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**Actisense Chief Engineer becomes NMEA 0183 committee chair**

The NMEA (National Marine Electronics Association) has named Andy Campbell as NMEA 0183 committee chair. Mr Campbell is the Chief Engineer at the specialist marine electronics brand, Actisense – based in Poole, United Kingdom – who have been members of the internationally respected standards organisation since the brand was launched by Active Research Ltd. in 2001.

Actisense have long consulted on and contributed to the popular marine industry electronics standards, allowing them to create a host of useful online resources, plus free apps for boaters and installers.

Actisense Chief Engineer, Andy Campbell, said:

*“NMEA 0183 is a survivor, an international standard that’s five decades strong and counting.  The physical layer may be living on borrowed time, with commercial shipping and its mandated standards being the last bastion, but the data layer – those trusted ASCII sentences – is the real star, still pumping through gateways to NMEA 2000, Wi-Fi and soon, OneNet.*

*NMEA 0183 is in a transitional phase with ‘old data’ flowing through ‘new pipes’, proving that it’s far more resilient than many thought, evolving beyond its humble hardware beginnings into the future, with no End-Of-Life in sight.”*

He continued:

*“With that in mind, the NMEA 0183 Technical Steering Committee is actively working on GNSS & DSC updates, Display Dimming Control and the creation of data and control sentences for black-box VHF radios, to name just a few.*

*We’re always looking for experts to help, so ask not what the NMEA can do for you, but what you can do for the NMEA.”*

Mark Reedenauer, President & Executive Director at the NMEA, commented:

*“Andy was instrumental in leading the NMEA 2000 TSC (Technical Standards Committee) from 2021 to 2024. Andy has a mission to improve NMEA 0183 interoperability with NMEA OneNet. Andy is joined by NMEA 0183 Co-chair Paul Sumpner from Digital Yacht. We welcome Andy and Paul to their new roles with our thanks.”*

Mr Campbell also remains NMEA 2000 TSC chair emeritus.

Actisense's have an extensive range of NMEA 2000 and NMEA 0183 products. Their most popular products include their NMEA Buffers, NMEA Conversion Gateways, and NMEA 2000 Wi-Fi Gateway.

For more information about Actisense and their award-winning NMEA products, visit: [actisense.com](http://www.actisense.com). To learn more about the NMEA, visit [nmea.org](https://www.nmea.org).

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To interview Andy Campbell or to find out more please contact [justin.cohen@actisense.com](mailto:justin.cohen@actisense.com).

**Editors Notes:**

Actisense is the specialist marine electronics brand from Active Research Ltd. The company is based in Poole, United Kingdom, and was established by Phil Whitehurst, a Chartered Electronics Engineer, in 1997. Actisense has been creating intelligent marine electronic products that have seen them become recognised for their reliability both nationally and internationally. They are now exported to over 85 distributors in 50 countries worldwide.