



THE MARINE ELECTRONICS JUSTICE LEAGUE

THE UNIVERSE — OR AT LEAST THE MARINE INDUSTRY — HAS NEVER SEEN A TEAM OF EXPERTS LIKE THIS

What I know about comics can fit into Batman's fanny pack (or is it utility belt?), but I do know that the Justice League is a team of superheroes armed with an array of powers and abilities. Last summer, as I was describing the 2019 Marine Electronics and Technology issue in an email, I wrote that it's being written and edited by "a marine electronics Justice League." It's my humble estimation that our company has never produced a specialty issue with this much expert firepower.

Jim Hendricks, *Boating's* West Coast editor and electronics editor of *Salt Water Sportsman*, brings with him 35 years of award-winning marine journalism experience. He's our Aquaman. Chris Woodward, the executive editor and electronics editor of *Sport Fishing*, has been testing multifunction displays and fishing machines for 17 years. She's our Wonder Woman. David Schmidt is the electronics editor for *Yachting* and *Cruising World*. A cerebral tech-head, a man of adventure, a determined journalist — he's a hybrid of Bruce Wayne and Clark Kent. Additional consultation was provided by Randy Vance, editor-at-large for Bonnier's marine and fishing titles. In 2018, Randy traveled from Miami to Lake of the Ozarks to Traverse City, Michigan, to test more than 40 new boats. He's the Flash. And let's not overlook the guest appearance by the editors-in-chief of *Boating*, *Yachting* and *Cruising World*, each of whom build their dream electronics suite for their dream vessel. There is no team better equipped to guide you through the oft-complicated world of marine electronics and technology.

This special issue features expert breakdowns on topics ranging from Doppler radar (page 34) to drones (page 46), from live sonar (page 15) to self-docking (page 47). Plus, a comprehensive buyers guide with 67 new product reviews (page 52).

As far as Google can tell, the Justice League has no discernible catchphrase. In absence of one, we'll create our own: read up, buy in, plug in, boat on.

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