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VESPER MARINE SHIPS BLACK BOX AIS XB-8000 WiFi TRANSPONDER

Auckland, New Zealand – Vesper Marine, a leading manufacturer of innovative marine safety products, announced today that its black box AIS XB-8000 WiFi Transponder is now shipping in North America.

Enabling WiFi access to critical AIS safety information from any device with chartplotting software, the new compact Vesper Marine AIS XB-8000 black box device offers boaters a display-less Class B AIS transponder with complete wireless interaction. The feature-packed system can be accessed and controlled remotely, anywhere on a boat, via a variety of WiFi 802.11g/b enabled devices including smartphones, tablets and laptops, or through integration with other marine electronics. It is compatible with apps such as iNavX™ marine navigation for the Apple iPad allowing users to remotely access AIS information on other applications. The system also features a free downloadable App for the iPhone and iPad, which can be used to configure, monitor and interact with the XB-8000. The App also serves as a remote control allowing the user to enable or disable features such as the silent mode. The XB-8000 silent mode feature can also be controlled via USB or an easily wired switch. In addition, the Vesper Marine XB-8000 offers NMEA 2000 support to integrate AIS data with other NMEA 2000-compatible equipment, is NMEA 0183 compatible, and features waterproof USB connectivity.

The XB-8000’s compact design minimizes the space required for installation and service. All cable connections are made within the footprint of the XB-8000, eliminating the extra space around the device for protruding cable ends that is required for other ‘black box’ devices, and ensuring a clean, orderly installation. The XB-8000 is delivered complete including a high sensitivity externally mounted GPS antenna with 30’ of cable specially designed for easier routing through small holes and tiny spaces. The highly sophisticated, Vesper Marine XB-8000 enhances the flexibility, interactivity and convenience of accessing relevant, critical AIS safety information on the water.

“We are excited to put our new AIS XB-8000 WiFi Transponder into the hands of our customers,” said Jeff Robbins, CEO, Vesper Marine. “It is the perfect solution for the ‘wired’ boater, providing easy accessibility to AIS information and Vesper Marine’s signature performance for the ultimate in safety, peace of mind and enjoyment on the water.”
Harnessing the power of Vesper Marine’s sophisticated WatchMate technology, the AIS XB-8000 incorporates a 50-channel GPS receiver and two-channel AIS receiver with high sensitivity for excellent range and timely, accurate information. The XB-8000 incorporates Vesper Marine's new multiprocessor architecture for fast performance ensuring reliable AIS data and instant data acquisition. The system transmits a boat’s name, size, position, speed and course over AIS channels, while simultaneously providing the timely and easy-to-process information boaters need to interpret potential hazards and react accordingly. All Vesper Marine AIS devices receive AIS Class A and Class B vessel position; voyage data; navigation aids; AIS safety messages; and are fully compatible with AIS SART and MOB devices. In addition, they support meteorological and hydrographical information (where available). The AIS XB-8000 WiFi Transponder has an operating temperature range of -13 to 131 degrees Fahrenheit, is waterproof to the IPx7 standard and is protected by a one-year limited warranty.

Pricing and Availability:
The Vesper Marine AIS XB-8000 WiFi Transponder has a suggested retail price of US $799.00 and can be purchased from authorized Vesper Marine dealers and distributors throughout the United States and Canada. For more information on the AIS XB-8000 WiFi, Vesper’s award-winning line of AIS products, or to learn more about Vesper Marine and its entire product line, please visit www.vespermarine.com.

About Vesper Marine:
Based in Auckland, New Zealand, privately held Vesper Marine is a global provider of marine safety products. Committed to rigorous R&D and innovation, the company designs and manufacturers affordable practical electronic solutions that enhance boating safety and save lives in potentially dangerous marine situations. www.vespermarine.com

About the AIS WatchMate:
The WatchMate by Vesper Marine is an award-winning family of Automatic Identification System (AIS) collision avoidance instruments designed for recreational and light commercial vessels. Easy to use, the WatchMate is a dedicated safety solution delivering 24 x 7 on-the-water vigilance of potentially dangerous situations. The marine electronics system enhances awareness, improves safety and offers greater peace of mind for a more efficient and secure boating experience.
Vesper Marine AIS XB-8000 WiFi Transponder

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