



# Radar Operation

## Instruction Manual

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# Warnings and Cautions

## **Caution:**

*Use this radar at your own risk. This radar was designed for use as a navigation aid. It should not be used for purposes that require precise measurements of direction, distance, topography or location. Always compare the navigation information received from your radar with data from other navigation aids and sources. When a conflict arises between the navigation data from your radar and data from other navigation aids, make sure you resolve the conflict before proceeding with navigation. **A CAREFUL NAVIGATOR NEVER RELIES ON ONLY ONE METHOD TO OBTAIN NAVIGATION INFORMATION.***

## **Caution:**

*International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea mandate that when radar is on a vessel, the radar must be used at all times, regardless of weather conditions or visibility. Numerous court decisions have not only ruled the radar must be used, but that the radar operator must be knowledgeable in all operational aspects of radar performance or otherwise face a greater risk of liability if an accident occurs.*

## **Caution:**

*If you purchased an open array radar antenna, make sure it is installed in an area free of hardware obstructions and free of potential obstructions like sails, lines or other vessel components that could intermittently intrude or be caught up in the array antenna's rotation path.*

### **WARNING: High Voltage Hazard**

**Dangerously high voltages are present within the radar scanner unit. The unit contains no user-serviceable parts. The cover should be removed only by a qualified radar service technician. Technicians must exercise extreme care when working inside the unit. ALWAYS remove power before removing the cover. Some capacitors may take several minutes to discharge, even after switching off the radar. Before touching the magnetron or any high voltage components, ground them with a clip lead. There are no internal connections or adjustments necessary for installation or operation.**

**WARNING: *Microwave Radiation Hazard***

The microwave energy radiated by a radar antenna is harmful to humans, especially to the eyes. NEVER look directly into an open waveguide or into the path of radiation from an enclosed antenna. Radar and other radio frequency radiation can upset cardiac pacemakers. If someone with a cardiac pacemaker suspects abnormal operation, immediately turn off the radar equipment and move the person away from the antenna. Turn off the radar whenever it is necessary to work on the antenna unit or other equipment in the beam of the radar.

**WARNING: *Turn Off Radar When Docked***

The radar beam can be harmful to humans in close proximity (within 20 yards, or 18.3 meters). When docked, be considerate of other boats and pedestrians nearby and remember to turn off your radar. If your boat is in a covered marina and the radar is on, a metal roof can act as a reflector, bouncing microwave energy back at your boat and passengers.

# Section 1: Introduction

Thank you for buying a Lowrance Radar with the RIM 200 radar interface module. Your radar consists of three main components: the radar scanner unit (antenna), your display unit (sold separately) and the RIM 200 radar interface module which connects the scanner and display units.

## WARNING:

**Radar radiation can be harmful to you and bystanders. Radar misuse or misunderstanding radar operation could lead to a collision, which could result in property damage, personal injury or death.**

***You must be familiar with the procedures and all warnings and cautions described in the installation and operation manuals in order to operate your radar safely and effectively.***

We know you're eager to begin using your radar, but first, we want you to take note of the three instruction manuals you need to read to get started.

First is the *Read Me! Insert for Radar Display Unit Software Update* (part number 988-0161-023). It tells you how use the memory card in your package to update your display unit software to make it radar-ready. (For your convenience, this information is also repeated below.)

Second is the *Radar and RIM 200 Installation Manual* (part number 988-0161-041). It tells you how to install your radar's hardware.

Third is this *Radar Operation Manual* (part number 988-0161-012). After installing the radar scanner unit, the RIM 200 and the new display software, you need to read this manual to learn how your display unit and radar antenna work together.

To get the highest level of performance from your radar, it is a good idea to keep this manual and your display unit's sonar or GPS instruction manual handy for reference.

## Models Covered

This manual covers the following radar-compatible display units: LCX-25c, LCX-26c HD, LCX-27c, LCX-28c HD, LCX-37c, LCX-38c HD, LCX-110c, LCX-111c HD, LCX-112c, LCX-113c HD, LMS-520c, LMS-522c iGPS, LMS-525c DF, LMS-527c DF iGPS sonar/GPS combos; X510c, X515c DF sonars; and GlobalMap® 5200c, GlobalMap® 5300c iGPS, GlobalMap® 6500c, GlobalMap® 6600c HD, GlobalMap® 7200c, GlobalMap® 7300c HD, GlobalMap® 7500c, GlobalMap® 7600c HD, GlobalMap® 8200c, GlobalMap® 8300c HD, GlobalMap® 9200c, GlobalMap® 9300c HD GPS units.

**Note for GlobalMap users:** Menus and function commands in your units are identical to those shown in this manual, except your display will not have sonar page options, sonar alarm options or sonar simulator options.

This manual covers the following radar units: LRA-1000, LRA-1500, LRA-2000 radomes; and LRA-4000, LRA-5000 open array radars.

## **Update Display Unit Software (2006 Units only)**

If you are using a 2006-model display unit (LCX-25C, LCX-26C HD, LCX-110C, LCX-111C HD sonar/GPS combos; GlobalMap® 6500C, GlobalMap® 6600C HD, GlobalMap® 7500C, GlobalMap® 7600C HD GPS units) you need to access your unit's software information screen to make sure its software version is 1.7.0 or greater. If your software version is less than 1.7.0, you need to install the software update that was included on the MMC or SD card that packed with your RIM 200; otherwise your display unit will NOT work with the RIM 200. If your display unit has software version 1.7.0 or greater, you do not need to install the software update.

You can also acquire the software version 1.7.0 update from Lowrance customer service or download it from our web site, [www.lowrance.com](http://www.lowrance.com).

### **Checking Software Version**

1. With the display unit turned on, press **MENU** twice, use the arrow keys to highlight **SYSTEM SETUP** and press **ENTER**.
2. Use the arrow keys to select **SOFTWARE INFORMATION** and press **ENTER**. The software information screen will appear. If the version of software listed on the software information screen is less than 1.7 you will need to install the software update that came with your RIM 200.

### **Installing Software Update**

1. With the display unit turned off, install the MMC card that contains the radar software update.
2. Turn on the unit and the update will install automatically.
3. When the update is finished, the unit will power up normally. After the updated is complete, remove the update MMC from card slot.

Lowrance continues to regularly develop display enhancements and new radar features. ***We strongly recommend that you periodically check our web site for the latest free radar software updates.***

If you or a friend has Internet access, log-on to [www.lowrance.com](http://www.lowrance.com), browse to our Software page and look for the Product Updates link. If you lack Internet access, call your dealer or Lowrance Customer Service. Complete contact information is on the last page of this manual.



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## What is radar?

The word "radar" is an acronym for "Radio Detecting And Ranging." In simple terms, this is how it works:

A radio transmitter sends out a quick microwave pulse. A receiver listens for that signal's echo when it bounces back from something in its path.

When the echo returns, it is processed by a computer to determine relative distance, position and bearing of the object that reflected the signal. This information is displayed on the display unit's screen. Other boats or ships, navigational markers, landmasses and the like are referred to as targets.

By knowing how long it takes for a signal to return, the distance to a target can be determined. As the radar antenna scans through a 360 degree rotation, it can show where the target is relative to your position. By repeated scans, you can see which direction another vessel is moving.

The following two pages show the basic components of your radar display screen, which is commonly referred to as the PPI, an old term from the early days of radar.

## How to use this manual: typographical conventions

Many instructions are listed as numbered steps. The keypad and arrow "keystrokes" appear as boldface type, so you can easily skim the instructions and pick out what menu command to use.

### Arrow Keys

The arrow keys control the movement of dotted cross-hair lines on your mapping screen called the cursor. The arrow keys also control a horizontal line depth cursor on the sonar screen. The arrow keys also help you move around the menus so you can execute different commands. They are represented by symbols like these, which denote the down arrow, up arrow, left arrow and right arrow: ↓ ↑ ← →.

### Keyboard

The other keys perform a variety of functions. When the text refers to a key to press, the key is shown in bold. For example, the "Enter/Icons" key is shown as **ENT** and the "Menu" key is shown as **MENU**.

### Menu Commands

A menu command or a menu option will appear in small capital letters, in a bold sans serif type like this: **ROUTE PLANNING**. These indicate that you are

to select this command or option from a menu or take an action of some kind with the menu item. Text that you may need to enter or file names you need to select are shown in italic type, such as *trail name*.

### **Instructions = Menu Sequences**

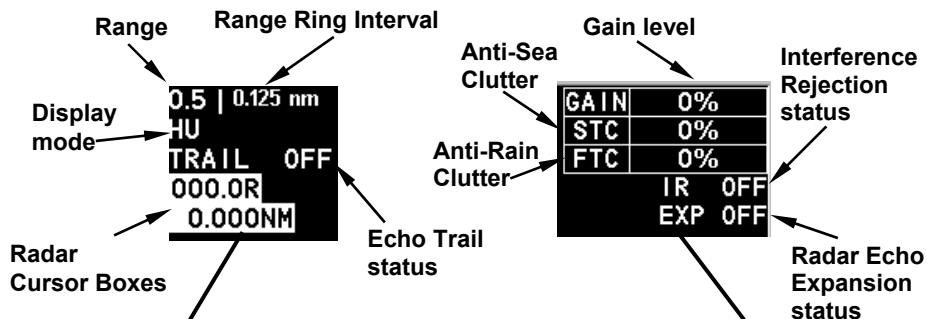
Most functions you perform with this unit are described as a sequence of key strokes and selecting menu commands. We've written them in a condensed manner for quick and easy reading.

For example, instructions for accessing the My Trails menu would look like this:

1. From the Map Page, press **MENU | MENU | ↓ ↑ to MY TRAILS | ENT.**

In clearer terms, step 1 (above) means: "From the Map Page, press the Menu key twice. Use the arrow keys to select (highlight) My Trails menu and press Enter."

## Basic Radar Display Components



Your unit has three electronic bearing lines and three variable range markers. An enlarged example of EBLs and VRMs is on the next page.

EBL3: 234.5°R  
EBL2: 152.7°R  
EBL1: 090.6°R

Electronic Bearing Line position for EBLs 1, 2 and 3. Highlighted in white, EBL 2 is the active bearing line.

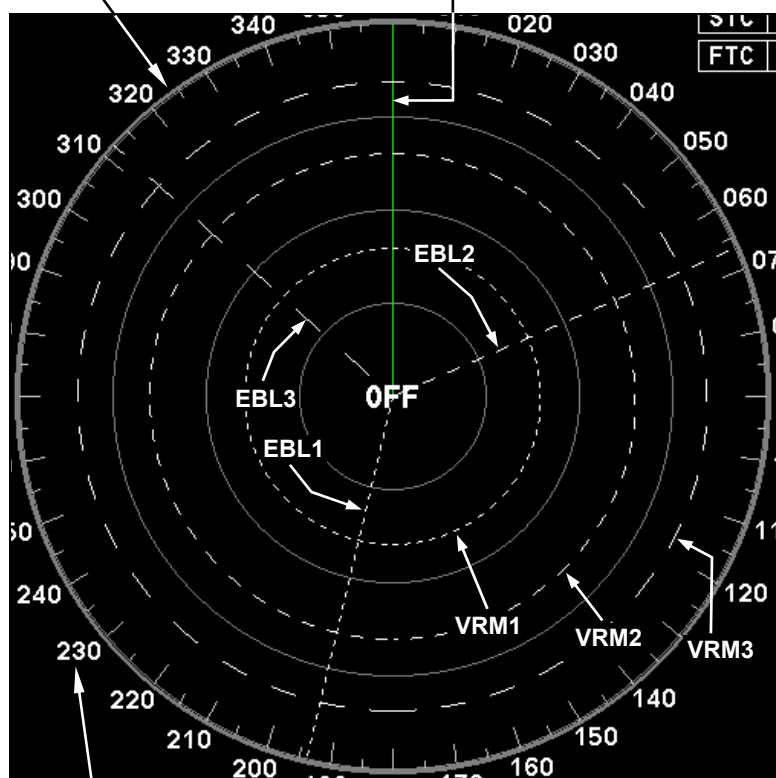
VRM3: 5.000NM  
VRM2: 3.595NM  
VRM1: 2.432NM

Variable Range Marker position for VRMs 1, 2 and 3. Highlighted in white, VRM 2 is the active range marker.

## Basic Radar Display Components

PPI (radar screen's 360°  
overhead view of the area)

Heading line (in green)



Bearings, in degrees  
(in Heading Up mode,  
relative to bow)

VRMs and EBLs allow you to track the distance and bearing  
of multiple radar targets.

### NOTE:

This manual is printed in black and white, but a free color version (in Acrobat® PDF format) is available for display or download from the Lowrance web site. The color manual is particularly useful for understanding Sec. 5, Radar Interpretation.

## Section 2: Radar Setup

This section will teach you how to prepare your radar for operation. Before you begin radar setup, the radar scanning unit, RIM 200 module and display unit all must be installed and their cables connected.

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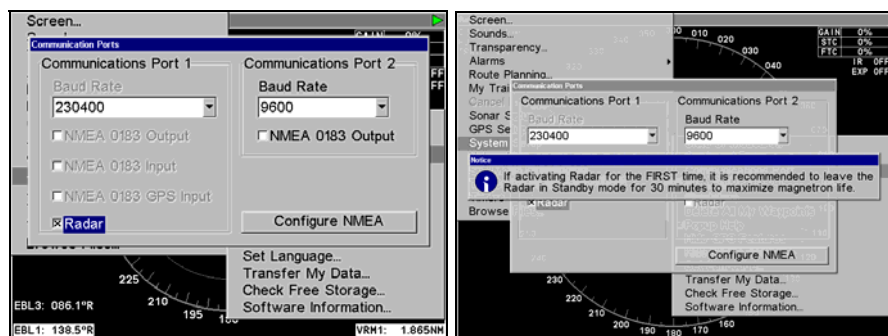
**Do NOT attempt to execute Radar Setup, while the vessel is moving. Some motion from wind and wave action is acceptable, but these setup instructions are NOT intended for vessels moving across the water.**

### Caution:

*If you are unsure or do not understand the following instructions, it is strongly recommended that an experienced radar technician handles radar setup and the installation of radar hardware.*

## Getting Started

1. After turning on the unit, press **MENU | MENU**, then use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to **SYSTEM SETUP** and press **ENT**.



**Radar selected from Communication Ports menu (left). Radar Notice (right) prompting users to leave radar in Standby Mode for 30 minutes when activating radar for the first time.**

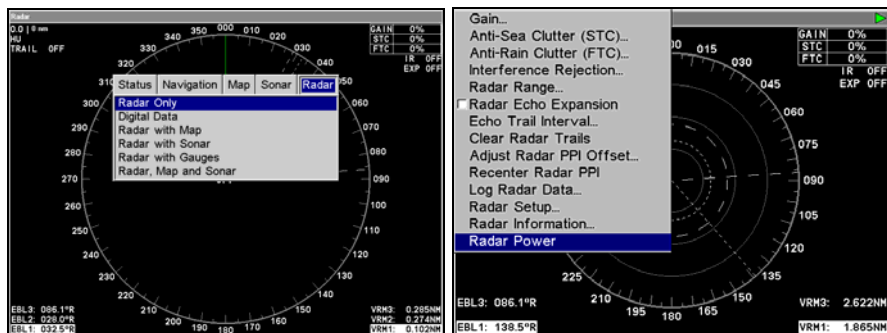
2. From the System Setup menu, highlight **COMMUNICATIONS PORT** and press **ENT**.
3. Press  $\downarrow$  to **RADAR** and press **ENT**, which will place an X in the radar checkbox. The Baud Rate automatically will switch to 230400 and a Radar Notice will appear.

