

Holland Trawlers

Impressed with WESMAR Technology

Diverse HD800 Provides Plenty of Fishing Options for Experienced Skippers

After over thirty successful years of fishing in the rugged North Sea, Peter Bakker, and Kees and Webbo Pasterkamp decided they would try something new: high definition sonar. All three men captain 25 meter trawlers (The UK 48, 135, and 145), all built in the Netherlands and all with powerful 600 horsepower engines. They search for Cod, Mackerel, and Whiting. They are considered expert fishermen. *Why did these expert fishermen finally add a popular fish-finder after so many years of success?*

“We always want to improve our results and we have heard some good things about WESMAR sonar, so we started investigating our sonar options,” said Kees Pasterkamp. “In the past, sonar systems have been too expensive for our tastes and our results have been good,” says Kees Pasterkamp. “Until we talked to the representatives at Radio Holland and started hearing about the WESMAR HD800 we did not think we could find a sonar system that offered enough value for our operation.”

What attracted them to the HD800?

“The clear screen and easy operation,” says Pasterkamp. “Since we have never used sonar before, the underwater view is really amazing, it is something we have never witnessed before. We are learning more about sonar every day we use the equipment.”

Does the versatility of the HD800 add to their fishing success?

“Definitely,” says Pasterkamp. We go pair trawling and look for fish at 5 to 50 meters and use extended sonar mode most of the time, but sometimes we turn over to profile mode when we make a pass and can determine the thickness of the fish school. It is hard to believe we can see anything in the murky North Sea. I am really impressed with WESMAR sonar.”

Will it be another thirty years before Pasterkamp and his partners invest in a sonar system?

“Absolutely not,” he replies.



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