Garmin® Adds 16-inch MFD Offerings to its GPSMAP® Series

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Garmin is pleased to announce the addition of several new 16-inch multifunction displays (MFDs) to its new GPSMAP 7400 and 7600 series. Designed for mariners who demand high performance, ease of operation and feature integration, these multi-touch MFDs are available in both sonar and non-sonar versions and feature a 16-inch sunlight readable display.

Four new 16-inch models will now be offered in the series – two sonar versions, the GPSMAP 7416xsv and GPSMAP 7616xsv; and two non-sonar versions, the GPSMAP 7416 and GPSMAP 7616. A worldwide basemap comes preloaded on the GPSMAP 7400 series while both BlueChart® g2 coastal and LakeVü™ HD inland lake maps are available on the GPSMAP 7600 series.

The new 16-inch products encompass the same performance, user-friendliness and dependability of the other 7-, 8-, 10- and 12-inch MFDs found in the GPSMAP 7400 and 7600 series. With full pinch-to-zoom touchscreen capabilities, these devices offer streamlined performance and integrate features that are pivotal for the boating experience. Full-network compatibilities allow the user to add sensors, multiple screens, remote sonar modules, weather, radar, autopilot, thermal and IP camera visibility, digital switching and more. All units in the GPSMAP 7400 and 7600 series also offer the conveniences of built-in WiFi connectivity for use with the Garmin Helm™ and BlueChart Mobile 2.0 apps.

With anglers of all types in mind, the xsv series features built-in sonar capabilities, including true dual-channel 1kW CHIRP sonar. The models also include both CHIRP DownVü and SideVü scanning sonar that provide nearly photographic sonar images of fish and structure that passes below and to the sides of the boat.

Additionally, all xsv models in the GPSMP 7400 and 7600 series offer support for Garmin Panoptix™ all-seeing sonar technology, the most unique and innovative sonar on the water. Panoptix is available with a Down transducer that allows the user to see fish and bait swimming under the boat – in any direction, or with a Forward transducer that shows the bottom, plus fish and bait swimming in the water column in front of the boat – all in real time.

Whether utilizing the xsv or non-xsv series, this new family of GPSMAP MFDs has built-in 10Hz GPS, allowing for faster and more accurate position tracking and updates. With optional BlueChart g2 Vision® premium cartography or LakeVü Ultra HD, all GPSMAP 7400 and 7600 devices will support Auto Guidance 2.0, a patented technology that instantly searches through relevant charts to create a path free of obstacles, shallow water, buoys and other obstructions.

Premium sailing features have also been integrated into all models across the GPSMAP 7400 and 7600 series, including a new pre-race guidance page that displays a virtual starting line on the chart, along with data fields showing laylines, time to burn before the start, and a race countdown timer that can be synchronized across all networked Garmin GPS products.

The new 16-inch GPSMAP MFDs are expected to be available in the second quarter of 2015 with suggested retail prices ranging from $5399.99 - $5999.99. All other models in the GPSMAP 7400 and 7600 series are available now. For a full list of features and more information, visit www.garmin.com/marine.