## Caution:

Leave the radar in Standby Mode for 30 minutes when activating it the first time. This will help maximize the life of the magnetron. After the radar has been activated the first time, ignore the Radar Notice.

4. Press **PAGES**, then use ← → to select the radar tab.

5. Press ↓ to select **RADAR ONLY** then press **EXIT**.

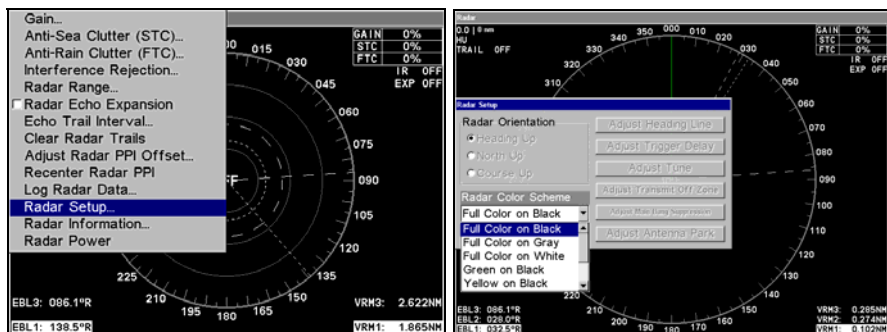


Radar only highlighted on Radar Pages menu (left). Radar menu with Radar Power selected (right).

6. Press **MENU**, then use ↑ ↓ to select **RADAR POWER** from the radar menu and press **ENT**. A confirmation message will appear. Press ← to select **YES** and press **ENT**. A warm-up countdown will commence that will vary depending on the model of radar you have.

7. After the countdown is finished, the unit will enter STANDBY mode.

8. Access the Radar Setup menu to make sure your radar display is set to Heading Up and is set to a Full Color scheme. Press **MENU**, select **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**.



Radar Setup selected from Radar menu (left). Radar Setup menu with Full Color on Black highlighted (right).

9. To set the radar to Heading Up, highlight **HEADING UP** and press **ENT**.
10. To display the radar images in full color, press **↓** to select **RADAR COLOR SCHEME** and press **ENT**.
11. Use **↑ ↓** to highlight one of the three full color options and press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display.

## Auto Power-On

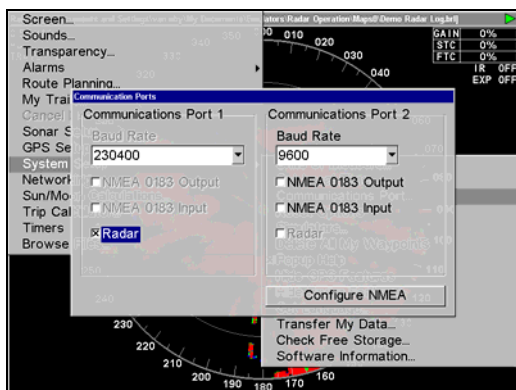
When the Auto Power-on feature is turned on, the radar will start warming up every time the display unit is turned on. Access the Communications Port menu to turn on or turn off the Auto Power-on feature.

### Caution:

*If you do not plan to use your radar every time the display unit is turned on, you need to turn off the Auto Power-On feature.*

### Turning on/off Auto Power-On:

1. Press **MENU** twice, highlight **COMMUNICATIONS PORT** and press **ENT**.
2. Select **RADAR** and press **ENT**, which will check (turn on) or uncheck (turn off) the radar checkbox. Auto Power-On is active when there is an "X" in the radar checkbox. When the "X" is removed, Auto Power-On is turned off.
3. Press **EXIT** repeatedly to return to the main display.



**Communications Port menu with Auto Power-On feature turned on.**

## Radar Setup

The Radar Setup menu allows you to set up and adjust radar settings, like Transmit Off Zone and Antenna Park. Most of the settings in the Radar Setup menu will only have to be set once, but we recommend you check the settings periodically for general maintenance.

## NOTE:

Before starting radar setup, take your vessel out on open water with fairly calm seas, like an open bay.

The three setup features we want to modify are Adjust Trigger Delay, Adjust Main Bang Suppression and Adjust Heading Line.

We will set them up in that order, but before making any adjustments, make sure the display is set to a range of 0.125 nautical miles and that Gain, Anti-Sea Clutter (STC), Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC), Main Bang Suppression and Trigger Delay all have been set to zero percent.

## Trigger Delay Preparation

### Range

1. To reset range to 0.125 nm, make sure you are on the Radar Only page and press **MENU**.
2. Use **↑ ↓** to select **RADAR RANGE** and press **ENT**, which will call up the Radar Range list. Press **↑** to select 0.125 nm and press **ENT**. You also can set the range to 0.125 nm from the radar screen by using the **ZIN** and **ZOUT** keys.

### Gain

1. To set Gain to zero, press **MENU**, select **GAIN** and press **ENT**.
2. That will launch the Gain vertical scrollbar. Press **↓** until the Gain is set to zero percent. Press **EXIT**. (Notice the corresponding value in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.)

## NOTE:

When adjusting Gain back to a useable level, increase the level until you see a light peppering on the display. Also remember, you will have to adjust gain every time you change ranges.

## Anti-Sea Clutter

1. To set Anti-Sea Clutter to zero, press **MENU**, select **ANTI-SEA CLUTTER (STC)** and press **ENT**.
2. That will launch the Anti-Sea Clutter vertical scrollbar. Press **↓** until the Anti-Sea Clutter is set to zero percent. Press **EXIT**. (Notice the corresponding value in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.)

## Anti-Rain Clutter

1. To set Anti-Rain Clutter to zero, press **MENU**, select **ANTI-RAIN CLUTTER (FTC)** and press **ENT**.



2. That will launch the Anti-Rain Clutter vertical scrollbar. Press ↓ until the Anti-Rain Clutter is set to zero percent. Press **EXIT**. (Notice the corresponding value in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.)

### **Main Bang Suppression**

1. To set Main Bang Suppression to zero, press **MENU**, select **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**.

2. Press →|↓ to **ADJUST MAIN BANG SUPPRESSION** and press **ENT**. That will call up the Main Bang Suppression vertical scrollbar.

3. Press ↓ until Main Bang Suppression is set to zero percent. Press **EXIT**.

### **Trigger Delay**

1. To set Trigger Delay to zero, press **MENU**, select **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**.

2. Press →|↓ to **ADJUST TRIGGER DELAY** and press **ENT**. That will call up the Adjust Trigger Delay vertical scrollbar.

3. Press ↓ until Trigger Delay is set to zero percent. Press **EXIT**.

### **Adjust Trigger Delay**

This feature eliminates the time lag between real radar returns and the time it takes data to be processed by the radar software, a common issue with all radars.

### **Caution:**

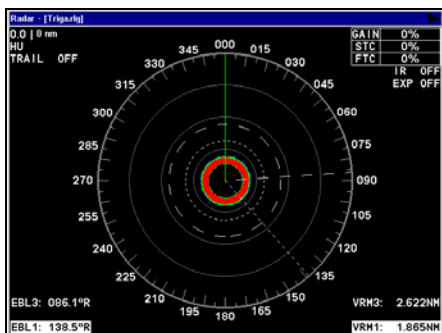
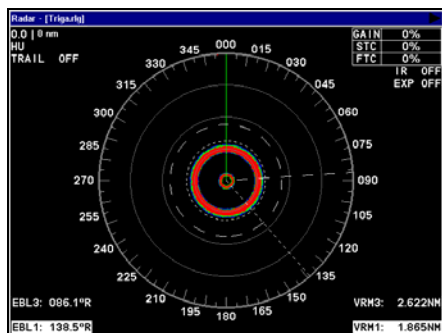
*If you have any doubt about your understanding of the Trigger Delay feature, you should have it set up by a qualified radar technician.*

1. The radar should already be in STANDBY mode, so press **PWR** for 2 seconds to switch the radar into transmission mode. A confirmation message will appear, press ← to select **YES**.

2. Press **MENU**, select **GAIN** and press **ENT**, which will call up the Gain vertical control bar. Press ↑ to increase the Gain level to around 15%. One or two red rings with blue borders should be visible on the screen, depending on the wattage of your radar antenna.

3. Now from the Radar Setup menu, press →|↓ to **ADJUST TRIGGER DELAY**, then press **ENT**. The Adjust Trigger Delay vertical scrollbar will appear.

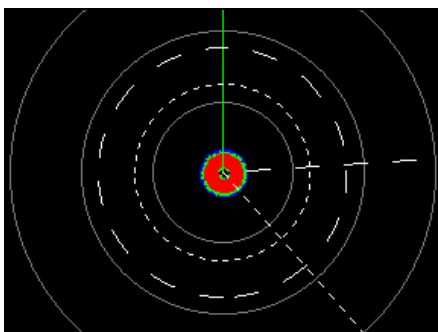
The 2 kW models, the LRA-1000 and LRA-1500, will have only one ring on the display. The 4 kW radars — LRA-2000, LRA-4000 and LRA-5000 — will have two rings on the display. See the following figures.



Before adjusting the Trigger Delay for 4 kW radars, two rings will be shown on the screen (left). As Trigger Delay is increased, the larger ring will start to get smaller. The small ring will disappear (right).

You may have to increase gain in the previous step if the rings are not visible. Increase gain until you have solid red rings shown on the screen, like in the preceding example. Increasing Gain too much can cause the rings to be distorted.

4. Press **↑** to increase the level of Trigger Delay, which will decrease the size of the ring. If you have a 4 kW radar, as the large ring decreases in size, the smaller ring in the center of the screen will disappear, leaving only one ring.



**Increase Trigger Delay to diminish the size of the red ring (left). To set Trigger Delay correctly, reduce the ring to as small a size as possible, while keeping a black circle in the middle (enlarged view, right).**

In either case, continue to increase the Trigger Delay level until the ring is as small as possible, while keeping a black circle in the middle. Every radar is different, but typically, a setting between 35 and 42 percent will get the job done.

If you over apply the Trigger Delay, the black circle will disappear. Decrease the Trigger Delay level and it will reappear.

3. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display.

## Adjust Main Bang Suppression

Main Bang Suppression is only for 4kW units — LRA 2000, LRA 4000 and LRA 5000. This feature filters out electronic noise close to your vessel. It gives you control of radar sensitivity in the area surrounding your vessel, approximately 180 feet in all directions.

Before making any adjustments to Main Bang Suppression, take your vessel out on open water with fairly calm seas, like an open bay.

### Caution:

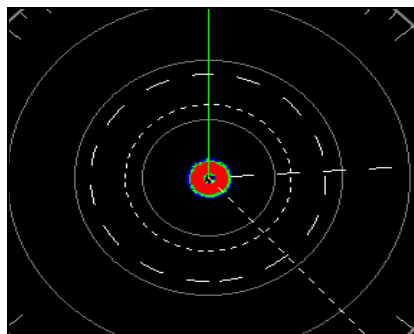
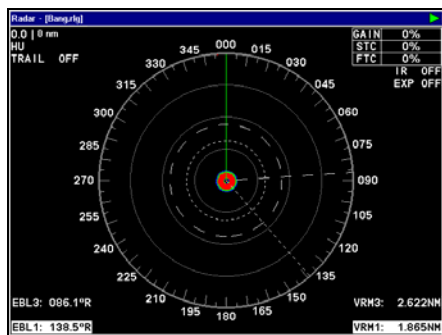
*If you have any doubt about your understanding of the Main Bang Suppression feature, you should have it set up by a qualified radar technician.*

1. Press **MENU**, highlight **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**.
2. Press **→|↓** to **ADJUST MAIN BANG SUPPRESSION** and press **ENT**. That will launch the Main Bang Suppression vertical scrollbar.
3. The small red ring we adjusted during Trigger Delay setup will still be on the display.
4. Press **↑** slowly — Main Bang Suppression can be sensitive — to increase the Main Bang Suppression level so the red ring becomes as thin as possible.
5. Press **↓** to slowly decrease the level until you have returned the red ring back to its thinnest point. Every radar is different, but typically, a setting between 2 and 8 percent will be satisfactory.

### NOTE:

In many cases, depending on the radar unit you have, over applying Main Bang Suppression can make the ring disappear, start to make it wider or the ring can get to a point where it is as small as it will get. At this point, increasing the main bang level will not change the red ring.

If the red ring does not decrease in size when increasing the suppression level, reduce the level until you see a slight increase in the size of the ring, then leave it at that setting.



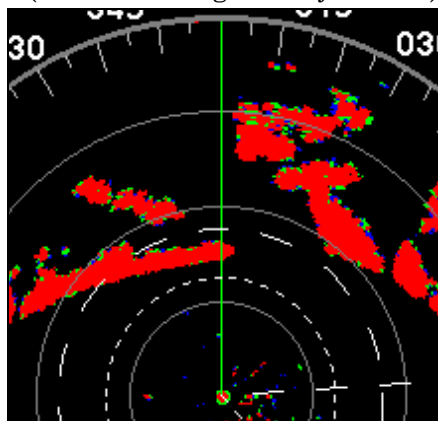
Main Bang Suppression begins with the same red ring we resized during Trigger Delay setup (left). Slowly increase Main Bang Suppression to make the ring as thin as possible (enlarged view, right).

6. Press **EXIT** to clear the scrollbar from the screen. Now reset Gain, Anti-Sea Clutter and Anti-Rain Clutter back to a desired level.

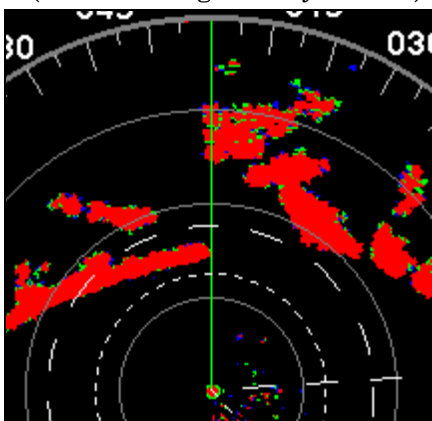
### Adjust Heading Line

The Heading Line command is used to make sure the green heading line (zero point) on your display is lined up with the bow of your vessel.

(Before heading line adjustment)



(After heading line adjustment)



The bow of the ship is lined up with the tip of the peninsula (left), but the green heading line is not. Adjusting the heading line will allow you to align the direction of the heading line with the direction of the bow (right).

1. Line up the bow of your vessel with a point of reference, like a peninsula, lighthouse or other stationary target.
2. Press **MENU**, highlight **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**. Press **→** to select **ADJUST HEADING LINE** and press **ENT**. That will place an arrow on each side of the green Heading Line.

3. Use ← → to adjust the position of the green heading line, so its line to the reference point's radar image matches your bow's actual line to the reference point.

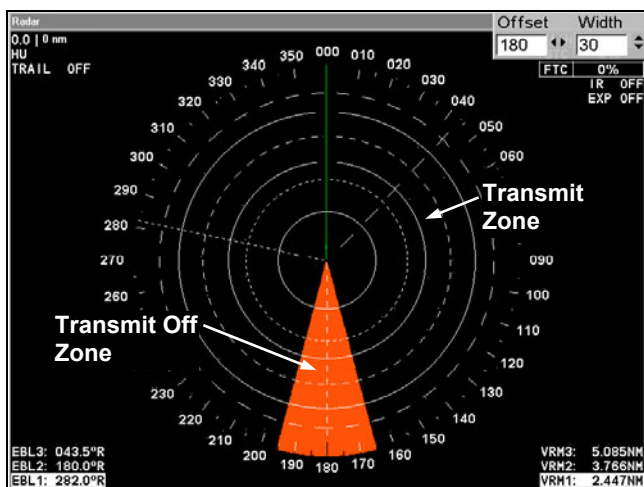
4. Press **EXIT** to remove the heading line arrows from the display.

