

Combined chart and fish plotters

Standard Horizon has launched two new chart plotters, the CPF180i and the larger CPF300i, which both have the added benefit of a built-in fish finder. Each machine has an LCD display showing clear full-colour images in all conditions, including sunlight glare. The display can show two chart images of different scale side by side, with the location of the boat clearly indicated on both. A navigator can then choose one image, zoom and scroll across the chart to see potential hazards while leaving the other image untouched. The plotters are fitted with a single NMEA input and two NMEA outputs. When connected to an AIS receiver the information about other vessels can be displayed over the chart image.

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Helm seating

Having supplied the US Navy for 10 years, Security Structures has now launched its two-position bolster seat for use in the recreational market which allows the user to stand or sit at the controls and balance themselves while absorbing the boat's movements with their bent legs.

The standing position also allows the user to move around the boat with ease while manoeuvring, while the seated position allows for comfort during long passages.

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VHF radio range

Cobra Marine has introduced two new VHF radios — the handheld MR F300 BT EU and the F80 EU fixed mount radio.

The MR F300 BT EU is fitted with Bluetooth wireless technology allowing it to be paired with a mobile phone and making it possible to conduct non-emergency telephone conversations while at sea. Meanwhile, the F80 EU has a Rewind-Say-Again function that records the last 20 seconds worth of radio traffic. All Cobra's radios are equipped with noise cancellation software to make hearing the speech of your contact easier.

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Percussion marking machine

With an ability to engrave curved and flat metallic surfaces, the new XF530p micro-percussion marking machine from Technifor can write within an area of 200mm x 50mm. Several different fonts, logos, data matrix codes and images can all be marked on round and inclined surfaces. A separate control unit, the UC500, has 19 languages built in and a universal power supply accepts voltages from 90V-250V. Links to external networks can be achieved with a USB device, or RS232, Ethernet and 8E/4S connections. Up to 1,000 marking documents can be stored in the control units memory.

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