



KVH Industries Sweeps NMEA Satellite Product Awards for Fifth Consecutive Year

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TracVision 4 and Tracphone 252 Named "Best Satellite Products" by Dealers and Marine Professionals at 2002 NMEA Conference

MIDDLETOWN, R.I., Oct 29, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- For the fifth year in a row, KVH Industries, Inc., (Nasdaq: KVHI) has won the "best product" awards from the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) in the satellite television and satellite telephone categories. The KVH TracVision(R) 4 was voted Best Satellite Television System for the third year, while the KVH Tracphone(R) 252 was named Best Satellite Communications Product for the first time as it replaced KVH's four-time winner Tracphone 25.

"We are extremely proud that marine dealers nationwide chose to honor KVH's satellite communications systems as the 'Best Products' of 2002," said Ian Palmer, vice president of satellite sales, who accepted the awards at the NMEA annual convention ceremony held October 26 in Ft. Myers, Florida. "These awards reaffirm the confidence and preference of KVH products among marine professionals and consumers nationwide. TracVision 4 and Tracphone 252 are part of KVH's comprehensive suite of satellite communication products and services. We are the only company to offer dealers and consumers a one-stop shopping experience and outstanding service and support through our portfolio of marine satellite TV, satellite communications, and high-speed Internet products, as well as the necessary satellite services."

The NMEA Product Awards are presented annually to recognize excellence in design, performance and reliability in marine electronics products. The winners are selected by a vote of the members of the NMEA. Founded in 1957, the NMEA is an internationally recognized trade association of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, sales representatives and other professionals in the marine electronics field. Among its achievements, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol.

TracVision 4, a fully self-contained 18-inch antenna system, uses KVH's integrated Digital Video Broadcast (DVB) technology to provide automatic satellite acquisition as well as receive Internet downloads at speeds reaching 400 Kbps. Widely recognized as offering the best satellite tracking performance in its class, TracVision 4 has been selected as a standard option by leading boat builders, such as Sea Ray and Silverton. With TracVision 4, mariners can access 300 channels of direct broadcast satellite television as far as 100 miles off the North American or European coasts. TracVision 4 is also fully compatible with the high-powered DirecPC(R) Internet service and TracNet(TM) 2.0 Mobile High-speed Internet System, each available exclusively from KVH Industries.

Tracphone 252, a completely self-contained system, provides secure voice, fax, and data services to boats as small as 35 feet (10 m) via the Inmarsat mini-M service. Capable of simultaneously supporting multiple phones through a PABX system, as well as a fax machine and computer, Tracphone 252 brings a complete communications center to sea. The Tracphone 252's fully stabilized antenna design ensures mariners can keep in touch regardless of the sea conditions. Near-global coverage is provided through the low-cost Inmarsat mini-M service, the world's most widely used satellite communications service, which is available through KVH's Inmarsat Airtime Program.

An established, widespread network of dealers supports the KVH marine communications and navigation product lines. KVH has made supporting its dealers a high priority, and is continually striving for new ways to enhance company-dealer communications, collaborate in marketing efforts, extend training and provide rapid, high-quality customer service.

Complete information regarding KVH's TracVision and Tracphone systems can be found on the company's web site, www.kvh.com. In addition, several high-resolution, press-ready images are available to download from the News section of the KVH web site.

KVH Industries, Inc., designs and manufactures products that enable mobile communication, navigation, and precision pointing through the use of its proprietary mobile satellite antenna and fiber optic technologies. The company is developing next-generation systems with greater precision, durability, and versatility for communications, navigation, and industrial applications. An ISO 9001-registered company, KVH has headquarters in Middletown, Rhode Island, with a fiber optic manufacturing facility in Tinley Park, Illinois, and a European sales, marketing, and support office in Hoersholm, Denmark.

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