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Hot Units on the Docks

The 2010 Miami Boat Show Delivers

Every winter at the Miami International Boat Show, we encounter new electronics and pre-released units timed to hit the market that spring — right about the time you're reading this. This year proved no different, and as a judge for the National Marine Manufacturers Association's (NMMA) Innovation Awards, I got a sneak peek at these items before the general public.

I worried that 2010 might be a bit slim in the



innovation department, but lucky for you and me, those electronics companies just can't sit still. And as usual, the Miami show gave us plenty of brand-new units to inspect and play with. Here's what we saw — and what you'll want to see.

MEGA SCREENS

You want a new mega-display at the helm, and you want it to present the finest picture possible? Then you'll be psyched to hear about VEI's new

LED series. These displays run from 12- to 32-inch models; operate via a separate control unit that allows up to six screens; boast one DVI input as well as four VGA and four composite inputs; and project it all behind a scratchproof, anti-glare glass screen. Touch screens are optional, and bezels are available in different colors, wood grain or color fiber so you can customize the look. Prices range from \$2,995 to \$12,995, and you can check them out at www.vei-systems.net.

ILLUMINATING PROSPECT

You want HD night vision? Ocean View says no problem as it rolls out its new Apollo II HD high-def thermal/low-light camera. This dual-cam configuration with simultaneous feeds produces images at 640 x 480 pixels, the highest resolution available in any thermal imager. The sealed-aluminum camera housing pans, tilts, and sports a 4x digital zoom and "return to home" control. Price is \$17,995, and you can see one in action at www.nightboating.com.

