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FURUNO INTRODUCES THE 1623 6-INCH LCD RADAR FOR SMALLER BOATS

From Furuno comes the new 1623 compact and waterproof, 6-inch LCD radar, perfect for smaller craft and pleasure boats. The high-definition screen displays echoes in four shades of grey, giving the 1623 the highest resolution for this class of radar.

The 1623 replaces the very popular Model 1622, and incorporates a powerful 2.2kW Transmitter with 13 range scales from 1/8 to 16 n.m. The hardware interface of the 1623 has been simplified to resemble and operate much like the popular Furuno NavNet® Series.

The 1623 uses a silver bright high-definition LCD display, which enhances the display so that you can view it clearly even in direct sunlight and a reverse video feature for effective use at night. The automatic "GST" function has been improved to provide fully automatic control of Time, Sea and Gain.

The new unit also features an optimized 24RPM hybrid antenna for improved sidelobe reduction and optimized software for easier operation. In addition to these features, the 1623 can display waypoints when it is connected to a GPS, WAAS or DGPS navigator such as the GP1650W or GP1850WD series. The waypoint is indicated by a lollipop mark for easy identification and location.

Other standard features of the 1623 include an EBL (Electronic Bearing Line), EVRM (Electronic Variable Range Marker), Echo Trail and Guard Zone Alarm. Automatic control of tuning, sensitivity (Gain) and anti-clutter allows optimum performance with ease of operation.

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Three different operation modes can be chosen from -- Normal, Off-Center and Watch. In the Watch mode, the antenna is stopped and the transmission is off while the screen displays nav data only. The radar “wakes up” at specified time intervals (five, 10 or 20 minutes) and operates for 10 scans. If targets enter or leave the Guard Zone, an audible alarm sounds and the radar resumes normal operation, canceling the Watch mode.

For more information on the new Furuno 1623 Radar, the GP1650W/G1850WD GPS/WAAS/DGPS/Chartplotters or any product in Furuno’s full line of marine electronics, contact: Furuno U.S.A., 4400 N.W. Pacific Rim Blvd., Dept. P, Camas, WA 98607. Phone: (360) 834-9300. Fax: (360) 834-9400. Online boaters can also check out Furuno U.S.A.’s Internet Web site (www.Furuno.com).

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