### Adjust Transmit Off Zone

The Transmit Off Zone is a feature that allows you to select an area in the radar's 360° transmission path where the radar beam will not be transmitted.

#### WARNING:

**ALL targets inside the Transmit Off Zone will NOT be displayed on the screen. This will create a blind spot within the off zone!**



Transmit Off Zone is shown in bright red; the remaining area of the PPI is considered the Transmit Zone. Color is exaggerated here for clarity; on-screen, the off zone actually appears in a dimmer shade so as not to distract from target images in the transmit zone. Dialog box values at upper right are in degrees, relative to the heading line.

#### Caution:

*Preventing the main beam or lobe from transmitting through the Transmit Off Zone will diminish the amount of radiation broadcast in that area, but it **WILL NOT** protect you from radiation transmitted by the side lobes of the radar antenna.*

*To avoid radiation exposure, be sure to follow the installation instructions, which require the radar to be installed at least 1 foot above all persons.*

1. Press **MENU**, highlight **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**. Press **→|↓** to select **ADJUST TRANSMIT OFF ZONE** and press **ENT**. That will launch the Adjust Transmit Off Zone dialogs in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
2. Use **↑ ↓, ← →** to set up the Transmit Off Zone in the desired area. The zone will be colored red on the radar display.
3. Press **EXIT** when the Transmit Off Zone is set. To remove the zone, repeat Step 1, then set both dialog boxes back to zero and press **EXIT**.

### **Adjust Tune**

Tuning should require no adjustment during the life of the unit. ***We strongly recommend you do NOT adjust Tune settings yourself.*** This feature is intended for use only by trained technicians. If for some reason you need to use this function, consult your dealer or customer service about the software updates necessary for tuning.

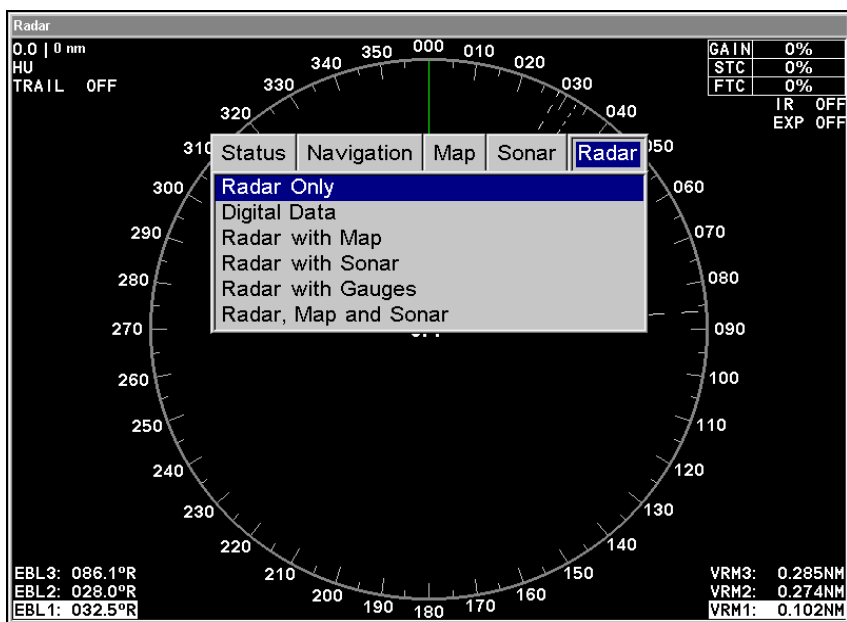
# Section 3: Basic Operation

## Pages

The Radar Page has six display options: Radar Only, Digital Data, Radar with Map, Radar with Sonar, Radar with Gauges and Radar, Map and Sonar. GPS only units do not support the Radar with Sonar page, so they have four display options: Radar Only, Digital Data, Radar with Map and Radar with Gauges.

### NOTE:

Radar Only will be the only page option for the following units: X510c, X515c DF, LMS-520c, LMS-522c iGPS, LMS-525c DF, LMS-527c DF iGPS, GlobalMap 5200c, GlobalMap 5300c iGPS and the GlobalMap BAJA 540c.



Radar Page Menu with Radar Only selected.

### To access Radar page display options:

1. Press **PAGES**, then use ← → to highlight the radar tab.
2. Use ↑ ↓ to select the desired radar page configuration.
3. Press **EXIT** when the desired display option is highlighted.

## Radar Only

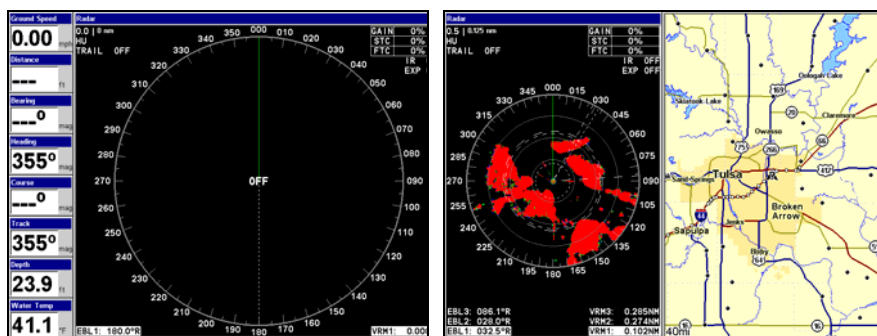
Choose Radar Only if you want to display the radar full screen. Radar Only will be the only page option for the following units: X510c, X515c DF, LMS-520c, LMS-522c iGPS, LMS-525c DF, LMS-527c DF iGPS, GlobalMap 5200c, GlobalMap 5300c iGPS and the GlobalMap BAJA 540c.

## Digital Data

The Digital Data page allows you to customize digital data boxes with information you want to monitor while viewing the radar display.

## Radar with Map

To keep an eye on radar and GPS data at the same time, select Radar with Map.



Digital Data page (left) with Radar with Map display (right).

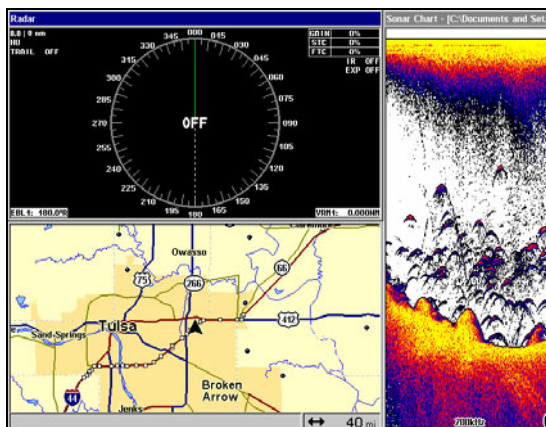
## Radar with Sonar

The Radar with Sonar option allows you to monitor radar information, while viewing sonar returns. Not available on GPS only units.

## Radar with Gauges

The Radar with Gauges display will split the screen between the radar page and the gauge page. The gauge page can be customized to display sonar and GPS information in digital and analog gauge formats.





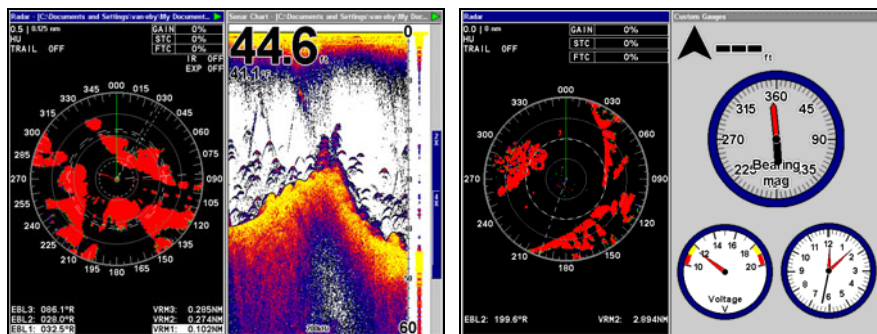
Radar, Map and Sonar page display.

## Radar, Map and Sonar

The Radar, Map and Sonar page is broken up into three windows, allowing you to monitor the radar, map and sonar signal simultaneously.

### NOTE:

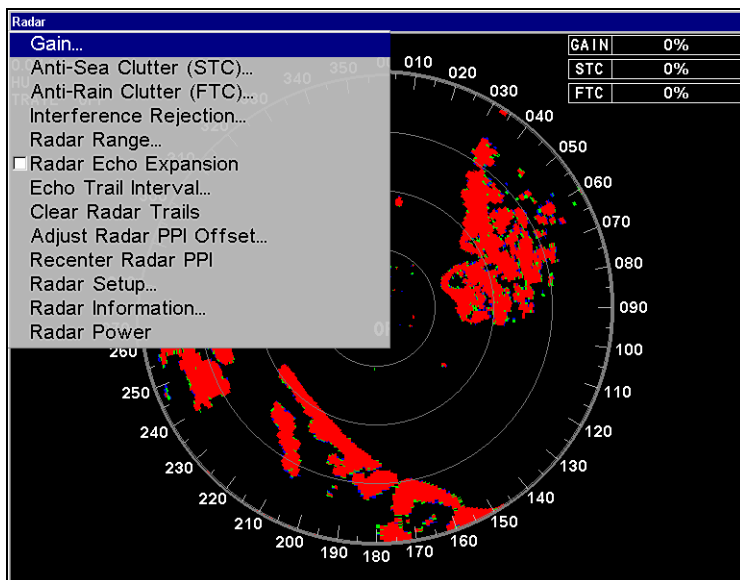
For instructions on customizing the gauges window with digital information or analog gauges, refer to the overlay data entry in your unit's instruction manual.



Radar with Sonar option (left). Radar with Gauges display (right).

### NOTE:

When more than one page display is on the screen at the same time, press **PAGES | PAGES** to switch the Active status between windows. The title bar at the top of the window will be blue when the window is active. The only exception is the map page, which will display "Active Map" at the top of the map.



**Radar Menu.**

## Radar Menu

When a radar page is the active page, you can access the radar menu by pressing **MENU**. To access the main menu, press **MENU | MENU**.

### Gain

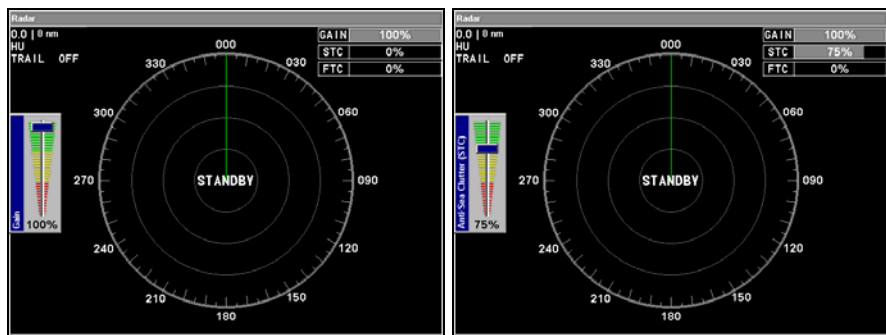
The Gain feature allows you to adjust the sensitivity of the receiver. Setting Gain to a low level will clear up some of the clutter on the screen, but also could eliminate some desired echoes. A high level of the Gain, allows you to see greater detail around you, but will clutter the screen.

### NOTE:

When adjusting Gain back to a useable level, increase the level until you see a light peppering of echoes on the display. Also remember, you will have to adjust gain every time you change ranges.

### To adjust Gain:

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, highlight **GAIN** and press **ENT**. The Gain vertical scrollbar will appear.
2. Use **↑ ↓** to adjust the Gain to a desired level. Press **EXIT** to remove the scrollbar from the screen.



Gain vertical scrollbar (left) with Anti-Sea Clutter scrollbar (right).

### Anti-Sea Clutter (STC):

The Anti-Sea Clutter feature lowers receiver sensitivity at shorter ranges to reduce or eliminate echoes that reflect back at the antenna due to wave action close to the vessel.

### Caution

*Increasing STC may reduce or eliminate weak echoes, like small vessels. Use only the minimum amount needed, then check back periodically to see if the STC level may be decreased.*

### To adjust Anti-Sea Clutter:

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, select **ANTI-SEA CLUTTER** and press **ENT**. The Anti-Sea Clutter vertical scrollbar will appear.
2. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to adjust Anti-Sea Clutter to a desired level. Press **EXIT** to remove the scrollbar from the screen.

### Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC)

The Anti-Rain Clutter feature is used to reduce or eliminate massive numbers of small echoes that clutter the display during rain or snow storms.

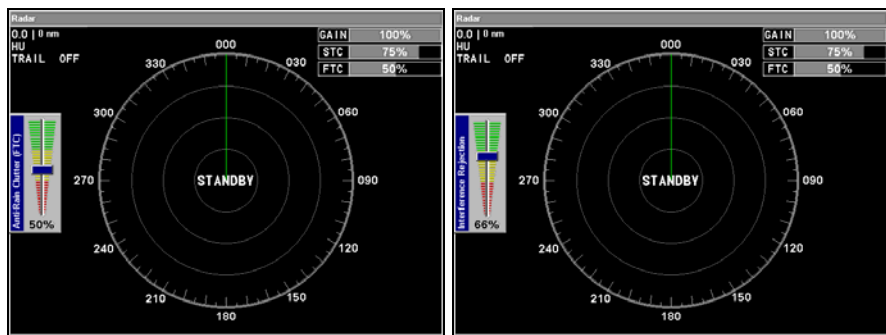
### To adjust Anti-Rain Clutter:

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, highlight **ANTI-SEA CLUTTER** and press **ENT**. The Anti-Sea Clutter vertical scrollbar will appear.

### WARNING:

**Increasing FTC may reduce or eliminate weak echoes, like those from small vessels. Use only the minimum amount needed, then check back periodically to see if the FTC level may be decreased.**

2. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to adjust the Anti-Rain Clutter setting to a desired level. Press **EXIT** to remove the scrollbar from the screen.



**Anti-Rain Clutter vertical scrollbar (left) with Interference Rejection scrollbar (right).**

## Interference Rejection

This feature filters out signals from other radars close to your location.

### To adjust Interference Rejection:

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, select **INTERFERENCE REJECTION** and press **ENT**. That will launch the Interference Rejection vertical scrollbar.
2. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to adjust the Interference Rejection setting to a desired level. Press **EXIT** to remove the scrollbar from the screen.

## Radar Range

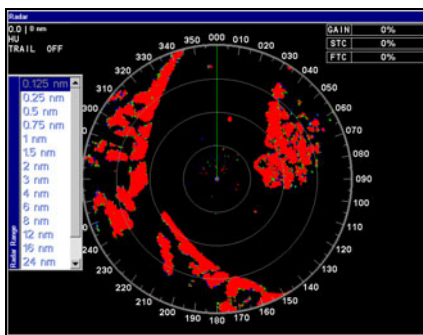
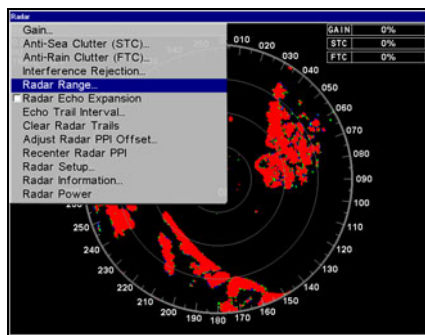
This feature allows you to expand the area shown on the display unit, which is helpful when you want to see targets a great distance from you. You also can decrease the range to focus on targets closing in on you.

