Chetco Digital Instruments to host new ConnectWorld at IBEX 2013

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Chetco Digital Instruments and the producers of the International BoatBuilders’ Exhibition & Conference (IBEX) will co-sponsor a new Marine Networking Technology interactive, hands-on demonstration area (Booth #861), to be held September 17-19, 2013 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The expanded demonstration area will feature marine products from a variety of vendors, all interconnected using standardized networking technologies including NMEA 2000, ethernet, WiFi, and cellular hotspots. Chetco’s SeaSmart.net marine network gateways will be featured as they bridge all vendor networks to internet-based cloud servers and provide real-time display on attendee’s tablets, iPads, Androids, and smart phones throughout the show floor.

IBEX Show Director Anne Dunbar is excited about the new and improved experience for attendees, “ConnectWorld will offer live demonstrations utilizing all available networking technologies in this expanded, new area.”

ConnectWorld will showcase equipment ranging from commercial chart plotters, outboard engines, fluid tank sensors, battery monitors, instrument display heads, and much more; all sharing data via multiple NMEA 2000 segments provided by distributor GEMECO Marine of Lake City, S.C. SeaSmart.net gateways will join the segments together using off-the-self Ethernet routers and internet linked with WiFi hotspots. Chetco Digital’s internet-based cloud servers will then provide global access to all the demonstration area data on any browser enabled device. “We felt the new ConnectWorld would be a perfect showcase for our SeaSmart.net gateway products and PushSmartTM network technology,” said Joe Burke, CTO of Chetco Digital Instruments. “Where else could you see all this in one place?” he added.

In addition to the continuous live, demonstrations during show hours, three separate workshops will be presented on each day of the event.
11:00 AM – Getting Analog Engines and Fluid Tanks on the Bus – will show how to convert older, analog sensors to NMEA 2000 for display on modern chart plotters.

1:00 PM – Wired and Wireless Vessel Networks – What to Install and How – discusses various vessel network options and what to consider during installation.

3:00 PM – Cloud Data Services – Global Remote Vessel Monitoring – features an overview on how to monitor vessel data from any browser enabled device.