



Radar for iPad and iPhone

We can no longer think of the electronics aboard our boats without associating them with tablets and smart phones. Furuno is developing technology in this direction, and has just produced the very first WiFi radar for iPad and iPhone, as a world exclusive. The DRS4W (that's its name) is in fact a development of the Furuno DRS4D radome, which communicates with your tablet using wi-fi, thanks to an app which can be downloaded free of charge.

For more information: www.furuno.com

Multi-function touch screens

The builders' research and development departments are working to full capacity, as proved once again by the new multi-function touch screens from Raymarine. The new generation screens (a9 and a12) have a 'pinch' zoom function, an internet GPS and a capacity for extension on a wired or wireless network. The bigger screens (with a diagonal of up to 14.5 inches) have a resolutely modern design, which will better suit your chart table.

Discover them on:
www.raymarine.com



GPS watch and even more



On-board electronics have made considerable progress in the last few years, to such a point that you can now have this essential tool on your wrist... The Multihulls World journalists no longer go on tests without their GPS Quatix watch, from Garmin, which allows them to have all the essential information in front of them, whether racing or cruising. Tides, VMG, speed and/or leeway and man overboard alarms, and even a barometer – the Quatix gives all the information and in addition, is very accurate. A must!

Recommended price: 449 euros inc. VAT
For more information: www.garmin.com

Controlling the forces

On a boat, and above all on a multi-hull, there are considerable forces exerted in the rig and the structure. UpsideUp was basically developed for racing trimarans, to control these forces and thus the power of these monsters...

But the system is now also aimed at cruising catamarans, to offer peace of mind and safety to shorthanded or family crews by allowing the main traveller to be released in the case of a gust, thus avoiding any risk of damage. Clever!

www.oceandatasystem.com



MaxSea on an iPad

We don't need to tell you about MaxSea, one of the most successful navigation systems available on the market. You can now have access to MaxSea Time Zero on your iPad, thanks to the new application now available from the App Store. Easy to use, with a simple and intuitive system for creating routes and waypoints, this app will simplify your life when arriving in unfamiliar anchorages. From 44.99 euros.

For more information: www.maxsea.com



AIS

This is the essential addition to the radar for shorthanded cruising: AIS (Automatic Identification System) is a system which allows you to indicate your presence automatically, and to know the direction and speed of the boats around you. A real plus in terms of safety, especially if the AIS is equipped with an alarm. Beware - this system does not exempt you from keeping a careful watch, even in the middle of the Atlantic...

Digital Yacht is now offering a wireless system for the iPad and iPhone, via wifi. www.digitalyacht.co.uk

