

## A CLOSER LOOK

# What's Playing on the Big Screen?



*Cobra MRF55*



*Standard Horizon Eclipse GX1000S*



*Midland Regatta I*

Unlike the handheld VHF radios in this report, which all had similar display screens, the screens on the fixed-mount VHF's we tested varied in size and information displayed. Less than an inch tall, the Cobra MRF55's screen was the smallest, but its channel numbers were still easy to read and it displayed channel group, power setting, and position data (when connected to a GPS). Measuring 1 inch tall by 1.6 inches wide,

the screen on the Best Choice Standard Horizon Eclipse was mid-sized, comparatively, and very easy to read. It displays a variety of data, including time and ship's position, and it was the only fixed VHF tested that shows channel comments. The largest screen of all—more than 2 inches wide and 1½ inches tall—belongs to the Midland Regatta. The easy-to-read screen does not display as much information as the Eclipse.