

One Vessel - One Year - 67,000 Tons of Fish

Top Icelandic vessel, the F/V BORKUR, uses two WESMARs!
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The most successful vessel in Iceland this last year was using a WESMAR HD800 and a WESMAR TCS trawl sonar.

The F/V BORKUR, equipped with two WESMAR sonars, was Iceland's highline vessel. A 75 meter purse seiner and midwater trawler, the BORKUR caught 7% of the nation's catch of mackerel, capelin, and blue whiting during the season that ended Aug. 31.

The BORKUR used a WESMAR Model HD800-160 kHz high frequency scanning sonar for purse seining and a WESMAR TCS trawl sonar when trawling to land the country's largest catch: a whopping 67,000 tons between September 1, 1999 and August 31, 2000.

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The BORKUR, with the sonar's help, topped the charts for the country's vessel landings. Trond Liaboe, WESMAR's International Sales Manager, believes "this may be the world's biggest catcher of the year."

"Of course, the captain of the F/V BORKUR is very pleased with his WESMAR HD800-160 and his TCS trawl sonar," said WESMAR dealer Finnur Jonsson, of Reykjavik.

Iceland's fishing industry is both carefully regulated and very successful. Both existing fishing vessels and newly constructed vessels turn most often to WESMAR according to Jonsson. The success of the F/V BORKUR has not gone unnoticed by other combination purse seiner/trawlers, such as the new vessel HUGINN



The happy crew of the Icelandic Highliner, F/V BORKUR.

under construction in Chile. The owner Gudmundur Huginn has already decided to go with a WESMAR HD800-110.

WESMAR's TCS trawl sonar is used by the larger trawlers—45 meters and above—searching both the prized edible red fish and the commercially valuable mackerel. "The WESMAR sonar is the most popular of the scanning sonar in Iceland because it's the best one. It does a better job locating the fish, it's more reliable and there is nothing that does as well. It is the best one," said Jonsson.

"No other sonar gives a better picture than the WESMAR," said Liaboe.

