

# Lowrance I Finders for the Novice

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## 1) Button Functions

- a) **Pages:** This allows you to see different pages
- b) **Menu:** This is the button you will use the most for fine tuning your GPS
- c) **Find:** This button allows you to find your waypoints, and places of interest
- d) **Exit:** This button will get you out of trouble, if you get somewhere you think you shouldn't be hit it until you are back at your main screen. It also serves as a toggle button from where you last had your cursor
- e) **Power:** Turns on your GPS and turn on the back light
- f) **Z-In:** Zooms In
- g) **Z-Out:** Zooms Out
- h) **Enter:** Allows you to select an item, and allows you to create Way Points and Icons.
- i) **Arrow Key:** Allows you to move up and down and left to right in the menus and allows you to move the cursor.

## 2) Getting started: *NOTE YOU ONLY HAVE TO DO THIS ONCE!!*

- a) Put the unit in Advanced Mode
  - i) Push the **MENU** button, arrow down to advanced mode, hit **ENTER**, arrow over to yes, hit **ENTER**
- b) Initialize GPS
  - i) Push the **MENU** button twice, arrows down to GPS setup, hit **ENTER**, find initialize GPS and hit **ENTER**, hit **ENTER** once the pop up has disappeared.

## 3) Way Points (*Spot where you want to go back to after you catch a fish*)

- a) Adding Waypoints
  - i) Hit **ENTER** twice and that will mark the spot you are currently at.
  - ii) If you have a Waypoint from a buddy you can hit **ENTER** once then arrow down to entered position, hit **ENTER** Twice. Once you are in this screen highlight the Latitude and Longitude (you can only do one at a time) hit **ENTER** then scroll over and highlight the first number, arrow up or down until you have got the correct number scroll over to the next and repeat that step. Once you have entered all the numbers hit **ENTER** then do the next set of numbers the same way hitting **ENTER** when you are done. Then finish it by hitting **EXIT**.
  - iii) To enter a Waypoint using your cursor all you have to do is move your crosshairs to the spot you want and hit **ENTER** twice.
- b) Editing Waypoints
  - i) There are two ways of getting the waypoint editing screen up

- (1) Move your cursor over the waypoint you want to edit, once it is highlighted hit **FIND** then hit **ENTER**.
- (2) Hit **FIND**, scroll down to waypoints then hit **ENTER** twice and find the waypoint you want to edit
- (3) Once you have up this screen there are several options at the bottom of the screen you can highlight by scrolling over to the right or left.
- (4) Edit Name: Hit **ENTER** Then using the Up and Down arrows scroll through and find the letter you want, to move over to the right push the arrow to the right, and scroll up and down to correct letter. Hit **EXIT** when you are done.
- (5) Edit Symbol: Hit **ENTER**, this allows you to change your symbol or "Icon" Once you have selected the one you want hit **EXIT**
- (6) Delete: Hit **ENTER**, then chose yes by hitting the left arrow key then hit **ENTER**

#### 4) Adding Icons

- a) Icons are almost like waypoints only there is no coordinate assigned to them and you can't name or edit them, only delete them.
  - i) To add Icons hold the **ENTER** button, select the symbol you want then hit **ENTER**.
  - ii) To Delete Icons you have to hit **MENU** scroll down to Delete and hit **ENTER**. Then select delete from map and hit **ENTER**. Move your cursor over the Icon you want deleted and hit **ENTER**.

#### 5) Trails

- a) Hit **MENU** twice. Scroll down to my trails and hit **ENTER**. Now you have a couple options you can do. You can scroll left or right for New Trail, Delete All, and Trail Options. And scroll down for your current trails.
  - i) Selecting new trail you can do just what it says start a new trail by hitting **ENTER**
  - ii) Delete All does just what it says it will erase all the trails on your plotter screen just by hitting **ENTER**
  - iii) Trail Options isn't used a whole lot except for the option of weather your trail flashes or is constant. To change this you just have to scroll to the flash trails box and if you want them to flash hit **ENTER** and the box will have an X in it, if you don't want it to flash hit **ENTER** until the X is gone.
  - iv) If you scroll down to your current trail and hit **ENTER** it will bring up a screen that will allow you to do several things to the current trail.
    - (1) If you have the trail selected as active it will plot the course you are on and save it on that trail. If you choose it to not be active it will quit marking a trail on your plotter screen.
    - (2) You can choose whether you want the trail to be visible. If you choose not to have it visible it will still plot the trail as you are moving but you won't be able to see it until you put an X in the box by hitting **ENTER**

- (3) Deleting the Trail is self explanatory
- (4) Navigate is a function that is a bit more advanced and doesn't get used a whole lot by the normal GPS user
- (5) Trail style will allow you to change the color, and style of the trail. To do this simply select the one you want and hit **ENTER**. To change the current style scroll up or down to change it then hit **ENTER** and then **EXIT** to go the next one you want to change.

**6) Navigate** *NOTE this will not account for obstacles that are in the way!!!!*

- a) There are several options to navigate your way to a waypoint
  - i) In the plotter move your cursor to the waypoint you want to go to hit **FIND** then **ENTER**. Scroll left or right until you find go to then hit **ENTER**. Follow the line straight to your waypoint. Once you get there you have to hit **MENU** twice, scroll down to cancel navigation then hit **ENTER**.
  - ii) There is also the easy mans way **ZOOM OUT** till you see the way point then drive towards it

**7) Transfer Data:**

- a) This is very handy if you own a Lowrance Graph that has GPS built into it, or if a buddy has one and you want to share waypoints. You have to have a **SD memory card** (with enough memory available on it to do this) loaded into the card Slot in the battery compartment
  - i) Hit **MENU** twice. Scroll down to System setup hit **ENTER** then scroll down to Transfer my data hit **ENTER**, select save if you want to save it and hit **ENTER** then name it and hit **ENTER** or select load if you want to load your saved data and hit **ENTER** then select the file name and hit **ENTER**.

**8) Customize**

- a) This can let you add any info you want to appear on your plotter screen.
  - i) Hit **MENU** once, scroll down to Customize, hit **ENTER** once. Then a menu will pop up with a bunch of options, to get into them highlight them and hit **ENTER**, there will be more info that pops up, if you want that added on your plotter screen put a check mark in the box by pressing **ENTER**. If you want more keep scrolling down and repeat.

I hope this helps you out with any of the basic operations of you Lowrance I Finder! Once you understand the basics the more advanced operations, which your GPS is capable of, become a lot easier to understand and the book will make more sense.

Thanks  
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