

# APRIL 2026 MARINE SOFTWARE UPDATE



In an ongoing effort to improve our products and provide enhanced features to existing users, we are excited to announce the Q2 2026 marine software update. This update provides improved functionality and new features throughout our marine systems.

The preferred update method is a free download using the ActiveCaptain® mobile app or from a computer with Garmin Express™ software. A preloaded update card is also available for purchase and will be shipped directly from Garmin. Click [here](#) for all update methods.

For the most up-to-date chart data available, visit our [chart update page](#) or check the [marine support](#) section on Garmin.com to find information on updating your device's charts, or tap the **Download Charts** option from the ActiveCaptain app to see what's available. For more information on available marine charts, visit our [marine chart viewer](#).

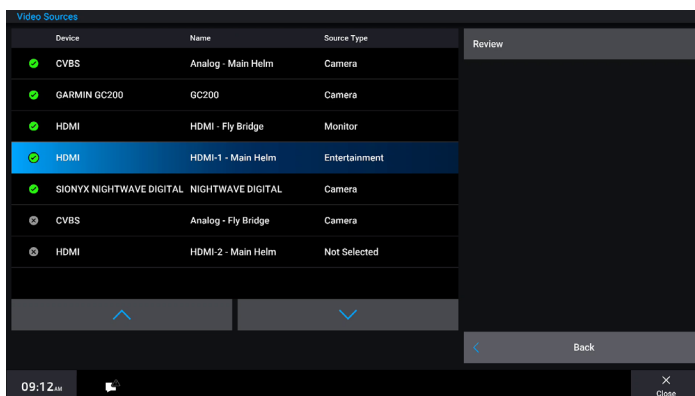
## NEW FEATURES

Notable features in this software release include:

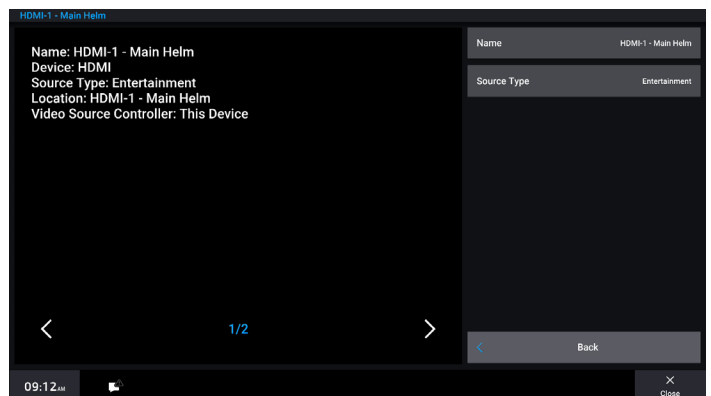
### BLUEAV VESSEL-WIDE GARMIN BLUENET™ AV SYNC

HDMI® inputs that are categorized as Entertainment sources will now be displayed with audio and video synchronized across the vessel. This allows audio (connected from one or more Garmin BlueNet MFDs to one or more stereos) and video viewed on multiple Garmin BlueNet MFDs to play synchronously.

For example, the vessel may have satellite TV connected to an HDMI input on one of the MFDs. The audio from one of the MFDs can be routed to a Fusion® stereo providing audio for multiple zones on the vessel. Each Garmin BlueNet MFD on the boat can provide entertainment with synchronized audio and video. Previously, there could be a large delay between video viewed on each MFD and between the audio and video on the MFDs.



