

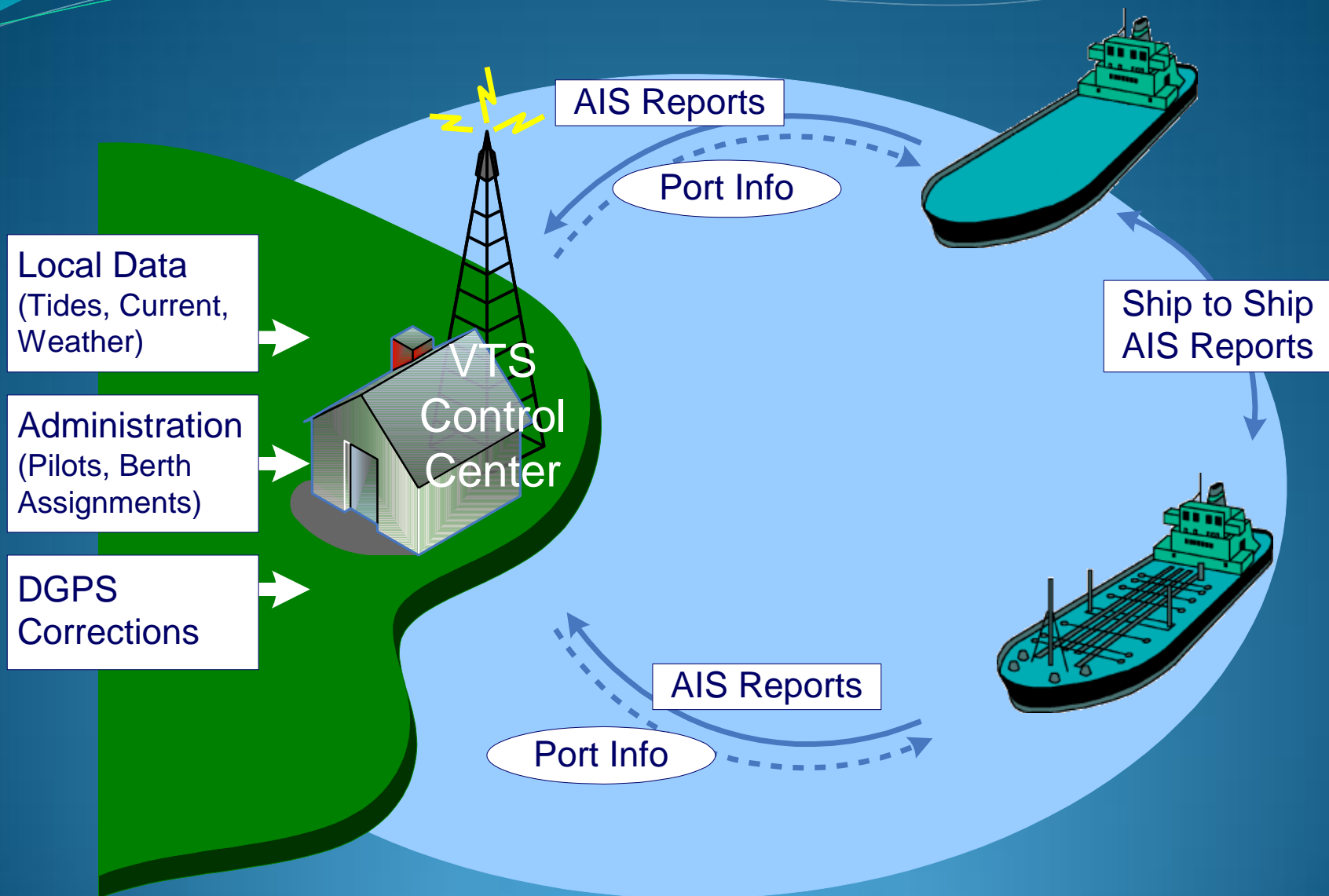


# Automatic Identification Systems



# What is AIS?

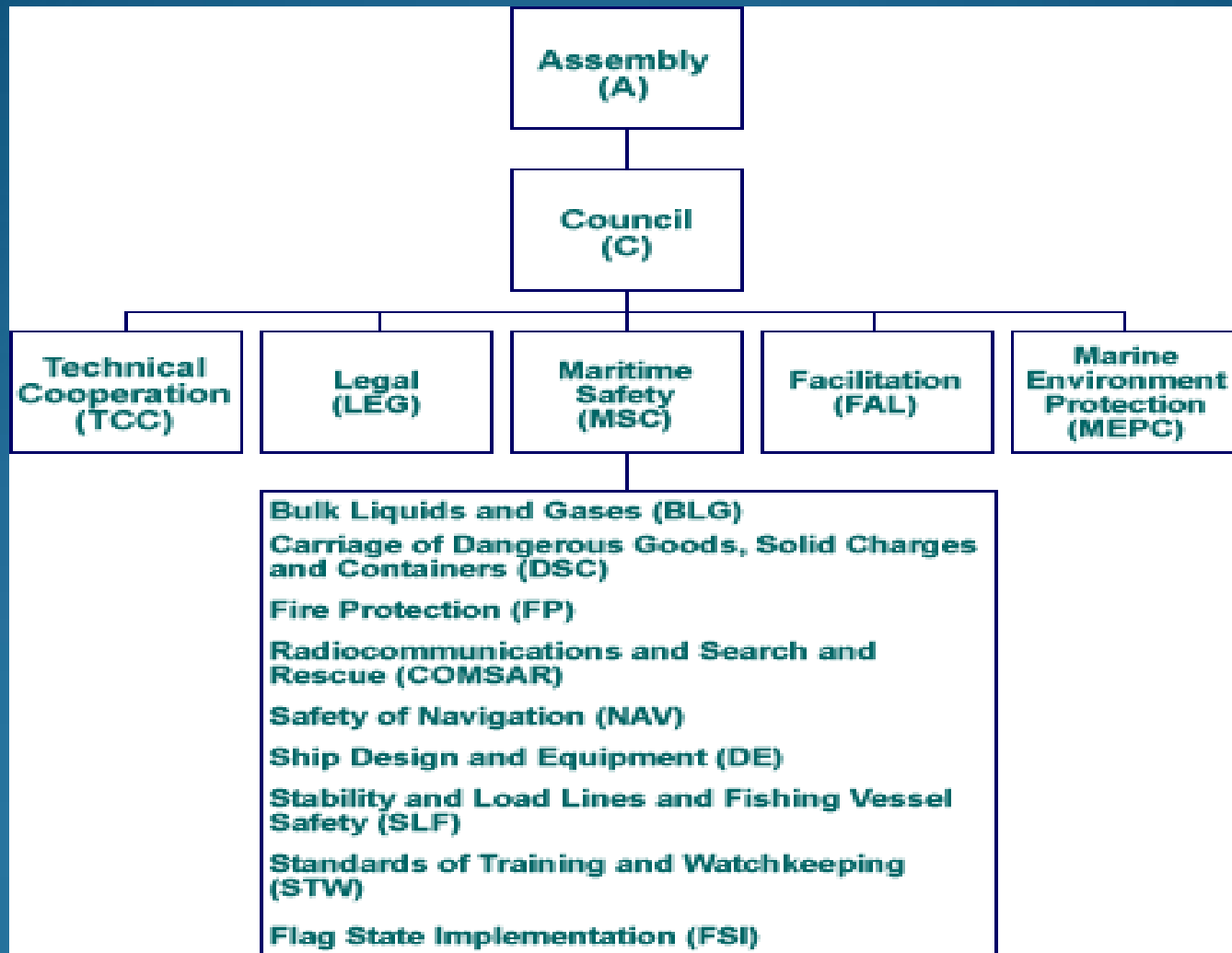
An automated autonomous system for the exchange of navigational information between suitably equipped vessels and shore stations using distinct messages and operating on two designated marine VHF channels.



Plus Aids To Navigation and SAR Aircraft

# How did we get AIS?

International Maritime  
Organization (IMO)



BLG and FSI are subsidiary to MEPC for pollution aspects

# Maritime Safety Committee

ITU: International Telecommunications Union (UN)  
Frequency Mgmt and ICT Performance Standards

IEC: International Electrotechnical Commission (non-Govt)  
Standards such as IEC 61162 interfacing protocols and  
AIS equipment standard

IHO: International Hydrographic Organization (Inter-Govt)  
All matters related to hydrography incl. Chart standards

IALA: International Assoc. of Lighthouse Authorities (non-Govt)  
Navigational Standards (Aids To Navigation – VTS - AIS!)

