

Altimeters?
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From: "William L. Fanning" (URI/GSO) on Fri, 06 Dec 2013

All,

As you all saw, the Valeport VA500 altimeter recently received a glowing recommendation here on the RVTEC mailing list.

Are the Benthos PSA-916 and the VA500 the only choices for a CTD altimeter or does anyone have experience, good or bad, with others?

Regards,
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Reply From: Dan Fornari (WHOI) on Fri, 6 Dec 2013

bill, marshall and i did the valeport tests / comparisons on a recent towcam cruise off taiwan and i will NEVER buy another benthos altimeter... that says it all

the valeport was terrific

i'm now ordering 2 from paul igo - his price is \$3200 for quantities of 2+ and include the pigtail connector

best
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Reply From: John Ahern (LUMCON) on Fri, 6 Dec 2013

I got a price of 3960 from seatronics in texas for quant of 1. I have not yet purchased but intend to. any interest in a group purchase? in the gulf the benthos won't see the bottom until 30-20m range. it would be nice to do better.

Reply From: "J. Scott Ferguson" (U. Hawaii) on Fri, 6 Dec 2013

We use Tritech PA 200/20 altimeters on our CTDs. They work reliably but if I recall correctly they cost about \$4200 for a 6000 meter housing. I'm glad to hear that the Valeports seem to work well. Maybe we'll look into them next time.
