

# Inmarsat Maritime Communication Services

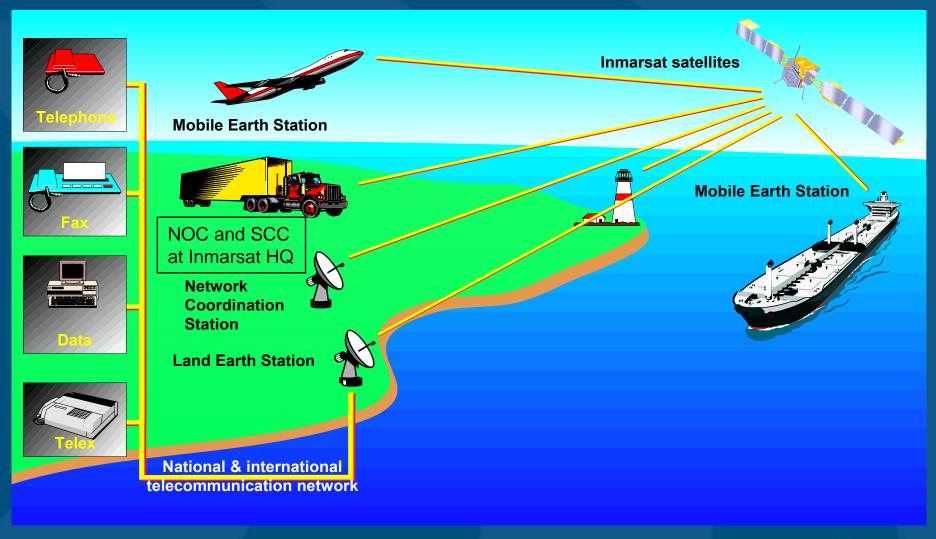
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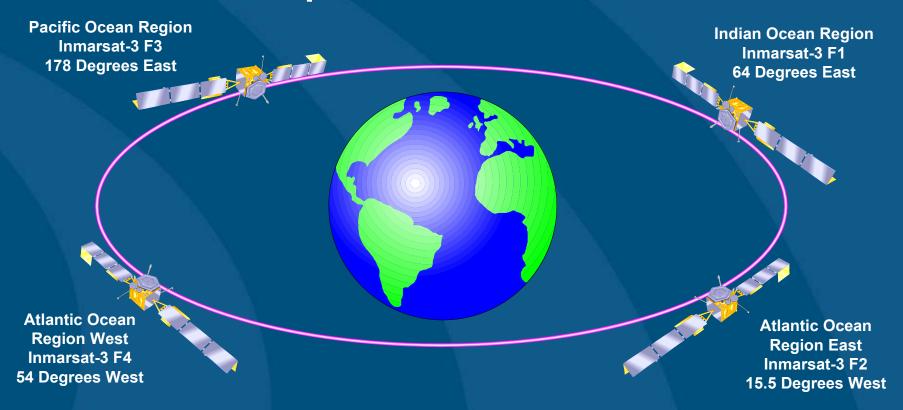
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#### **Inmarsat System Components**





