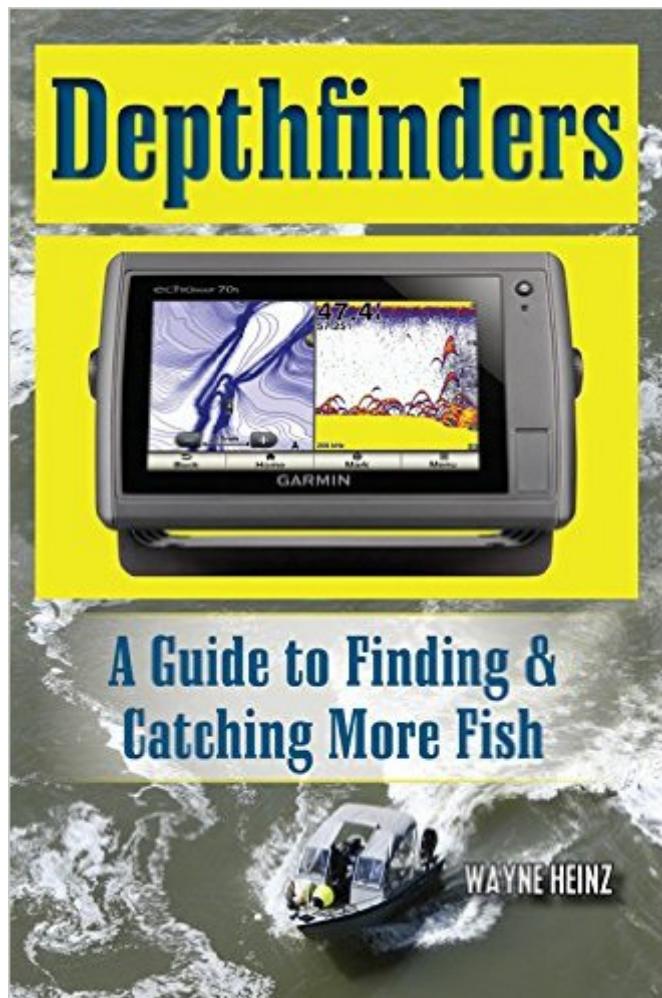


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Depthfinders: A Guide To Finding & Catching More Fish



Synopsis

Depthfinders are invaluable fishing tools, but how do you pick the right one? Color or black & white, single or dual frequency, power and transponders, monitor size - these are just a few of things you need to consider before you buy. Then how do you maximize its benefits to catch more fish?

Depthfinders is packed with all the information you need to buy, mount, use, read, and maintain your fish finder. Troubleshooting sections on noise, batteries, cables, power, software, and more. A depthfinder will help you find more fish, Depthfinders will help you catch them! 6 x 9 Inches, 134 Pages, All-color

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Customer Reviews

Angler and fishing author Wayne Heinz takes the mystery out of what lurketh below in his new book, Depthfinders. Written for beginner fishermen just starting to consider outfitting their boats with fishfinders, as well as experts who've got all the equipment but might need help sorting out technical issues, it's an informative, entertaining 134-page paperback that any and all who want to find and catch more salmon, bottomfish, trout, walleye and more can put to quick use. Comprised of 10 chapters, five appendixes and a handy reference index, Depthfinders covers the gamut. It demystifies the jobs a fishfinder does -- there are two; reading depth and water density -- and covers mounting them, dialing them in and learning to tell what the images are telling you, as well as troubleshooting for a wide variety of common (and not so common) problems. The book comes packed with "tech talk" and "quick tips" sidebars which summarize each chapter's themes, and there

are plenty of images of depthfinder screens and illustrations to help figure out what a lake's thermocline looks like, what a fish and schools of baitfish will show up as, what the bottom composition may be, and much more. It has literally hundreds of helpful tips, and is basically a human-readable version of an owner's manual for a wide range of fishfinders. And while it looks ahead to the depthsounders of tomorrow -- currently on commercial boats -- it provides very helpful tips for buying those on the market today. While Heinz's unique writing style is sparse -- he wastes no space on useless words -- he goes deep in this book. It's absolutely packed with information that any boating fisherman with a fishfinder or who wants one would find useful. The book comes packed with "tech talk" and "quick tips" sidebars which summarize each chapter's themes, and there are plenty of images of depthfinder screens and illustrations to help figure out what a lake's thermocline looks like, what a fish and schools of baitfish will show up as, what the bottom composition may be, and much more.

I picked this book up because I own a depth finder and I would like to know how to use it better to catch more fish. The challenge with operating a depth finder now days is not so much watching the screen to track bottom profile and targets as figuring out what the screen is telling you. When is a target a fish? Is the fish target over soft bottom or near structure? Is it a salmon or is it background noise? How do you use the GPS function to return to a patch of biters? Heinz's book answers these questions and more in a style that both informs and entertains. Introductory chapters, appropriately titled "How to Read the Water," "Find More Fish," and "Zero In," serve as a practical guide for both the novice and experienced boat angler. Later chapters that focus on trouble-shooting, transducer mounting and Q & A of common problems get to the heart of the topic. If you're starting out or want to buy a replacement unit, there's a section on how to buy and install. Supporting graphics and tables are detailed and instructive. The narrative leads you along with levity. This fair-priced book has a water-resistant cover that reminds it should be stowed on your boat alongside owner's manuals, binoculars and spare polaroids.

Wayne Heinz has a knack for making a complex topic simple. After reading this book, I not only understand how a depthfinder works, but how to fine tune the instrument to make it work even better. Chapter 3 was particularly interesting because it corrected some basic misconceptions...eg exactly where is that fish? Is it 50 feet deep or 50 feet away from my transducer. These are important concepts when fishing with downriggers. If you have a depthfinder you need to read this book, and keep it handy-by at your helm. Lucie Fritz, Ph.D Boat Owner

A depthfinder is as important as a compass on a boat. I recommend reading this book prior to purchasing one. With hundreds of depthfinders available, you'll be able to choose the right unit to suit your specific needs. This book will educate you on different kinds of depthfinders available and it compares/contrasts the unique features specific to each unit. The book reveals why GPS, coupled with a depthfinder is favorable, and boasts many tricks/techniques to maximize fish finding. You'll also learn how to read a seafloor's bottom for safe anchoring and better fishing opportunities. You'll learn where and how to mount a transducer properly and how a depthfinder's transducer works! There's a trouble shooting chapter in a question/answer format. This is helpful for all kinds of problem solving. I keep this book in my navigation bag, along with nautical charts and other nautical books, for reference. I use my depthfinder for navigating coastal waters, fishing and anchoring. This book is a wonderful reference guide on all of these subjects. I recommend keeping a copy aboard your boat and would make a great gift item for any serious boater.

"Depthfinders" is an essential reference book for the person interested in finding MORE FISH ! Can you read the water? Can you troubleshoot your depthsounder? Its chapter of questions and answers, and its checklist are helpful to the depthfinder owner who wants to be able to use their electronic equipment more thoroughly and efficiently. Included in the book is a helpful chapter of Depthsounder manufacturers with contact information for easy access. You will not regret owning this easy-to-read book, written with humor and presented in a handy size, water-resistant cover!

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