### NOTE:

When switching radar ranges, you likely will need to adjust Gain, STC and FTC settings to achieve optimum performance.

### To adjust radar range:

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, select **RADAR RANGE** and press **ENT**, which will open the radar range list.
2. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to select the desired range and press **ENT**. The range you chose is now in use on the radar display.



Radar Range selected (left). List of radar ranges (right).

### Tip:

Once you are comfortable with the various radar range options, you can easily switch ranges by pressing the **ZIN** or **ZOUT** keys.

## Radar Echo Expansion

The Radar Echo Expansion feature will make weak signals more visible on the display by lengthening radar echoes.

### To turn Radar Echo Expansion On/Off:

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, highlight **RADAR ECHO EXPANSION** and press **ENT** to turn it on (check) or turn it off (uncheck). Press **EXIT** to clear the radar menu. Radar Echo Expansion is good for seeing weak echo returns — like birds — at a distance.

*Remember, when Echo Expansion is on, all signals on the display will be enlarged, including clutter.*

## Echo Trail Interval

The Echo Trail Interval feature displays an on-screen history (trail) of the movements of all radar targets.

### To adjust Echo Trail Interval

1. From the radar page, press **MENU**, select **ECHO TRAIL INTERVAL** and press **ENT**, which will launch the Echo Trail Interval menu.
2. The Echo Trail Interval menu will display a series of intervals with options ranging from Continuous to Off. Use **↑** **↓** to highlight the desired interval and press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to close the menu.

### NOTE:

This feature is best used in open water or when your vessel is stationary and you are tracking a moving target. If Echo Trail Interval is on and your vessel is moving, the display will be crowded with trails for every target, including stationary targets, like lighthouses and land.

## Clear Radar Trails

This feature is used to clear radar trails created with the Echo Trail Interval command.

### To clear radar trails:

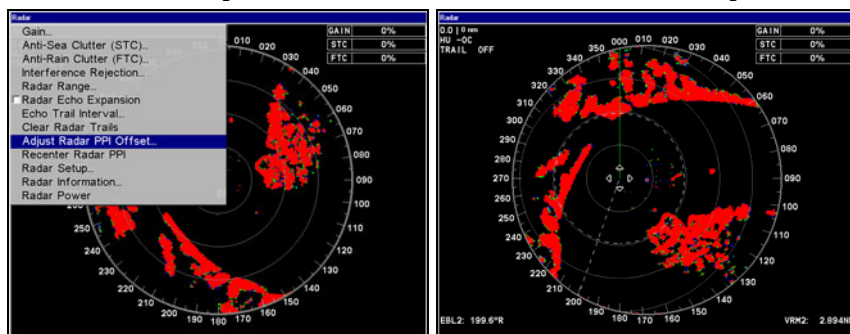
1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, highlight **CLEAR RADAR TRAILS** and press **ENT**. All radar trails are now cleared off the radar display.

## Adjust Radar PPI Offset

Adjusts vertical and horizontal offset of the PPI, allowing you to see more of what is in front, behind or on either side of you.

### To Adjust Radar PPI Offset:

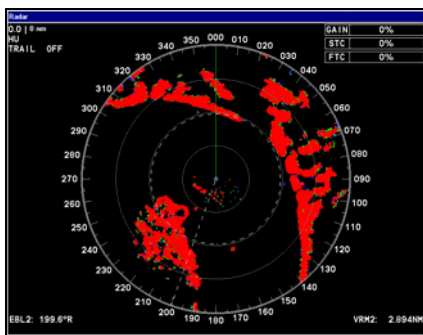
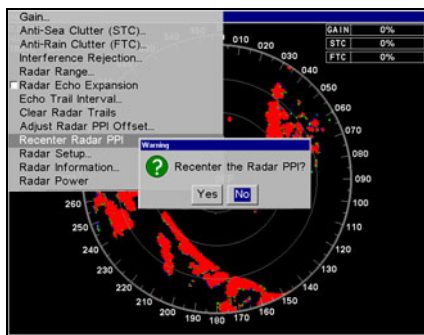
1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **ADJUST RADAR PPI OFFSET** and press **ENT**.
2. Four arrows will surround the Plan Position Indicator (PPI). Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$ ,  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  to move the PPI to the desired location. Press **ENT** to keep it at its new location or press **EXIT** to switch it back to its default position.



Adjust Radar PPI Offset selected (left). PPI moved to the left of center of the radar display (right). Notice when the PPI is moved, Off Center (HU -OC) will appear in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.

## Recenter Radar PPI

Resets to zero the vertical and horizontal offset of the Plan Position Indicator (PPI), moving it back to the center of the display.



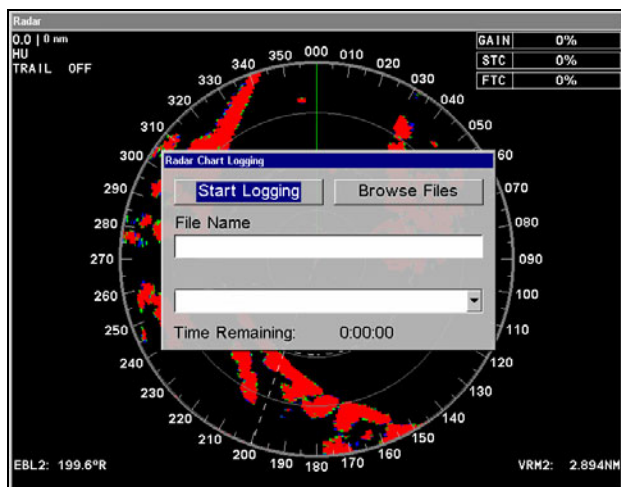
**Recenter Radar PPI highlighted (left). PPI has moved back into the center of the radar display (right).**

### To recenter radar PPI:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **RECENTER RADAR PPI** and press **ENT**. The PPI is moved back to the center of the display. Press **EXIT** to return to the main menu.

### Log Radar Data

If your unit has a hard drive (LCX-26cHD, LCX-28cHD, LCX-38cHD, LCX-111cHD, LCX-113cHD GlobalMap 6600cHD, GlobalMap 7300cHD GlobalMap 7600cHD, GlobalMap 8300cHD and GlobalMap 9300cHD) the Log Radar Data feature will be available on the Radar menu, allowing you to save radar logs. Saving a radar log allows you to reuse the log in the unit's simulator, which can aid you in being more proficient at radar interpretation. *If your unit does not have a hard drive you will not see the Log Radar Data command on your Radar menu.*



**Log Radar Data menu.**

### To record a radar log:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**. The Radar Chart Logging menu will appear.
2. Press **ENT** to start logging.

### NOTE:

Remember — you will NOT be able to log radar data, unless you have a unit with a hard drive. The following units can log radar data: LCX-26cHD, LCX-111cHD, GlobalMap 6600cHD & GlobalMap 7600cHD.

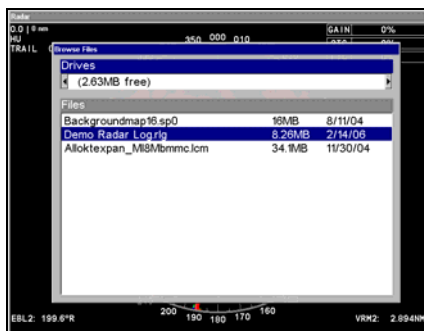
The Chart Logging menu also allows you to change the file name or browse through data files on your MMC or SD card.

### To change the file name:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Chart Logging menu. Press **↓** to File Name and press **ENT**.
2. Press **↑↓** to change the first letter, then press **→** to move to the next letter. Repeat these steps until the desired name has been entered. Press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display.

### To browse data files:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Chart Logging menu. Select **BROWSE FILES** and press **ENT**.
2. Use **↑↓** to scroll through the available files. Press **EXIT|EXIT** to return to the main page display.



**Browse Files selected from the Radar Chart Logging menu (left).  
Browse Files menu (right).**

When you select a file from the file browse menu, you can copy, delete, play or stop playing a data file.

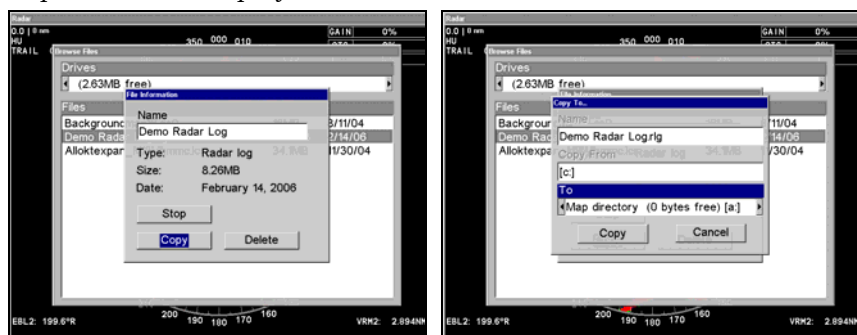


## To copy data files:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Chart Logging menu. Select **BROWSE FILES** and press **ENT**.
2. Select the desired file from the Browse Files menu and press **ENT**.
3. The File Information window will appear with three buttons, copy, delete and either stop or play.

## NOTE:

Stop will only appear in the File Information menu if the file is in use. Selecting **STOP** will bring to a halt the unit's use of the file. When the file is no longer being used, the stop button will be replaced with the play button. Select **PLAY** to reactivate the file.



File Information window (left). The Copy To window (right).

3. Select **COPY** to save the file to an MMC or SD card. That will launch the Copy To window, which allows you to choose where you want to save the file. Use **← →** to select your MMC or SD card and press **ENT**.
4. Use **↑ ↓** to highlight the **COPY FROM** dialog box. Select your unit's hard drive as the Copy-From location and press **ENT**.
5. Highlight the **COPY** button and press **ENT**.

## To delete a data file:

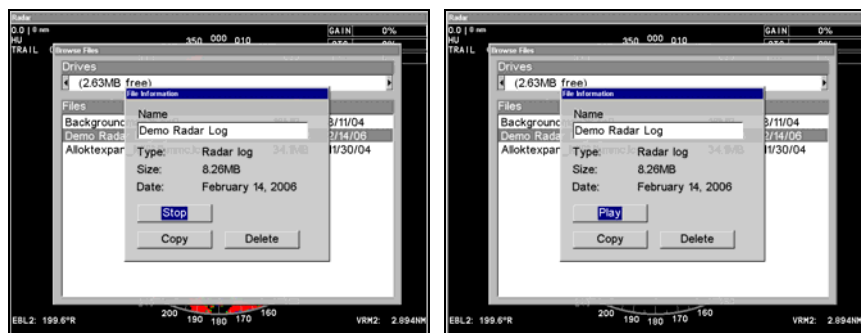
1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Chart Logging menu. Select **BROWSE FILES** and press **ENT**.
2. Select the desired file from the Browse Files menu and press **ENT**.
3. The File Information window will appear with three buttons, copy, delete and either stop or play.
4. Highlight **DELETE** from the File Information window and press **ENT**.
5. A confirmation message will appear. Press **←** to **YES** and press **ENT**.

### To stop or play a data file:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Chart Logging menu. Select **BROWSE FILES** and press **ENT**.

1. Select the desired file from the Browse Files menu and press **ENT**.

2. If the file is currently in use, the Stop button will be on the menu. If the file is not in use or if you halt its use by activating the stop command, the Play button will be displayed.



**Stop button highlighted in File Information window (left). Play button selected in File Information window (right).**

3. To stop playing the chart currently in use, highlight **STOP** and press **ENT**. The play button will replace the stop button on the File Information window. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display.

4. To play the chart again, highlight **PLAY** and press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display. *The radar simulator will automatically be turned on if you play a chart from the File Information menu.*

### To rename a data file:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **LOG RADAR DATA** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Chart Logging menu. Select **BROWSE FILES** and press **ENT**.

2. Select the desired file from the Browse Files menu and press **ENT**.

3. Highlight **NAME** at the top of the File Information menu and press **ENT**.

4. Press  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to change the first letter, then press  $\rightarrow$  to move to the next letter. Repeat these steps until the desired name has been entered.

5. Press **EXIT** repeatedly to get back to the main page display.

## Radar Setup

The Radar Setup menu allows you to set up and adjust basic radar settings, like Heading Line, Trigger Delay, Main Bang Suppression, Transmit Off Zone and Tune, all of which are addressed in the section on Radar Setup. You can also modify Radar Orientation, Radar Color Scheme and Antenna Park from the Radar Setup menu.

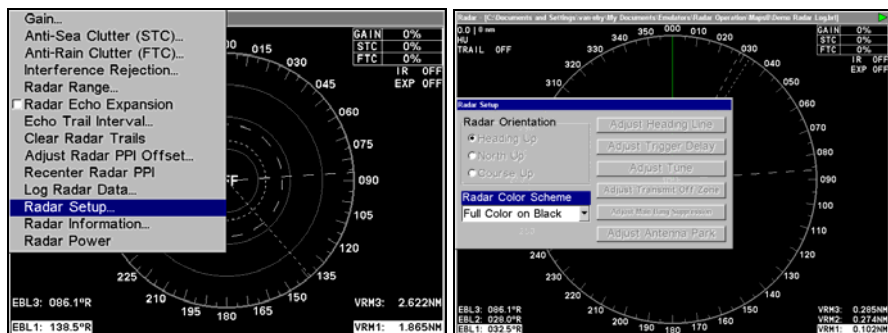
## Radar Orientation

The Radar Orientation feature, displays the orientation of your radar, which by default is set to Heading Up.

## Radar Color Scheme

Your radar has eight color options: Full Color on Black, Full Color on Gray, Full Color on White, Green on Black, Yellow on Black, Yellow on Blue, Night Viewing and Green CRT.

When using full color mode on the radar display, the strongest targets will be displayed in red, weaker targets will be shown in green and the weakest returns will be colored blue.



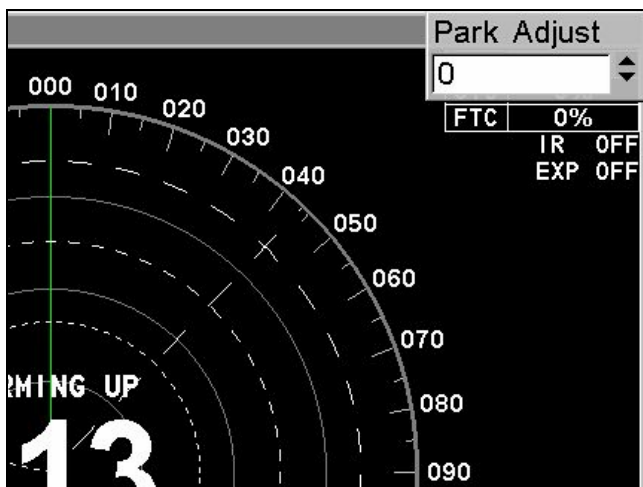
**Radar Setup selected on System Setup menu (left). Radar Color Scheme highlighted on Radar Setup menu (right).**

### To adjust the Radar Color Scheme:

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**. The Radar Setup menu will appear.
2. Press **↓** to **RADAR COLOR SCHEME** and press **ENT**. The Radar Color Scheme menu will appear.
3. Press **↑↓** to select the desired color scheme then press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display.

## Adjust Antenna Park

This feature allows users to adjust their open array antenna so it will come to a stop in a desired position.



Selecting Adjust Antenna Park will place a dialog box in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Use Arrow keys to adjust it.

**NOTE:**

Each antenna is different, so there is no recommended setting for Antenna Park. You must use the trial and error method of making an adjustment then check the result. Repeat that process until the antenna comes to a stop in the desired position.

