

WESMAR HD800 Sonar Gives Northwest Boaters Peace of Mind

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“You only need one or two close encounters with rocks you didn’t see to appreciate the value of the WESMAR HD800 Sonar,” says Northwest boater Stephen Wollack. He and his wife Riya, own a 55-foot Fleming yacht, Discovery, which is equipped with a WESMAR HD800 sonar. He believes the ability it provides to see ahead, beside, and underneath the boat is absolutely essential for the kind of boating they do in Northwest waters.

The Wollacks, from Redmond, Washington, cruise extensively along the coastline of Puget Sound pulling into protected, yet often uncharted, anchorages, that are frequently rock infested, or in some cases drying. They say such areas are the best places to drop a hook and enjoy the solitude of Northwest boating. Wollack uses the sonar to navigate safely through these areas and also to look around while at anchor.

“There is a lot of great recreational boating between Seattle and Glacier Bay, Alaska. When my wife and I bought our boat, we were well aware of the many benefits of navigational sonar, because we had a WESMAR 390 on our last boat, a Grand Banks.”

They chose the WESMAR HD800 for the Discovery, which among many other valuable features has a bottom profile mode. “The high definition picture we get on our monitor tells the whole story of what’s under and around the boat. The bottom profile feature really cannot



Photo: Nancy Ross Photography
The 55 foot Fleming motoryacht, Discovery, relies on the WESMAR HD800 for safe navigation in the Puget Sound waters between Seattle and Alaska.

be appreciated until you get into a narrow passageway

with an uneven bottom or menacing rocks. We have relied on our sonar to get in and out of drying lagoons with narrow entrances. “Besides the obvious advantage sonar affords in helping us weave our way through tight spots, it is comforting to have our HD800 nearby when we set anchor. I use the sonar mode to select a range equal to the scope of our anchor. This assures us that we aren’t going to hit a hidden rock as we swing on our rode at anchor.

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