Video Sources List

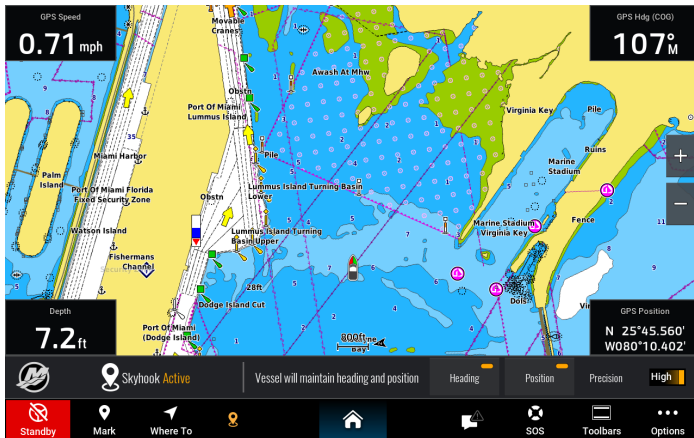


Video Source Review

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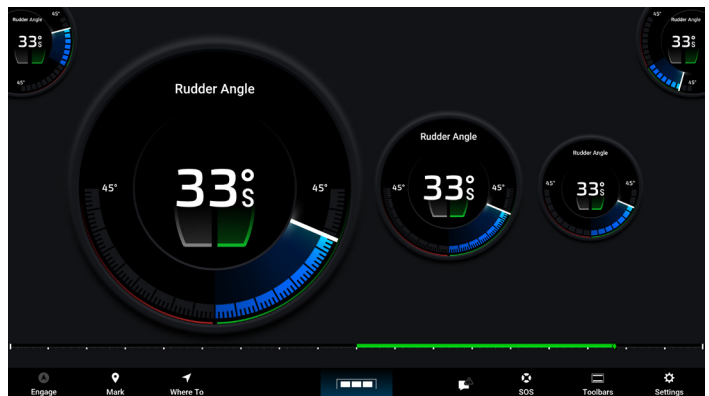
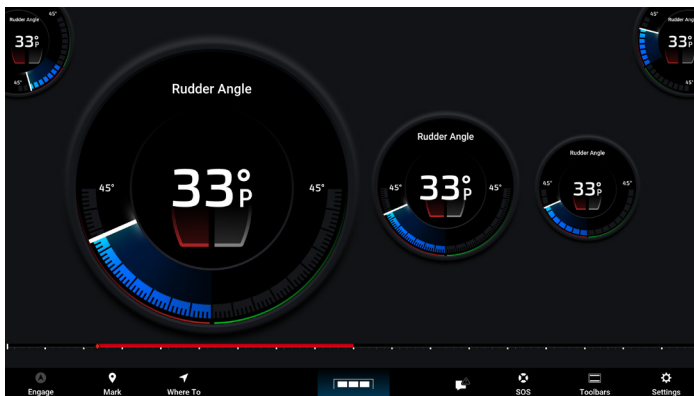
## MERCURY PRECISION JOYSTICK

This update adds support for Mercury's new Precision Joystick features, including Autopilot, Skyhook and Joystick settings.



## RUDDER FEEDBACK UI IMPROVEMENTS

- This feature improves rudder angle indication across Garmin chartplotters. It brings existing indicators into compliance with international standards and adds the first analog (circular) rudder gauge to the Garmin gauge set.
- The digital readout within the gauge will also help sailors judge trimming efficiency.

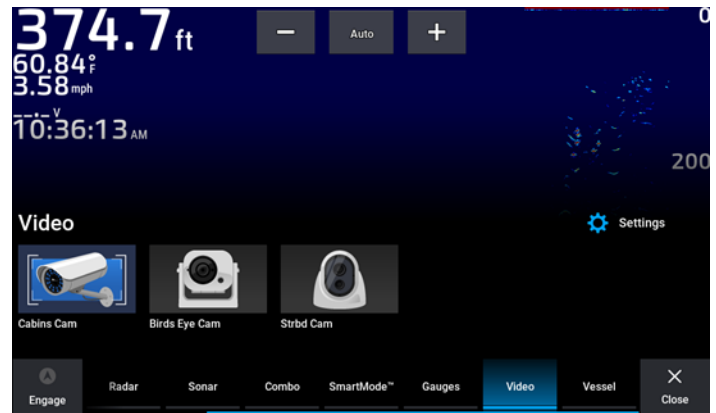
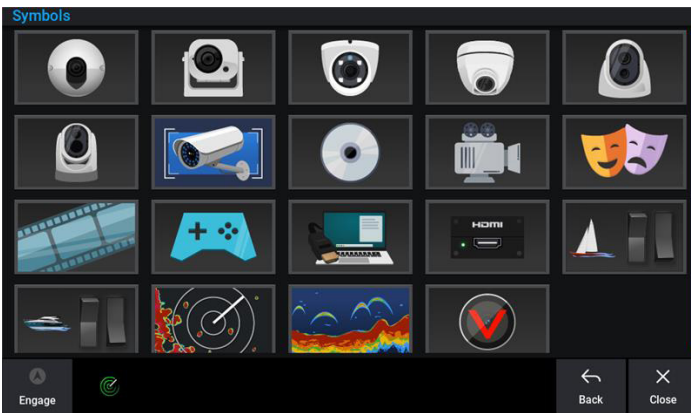