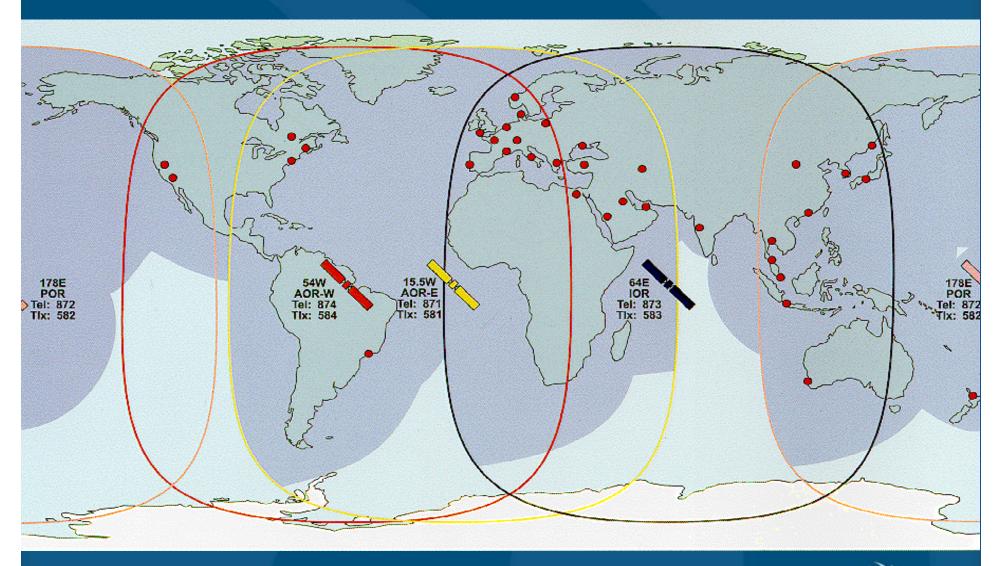
#### **Operational satellites**



- 4 operational satellites in 4 ocean regions
- 5 spare satellites
- Geostationary orbit, 36000 km above equator
- Satellites moves at the same rate as earth, and so remains in the same position to the earth

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#### Inmarsat global and spot beam coverage





## What is available today for maritime communications?

- Inmarsat A introduced 1982
- Inmarsat C introduced 1991
- Inmarsat B introduced 1993
- Inmarsat mini-M introduced 1996
- Inmarsat D/D+ introduced 1997
- Inmarsat E introduced 1997
- Inmarsat E+ (2003)
- Inmarsat mini-C introduced 2002
- Inmarsat Fleet F77 introduced 2002
- Inmarsat Fleet F33 and F55 (Introduced April 2003)
- GMDSS compliance
  - Inmarsat A, Inmarsat B, Inmarsat C, Inmarsat E/E+,
     Inmarsat Fleet F77

