VESPER MARINE TO LAUNCH WiFi AIS TRANSPONDER BLACK BOX

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Vesper Marine, a leading manufacturer of Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) for marine collision avoidance, is showing its new AIS transponder black box, AIS XB-8000 at METS in advance of its 2012 launch. This non-display Class B AIS transponder is fully wireless and has been designed for users requiring access to an AIS transponder via any device with chart plotting software.

The AIS XB-8000 allows for full operation from the user’s chosen device, anything from a smartphone and tablet to a laptop or desktop PC. It can be installed almost anywhere onboard and its innovative design enables the connector lines to be taken out of the front of a device, for ease of low profile installation. It can be operated as a WiFi device in two ways, either as an access point to send data to be displayed on wireless devices, or act as a wireless Client to seamlessly integrate into an existing network with other marine electronic systems. The AIS XB-8000 can also be connected to a boat’s network via USB as well as NMEA 2000® and NMEA 0183.

Based on the sophisticated WatchMate technology from Vesper Marine, the AIS XB-8000 incorporates a 50 channel GPS receiver and two channel AIS receiver with high sensitivity for excellent range and accurate information, enabling users to view important AIS data from anywhere onboard with a wireless device. It also has the ability to be placed in Silent Mode, enabling it to act as an AIS receive only device.

The AIS XB-8000 is on stand 02.230 at METS for demonstration in advance of its launch next year. The entire WatchMate range, comprising the WatchMate 850, 750 and 670 and the upcoming WatchMate Vision™, is also on display.

About Vesper Marine: Based in Auckland, New Zealand, privately held Vesper Marine is a global provider of marine safety products. The company has been selling its products to European dealers and end customers since 2007 with great success. Committed to rigorous R&D and innovation, the company designs and manufactures affordable practical electronic solutions that enhance boating safety and save lives in potentially dangerous marine situations. www.vespermarine.com.