

Farmer Grant (FNE 21-989)

Managing and monitoring bottom cage placement in deep water oyster culture

To improve deep water oyster culture, we focus on ensuring cages land correctly and on **managing the cage distribution through “seeing” cages on the bottom.**



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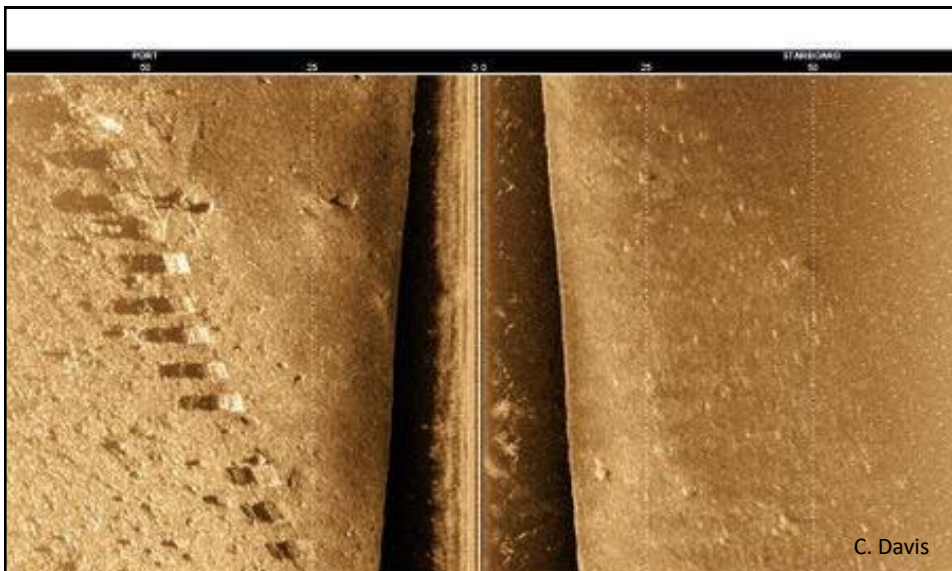


Figure 1: Sidescan sonar image of an series of oyster bottom cages in the Damariscotta River (ME). Image produced by a Starfish Sidescan Sonar (image provided by Chris Davis – Pemaquid Oyster Farm).



Figure 2: Humminbird Solix 15 Fish Finder with top-down and sidescan sonar capabilities.

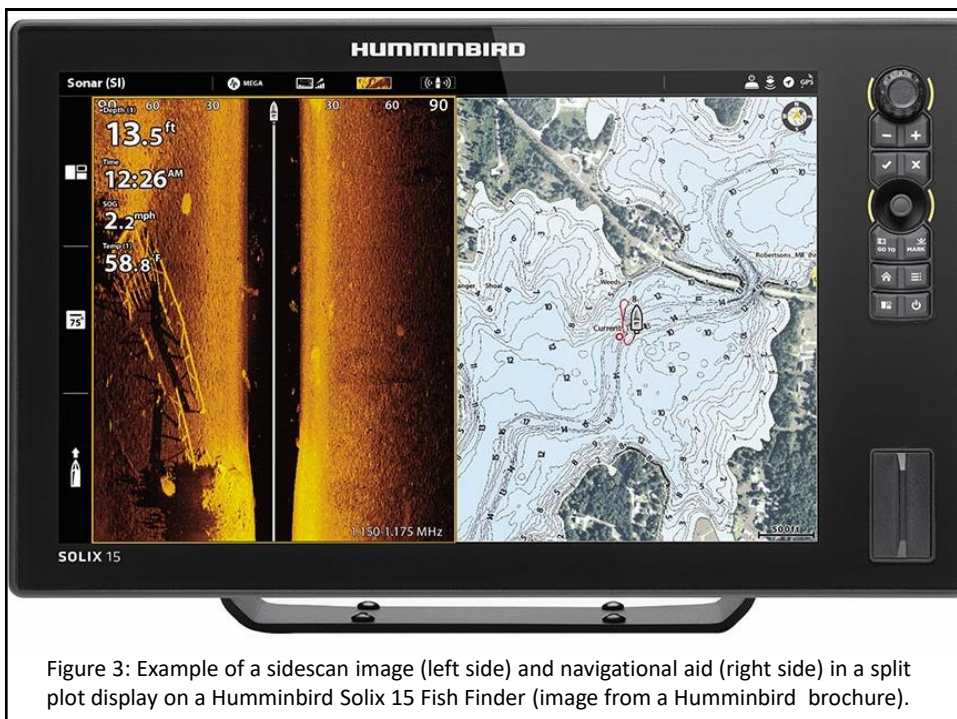


Figure 3: Example of a sidescan image (left side) and navigational aid (right side) in a split plot display on a Humminbird Solix 15 Fish Finder (image from a Humminbird brochure).