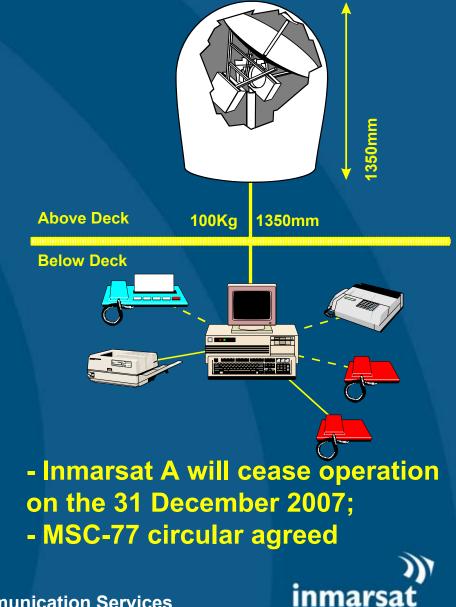


#### **Inmarsat A & B SES**

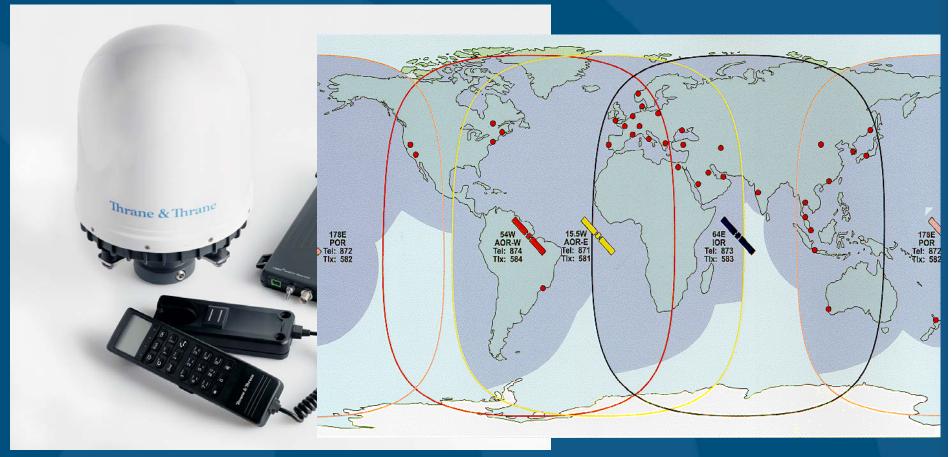
Size, weight & main services



Telephone, Telex, Fax, Data and High Speed Data Distress calling



#### **Inmarsat Mini-M**



- Extremely compact digital maritime terminal
- Antenna approximately 21 cm in diameter, weight 2.2 kg
- Operates in spot beam (map) coverage areas only
- Provides digital Voice, Fax and data (2.4 kbps)

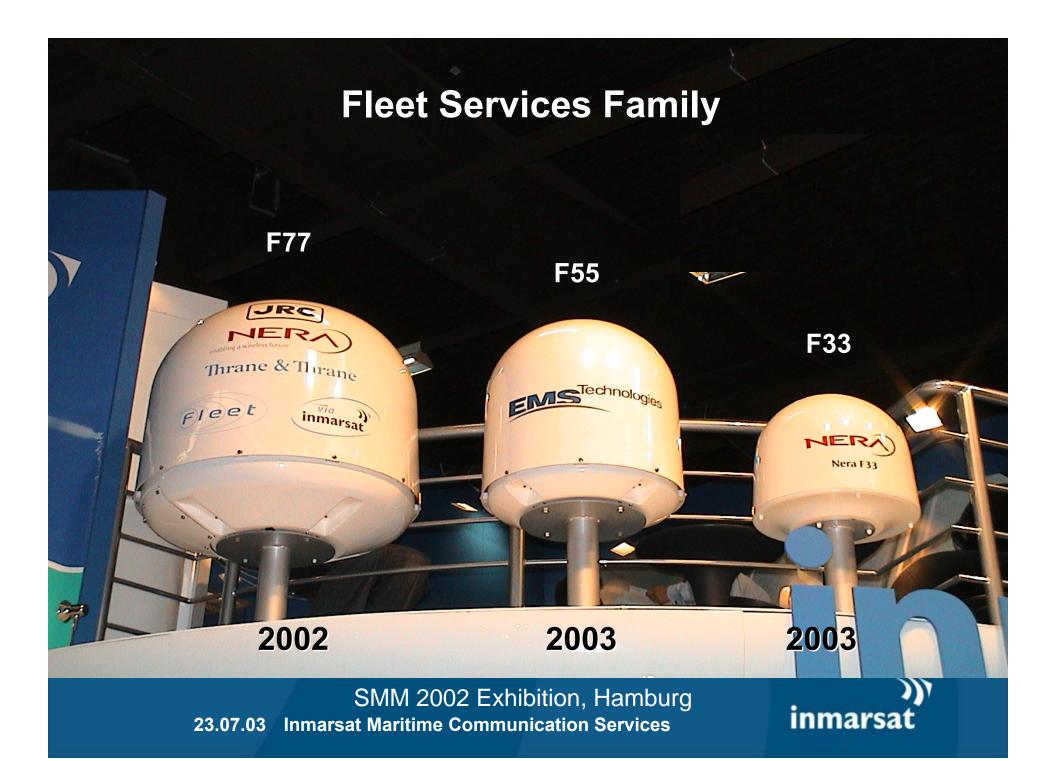
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#### Inmarsat E/E+



- - 4 geostationary satellites
  - Integrated GPS receiver (accuracy within 200m)
  - SAR transponder (option)
  - Audio/Visual indication of transmission
  - Distress Alert Delivery time ~ 5 mins, typically 1-2
  - Distress Alert contains: EPIRB ID, position, course, speed, nature of distress, time of position update
  - 8 CESs 2 in each ocean region
  - 4 RCCs (Germany, USA, UK, Australia)
- Inmarsat E+ will have acknowledgement channel
- Inmarsat E+ is expected to be introduced globally in late 2003





