Sonasoft Release

On 14th February 2011, FarSounder is releasing SonaSoft version 2.3; an upgrade to the software which powers all FS-3 series sonar. This upgrade includes significant processing, user interface, and display improvements. Major upgrade features include improved in-water target detection, automatic bottom detection, improved shallow water/short-range performance and support for C-Map vector charts.

FarSounder has also upgraded its chart-plotting capabilities and offers support for C-Map vector charts by Jeppesen Marine. This improved chart plotting capability removes the need for users to manually select and load charts for their specific location. C-Map charts can be purchased separately from an authorised Jeppesen Marine dealer. This new chart plotter capability replaces the former BSB raster chart plotter capability, though customers interested in keeping the former capability instead of upgrading can contact FarSounder for support.

Originally, FarSounder's products concentrated on long range performance. Now, with more and more customers also looking to use their sonars at short ranges, when navigating in shallow waters, the system introduces a new set of transmit signals optimized for such conditions. The software will automatically switch to the appropriate transmit signal when setting the sonar's Range Mode in the Processor Settings.