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BENEATH WATERFALLS, SEA-FIRE PROTECTS

Boats have plied the treacherous waters below Niagara Falls for over 150 years. When it was time to retire the iconic *Maid of the Mist* tour boats, Hornblower Niagara Cruises knew their replacements needed to raise the standard of forward-thinking performance, without sacrificing safety. It turned to shipbuilder Hike Metal and Sea-Fire, the global leader in marine fire suppression technology, to help build its future.

The two new 26 x 11m catamarans, christened *Niagara Wonder* and *Niagara Thunder*, each has a capacity of 700 passengers and navigates the churning, rock-strewn waters 6,000 times a year. Safety is a paramount concern for Hornblower Niagara Cruises, which is why Sea-Fire's FireStop Detection System and H-Series Engineered Fire Suppression were specified.

Custom designed, the integrated FireStop system continually monitors cylinder pressure, fire, heat, smoke and carbon monoxide and provides early warning notification. FireStop can automatically shut down engine and ventilation systems upon suppression discharge. The heart of this highly adaptable system is the FireStop Control Panel that allows for up to seven relay circuits and is powered by two separate battery banks. As a modular system, it can be expanded to accommodate a wide range of applications.

USCG approved and BV certified, the Sea-Fire H-Series system is

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custom engineered for each project and can protect a wide range of areas, from 42.5 to 500cu m. "A Sea-Fire system was chosen to protect our passengers and crew," said Roger Nugent, Hornblower Niagara Cruises' senior manager of marine services. "When thousands of people are trusting you with their safety each and every day, there is no room for compromise. And our crew, who know that the system is in place, hidden from view, feel safer and more secure."

Committed to protecting people and property, Sea-Fire manufactures a wide range of state-of-the-art marine fire suppression systems. Manufactured in the US and sold throughout the world, Sea-Fire has been keeping boats and passengers safe and secure for over 45 years.

Additional information on Sea-Fire's FireStop Control Panel and H-Series systems is at www.sea-fire.com. An interactive website that details the Hornblower Niagara Cruises experience is at www.niagaracruises.com.

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