#### **Inmarsat Fleet F77 MES**





#### Fleet F33

Service	Mandatory/Optional
Voice (mini-M) (global beam)	Mandatory
Data/fax (spot beam)	Optional
MPDS (spot beam)	Optional

In service since April 2003





#### Fleet F55



- Key Differentiators from F77:
  - Regional Data only (Spot)
  - No Voice GMDSS
  - Smaller Antenna
  - Lighter Above-Decks

Service	Coverage		
Voice	Global		
MPDS	Spot beam		
ISDN	Spot beam		

In service since April 2003



## Inmarsat C MES (SOLAS compliant) (no power supply shown)



**Antenna/GPS** 



DTE (display/keyboard)



**Printer** 



**DCE** (transceiver/GPS)



**Distress (SOS) button** 



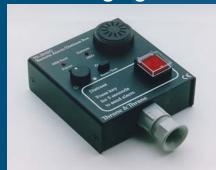
#### Inmarsat mini-C MES (no power supply shown)



DCE/DTE (transceiver & messaging unit and GPS)



Personal Computer (not messaging terminal)



Distress (SOS) button (when service is available)

- •New compact model. Weight – 1,1 kg, height about 15 cm
- •Next model (mid-2003) will get Distress Alerting function
- •Supports all Inmarsat C communication functions (no distress calling yet)
- •MSC agreed that mini-C can be used for GMDSS purposes



**Printer (option for non-SOLAS)** 



#### Inmarsat C characteristics & maritime services



- Store and Forward communication system
- Omnidirectional antenna
- Small size and weight, low power consumption
- More than 63,000 Maritime MESs
- Compatible with national alphabets
- Main part of the GMDSS equipment performs 6 functions out of 9.
- •Store and Forward data and messaging to telex, fax (text, one way only), another mobile, two-digit codes (SAC), e-mail
- Distress Calling (distress alerting and distress priority messaging)
- Enhanced Group Calling (EGC) SafetyNET and FleetNET
- Data reporting and Polling (SCADA applications, position monitoring, tracking, security)

#### **GMDSS Communication Functions via Satellite**

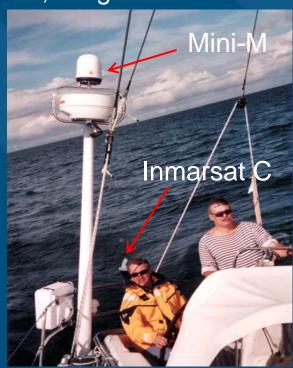
GMDSS Functions (fm SOLAS)	Inm-A	Inm-B	Inm-F77*	Inm-C	Inm-E
1. D/A ship-to-shore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. D/A shore-to-ship			Yes	Yes	
3. D/A ship-to-ship					
4. SAR Communications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5. On-scene communications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
6. Tx/Rx of MSI				Yes	
7. Locating signals	7	ı		1	Yes (opt)
8. General communications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
9. Bridge-to-bridge communic.					

Global NAVTEX?



#### **Inmarsat C MES**

Size, weight & main services



Inmarsat-C
Store & Forward Messaging,
Distress Calling, EGC SafetyNET
and FleetNET, Data (position)
Reporting & Polling



