

**STARBOARD STORAGE WINS BEST OF SHOW AWARD AT
THE 2013 FLASH MEMORY SUMMIT**

**Announces General Availability of New Operating System and
Releases New Leadership Benchmarks**

Broomfield, Colo. — August 15th, 2013 — Starboard Storage Systems, a provider of storage systems that optimize the efficiency of both flash and hard drive technology, today announced that the Starboard AC4000 Storage System has won the best of show award at the Flash Memory Summit for Most Innovative Flash Memory Enterprise Business Application.

The Starboard AC4000 combines solid state storage and hard disk drives to deliver accelerated performance while using up to 90% less disk drives than traditional storage. The winning of the award coincides with the general availability of the new Starboard OS 3.2. This new software increases performance and scalability through the addition of advanced caching algorithms, cache compression and plug and play flash upgrades. In combination with new Starboard AC2000, 4000 and 4500 models the new software delivers up to 400% more SSD write cache and 1600%* more SSD read cache capacity than previous models.

“Flash Memory technology is experiencing a progression of innovations that solve storage solution challenges such as addressing new levels of performance for a wide range of application workloads while achieving compelling price points”, said Jay Kramer, Chairman of the Awards Program and President of Network Storage Advisors Inc. “We are proud to select Starboard Storage Systems AC4000 for the Best of Show Award as it brings to the marketplace the innovation of plug and play independent scaling of read and write cache and hybrid capacity expansion, to enable true storage workload consolidation.”

** When factoring in 2:1 cache compression for the read cache*



Leadership Price/Performance

To showcase the price/performance advantages of the AC4000, Starboard has demonstrated the architecture can deliver 400,000 IOPs in an HA storage solution that costs under \$50K and has also released new ESRP benchmarks for Microsoft Exchange, showing that with just twelve hard disk drives and four SSDs, a multisite failover solution using two AC4000s can deliver Microsoft Exchange for an incredible 33c/mailbox/month for the storage infrastructure.

“Starboard is an innovator in flash memory-based storage solutions. Our dynamic storage pool and intelligent caching provides customers with both higher performance and a lower cost of capacity than competing solutions,” said Tom Major, Starboard President and COO. “We are thrilled to win best of show at the Flash Memory Summit as a validation of our innovation.”

Starboard Storage OS 3.2 is available now with the purchase of a new AC-Series Storage System and will be made available to existing customers in September.

About Starboard Storage Systems

Starboard Storage helps customer simplify data management. Our flash-enabled storage system combines SAN and NAS enterprise-class features, delivering solid-state-storage performance at the price of spinning disk. For more information, please visit www.starboardstorage.com, or follow Starboard Storage on RebelMouse <https://www.rebelmouse.com> or Twitter: <http://twitter.com/starboardstor>.

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