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## **NMEA training course chooses Actisense**

*- Top marine electronics brand elected by NMEA instructor*

Following a hugely successful showing at the 2012 METS show in Amsterdam, one of the industry's top electronic component players have been selected as a core brand by which to train attendees at a leading Dutch training academy.

Actisense, the market leading marine electronics brand from Active Research Limited, based in Poole, UK, has been selected by NMEA trainers at the RYA Training Centre, based in the Netherlands, as core products to feature in their training. The course aims to train people in the correct way to interconnect navigational equipment on larger yachts and ships using the NMEA 2000 network, especially considering the previous NMEA 0183 network's complications and limited capacity.

Lead Trainer Geert-Jan Smolders met Actisense Chief Engineer, Andy Campbell, at the industry-celebrated METS Connect-Fest, where he discovered their extensive NMEA 2000 range of cables and connectors, plus their industry-lauded EMU-1 and various other upcoming prototypes. Mr Smolders said: *"At the moment we are at a transit phase: the old system is well known, and the NMEA 2000 is something new. The mega-yacht industry is picking up with new-build boats but there are also many refits where owners want to change over to the new system. That is where Actisense EMU-1 really kicks in."*

He continued: *"Most Dutch yachts at the moment use the "old" 0183 system. Engine data is usually not available except on old fashioned clocks, although a lot of skippers (myself included) like the idea of monitoring oil pressures / voltages, fuel consumption and alarms. The EMU-1 makes it possible to show all that data, even from an old engine, on any NMEA 2000 screen on board. During the transition from 0183 to NMEA 2000 the Actisense NGW-1 (NMEA 2000 Gateway) comes in handy as well, because it allows owners to mix NMEA 0183 with NMEA 2000 equipment."*

Phil Whitehurst, Managing Director of Active Research Limited said, *"This is great news for Actisense. As a brand, we have strived to create products that are easy to use and essential to every boat owner, and their use in these training courses is testament to that."*

For more information about Actisense, visit [www.actisense.com](http://www.actisense.com) and follow them on Twitter and Facebook.

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