



## National Marine Electronics Association

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### **Voting is open for 2018 NMEA Product of Excellence Awards**

*NMEA Technology Award nominations due by Sept. 14*

SEVERNA PARK, MD-The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) is reminding all members that voting is underway for the 2018 NMEA Product of Excellence Awards. The coveted awards will be presented in 17 marine electronics categories at the NMEA/RTCM Marine Electronics Conference & Expo, to be held Sept. 25-28 at the PGA Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Members can cast their votes online before the Conference & Expo at [www.expo.nmea.org](http://www.expo.nmea.org) (click on the Awards tab) or until 11:59 pm on Sept. 26, 2018 at the NMEA Conference. Votes will be tallied by an automated online voting program. Winners will be announced at the annual awards reception & banquet on Thursday, Sept. 27. Below are voting rules and restrictions:

- Manufacturer companies get one vote per product category.
- NMEA Dealer and Trade members are allowed to have all employees with NMEA installer training certificates vote separately/independently within their company (MEI, NMEA 2000, AMEI, and CMET).
- All other NMEA members get one vote per company.
- Name, email, and company are required on the voting form.
- The NMEA Conference Committee will review all voting submissions.

### **NMEA Technology Award**

Nominations are also open for the annual NMEA Technology Award, which honors one marine electronics product that is rated best in innovation, benefit to boaters, practicality and value. An independent panel of judges consisting of two Certified Marine

Electronics Technicians and two marine journalists select the top product from among those nominated by manufacturers. The Technology Award will also be presented at the Conference & Expo banquet on Sept. 27. NMEA member manufacturers must submit nominations for the Technology Award by Sept. 14 through the NMEA expo website at [www.expo.nmea.org](http://www.expo.nmea.org).

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**About the NMEA**

Founded in 1957, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000® and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. NMEA standards and programs focus on ensuring that the boating consumer is provided with reliable products and professional service. For more information, visit the NMEA website at [www.NMEA.org](http://www.NMEA.org) or call (410) 975-9425.