



## Islander June 2010 Technology Update

**Some super summer gadgets for every super yacht.**

### **WOWee one - Power Bass Portable Speaker**

This is an intriguing device and one of the best gadgets we have been give to test for a long time.



It is a small (about the size of an iPhone, but a bit thicker), rechargeable, portable device that you plug into your iPod, laptop or PC and place it on a nearby flat surface. It then turns that resonant flat surface into a speaker, with a phenomenal bass frequency of 40Hz to 20kHz.

It uses Gel Audio patented technology to transfer the bass to the surface. We have explored the range of possibilities and in one evening have discovered that it turns the cheapest, smallest Ikea coffee table you can buy into a brilliant resonating bass sub woofer costing hundreds of euros. We also discovered that double glazed windows also work very well indeed either at home or in the office. Our techs have tried it on sat TV and VSAT radomes and I am told it works exceptionally well on these.

This is a compact device that is charged from the USB port of a laptop or PC and lasts some 20 hours. It is pocket able and easily portable with your iPod or laptop when on the move and can then be connected in seconds when in your hotel room or cabin and when placed on the best flat surface creates a great sound.

A donation is made to the Royal Hispania Foundation for every unit sold. [www.fundacionhispania.org](http://www.fundacionhispania.org)

Please contact us if you would like one of these devices. It's a snip at €59.95 inc IVA and everyone sold goes a little way to seeing the fabulous Hispania back on the water on our bay here in Palma.

Just a note, this device must not be confused with the Vibeholic Vibrating Speaker System. That is a cheaper system but after testing it does not even come close on performance, sound is poor and it has short play time.

### **Skins for satellite decoders!**

Not sure whether this is a super gadget, but I thought it was fun.





Have you ever thought that you needed to change the look of your satellite decoder? I have to say I haven't but look at this.

Change the way you look at your satellite decoder forever. We have a fantastic range of adhesive skins that will transform any decoder into a work of art!

The Digi Skins not only make your decoder look fantastic but they also protect the box from scratches and scuffs. That's such an added bonus? Mustn't be sarcastic now.

These will be ideal for all the British sports bars around Europe whether there is a World Cup on or not or simply just to coordinate with the cabin decor there may be a design for you. Seeing is believing!!!



### **LG GD910 Mobile Phone**

1.3 inch full touch screen, 3G+ connectivity, Video call capabilities, Bluetooth v2.1 with A2DP, MP3 player, Voice recognition software.

The LG GD910 3G Watch Phone brings a serious sci-fi vibe into your life. With a full touch screen, a built-in camera, a built-in speaker, Bluetooth, and a voice recognition system, this bionic gadget can play music, take photos, work as a diary and a scheduler, read back your text messages or make video-calls. .... and of course, it tells the time.



The GD910 is also capable of your standard functionality like other LG handsets. Making calls, texting and browsing your phone book are made easy as they are just like any other standard LG Device on the market just on a smaller screen.

The Watch phone is Bluetooth enabled so you will be able to make those calls via your headset which is provided in the box. The watch also has a loudspeaker which enables you to hear your calls.

### **Inmarsat handheld phone hits the market**

Inmarsat's first ever global handheld satellite phone, the IsatPhone Pro, has been officially launched.

The IsatPhone Pro offers up to eight hours talk time and up to 100 hours on standby over the Inmarsat global satellite network, with a maritime docking station for the unit expected to be released shortly.

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Priced at under \$700 the company is confident that take-up of the unit will be strong, across its key markets.

"It targets customers served by Inmarsat for decades, both at sea and in the most remote parts of the global landmass," said Andrew Sukawaty, Inmarsat CEO.

"It is supported by our existing satellite network and it uses proven technology customised for use in these environments.

"The IsatPhone Pro is tailor-made for tough use. Rugged, splash and dust proof, and with long battery life, it offers global service from day one. This is the first satellite phone to be built for the Inmarsat network from the ground-up - responding to customer needs - for use in harsh environments."

The phone offers satellite telephony, text and e-mail messaging, while location data can also be viewed and sent in a text message. It features a fully-maneuverable antenna, allowing the handset to be placed on its side for hands-free use via Bluetooth.

Every self respecting super yacht should have one. This phone will be an ideal complement to the Ocean Medical International Safe Triage System (STS Lite) telemedicine unit as an option for use in remote locations.

All for this month. Enjoy the glorious days of summer!

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