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## NEW CAMERA/VIDEO CATEGORY

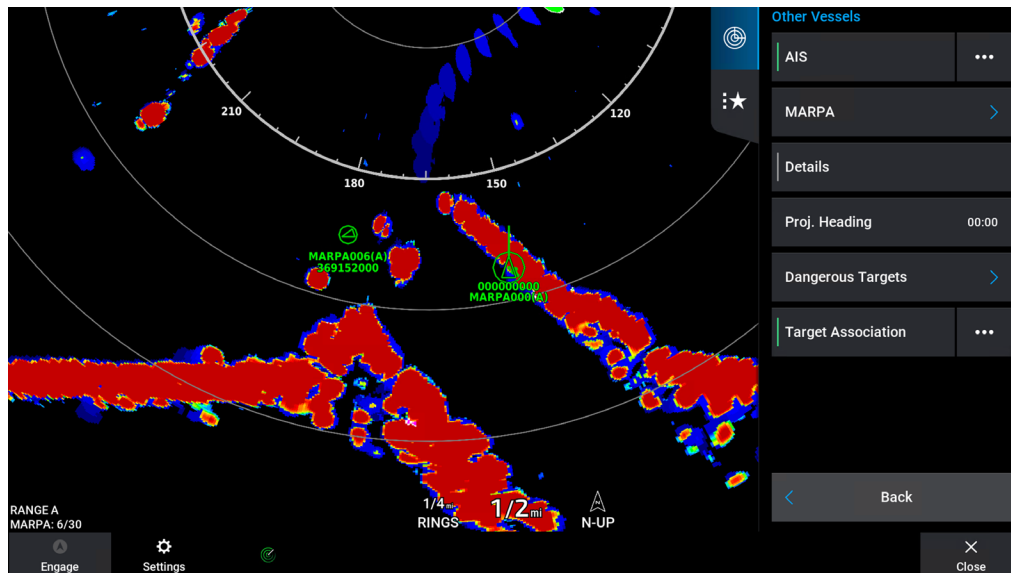
With this update, the Video Source has been removed from the Vessel Home category and replaced with a new, dedicated Video category.

- Each video source now has its own individual function tile, allowing users to control and access cameras independently rather than through a single, shared control.
- Each Video Source now supports customizable symbol configuration options.
- The Surround View cameras have also moved into the Video category.. Similar to other video sources, each Surround View camera is represented by its own dedicated function within this category.



## AIS AND MARPA TARGETS ASSOCIATION

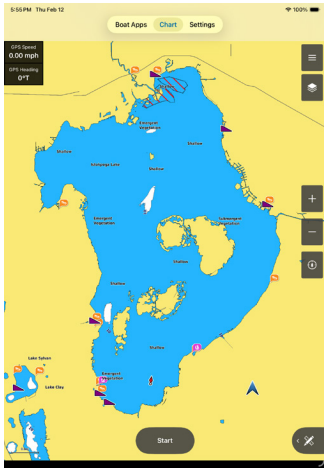
This update associates MARPA and AIS targets that represent the same physical vessel into a single tracked target symbol, reducing visual clutter on radar and radar overlay charts.



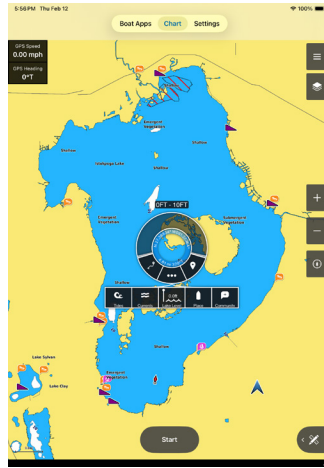
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## ACTIVECAPTAIN® CHART IMPROVEMENTS

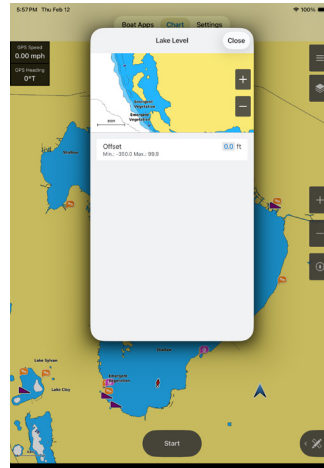
Improved chart handling: The lake level can now be set independently from the vessel position.



