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FURUNO SETS A NEW RECORD FOR PRODUCT EXCELLENCE BY WINNING 10 NMEA AWARDS

Industry Leader's Running Total of NMEA Awards Tops 156 Mark

Furuno, world-renowned manufacturer of marine electronics, was honored with ten awards at the prestigious 2004 National Marine Electronics Association Convention in Naples, FL. This is the first time any manufacturer has received this many product awards in a given year. Furuno was recognized by the NMEA more than any three manufacturers *combined*. To date, Furuno has received a total of 156 such awards since 1971.

Furuno's NavNet Network was selected for the third consecutive year as **Best 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. NavNet has the capability to display Radar, GPS Chart Plotter, Fish Finder, Weather Fax and Video all in one unit.

Taking top honors in the **Radar – Recreational** for the twenty-ninth 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 allow 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 new FAR2107 series of radars. Like all of Furuno's radars, this unit represents the ultimate in power, advanced microprocessor engineering and collision avoidance features. The FAR2107 radar provides a 21-inch multi-color LCD display with plenty of space for on-screen alphanumeric data. Despite its technologically advanced design, the FAR2107 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** for the sixth year 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** once again 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 **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 its simple installation, simple operation and low cost. If that isn't enough, the FA100 can be connected to Furuno's award winning commercial radars, to overlay AIS targets directly onto the radar display.

The newest member to Furuno's award winning family is the GP1900C GPS/WAAS Chart Plotter. Winning in the **Best Chart Plotter** category, the GP1900C rounds out Furuno's award count to ten! The GP1900C offers either C-MapNT or Navionics cartography options on its user-friendly 10.4-inch color LCD display. Because the GP1900C is part of the NavNet family, it can be used as a second station in a network allowing it to display Radar and Sounder information when connected to the network. Like its NavNet Radar counterpart, it has standard NMEA0183 ports that allows it to be connected to other NMEA0183 electronics. It also has the capability to display external video on screen and send video out.

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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