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FURUNO LEADS FIELD OF WINNERS WITH NINE NMEA AWARDS FOR PRODUCT EXCELLENCE

Industry Leader's Running Total of NMEA Awards Tops 146 Mark

Furuno, world-renowned manufacturer of marine electronics, was honored with nine awards at the prestigious 2003 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 146 such awards since 1971.

Furuno's NavNet Network was selected once again as this year's **Integrated Navigation System**. NavNet is the ultimate in marine electronics integration, offering the flexibility of networking that is commonly found in most professional office environments. NavNet provides the capability to communicate from one display to another over Furuno's High Speed Network. The heart of Furuno's NavNet is its Ethernet based network. Using today's technology, NavNet runs on a 10-BaseT network, which means fast data transfer between equipment.

Taking top honors in the **Radar – Recreational** for the twenty-eighth consecutive year was Furuno with the 1800/1900 NavNet series of radars. Each radar in this series is a workhorse, offering maximum performance in a compact and user-friendly 10.4-inch color LCD display package. Each Radar in the NavNet series allows flexibility to create a variety of bridge configurations, including single, dual and even tri or quad-stations, utilizing an Ethernet Hub. NavNet is completely component based, so if you need to add a sounder, GPS/WAAS, weather fax or a remote depth display, each component can be added to the network through a single cable and then accessed from any NavNet display. Each unit also has standard NMEA0183 ports that allows it to be connected to other NMEA0183 electronics. In addition, the 10.4-inch color NavNet displays have the capability to display external video on screen and to send video out.

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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 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. Furuno has been awarded the Best Sonar award for the last 33 years!

Receiving the award for **Best Recreational Fish Finder** five 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.

Capturing the **Best Commercial Fish Finder** was Furuno's FCV1100. 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 28 to 200 kHz.

In the **Vessel Instrumentation** category, Furuno's RD30 took top honors. This unique piece of equipment has the ability to show precise depth in water as shallow as 2 feet and temperature to 0.02 degrees Fahrenheit. It also acts as a nav repeater and can display NMEA data from other sources including Speed, Bearing Course, Position, Wind Data, Depth, Temperature and more.

Taking home the award for the **Best GPS/DGPS/WAAS Receiver** was Furuno's GP37. The GP37 combines a 12 parallel channel GPS receiver with WAAS technology and proven DGPS correction for the ultimate in marine GPS accuracy. It offers a unique automatic "Best Fix" mode, where DPGS, WAAS and regular GPS is utilized depending on signal availability.

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Winning the newest category for 2003, **Best AIS (Automatic Identification System)**, was Furuno's FA100. Capable of exchanging navigation and ship data between your ship and other ships or coastal stations, the FA100 sends and receives data such as call sign and name, length and beam, type of ship, range and bearing, etc. What separates the FA100 from other AIS units is it's simple installation, simple operation and low cost. If that weren't enough, the FA100 can be connected to Furuno's award winning commercial radars, with an optional module, to overlay AIS targets directly onto the radar display.

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).

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