**To adjust Antenna Park:**

1. Before adjusting Antenna Park, make sure your vessel is stationary. Then, from the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **RADAR SETUP** and press **ENT**.
2. Press **→|↓** to **ADJUST ANTENNA PARK** and press **ENT**. That will display the Adjust Antenna Park dialog box in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
3. Use **← →** to input the desired setting.
4. Test your settings by putting the radar into STANDBY Mode. Observe the location where the antenna stops. Repeat the steps above until the desired location is achieved. Press **EXIT** to return to the main page display.

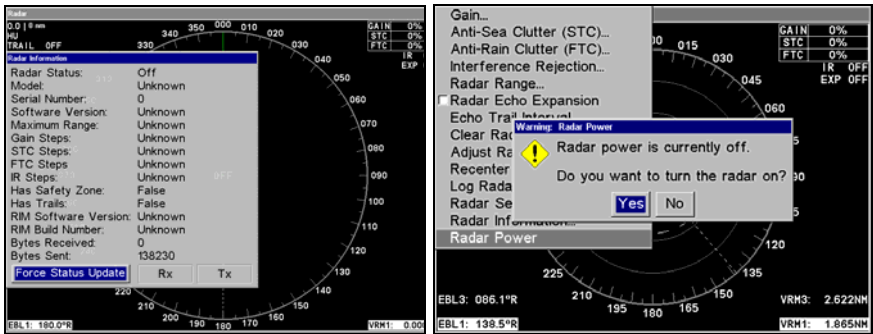
*Remember; you must not be moving when attempting to adjust Antenna Park settings. Your vessel must be stationary for the antenna to stop in the desired position. If you attempt to adjust Antenna Park while the vessel is underway or if the antenna stops in the desired position and you begin moving, the wind will move the antenna out of position.*

## Radar Information

Displays information about the radar, like radar model, radar status and software information.

**To access radar information:**

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, highlight **RADAR INFORMATION** and press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to return to the main display.



Radar Information screen (left). Radar Power confirmation message (right).

## Radar Power

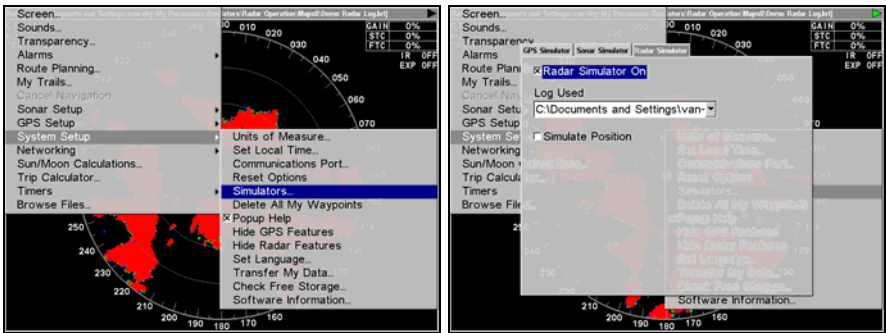
Turns the radar on and off.

**To turn the radar on or off:**

1. From the Radar Page, press **MENU**, select **RADAR POWER** and press **ENT**.
2. A confirmation message will appear. Press **←** to **YES** to continue. Press **EXIT** to get back to the main page display.

## Radar Simulator

Your unit has a simulator that gives you the opportunity to get familiar with radar operation before heading out on the water.



Simulators highlighted on the System Setup menu (left). Radar Simulator On selected on Radar Simulator menu (right). Notice the simulator has not been turned on, since the checkbox is unchecked.

### To access the Radar Simulator:

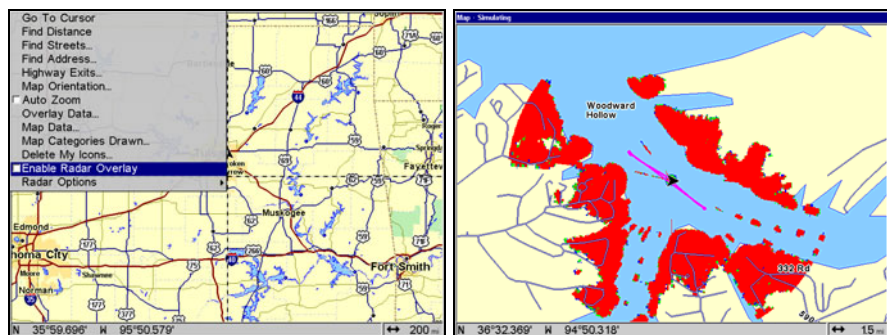
1. Press **MENU | MENU**, use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to highlight **SYSTEM SETUP** and press **ENT**.
2. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to highlight **SIMULATORS** then press **ENT**.
3. Press  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  to scroll to the **RADAR SIMULATOR** tab. If you have only one radar log or if you want to use the current radar log, press  $\downarrow$  to highlight **RADAR SIMULATOR ON** and press **ENT**.
4. If you have more than one Radar log loaded on your MMC or SD card and you want to switch logs, press  $\downarrow$  to Log Used and press **ENT**. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to select the desired radar log and press **ENT**.
5. Press  $\uparrow$  to **RADAR SIMULATOR ON** and press **ENT** to turn on (check) the simulator checkbox. Repeat these steps to turn off the simulator. Press **EXIT** repeatedly to return to the main page display.

### NOTE:

You can turn on the GPS Simulator from the Radar Simulator menu. Press  $\downarrow$  to **SIMULATE POSITION**, then press **ENT**, which will check the Simulate Position checkbox. Repeat these steps to turn off the GPS Simulator.

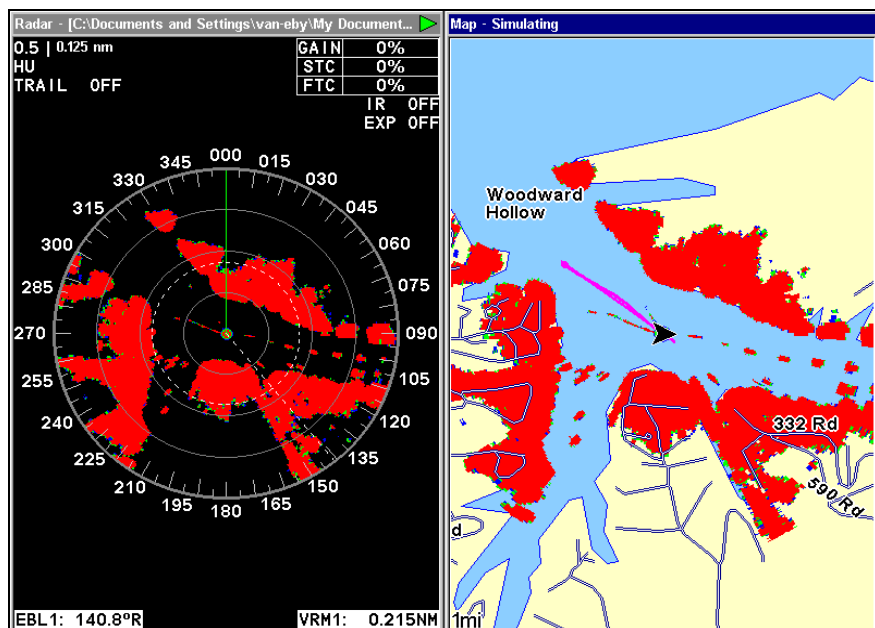
## Radar Overlay

The Radar Overlay feature allows you to overlay radar data on any map page as long as you have a valid GPS position and a NMEA 2000 heading sensor or compatible NMEA 0183 heading sensor. **Radar Overlay is available *only* on Radar compatible GPS units and Sonar-GPS combo units.**



### To use Radar Overlay:

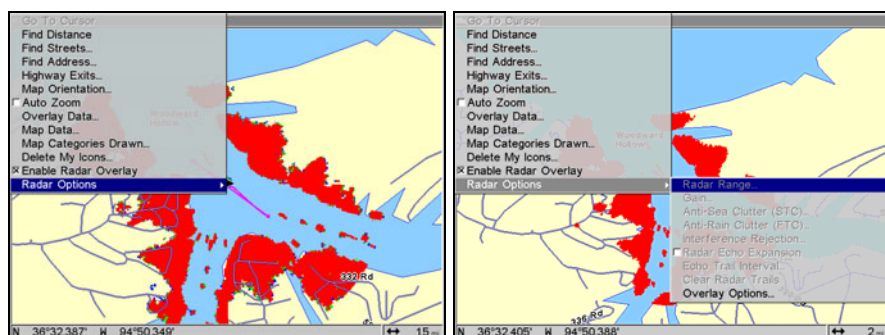
1. From any Map page, press **MENU**, highlight **ENABLE RADAR OVERLAY** and press **ENT | EXIT**. Turning on Radar Overlay will place an "X" in the box next to the Enable Radar Overlay command.
2. To turn off Radar Overlay, repeat Step 1.



Radar Overlay feature in use on the Radar with Map page.

## Radar Options menu

The Radar Options menu allows you to access radar settings and commands from the Map page menu. You, however, will **ONLY** be able to access the Radar Options menu when Radar Overlay has been enabled.



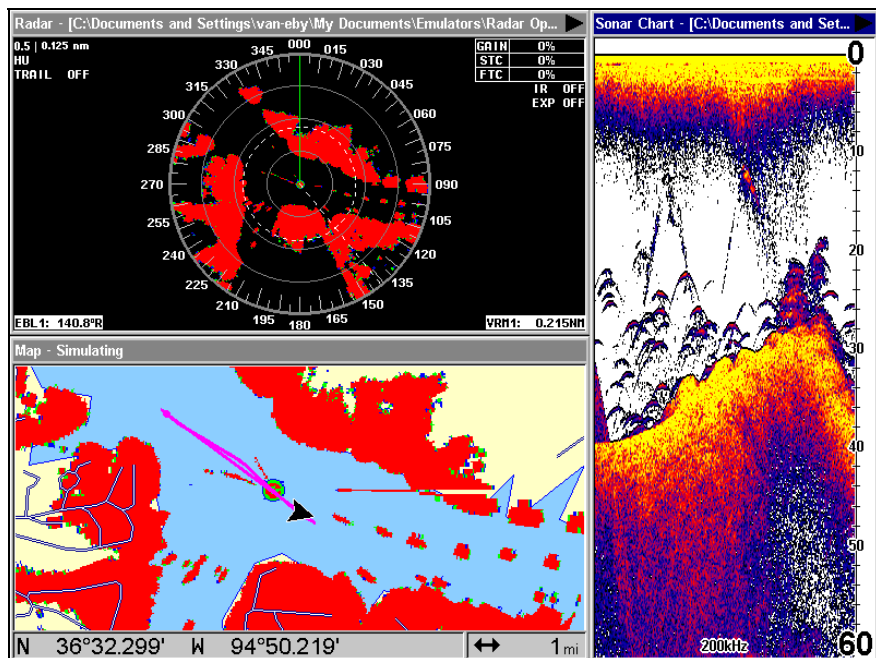
Radar Options highlighted on the Map menu (left). Radar Options menu (right).

## To access Radar Options menu:

1. From any Map Page, press **MENU**, highlight **ENABLE RADAR OVERLAY** and press **ENT**. Turning on Radar Overlay will place an "X" in the box next to the Enable Radar Overlay command.

2. Highlight **RADAR OPTIONS** and press **ENT**, which will open the Radar Options menu with the following options: Radar Range, Gain, Anti-Sea Clutter (STC), Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC), Interference Rejection, Radar Echo Expansion, Echo Trail Interval, Clear Radar Trails and Overlay Options.

3. To use the features on the Radar Options menu, refer the Radar Menu instructions covered earlier in this section.



**Radar Overlay feature in use on the Radar, Map and Sonar page.**

### Overlay Options menu

The Overlay Options menu allows you to turn on overlay transparency, select a transparency level, and choose the color of the radar overlay.

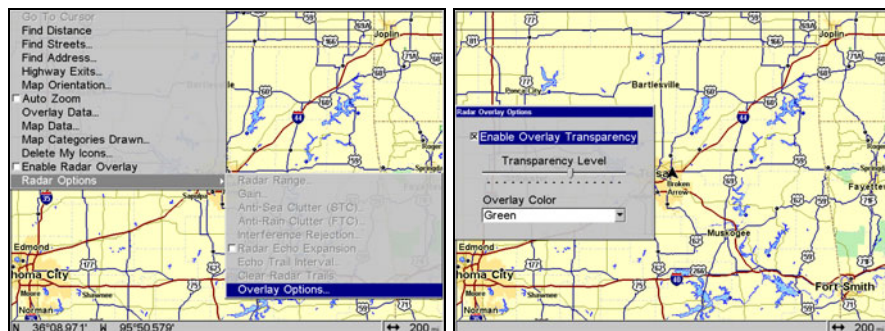
#### NOTE:

The Overlay Options menu will only be available on the following units: LMS-520C, LMS-522C iGPS, LMS-525C DF, LMS-527C DF iGPS, LCX-27C, LCX-28C HD, LCX-37C, LCX-38C HD, LCX-112C, LCX-113C HD, GlobalMap® 5200C, GlobalMap® 5300C iGPS, GlobalMap® 7200C, GlobalMap® 7300C HD, GlobalMap® 8200C, GlobalMap® 8300C HD, GlobalMap® 9200C and GlobalMap® 9300C HD.



### To access Overlay Options menu:

1. From any Map Page, press **MENU**, highlight **RADAR OPTIONS** and press **ENT**.
2. Select **OVERLAY OPTIONS** and press **ENT**. The Radar Overlay Options menu will appear.



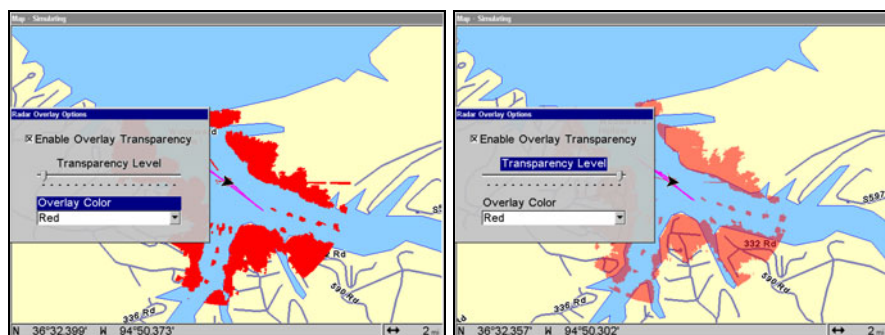
Overlay Options selected on Radar Options menu (left). Radar Overlay Options menu (right).

### To Enable Overlay Transparency:

3. Highlight **ENABLE OVERLAY TRANSPARENCY** and press **ENT**, which will place an "X" in the checkbox (turn on). Repeat these steps to turn off Overlay Transparency. When the "X" is removed from the checkbox, Overlay Transparency is turned off.

### To Adjust Transparency level:

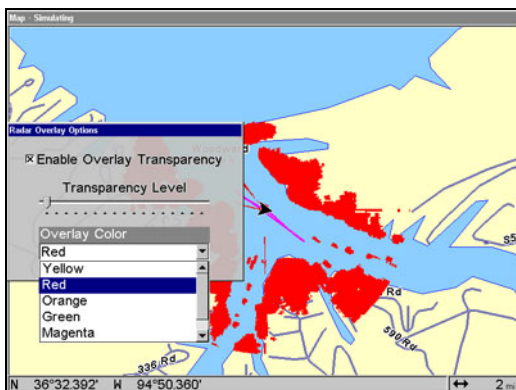
4. Highlight Transparency level, then use  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  to adjust the transparency level of the radar overlay to the desired setting.



Lowest level of Overlay Transparency (left). Highest Level of Overlay Transparency (right).