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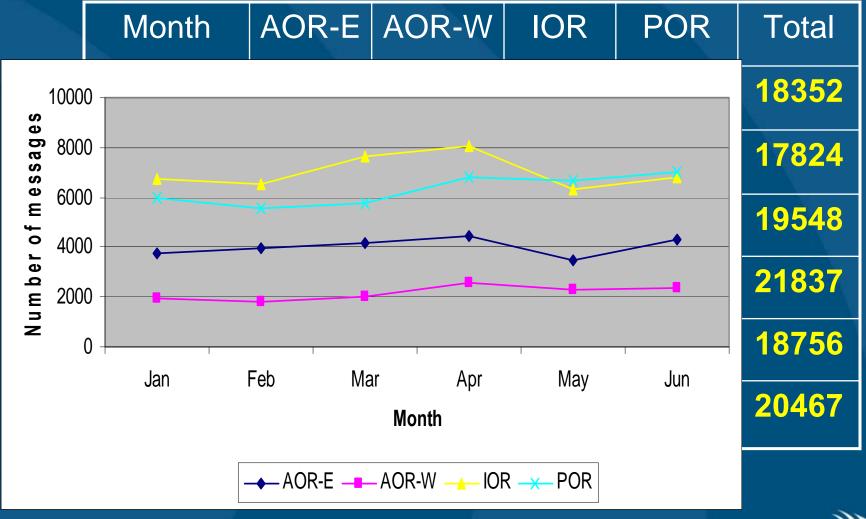
#### **Availability of Meteorological Information via SafetyNET**

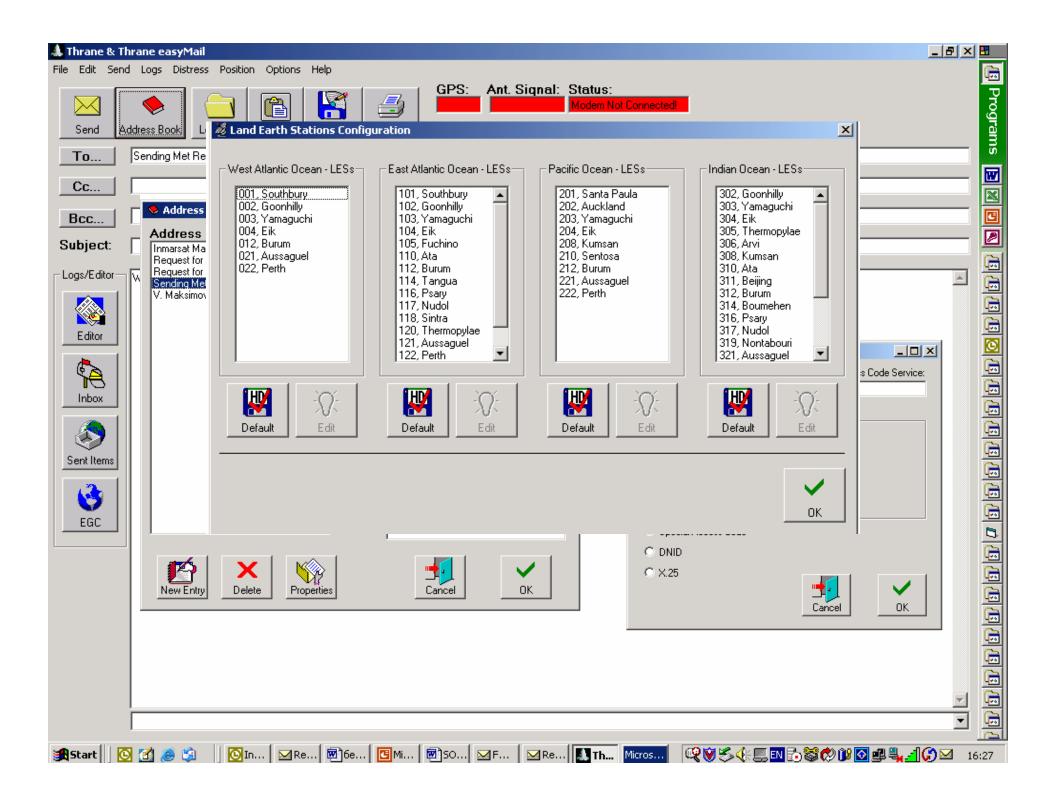
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	UK Met office, Bracknell
Ш	Meteo France, Toulouse
Ш	Athens Marine Met Centre
IV	National Weather Service Washington
V	Brazilian Navy Marine Meteo Service
VI	Argentine Air Force National Weather Service
VII	South African Weather Service, Met France/La Reunion
VIII	India Met department, Met service Mauritius, Met France/La Reunion
IX	Pakistan Met Department
Χ	Aus Bureau of Met Melbourne, Darwin, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Victorian Region Office
XI	NMC Beijing, Hong Kong Met Service, Japan Met Agency, Bureau of Met Darwin
XII	National Weather Service Washington, Honolulu
XIII	Vladivostok Weather
XIV	New Zealand Met Office
XV	Valparaiso Playa Ancha Radio – weather sea bulletin
XVI	National Weather Service Miami
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#### Number of EGC SafetyNET messages per Month





