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Icom Introduces Marine VHF Handheld with Built-in GPS
for Increased Safety at Sea

BELLEVUE, WA – Icom America, an industry-leading provider of marine communication products, announces the new IC-M92D VHF handheld radio, the world's first active noise cancelling handheld with built-in DSC and GPS. The M92D features Icom's new soft-key user interface and advanced safety features including 48-channel internal GPS, Class D DSC, and built-in compass and navigation functions.

The M92D joins the newly released M424 fixed-mount VHF radio and COMMANDMICIV™ command and control in Icom’s family of boater-friendly, easy-to-use products featuring soft-key
user interface. The handheld’s large, soft buttons provide simple, intuitive operation for increased safety and reliable communication.

“The M92D will be a critical component of any boater’s on-board safety equipment,” says David McLain, National Marine Sales Manager for Icom America. “Ideal for the bluewater cruiser to the serious salt-water fisherman to the small kayaker, the M92D combines advanced safety features with Icom's new soft-key user interface for faster and easier access to radio functions.”

Advanced noise cancelling reduces background noise by up to 90 percent on both outgoing and incoming calls. The handheld's extended life battery provides a full day of use, and a 12-volt adapter come standard with every radio.

“Internal GPS can quickly drain a radio’s battery life,” McLain explains. “The M92D combats that problem with a big 1500mAh Li-Ion battery that provides 8 to 10 hours of battery life for reliable all-day operation.”

The M92D offers Icom’s exclusive Float ‘n Flash and AquaQuake™ technology. Should this floating handheld be dropped overboard, a flashing light will activate, making it easier to locate. The Float ‘n Flash feature works regardless of whether the power is turned on. The AquaQuake™ draining function uses low-frequency sound waves to clear water away from the radio’s speaker grill for clear audio.
Additional radio features include dot matrix display, IPX7 waterproof rating, 5W power, and loud BTL 700 mW speaker.

The M92D handheld has a minimum advertised price of $299 and includes Icom’s standard 3-year waterproof warranty.

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