**To select Overlay Color:**

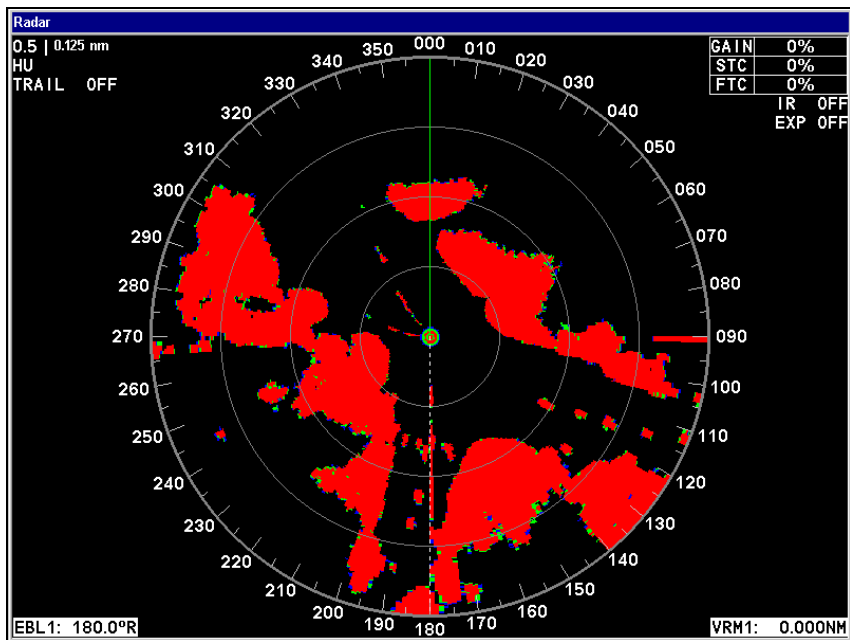
5. Highlight **OVERLAY COLOR** and press **ENT**, which will open the Overlay Color drop-down menu with the following options: Yellow, Red, Orange, Green, Magenta and Black.



**Red selected on the Overlay Color menu.**

6. Use **↑↓** to select the desired color and press **ENT**. Press **EXIT** to return to the main display.

## Section 4: Advanced Operation



Radar Only page display.

### Reading the Display

The radar page displays digital information on the screen which covers, Range Rings, Gain, Anti-Sea Clutter (STC), Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC) and when active, Electronic Bearing Lines (EBL) and Variable Range Markers (VRM).

#### Gain

The percentage listed next to Gain, displays the current Gain setting for your radar display.

#### NOTE:

When adjusting Gain back to a useable level, increase the level until you see a light peppering on the display. Also remember, you will have to adjust gain every time you change ranges.

#### Range Rings

The Range Ring display in the upper left-hand corner of the radar display shows the current range ring setting. In the example above, Range is .5 nautical miles. The Range Ring setting (the distance between each ring) is .125 nautical miles.

## Anti-Sea Clutter (STC)

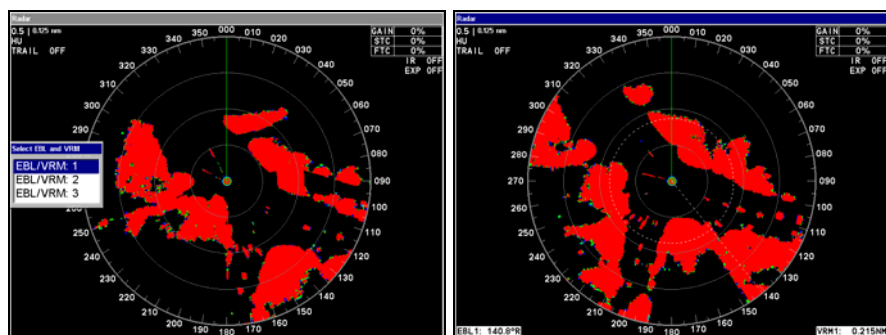
The STC percentage displays the current Anti-Sea Clutter setting on your radar screen.

## Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC)

The FTC percentage displays the current Anti-Rain Clutter setting on your radar screen.

## Electronic Bearing Line (EBL)

A radial line that can be rotated 360°, the electronic bearing line is used to monitor the bearing of a radar target in relation to your location.



The EBL and VRM selection menu appears in a small box on the left side of the radar display (left). Once activated, the EBL and VRM dialog boxes appear in the bottom corners of the screen (right).

## Variable Range Markers

A range ring used to measure the precise distance to a target, the variable range marker may be adjusted to measure any distance within the radar's range.

## Radar Cursor

The Radar cursor allows you to use the arrow keys to pinpoint the relative bearing (EBL) and range (VRM) to a target on the display. That saves you time, allowing you to simultaneously align the EBL and VRM with a target to get a quick fix on its bearing and range.

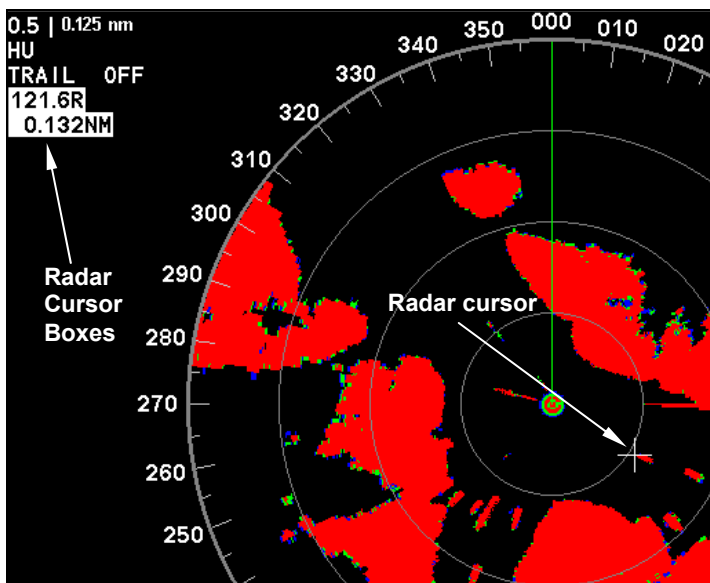
The Radar Cursor also can be used to set up each of your EBL/VRMs.

### To set up an EBL/VRM with the Radar cursor:

1. From any of the radar pages, press ↓ to launch the Radar Cursor boxes in the top left-hand corner of the display. The Radar Cursor will appear in the center of the display.
2. Use ↓ ↑, ← → to move the cursor to the desired target.

## NOTE:

If you are on a page where the screen is split between radar and another page display, make sure the radar is the active page. With the exception of the map page, the active page on the screen will be denoted by a blue bar at the top of its window. (The Map Page will display "Active Map" at the top of the map.) To toggle the active status of the pages, press Pages twice.



The Radar Cursor boxes are shown in white in the top, left-hand corner. The Radar Cursor is aligned with a target in the bottom-right portion of the screen

3. Press **ENT** to launch the EBL/VRM menu. Use  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to select the desired EBL and VRM and press **ENT | ENT | EXIT**. The Radar Cursor coordinates have been assigned to the EBL/VRM you selected. The EBL and VRM coordinates will be listed in the bottom left and right-hand corners of the display.

4. If you want to use more than one EBL/VRM at a time, repeat these steps for each EBL/VRM you want to set up.

### To manually set up an EBL and VRM:

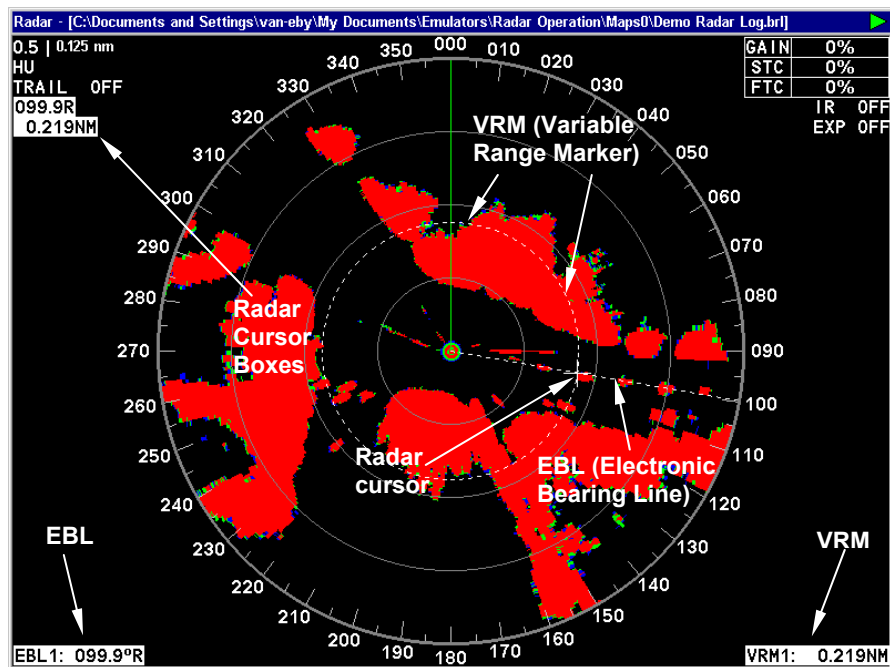
1. Press **ENT** to launch the EBL/VRM menu. Select an EBL/VRM and press **ENT**.

2. Press  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to increase or decrease the size of the circular VRM. To find the distance to a radar target, increase the size of the VRM until it is lined up with the target.

Check the display in the bottom right-hand corner to see your distance from the target in nautical miles.

3. To adjust the position of the EBL, press  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  to move the EBL around the display. Line up the EBL with a radar target to determine the target's relative bearing. Check the display in the lower left-hand corner to see the target's relative bearing displayed digitally.

4. When you are satisfied with the position of your EBL/VRM, press **ENT** | **EXIT**. If you want to use more than one EBL/VRM at a time, repeat these steps for each EBL/VRM you want to set up.

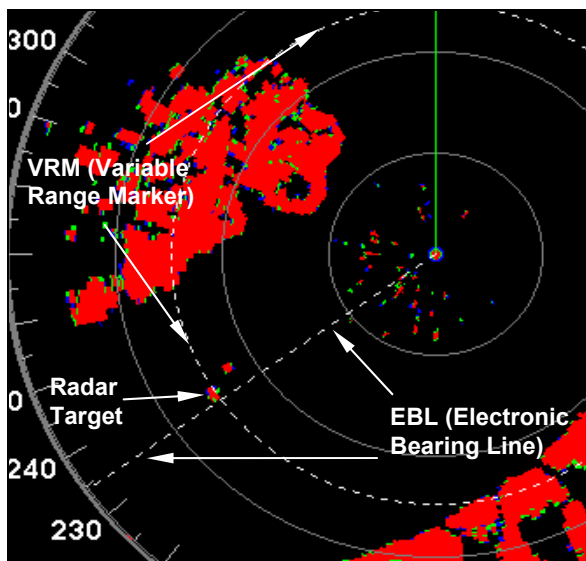


The Variable Range (VRM) shows the target is 0.219 nautical miles away. The Electronic Bearing Line (EBL) displays the target's bearing as 099.9°R.

#### To reposition an EBL/VRM:

1. Press **ENT** to launch the EBL/VRM menu. Select the EBL/VRM you would like to change and press **ENT**.
2. Press  $\uparrow \downarrow$  to increase or decrease the size of the circular VRM. To find the distance to another radar target, increase the size of the VRM until it is lined up with the target. Check the display in the bottom right-hand corner to see your distance from the target in nautical miles.

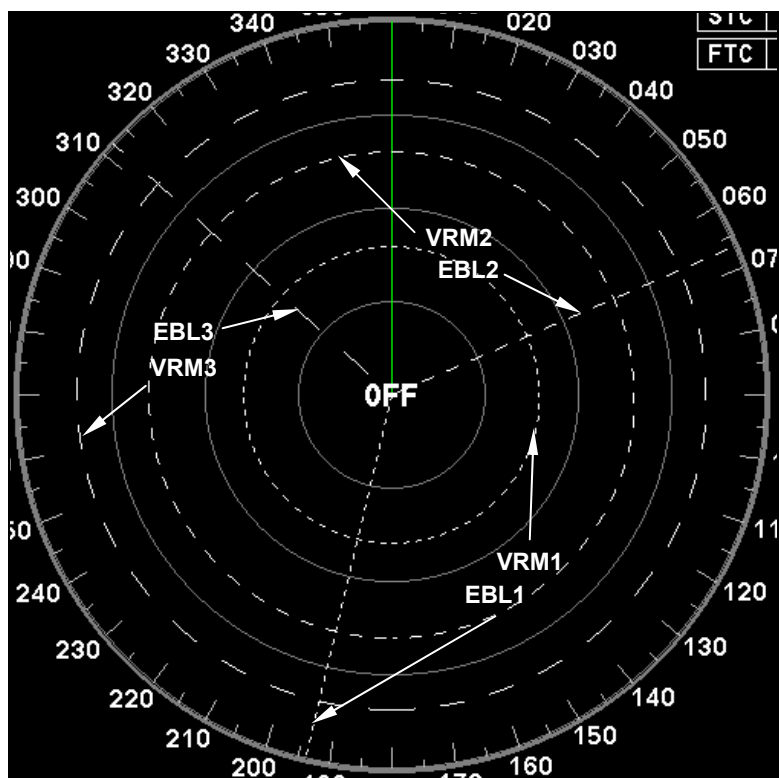
3. Press  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  to move the EBL around the display. Line up the EBL with a radar target to determine another target's relative bearing. Check the display in the lower left-hand corner to see the target's relative bearing displayed digitally.
4. If you have more than one EBL/VRM on the radar display, repeat these steps to reposition each EBL/VRM on the display.



This is a zoomed in view from the previous image, clearly showing the radar target, Variable Range Marker and Electronic Bearing Line.

**To remove an EBL/VRM from the display:**

1. Press **ENT** to call up the EBL/VRM menu. Select the EBL/VRM you want to remove and press **ENT**.
2. Press **EXIT** and the desired EBL/VRM will be removed from the screen.
3. Repeat these steps to remove each EBL/VRM from the display.



When using multiple EBL/VRMs, the size of the dashes and the distance between dashes allows you to distinguish between the different EBL/VRMs on the display.



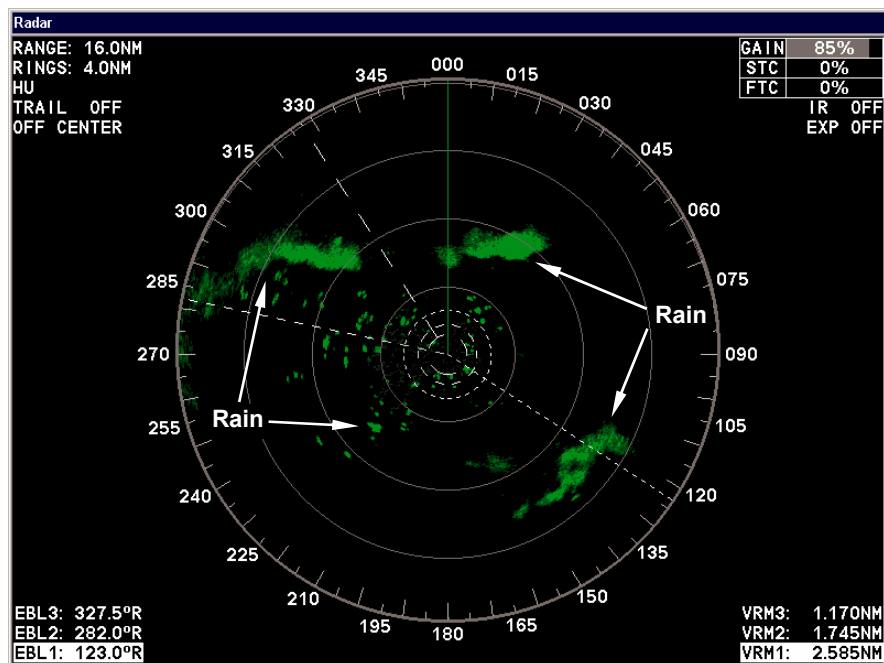
## Section 5: Radar Interpretation

Interpreting images on your radar screen involves as much art as it does science. If you want to be confident with your radar at night, you need to practice in daylight. To be ready for fog or a blinding rain squall, you must practice in fair weather.