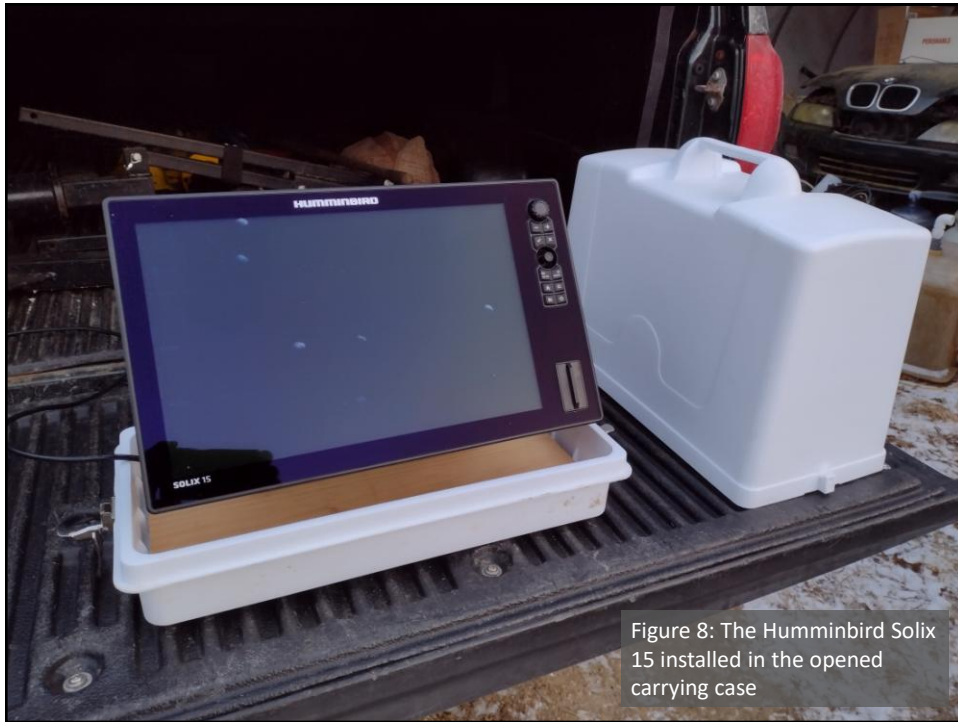


Figure 8: The Humminbird Solix 15 installed in the opened carrying case



Figure 9: The Humminbird Solix 15 powered by transportable 12 VDC deep cycle battery.

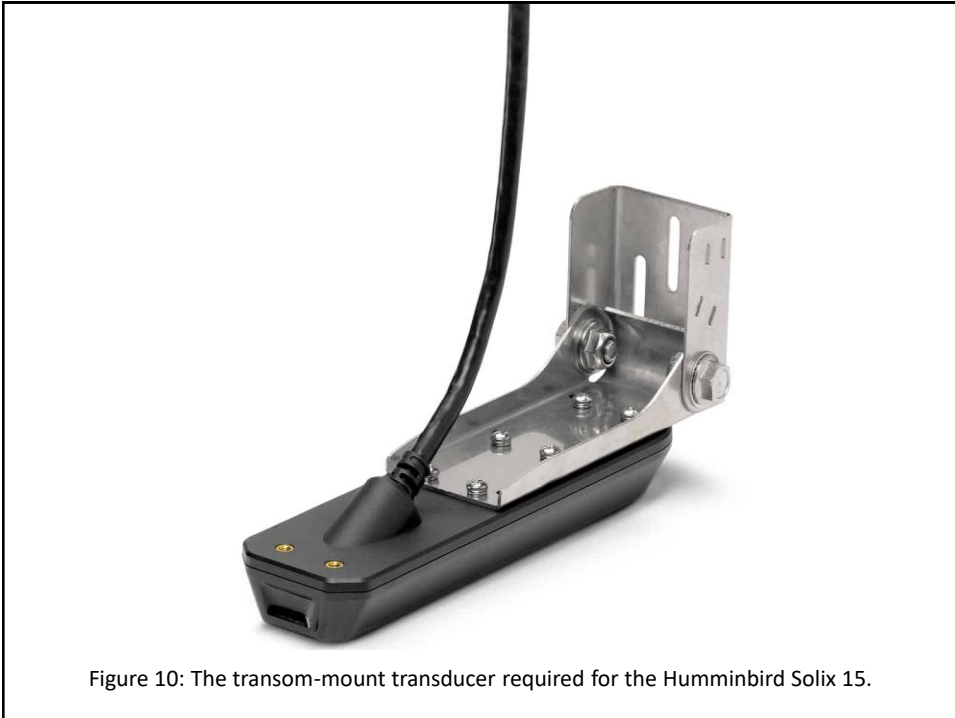
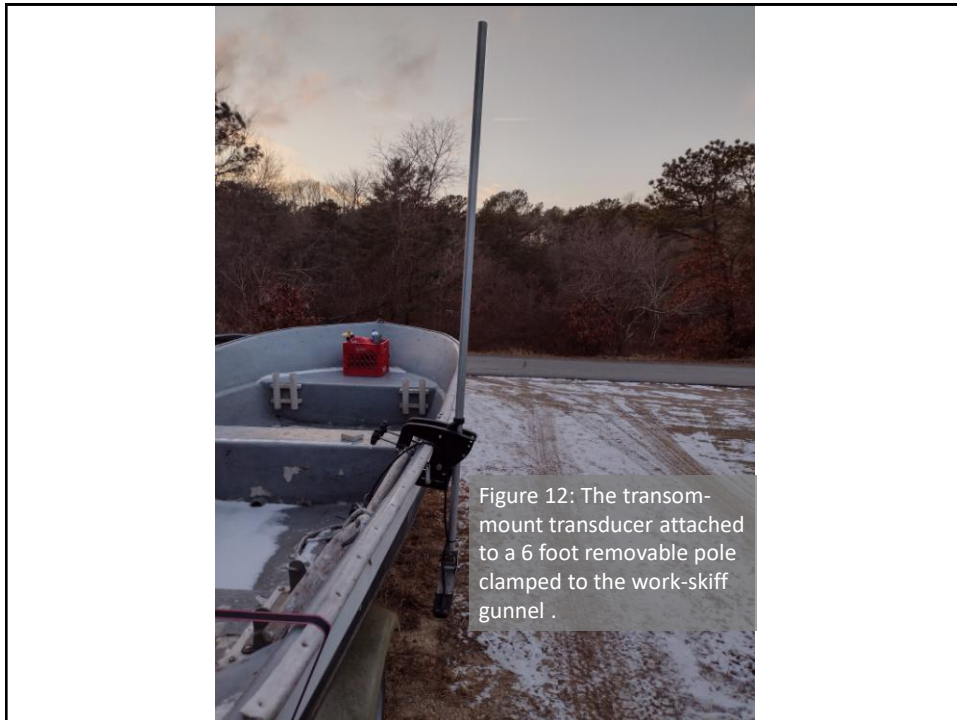


