

## Color run

## Improvements to the Si-Tex plotter make it easier to track gear

The Si-Tex plotter allows fishermen to separate one day's sets from another with different-colored marks.

Both chart plotters have a 52-channel internal GPS. Other features include dual video inputs, video output for a remote display and full AIS interface capability.

Si-Tex's 880C model is \$999, and the 880CF is \$1,199. The 1010C model is \$1,599 and the 1010CF costs \$1,799.

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In the fall of 2014, Si-Tex Marine Electronics came out with a pair of chart plotters, the SVS-880C and the SVS-1010C. If you needed a combination chart plotter and fishfinder, you could have that as well with the addition of a 600-watt, dual frequency, built-in sounder. That was the SVS-880CF and the SVS-1010CF.

Recently, the company has released new versions of the chart plotters after conferring with New England lobstermen and working with them to develop additional fieatures.

"Changes were made to the software for the guys who were dropping traps," says Si-Tex's Allen Schneider. Now a fisherman - whether he is a lobsterman, crabber or longliner — has options for organizing and managing the location of his fishing gear. "It works for anyone setting gear.'

When a fisherman picks up a trap and it's not marked on the display, he hits the arrow key. After rebaiting and setting the trap out again, he hits the enter key twice, says Schneider. That moves the mark location from where the trap was picked up to where it went back in the water.

"It was something [fishermen] asked for," says Schneider. "So they aren't always having to re-enter a mark location for just moving the trap."

The second major feature that was added to the chart plotter is the ability to edit, to change the mark colors and mark shapes for the day. That makes it easy to differentiate one day's fishing activities from another.

The fisherman can decide, "Today all the marks are to be green," says ing just the red. There's a lot of editing capability for guys putting a lot of equipment out there and marking its location." There are 16 colors, so its not likely

Schneider. "Tomorrow all my marks

are red, and when he finishes with the

the fisherman will run out of color choices for marks.

## AT A GLANCE

MARINE EXHAUST SYSTEMS has introduced the THIN-LINE LINEAR MUFFLER. The muffler features a bypass cavity for water not required for exhaust cooling. Instead of one baffle in the muffler, there are two, so excess water is discharged through a contoured diverter. The water doesn't mix with the gas and exhaust water spray to avoid backpressure issues. The muffler is constructed of biaxial e-glass and flame-retardant vinyl ester resin for greater durability. Stainless steel 316L crush-resistant rings are on all connection points. Contact Marine Exhaust Systems, 3640 Fiscal Court, Riviera Beach, FL 33404; tel. (561) 848-1238; www.marine-exhaust.com.

HELLA MARINE's new SEA HAWK-R floodlight is designed for offshore lighting on commercial fishing boats and workboats. The housing is an injection-molded thermal conductive polymer that's highly resistant to degradation, while drawing heat away from internal electronics. A molded Grilamid lens produces a broad, even spread of light at close range. The Sea Hawk-R floodlight has an IP67 rating, meaning dust can't get in and the floodlight is watertight in 1 meter of water. Contact Hella Marine, 201 Kelly Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269; tel. (770) 631-7500; www.hellamarine.com.

MORGÈRE, the French builder of trawl doors has a new monitoring system to optimize the performance of pair trawlers. The CYCLOPS system allows skippers to monitor and control the trawl opening while using the optimum amount of chain to ensure the desired depth of the fishing gear. The Cyclops system features a spherical steel bobbin with a trawl-monitoring sensor on each of the two towing warps. The position of the bobbin enables boats to monitor the size and depth of the trawl opening and adjust the length of towing wire as needed. Contact Morgère at www.morgere.com.