



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Staying connected to your onboard systems is easier than ever



FURUNO NAVNET TZTOUCH2

The NavNet Remote app lets you view and operate your NavNet system from your

handheld iOS or Android devices when connected to a wireless network. Scroll through navigational information like depth, COG, fish finder, temperature and wind. You can also access engine information (if available) and perform software updates using the touch controls on your phone or tablet. Note that the app may not work properly with some Android devices.



GARMIN ACTIVECAPTAIN

This is a free, all-in-one app that provides a powerful connection to your Garmin chart plotter, charts, maps and the ActiveCaptain community.

Wherever you are, you will have unlimited access to your cartography, be able to purchase new maps and

It seems like only a few years ago

that we started to see chart plotters incorporating wifi or Bluetooth. Now, all major marine equipment manufacturers have embraced interconnectivity, enabling smartphones or tablets to view and control their devices. For navigation, this has been a game-changer as it lets boaters see and control any chart plotter on the boat with a smart device, instantly adding a mobile second helm or allowing crewmembers away from the helm to follow along on the trip. Apps are also allowing boaters to control cameras, remotely monitor systems, connect with friends and even change channels.

This month we are going to look at what some manufacturers have been up to in the app department.



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charts and have access to the Garmin Quickdraw Contours Community. Connect to the ActiveCaptain community for up-to-date feedback on marinas and other points of interest. Smart notifications on your chart plotter screen keep you connected with everyone else. Easily plan a route on your iPad on the back deck, and ActiveCaptain will automatically sync with your chart plotter. Even view and control your chart plotter from your smartphone or tablet while you are on the water. Note that this app is not intended to be a standalone navigational app and is not recommended for non-Garmin chart plotter owners. The included basemap is not usable without purchasing additional charts or maps.



**RAYMARINE
RAYCONTROL**

This app transforms your tablet into a full-function Raymarine MFD. Remotely control and view electronic charting, sonar, radar and even thermal night vision, right from your tablet. RayControl emulates Raymarine MFDs with touchscreen interaction and a virtual slide-out MFD keyboard. The slide-out virtual keyboard gives you control of all MFD functions, and the virtual universal controller allows you to rotate through menus and adjustments effortlessly. The RayView app will enable you to view your Raymarine ES and Axiom Multi-Functional Display via your smartphone or tablet.

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FLIR TOOLS MOBILE

This app lets you stream live video to your smart device from any FLIR thermal camera with local wifi connectivity, allowing you to see what your FLIR camera sees. You can stream live video, playback voice annotations and control your FLIR camera remotely. Available on iOS and Android devices.

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NAVICO LINK This app gives you remote control of wifi-enabled Simrad, Lowrance or B&G MFDs from ▶

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your smartphone or tablet. Link lets you select any wifi-enabled display on board, and duplicates the screen instantly on your

mobile device. The app works with your charts, sonar, radar and onboard entertainment system, and even displays data from connected engines and instruments. Link also gives you the ability to wirelessly backup and restore waypoints, routes and display settings directly to your mobile device. This makes it easier than ever to protect your valuable boating data against loss or theft, and to keep your backups up-to-date with zero hassle. Displays without built-in wifi require an additional wifi-1 module. A free software update may be needed to enable the Link app for your display.



FUSION-LINK

Whether you are connected with Bluetooth or wifi, the Fusion-Link app allows you to search

your music and control the volume from your handheld device. Note that only the wifi version will enable you to display album art on your screen. Depending on the Fusion stereo you have, you can use the app to control music in multiple zones to play different tunes.



KVH TRACVISION

This app provides easy access from your mobile device to your KVH TracVision satellite TV antenna

system. The first bonus feature is that you can access the setup wizard for easy installation. This also allows you to update the system software, including updates to the satellite library. You can view antenna status, signal strength and the satellites being tracked and even perform system diagnostics that are sent directly to KVH technical support for fast troubleshooting. This app works with the newer series, so I suggest checking your model for compatibility before purchasing.



MARETRON'S

N2KVIEW MOBILE

This software allows you to monitor and control your vessel's systems from your

smartphone or tablet device. Whether it's on board via wifi or ashore via an internet connection, you can see what is happening aboard your vessel and even control things like your watermaker, lights, pumps and more. The unique feature of this software is the ability to configure your screens. You have complete control of the number of screens,

the layout of each screen and the size and type of each parameter you wish to display. You can customize each display precisely the way you want it. You can even use N2KView on a computer to design the screens, and then download them to your smartphone or tablet device.



FURUNO 1ST WATCH WIRELESS RADAR

Developed just for an app, the Furuno 1st Watch Wireless Radar is easy to

use and can be accessed by two iOS devices simultaneously. You simply mount the antenna, plug in the power cord and download the app. It is an excellent alternative if you aren't ready for a full radar installation or if you are changing boats. However, be aware that this wireless radar cannot be connected wirelessly to your Furuno display, it only works with a smart device.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT advantage of these apps is still safety. Most of these wifi and Bluetooth navigation tools are aimed at helping with navigation and situational awareness. An interconnected boat ensures that essential data is not "stuck" in one place only; it is shared and available throughout the entire boat. ➤

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