Making you an expert radar reader is beyond the scope of this operation manual. We strongly suggest you seek additional sources of information. For a start, the following pages will show you a few basic radar returns and how to interpret them. See the end of this section for other information sources that go into much greater detail.

### Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC or Fast Time Constant)

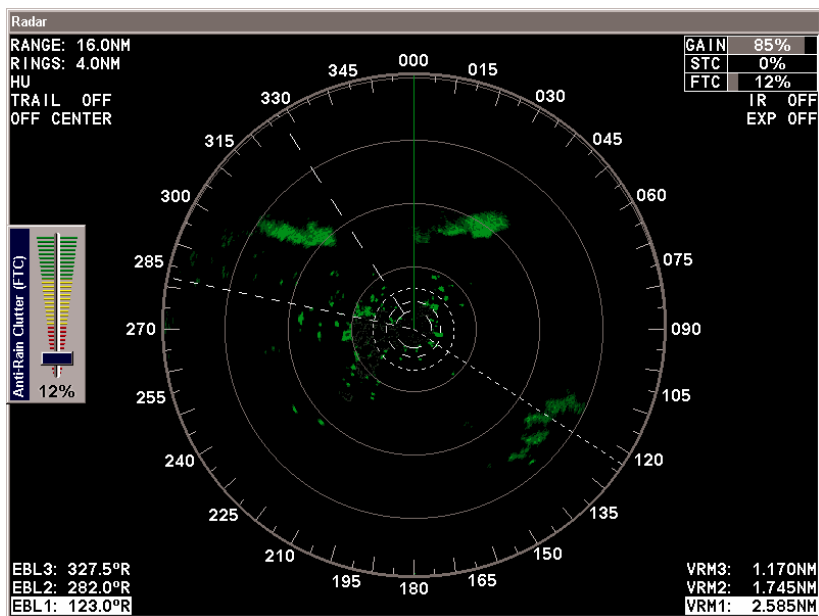
The following five figures show how boosting the FTC level can cut through display clutter caused by rain or snow. Note how these areas of intense rainfall gradually grow fainter as FTC increases.



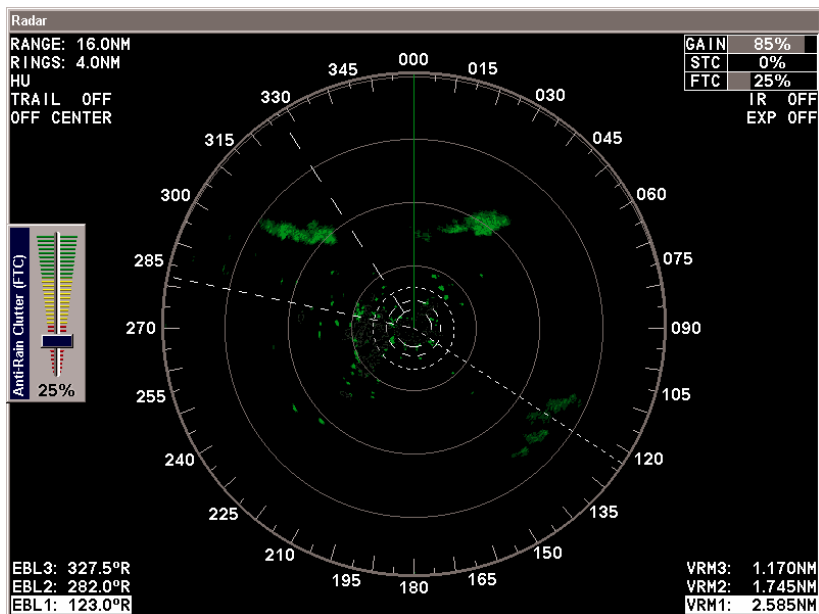
Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC) fig. 1. FTC set to zero. In these examples, we are using a color mode other than default full-color.

#### WARNING:

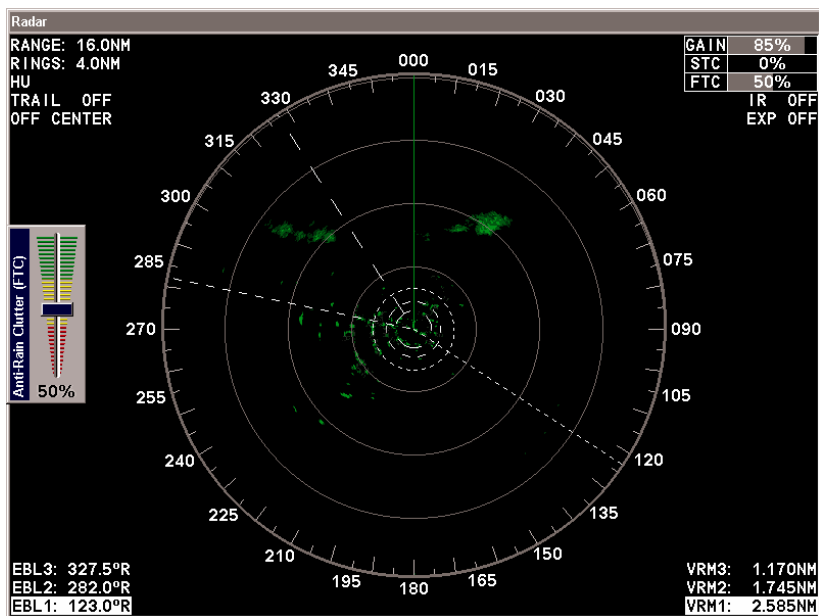
Increasing FTC may reduce or eliminate weak echoes, like those from small vessels. Use only the minimum amount needed, then check back periodically to see if the FTC level may be decreased or turned off.



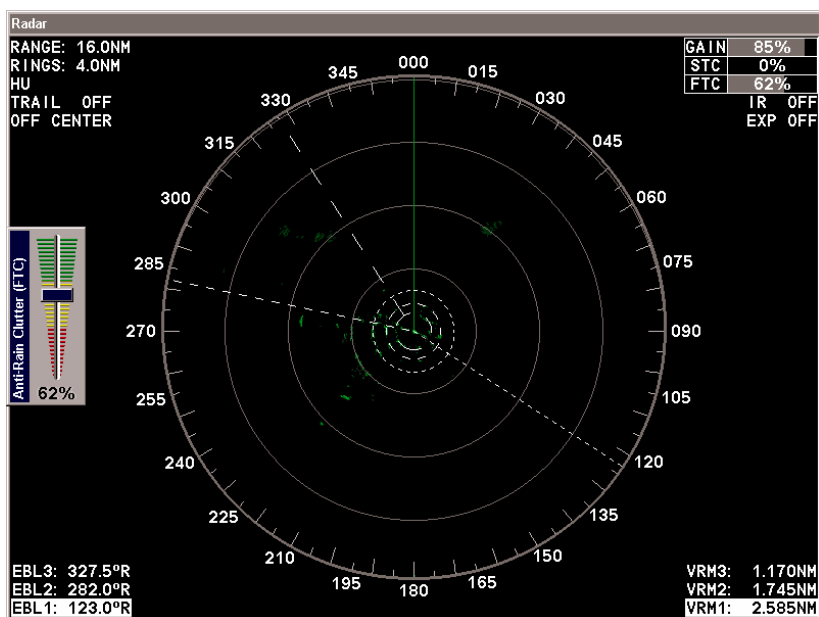
Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC) fig. 2. FTC set to 12%



Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC) fig. 3. FTC set to 25 %.



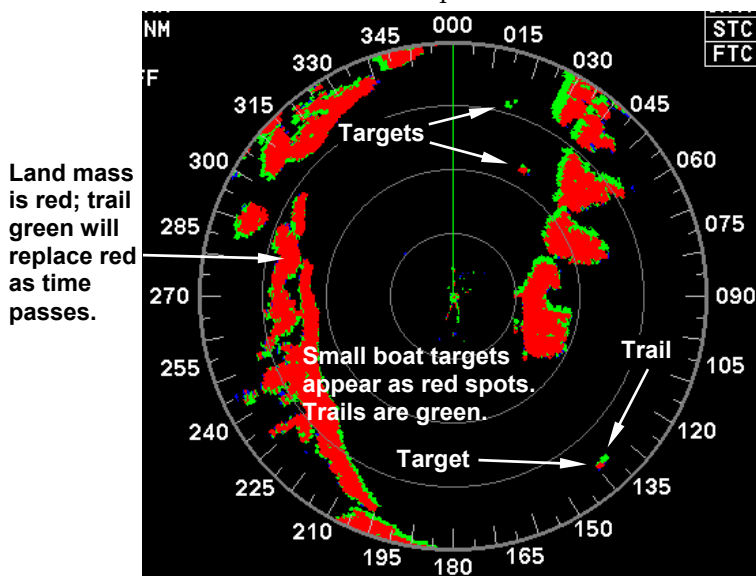
Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC) fig. 4. FTC set to 50%.



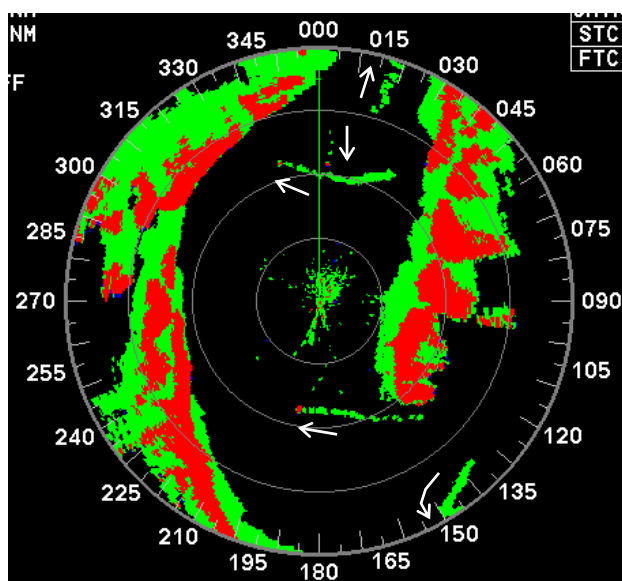
Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC) fig. 5. FTC set to 62%.  
The rain has virtually disappeared from the screen.

## Echo Trails

This four-figure sequence shows how Echo Trails tracks target movement over time. The boat is stationary. Several boats will be trailed. Color mode is default. Echo Trail update interval set to 30 seconds.

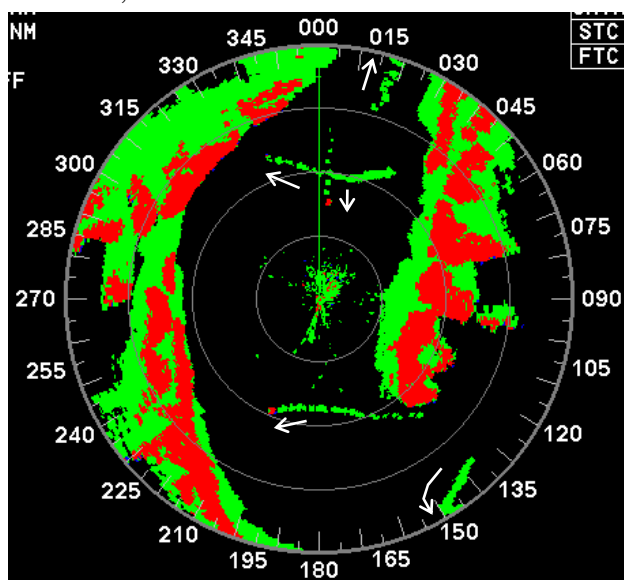


Echo Trails fig. 1. Elapsed time = zero.

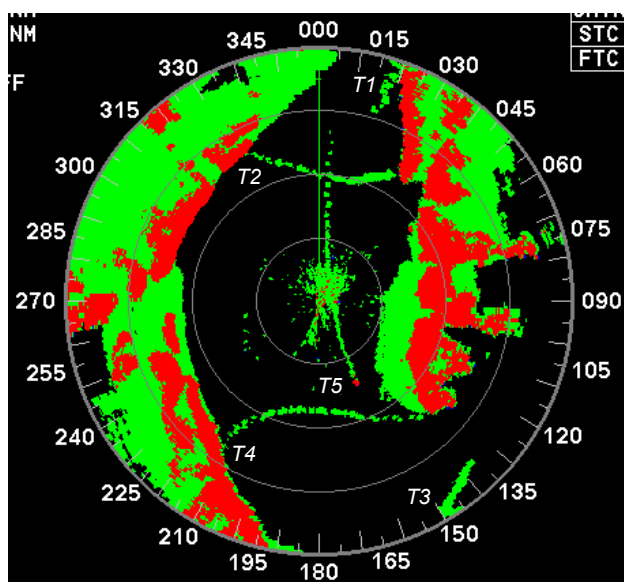


Echo Trails fig. 2. Elapsed time = 5 seconds. Arrows show travel direction.

In fig. 3, note the target off the bow approaching at high speed from the north. The "dotted" trail indicates higher speed than targets with more solid trails. Be alert; this boat is a collision risk.

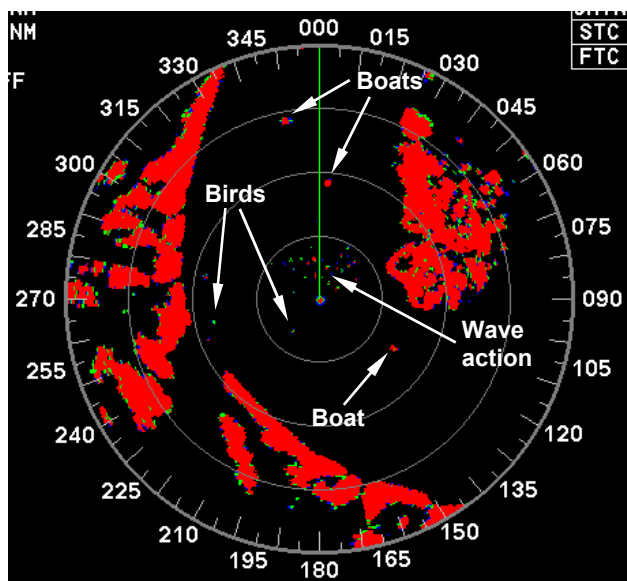


Echo Trails fig. 3. Elapsed time = 8 seconds.

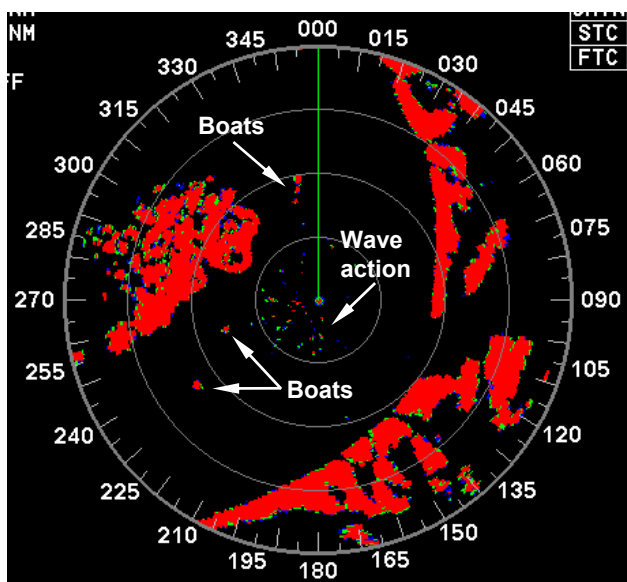


Echo Trails fig. 4. Elapsed time = 12 seconds. Target 5 veered by your starboard side and is now astern. Targets 1-4 reached port or left the area.

