

Product launchings

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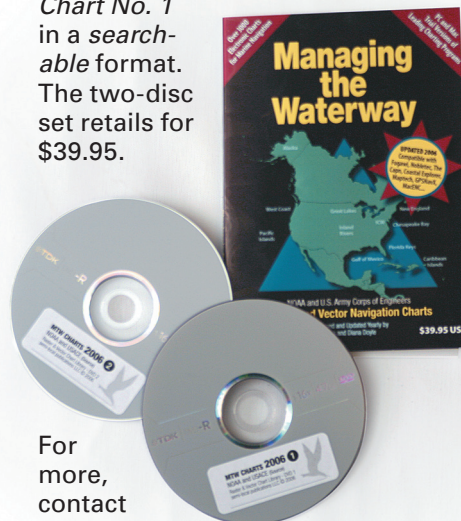
New Providence Marine Systems has created a sophisticated family of fuel, water, and waste tank monitors. Standard and Legacy models connect to as many as eight tanks; the Solo model connects to just one. Sensors are available for all types of tank material. Plastic tanks don't require internal senders. Metal tanks use an internal plastic rod for water and waste. These panels will read the New Providence and other senders. A problem with most tank level monitoring systems is that, except for tanks of rectangular cross-section, the volume is not a linear function of the depth. (Consider the typical automobile fuel tank.) New Providence has attacked this problem with four tank profiles: rectangular, slight, hard-tapered, and circular. Choose the profile that most nearly describes your tank and accuracy will be vastly improved. Although these sensors work on the principal of variable capacitance, the monitors also function with mechanical and other types of sensors. Pricing depends upon the components selected. A Solo unit retails for \$140, the larger units retail for \$235.

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Electronic charts for the rest of us

The creators of the *Managing the Waterway* cruising guides, Mark and Diana Doyle, have made electronic charting convenient, affordable, and available. The magic in *Managing the Waterway: Electronic Charts* is that large NOAA and USACE raster and vector files are downloaded and organized for you in nine geographic cruising regions. You *could* go rooting around on the government websites and do the endless downloads yourself. Or for just under \$40 you can buy a two-disc set, which will give you the latest versions, compact and organized. The set includes more than 3,000 Raster Navigational Charts, vector Electronic Navigational Charts, and vector Inland Electronic Navigation Charts. These charts are compatible with all leading charting and navigation software and include a growing list of free and trial software for PC and Mac so you can try out charting and navigation applications if you're new to electronic charting or considering changing programs. One last thing: it includes government publications such as coast pilots, light lists, and *Chart No. 1* in a searchable format. The two-disc set retails for \$39.95.



For more, contact semi-local publications, 612-729-4411, <<http://www.managingthewaterway.com>>, info@semi-local.com.

Perhaps you were looking for this

At the Annapolis Sailboat Show in October, the Banner Bay Marine folks (in the booth next to ours), introduced us to a new device that works well with their anchoring sails and has many other practical applications. The Rope Tie, by Hitchcraft, makes it easy to tension a line by leading it around an integral deadeye then over a jam cleat which locks the line down. The Rope Tie increases mechanical advantage on the line and makes adjusting the tension of the line easy. These ties come in two sizes. The Mini is for 1/8- to 1/4-inch line and has a safe load strength of 250 pounds. The Monster is rated for loads up to 500 pounds and 1/4- to 1/16-inch line. A pair of Minis costs \$11.95; a pair of Monsters sells for \$17.95. They can be found at <<http://www.Hitchcraft.net>>, along with a quick video about how these devices work.

For more information, call 415-462-5667 or email info@hitchcraft.net. Or contact Laurie and Jess at Banner Bay Marine who told us all about this handy device: 201-452-2834, <<http://www.bannerbaymarine.com>>, info@bannerbaymarine.com.

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