Lowrance Announces Version 2.1 Software Release for HDS Gen2 and Gen2 Touch Models

Lowrance is releasing an updated version of the recently announced 2.0 HDS Gen2 software. The new 2.1 version includes changes and enhancements to improve the user experience for the HDS Gen2 and Gen2 Touch series of products.

Items addressed with this new release:

1) **Point-1 external GPS antenna performance**: When a heading source is present, the GPS chart now updates more smoothly and consistently – especially at slow speeds.

2) **Improved GoFree™ wireless networking**: Some installations of GoFree caused inconsistencies in Ethernet networks. These have been resolved.

3) **Improved performance of HDS Gen2 non-Touch models**: Some users reported their HDS Gen2 non-Touch models with the version 2.0 update became significantly slower in responding to key presses. This aspect of Gen2 non-Touch performance has been made more robust in version 2.1.

Two update files for the 2.1 software are available — one for HDS Gen2 Touch and one for HDS Gen2 non-Touch models.

**NEW 1.3 Software update for Point-1 antenna**

The 1.3 software patch for the Point-1 antenna allows the user to control whether their Point-1 outputs electronic compass/heading data in installations where multiple Point-1 antennas are installed in the same network.

All NMEA 2000® devices have a setting called ‘Instance’. Changing the instance of a Point-1 will now control if a Point-1 outputs its electronic compass and heading data.