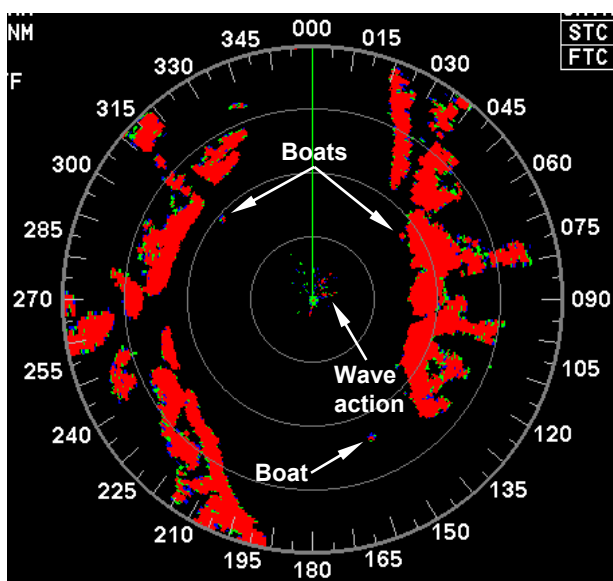
## Typical Small Boat Targets



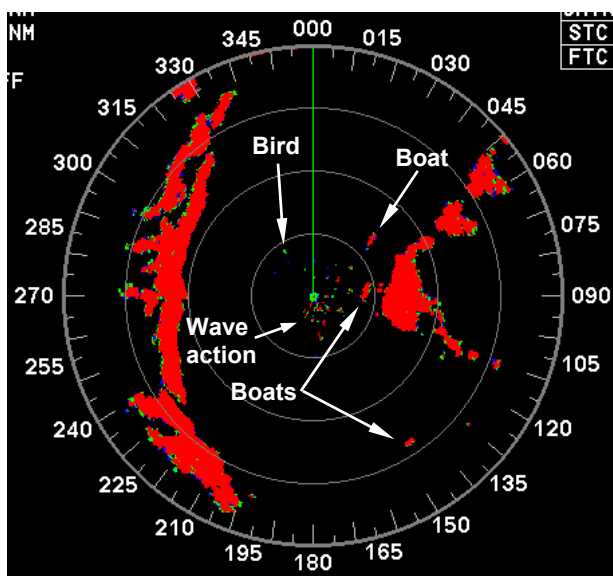
Small boat targets fig. 1. Bow is headed into the wind. Here, boats appear as larger red targets. Birds are smaller green targets.



Small boat targets fig. 2. Boat has turned, with the wind (and wave clutter) off port quarter.



Small boat targets fig. 3. Landmasses return a strong echo and thus appear red in default color mode.

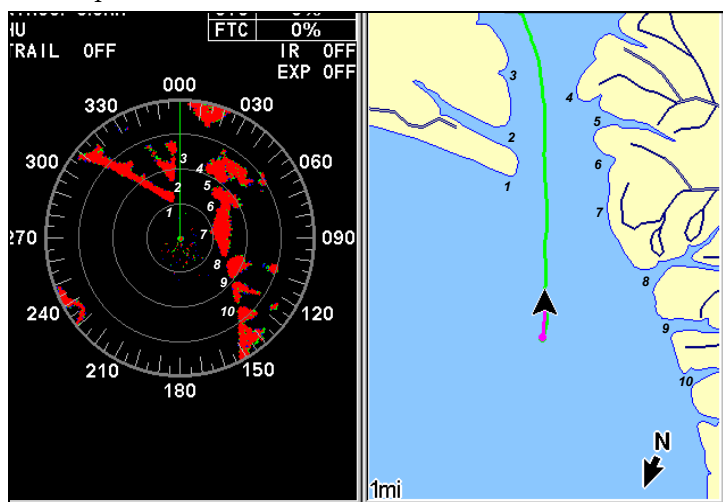


Small boat targets fig. 4. Three targets, with one boat just offshore.

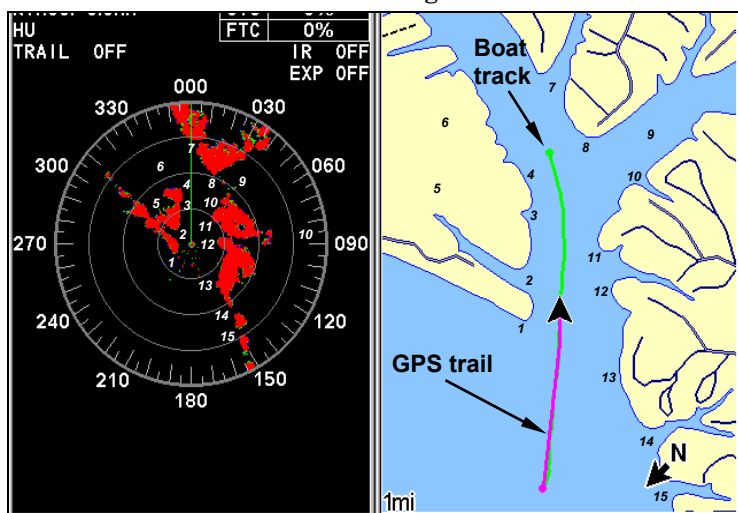
## Shoreline Images

This sequence illustrates a boat entering a channel. The green line is the track the vessel will take. The magenta line from the stern is a GPS trail. Study these radar returns with their corresponding maps and you'll get a feel for how radar displays a shoreline. This channel is surrounded by steeply sloping, rocky hills. Radar signals are strictly line-of-sight, so this causes land further inland to show no return.

Numbered features on the radar correspond to the same position number on the map.

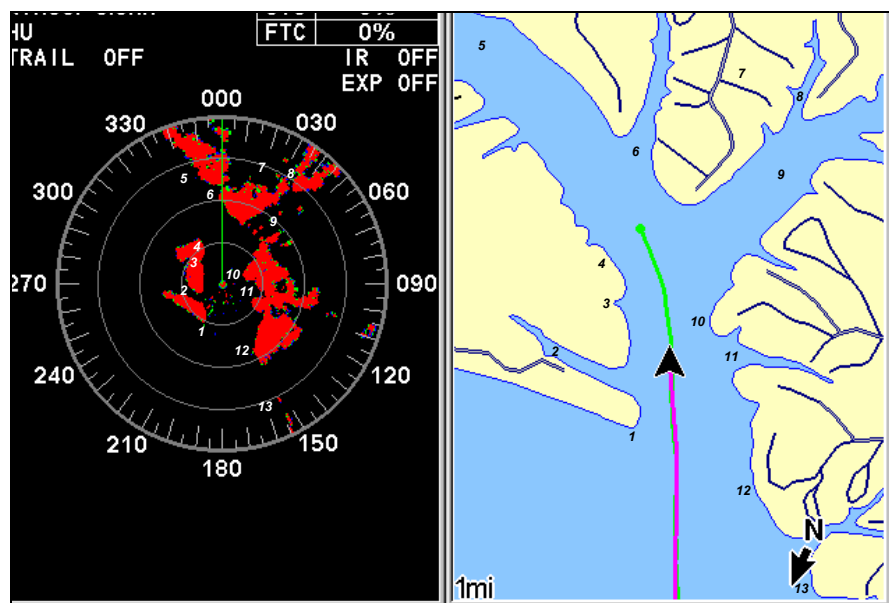


Shoreline fig. 1.

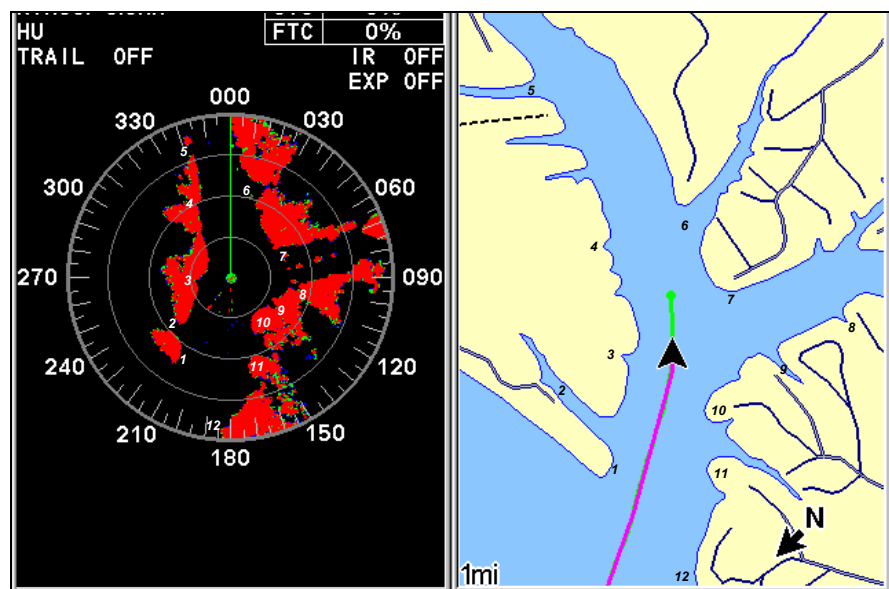


Shoreline fig. 2.





Shoreline fig. 3.



Shoreline fig. 4.

## Recommended Reading

For additional instruction check out these two books and a U.S. government manual:

*The Radar Book: Effective Navigation and Collision Avoidance*, by Kevin Monahan. ISBN 1-932310-05-3, 235 pages, paperback. Published in 2003 by FineEdge.com LLC, 14004 Biz Point Lane, Anacortes, WA 98221 USA.

*Radar for Mariners*, by David F. Burch. ISBN 0-07-139867-8, 248 pages, paperback, includes CD-ROM with a radar simulator and other radar resources. Published in 2005 by The McGraw-Hill Co. To order, write Customer Service Dept., P.O. Box 547, Blacklick, OH 43004 USA.

*Navigation Rules, International-Inland*, by the United States Coast Guard. COMDTINST M16672.2D; ISBN 0-16-050057-5, 229 pages. Published in 1999 by U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, DC 20402-9328 USA.



**Navigation rules are for sale at U.S. government printing offices, or can be downloaded free from the U.S. Coast Guard web site.**

This manual contains the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS). It also contains the Inland Navigation Rules, which govern all inland U.S. waters. Several of these rules address the use of radar in collision avoidance.

The document is available free in PDF format at the Coast Guard's Navigation Center web site. Log-on to [www.navcen.uscg.gov](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov) and click the Nav Rules link near the top of the page.

# Appendix I: Glossary

**Anti-Rain Clutter (FTC):** used to reduce or eliminate massive number of small echoes that clutter the display during rain or snow storms.

**Anti-Sea Clutter (STC):** lowers receiver sensitivity at shorter ranges to reduce or eliminate sea clutter echoes, which are most prevalent around the vessel.

**ARPA:** automatic radar plotting aid; **MARPA:** mini automatic radar plotting aid. **ARPA** allow you to monitor multiple targets, providing updates on the target's course and speed, then plotting them in vector format on the display. **MARPA** does the same thing, but can only monitor a small number of targets. These navigation aids usually are available in only North-Up stabilized mode.

**Beam:** focused rays of microwave energy

**Beam width:** measured in degrees, the width of a beam, both horizontally and vertically.

**Clutter:** undesirable echoes created by rain, snow, waves and other intermittent causes.

**Course Up:** a stabilized display mode in which the current user-selected course is represented at the top of the radar display. This display mode requires a heading sensor.

**EBL (Electronic Bearing Line):** A radial line that can be rotated 360°, the electronic bearing line is used to monitor the bearing of a radar target in relation to your location.

**Echo:** reflected radio frequency pulse picked up by radar. It is also another name for a target image detected on the radar display.

**Echo trail:** a history (trail) of the echoes for a particular radar target.

**Gain:** used to adjust the sensitivity of the receiver to increase or decrease the intensity of images on the display.

**Ghost Echo:** an undesirable image created when returns are reflected off other structures.

**Guard Zone:** an area selected by the radar user, that when activated, will sound an alarm if any echo passes into the zone.

**Heading Flash:** the green line on the radar display that shows the direction you are heading.

**Heading Line Adjustment:** the Heading Line is used to make sure the green heading line (zero point) on your radar display is lined up the bow of your vessel.

**Heading Up:** when your heading is displayed at the top of the screen, you are in Heading Up mode.

**Interference Rejection:** filters out signals from other radars close to your location.

**North Up:** a stabilized display mode in which North is at the top of the radar display. This display mode requires a heading sensor.

**Offset EBL:** an electronic bearing line originating from a location other than the PPI sweep origin.

**Offset Mode:** moving the sweep origin (center of the PPI) to a location other than the center of the radar display.

**Open Array Antenna:** a radar antenna which has an external rotating scanner.

**PPI (Plan Position Indicator):** The PPI provides a map-like representation of target echoes.

**Radar Overlay:** radar image data laid over an electronic chart. This feature requires a GPS position fix and a heading sensor. Radar Overlay is available only on GPS units and Sonar-GPS combo units.

**Radome:** a single housing containing a radar antenna and transceiver.

**Rain Clutter:** undesirable echoes caused by rain or snow.

**Range:** distance to a particular target.

**Range Rings:** fixed rings on the radar display designed to show the distance from the antenna.

**Sea Clutter:** undesirable returns caused by smaller waves and water movement.

**Standby:** radar mode that follows warm-up and precedes the start of transmission.

**Sweep Origin:** the origin of EBL and VRM, the sweep origin is located at the center of the PPI.

**Target:** an item detected by radar.

**Target Acquisition:** process of locking on and starting to track a target with an ARPA radar.

**Time Base:** line that rotates around the radar display, updating images on the display.

**Transmit Off Zone:** an area set up in the radar transmission path where the radar will not transmit a microwave pulse.

**Tuning:** intermediate frequency adjustment that enhances the performance of the radar.

**VRM (Variable Range Marker):** a range ring used to measure the precise distance to a target, the variable range marker may be adjusted to measure any distance within the radar's range.

# Notes

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## FCC Compliance

This device complies with Part 15 and Part 80 of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### **Note:**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 and part 80 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the factory customer service department for help.



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# Accessory Ordering Information for all countries

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Call 1-800-324-0045 or visit our web site [www.lei-extras.com](http://www.lei-extras.com).

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## Shipping Information

If it becomes necessary to send a product for repair or replacement, you must first receive a return authorization number from Customer Service. Products shipped without a return authorization will not be accepted. When shipping, we recommend you do the following:

- 1.** Please do not ship the knobs or mounting bracket with your unit.
- 2.** If you are sending a check for repair, please place your check in an envelope and tape it to the unit.
- 3.** For proper testing, include a brief note with the product describing the problem. Be sure to include your name, return shipping address and a daytime telephone number. An e-mail address is optional but useful.
- 4.** Pack the unit in a suitable size box with packing material to prevent any damage during shipping.
- 5.** Write the Return Authorization (RA) number on the outside of the box underneath your return address.
- 6.** For your security, you may want to insure the package through your shipping courier. Lowrance does not assume responsibility for goods lost or damaged in transit.



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