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**FURUNO LEADS FIELD OF WINNERS WITH SEVEN NMEA AWARDS  
FOR PRODUCT EXCELLENCE**

**Industry Leader's Running Total of NMEA Awards Tops 123 Mark**

Furuno, world-renowned manufacturer of marine electronics, was honored with seven awards at the prestigious 2000 National Marine Electronics Association Convention in Ft. Meyers, Fla. Recognized by the NMEA more than any two other manufacturers *combined*, Furuno has received a total of 123 such awards since 1971.

Furuno's new FCV1200 Dual Frequency Fish Finder was selected as this year's **Best Of The Show**. This state-of-the-art product features a 10.4" color TFT LCD and comes with an easily set 1, 2 or 3kW (RMS) transmitter. It has a Furuno Free Synthesizer (FFS) transceiver, which allows easy selection of a broad range of operating frequencies from 15 to 200 kHz.

Taking top honors in the **Radar – Recreational** again was the Furuno 1800/1900 series of radars. Each radar in this series is a workhorse, offering maximum performance in a compact and user-friendly 10-inch CRT display package. Like other Furuno radars, these can be inter-connected with other nav equipment, chart plotters and even sounders through Furuno's programmable NMEA 0183 interface.

Holding the title for the **Radar – Commercial** category, was Furuno's FR2105 series of radars. Like all of Furuno's radars, this unit represents the ultimate in power, advanced microprocessor engineering and collision avoidance features. The FR2105 radar provides a 21-inch multi-color CRT display with plenty of space for on-screen alphanumeric data. Despite its technologically advanced design, the FR2105 is extremely easy to operate, thanks to a combination of backlit touch pads and trackball and rotary controls.

Beating out all competitors for the **Best Sonar** award was Furuno's new CH250. This Searchlight Sonar has 1,200 Watts (RMS) of transmitter power in either 60, 88 or 150kHz operating frequencies. The CH250 utilizes true electronic stabilization for rock steady operation in severe weather conditions. It has 8 scanning modes to choose from, including forward fan scan, with easy to understand graphics showing soundome tilt angle and depth.

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Receiving the award for **Best Recreational Fish Finder** two years in a row was the Furuno FCV582L. Equipped with more advanced features than any other sounder of its size, the FCV582L is ideal for boats in the 24-50 foot range. Furuno's micro-processing technology allows this unit to provide an extremely detailed picture of depth, bottom structure or fish on a waterproof, color LCD display. It can also be connected to interface with other nav equipment and chartplotters.

A new category was added this year for **Best Commercial Fish Finder** and Furuno's FCV292 took the honors. This unit is 1, 2 or 3kW (RMS) output power and features the latest micro-processor technology for unsurpassed fish detection and bottom discrimination. The large 10" color CRT display shows echo returns in up to 16 colors. The FCV292 is a powerful, dual-frequency commercial-grade fish finder, designed for serious fisherman.

In the **GMDSS Console** category, Furuno's RC1515 took the top honors. This GMDSS Radio Station meets all requirements for ships navigating in Sea Areas A-1, A-2 or A-3. The RC1515 is a component based system that includes an Inmarsat-C Felcom-12, MF/HF radiotelephone, NBDP terminal, MF/HF DSC watch receiver, DSC terminal, printers and VHF radiotelephones with VHF DSC terminals.

For more information on Furuno's full line of award winning 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](http://www.Furuno.com)).

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