Global marine electronics brand Simrad is pleased to announce the new RS12 fixed mount, 25-Watt Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radio. Combining the latest VHF functionality, NMEA® 2000 compatibility and high quality construction, the Simrad RS12 is the perfect performance radio.

Class D compliant for global use, the new VHF is NMEA 2000 certified to allow it to be easily integrated into an existing system. Plug and play integration has many uses such as viewing another boat’s DSC distress call from a Simrad NSS chartplotter screen. Network integration also enables the RS12 VHF to instantly receive vital GPS location data for accurate DSC call information, should boaters ever find themselves in trouble.

Mike Fargo, Product Line Director for Simrad Yachting said: “The new Simrad RS12 VHF radio offers great functionality and integration. Too often today, boaters do not connect their VHF radios properly to ensure good DSC functionality.

“The RS12 is one of the few fixed mount VHF radios that uses NMEA 2000® to easily and reliably provide DSC functionality, a safety feature endorsed around the world.”

The Simrad RS12 VHF radio’s easy grip, molded microphone has quick keys for simple operation, while the top mounted push to talk button makes left or right handed operation a synch.

GPS Lat/Lon data is displayed on a large LCD screen with adjustable backlighting. The RS12 VHF radio has dedicated menu and channel keys, separate volume and squelch knobs and a Distress button. The Simrad RS12 also has a Channel 16 key, selectable Dual and TriWatch modes and three user-selectable channels. It can log up to 10 distress calls and 20 individual DSC calls. Additional system features include ATIS Function, 20 user-programmable names with MMSI and a second receiver for Channel 70.

Offering selectable 25/1-Watt transmit power and waterproof to IPx7 standard, the RS12 VHF is protected by a two year limited warranty and supported for an additional three years by the 5 Year Advantage Program.