#### Inmarsat C SCADA Applications



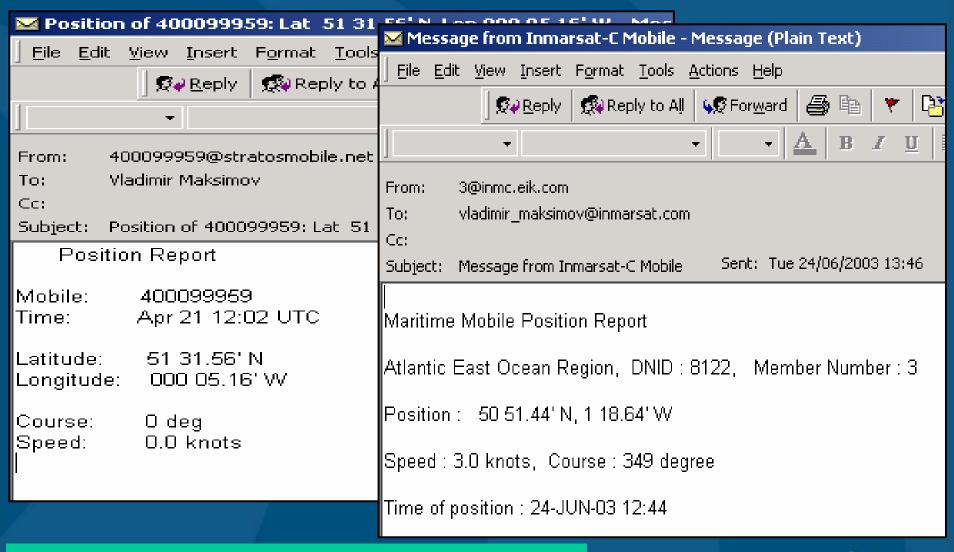


- Setting up remote monitoring and data collection installations with automatic sensors that report regularly back to a control centre
- Data reporting and polling protocol is used (up to 32 bytes of coded data in up to 3 packets)
- End-user communication cost depends on a service provide and is about 0.04 (1 packet) – 0.15 (3 packets) USD and may depend on delivery network.
- Delivery to mailbox, Internet (e-mail address), PSDN, PSTN, Telex, Fax
- Applications: remote data acquisition, data monitoring, etc.

**NO DISTRESS FACILITY IS ALLOWED ON SCADA TERMINALS** 



#### SCADA example (maritime position report)



Cost of the report for end user is about 0.10 - 0.12 USD



#### Inmarsat C and F77 in the Antarctic



- Location: Antarctic station "Vostok", Russian Fed.
- Additional MES to Inmarsat B and Inmarsat C
- Position: 79,30° S 164° E
- Temperature: 40-45°C (summer) and -70°C (winter)
- Service availability 24 hrs / 7 days
- Inmarsat F77 is used for communication with the HQ, sending regular weather reports and private calls, Internet browsing
- Inmarsat C is used for sending weather observations (synopsis) via the world telecommunication network to meteorological authorities
  - TX every 4 hours
  - delivery time <5 mins</li>
  - only geostationary satellites can be used since time delay is very critical



## Thank you for your attention

### **Any Questions?**

#### Seafarers trust Inmarsat: with their lives!

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