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## **NMEA NAMES 2024 AWARD WINNERS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO**

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The industry’s top products were recognized at the 2024 NMEA Marine Electronics Conference & Expo, which took place at the Omni Hotel in Providence, RI. Members of the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) voted online in various categories for the prestigious Product of Excellence Awards. In addition, a panel of judges selected winners for the NMEA Technology and the Best New Product Awards.

“The NMEA Board of Directors and staff are pleased to congratulate all 2024 award winners,” said Mark Reedenauer, NMEA President & Executive Director. “Our awards program continues to highlight the best innovations in marine electronics, providing valuable exposure for manufacturers across the industry.”

### **2024 Product of Excellence Awards**

- **Marine VHF** — Icom M510 EVO
- **Satellite TV Antenna** — KVH TracVision UHD7
- **Radar** — Furuno DRS4DNXT
- **Marine Monitor**— Seatronx VSRT-17
- **Fishfinder** — Furuno DFF3D Multi-Beam Sonar
- **Satellite Communications Antenna** — Garmin inReach® Mini 2
- **Marine Camera** — Teledyne FLIR M364C
- **Multi-Function Display (MFD)** — Garmin GPSMAP 9227
- **AIS** — Garmin Vesper Cortex M1
- **Autopilot** — Garmin Reactor 40 with SmartPump
- **NMEA 2000 Sensor** — Furuno SCX20 Satellite Compass
- **Remote Monitoring** — GOST GNT-Evolution-IDP
- **Marine App** — Garmin Active Captain
- **Marine PC Software** — Nobeltec TimeZero Professional
- **Marine Safety Device** — ACR ResQLink PLB-450
- **Wi-Fi/Cellular Device** — Wave WiFi Tidal Wave
- **Multimedia Entertainment**— Fusion Apollo MS-RA770
- **Commercial Product** — Furuno FAR2228BB IMO Radar
- **Marine Specialty** — Furuno CSH8LMK2 Omni Sonar

### **Distributor of the Year Award (New)**

- **CWR Wholesale Distribution**

For the first time, NMEA introduced the Distributor of the Year Award. This award highlights the significant role that distributors play in the marine electronics industry, ensuring that products reach a global audience and providing valuable support to the entire supply chain. “The NMEA Board is proud to introduce this award, recognizing and honoring the invaluable contributions distributors make to our industry,” said Reedenauer.

### **2024 Manufacturer of the Year Awards**

- **Si-Tex** - Level 1 (up to 10 employees)
- **Actisense** - Level 2 (11-49 employees)
- **Garmin** - Level 3 (more than 50 employees)

These manufacturers demonstrated superior support of their products in the field as voted on by NMEA Dealer and Trade members.

### **Best New Product Award**

- **BRNKL Blue - Fish On! Edition**

NMEA’s Best New Product Award celebrates one product that was introduced to the market at the NMEA Conference & Expo, which a panel of judges deemed best in the areas of innovation, benefit to boaters, practicality, and value.

The winner of the **Best New Product Award** was **BRNKL Blue - Fish On! Edition**. “This product impressed the judges with its practicality and innovative design, delivering great value for boaters.”

### **Technology Award**

- **Maretron Mconnect WSV100 Web Server**

The **NMEA Technology Award** recognizes a single marine electronics product that excels in innovation, value, and practicality. This year’s award went to **Maretron Mconnect WSV100 Web Server**, praised for its advanced yet intuitive solution for onboard monitoring.

**Judges for the 2024 Technology and New Product Awards** were Richard Baker — NMEA Board Vice-Chairman, Nick Cambron — Sick Speed Marine Electronics, Reagan Haynes — Haynes Communications, and Jim Fullilove — Marine Electronics Journal.

NMEA congratulates all the 2024 winners and looks forward to an even better awards program in 2025.

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