

New Technology Makes The World's Most Advanced Tuna Sonar Even Better

Veteran Albacore fishermen now understand the WESMAR advantage

When Charles Eickhoff heard about the tremendous success that Albacore fishermen were experiencing with their WESMAR sonar systems, he was intrigued.

After years of sonar use and intense fishing for Tuna in the Pacific, he wondered what he was missing. Were the new WESMAR High Definition sonar units really making that much of a difference? After installing an HD800-110 on his rocksolid 52' boat, the Raven Dancer, he embarked on his annual journey to the Albacore fishery. Now Eickhoff is a believer.

"I can see why this sonar is so popular," says Eickhoff.

The HD800 has been the sonar of choice in the Pacific Albacore fleet since its introduction in 1996. The fishery's headlining boats have been using WESMAR sonars for years because of the company's consistent technical innovation. One recent advancement is the critically acclaimed Reusable Temperature Probe (RTP), introduced in early 1998. The RTP was developed after WESMAR received strong feedback from the experts - the fishermen themselves.

Tuna are generally believed to be found just above the thermoclines where the water is warmer. WESMAR's RTP senses changes in temperature, and with this information, fishermen can determine the best area to search for tuna schools. It is called a Reusable probe because unlike other such probes, it can be used over and over again. The RTP has an



Charles Eickhoff's 52' Raven Dancer is well equipped to search for Albacore. The king of Tuna sonars (the WESMAR HD800-110) is on board.

additional advantage in that it connects directly to the WESMAR HD800 focused beam sonar system providing valuable information about depth during searches for Tuna.

"The fish feed between the warm and cold water, so it is critical to follow the temperature of the water," says Eickhoff. "The HD800 really helps us determine the vertical movement of the Albacore."

Eickhoff continues, "the HD800 extends our range when searching for Tuna. When we view Tuna from a great distance, we will be able to set our lines and get a good read for jigging. As far as definition goes, the HD800 is excellent. I have tested the unit on several occasions and the resolution is outstanding. We can see everything clearly."

