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## **AMERITEX FABRIC SYSTEMS EXPANDS ITS PONTOON BIMINI TOP AND ENCLOSURE BUSINESS**

BRADENTON, Fla. – Oct. 2, 2012 – Ameritex Fabric Systems is augmenting its line of pontoon bimini tops and enclosures to coincide with the opening of a satellite facility in northern Indiana, the hub of pontoon boatbuilding activity.

“Ameritex has been working hard to advance pontoon enclosures to a new level of fit and function,” said Don Zirkelbach, President of Ameritex Fabric Systems. “And this new Indiana facility will greatly enhance our ability to service the needs of the multitude of pontoon boat builders in that region with the excellence and efficiency for which Ameritex is known.”

Ameritex pontoon bimini tops are fabricated for superior strength using square satin finish aluminum frames, matching aluminum fittings, and solution-dyed polyester fabric offered in a wide array of colors. Features include adjustable trailering stanchion legs to lower top when trailering, optional add on enclosure curtains, and a very attractive price point.

Ameritex pontoon playpen covers are uniquely made with integral cut outs and watertight flaps for integration with the Ameritex bimini top. All covers are manufactured with maximum sleek design, functional fastening systems and full water resistant technology.

“We are relocating a couple of highly experienced and skilled fabric engineers to operate our Indiana satellite facility,” said Zirkelbach. “We’re sincerely excited about the opportunities this move will bring us.”

“Ameritex is well known for styling, innovative features and quality,” said Mike Oathout, vice president of sales and marketing for Taylor Made Systems, Ameritex’s parent company.

“Today’s pontoon boats are rapidly evolving and becoming more stylish than ever. Our design experience is a perfect match for the direction this market segment is going.”

Ameritex Fabric Systems will be displaying pontoon enclosures as well as other innovative fabric designs at IBEX 2012, Oct. 2-4 in Louisville, Ky.

### **About Ameritex Fabric Systems**

A member of Taylor Made Group, LLC, Ameritex Fabric Systems ([www.ameritexfabrics.com](http://www.ameritexfabrics.com)) is based in Bradenton, Fla. and is the fabric engineering and manufacturing arm for Taylor Made Systems. Ameritex is a leading supplier of highly engineered fabric solutions for OEM boat manufacturers and the automotive industry.

### **About Taylor Made Systems**

A member of Taylor Made Group, LLC, Taylor Made Systems ([www.taylormadesystems.com](http://www.taylormadesystems.com)) is based in Gloversville, N.Y. Together with its partner companies, Trend Marine Products Limited and Water Bonnet, Taylor Made Systems is the world’s largest manufacturer of marine glazing systems and the acknowledged leader in framed-glass windshield technology for powerboats. Other marine product lines include manual and power-actuated doors, roofs, window systems, skylights and hatches. The company also supplies glass products for a variety of agricultural, construction, mass transit and emergency vehicle applications.

### **About Taylor Made Group**

Headquartered in Gloversville, N.Y., Taylor Made Group, LLC ([www.taylormadegroup.com](http://www.taylormadegroup.com)) has more than 100 years of experience as one of the recreational marine industry’s largest, most diversified suppliers to boatbuilders and the aftermarket. The Taylor Made Group includes Taylor Made Products, Taylor Made Systems, Taylor Made Glass Systems, Ameritex Fabric Systems, Trend Marine Products Limited, Taylor Made Glass & Systems Limited, Water Bonnet and Taylorbrite. The Group operates 8 facilities in the United States, the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom and Mexico. Employing more than 1000 associates, its products are distributed through a worldwide distribution network.

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