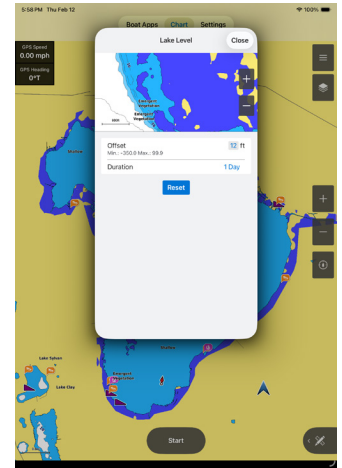
iOS Chart View



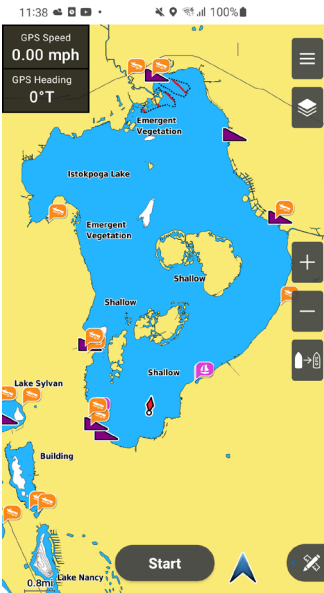
iOS Radial Menu



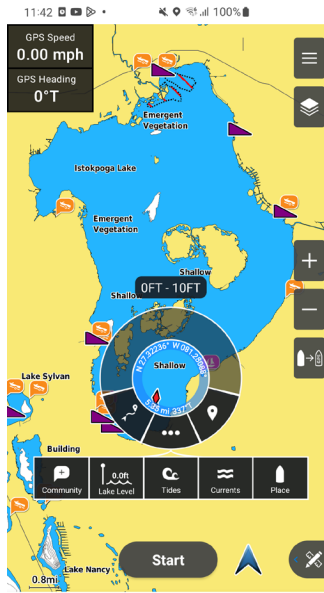
iOS Lake Level Page Initial State



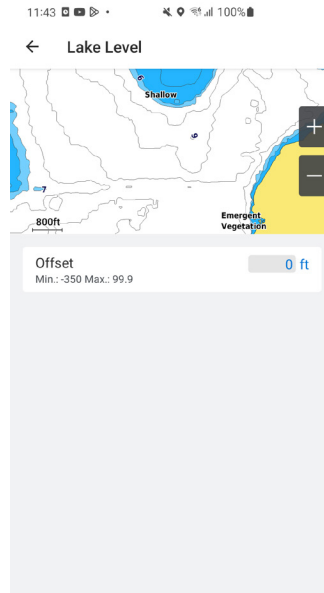
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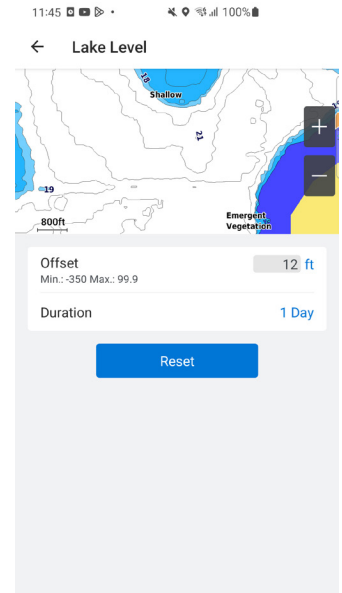
Android™ Chart View



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## COMPATIBILITY

	GPSMAP® 9000 (19–27")	GPSMAP 9000xsv (10–17")	GPSMAP 9500 Black Box	GPSMAP 8600xsv (10–16")	GPSMAP 7x3/9x3 /12x3/15x3/16x3	ECHOMAP™ ULTRA 2 (10/12/16")	ECHOMAP UHD2 (6/7/9" Touch)
BLUEAV VESSEL-WIDE GARMIN BLUENET™ AV SYNC	●	●	●				
MERCURY PRECISION JOYSTICK	●	●	●	●	●		
RUDDER FEEDBACK UI IMPROVEMENTS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
NEW CAMERA/VIDEO CATEGORY	●	●	●	●	●		
AIS AND MARPA TARGETS ASSOCIATION	●	●	●	●	●		
ACTIVECAPTAIN® CHART IMPROVEMENTS	Available Using the Current ActiveCaptain App						

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