Figure 10: The transom-mount transducer required for the Humminbird Solix 15.



Figure 11: The transom-mount transducer attached to a removable pole for attachment to the work-skiff gunnel



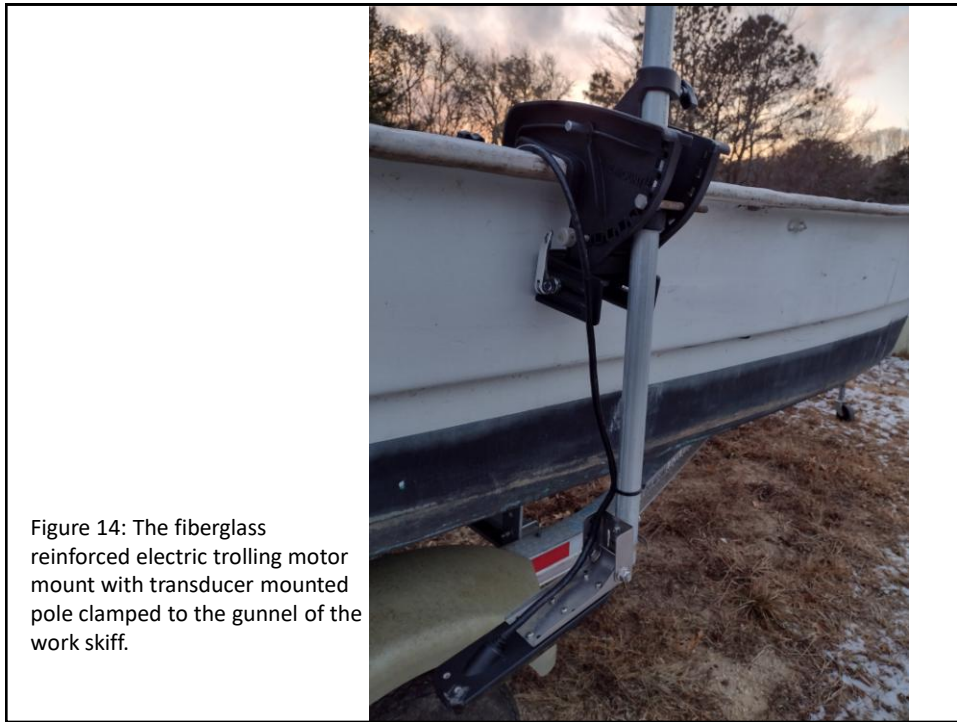


Figure 14: The fiberglass reinforced electric trolling motor mount with transducer mounted pole clamped to the gunnel of the work skiff.



Figure 15: Humminbird Solix 15 Fish Finder in place in the farm work skiff.



Figure 16: Example of the image resolution of the Humminbird Solix 15 Fish Finder in sidescan mode observing small fish aggregating devices in 15.4 feet of water depth (Image from a Humminbird brochure.)



Figure 17: Search and Rescue software to generate sidescan mosaic image.

