C-HERO® Type Approval Conferred by Decatur Marine

The made in U.S.A. C-HERO man overboard recovery system has been awarded type-approval by USCG Third Party Organization Decatur Marine Audit & Survey. The C-HERO type-approval is specific to International Maritime Organization A520(13) operational readiness requirements for vessels with lower freeboards. “We’re thrilled that Decatur Marine’s exhaustive technical review of C-HERO has resulted in the system’s type-approval,” said Shane Smith, C-HERO, LLC President and CEO, “and we look forward to the day when all SubChapter M workboats are equipped with a CHERO MOB recovery solution.” According to Smith, the C-HERO Rescue Davit and Recovery Pole were engineered and manufactured in partnership with Harken, Inc and Spinlock to meet SubChapter M, Part 141.225 permitting alternative arrangements for lifesaving equipment. The C-HERO portable man overboard recovery system is a uniquely designed swing davit allowing a single person on deck to deploy the C-HERO Rescue Pole and raise a 350 lb. person from the water to the rail. “The manning levels of towing vessels coupled with reduced maneuvering capabilities on heavily trafficked waters in restricted visibility limit rapid man overboard recovery options. The C-HERO system is the best possible means of assuring a safe, swift recovery in nearly any operational condition by one person,” Smith explained. “The Decatur Marine engineering staff found the C-HERO man overboard recovery system to meet explicit IMO standards which, coincidentally, are concurrent with certain SubChapter M life-saving equipment.