (J417), Force 4 (B017/J227) and Marine Super Store (F006) stands. For information on Ocean Signal and the full range

of products, go to www.oceansignal.com.

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About Ocean Signal

Communication and safety at sea specialist Ocean Signal™ is dedicated to providing the technology and quality of product that will set industry standards.

Ocean Signal's product portfolio consists of the rescueME range of products,

including the rescueME PLB1, the rescueME MOB1, the rescueME EPIRB1 and the rescueME EDF1 electronic distress flare, plus the AIS Alarm Box, and the SafeSea range of GMDSS products, including the E100 and E100G EPIRB, S100 SART and V100 handheld VHF radio, as well as the M100 and M100X professional MSLD and E101V float-free EPIRB with integrated voyage data record memory capsule. They provide both recreational and commercial mariners with simple to use, compact and affordable life-saving solutions. All products are engineered by a highly experienced team of marine electronics professionals.

Ocean Signal products are trusted by high-profile sailors, rowers, surfers and powerboat racing teams. Providing some of the world's best competitors and adventurers with vital safety and communication devices, the company's rescueME MOB1 has been selected to enhance safety standards for crew taking part in the Clipper 2017-18 Round the World Yacht Race. Ocean Signal has also sponsored the crew of Simply Fun with rescueME MOB1s, rescueME PLBs and a rescueME EPIRB1 in the 2016 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, the 16-man crew of Triton with rescueME MOB1s in the 2015 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, record-breaking sailor Andrea Mura in the single-handed OSTAR race, Mini Transat 2015 solo sailor Lizzy Foreman, Atlantic rowing duo Ocean Valour, Venture Cup offshore powerboat race team Cinzano, kite racer Gina Hewson and canoeist Adam Weymouth.

Safety and communication products from Ocean Signal offer exceptional value, meeting or exceeding international technical and safety standards. Careful design and innovation provides commercial shipping, fishing and recreational users the confidence that their Ocean Signal equipment will work to, and beyond, their expectations when it is needed most.