NMEA: National Marine Electronics Association  
(non-Govt)  
NMEA 0183 and NMEA 2000 protocols

RTCM: Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services  
(non-Govt)  
U.S. Radar Standards for UTVs, FCC EPIRB standards,  
DGPS interface (SC104)

# Why do we need AIS?

Creates a much improved situational awareness for the Navigators by overcoming the inherent limitations of sight, VHF voice and radar for collision avoidance – regardless of vessel size

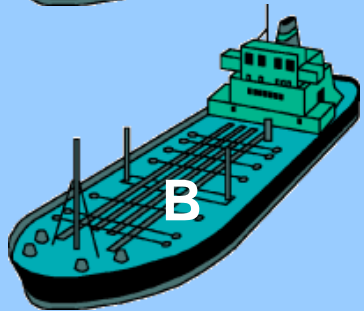
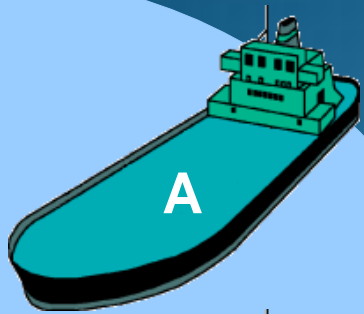


# How does AIS work?

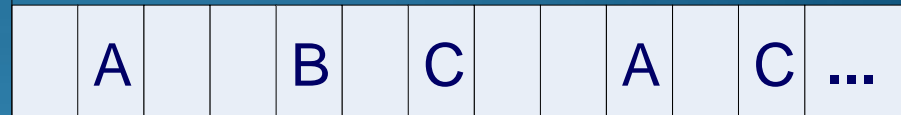
The heart of the system is a transmission protocol called Self Organizing Time Division Multiple Access (SOTDMA).

This protocol is what allows AIS to be autonomous and continuously operational.

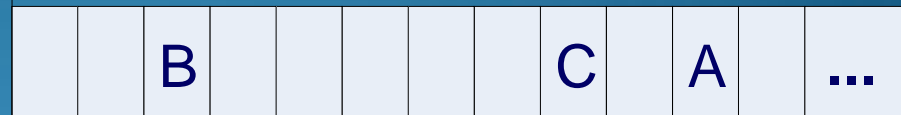
# SO-TDMA



**AIS-1**



**AIS-2**



60 Seconds  
2250 Slots

26.67 ms  
1 Slot = 256 Bits

- Identity
- Position
- Speed over Ground
- Course over Ground
- Heading
- Rate of Turn
- Navigation Status
- Time Stamp

Due to the anticipation of far more non-regulated vessels than regulated vessels, the Maritime Safety Committee commissioned the technical organizations to develop an alternative system that we know as Class B.

## **Class A – Regulated Vessels**

Uses the SOTDMA protocol

2- to 10-second Interval while Underway

3 Minutes while at Anchor

Supplemental Data at 6-minute Intervals

12.5 watt transmitter

## **Class B – non-Regulated Vessels**

Uses a CSTDMA protocol which politely interweaves with Class A transmissions

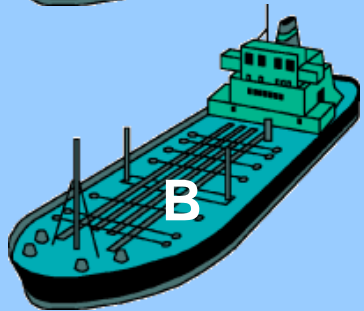
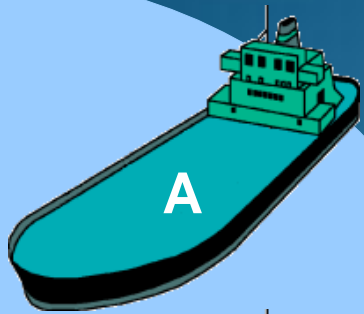
30-second Interval while Underway  $>2$  knots

3 Minutes while at Anchor

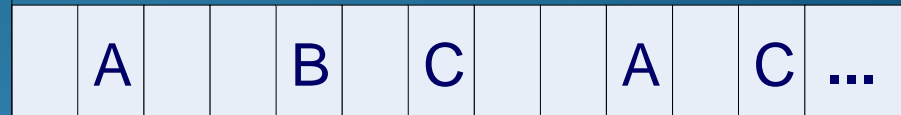
Supplemental Data at 6-minute Intervals

2 watt transmitter

# SOTDMA



**AIS-1**

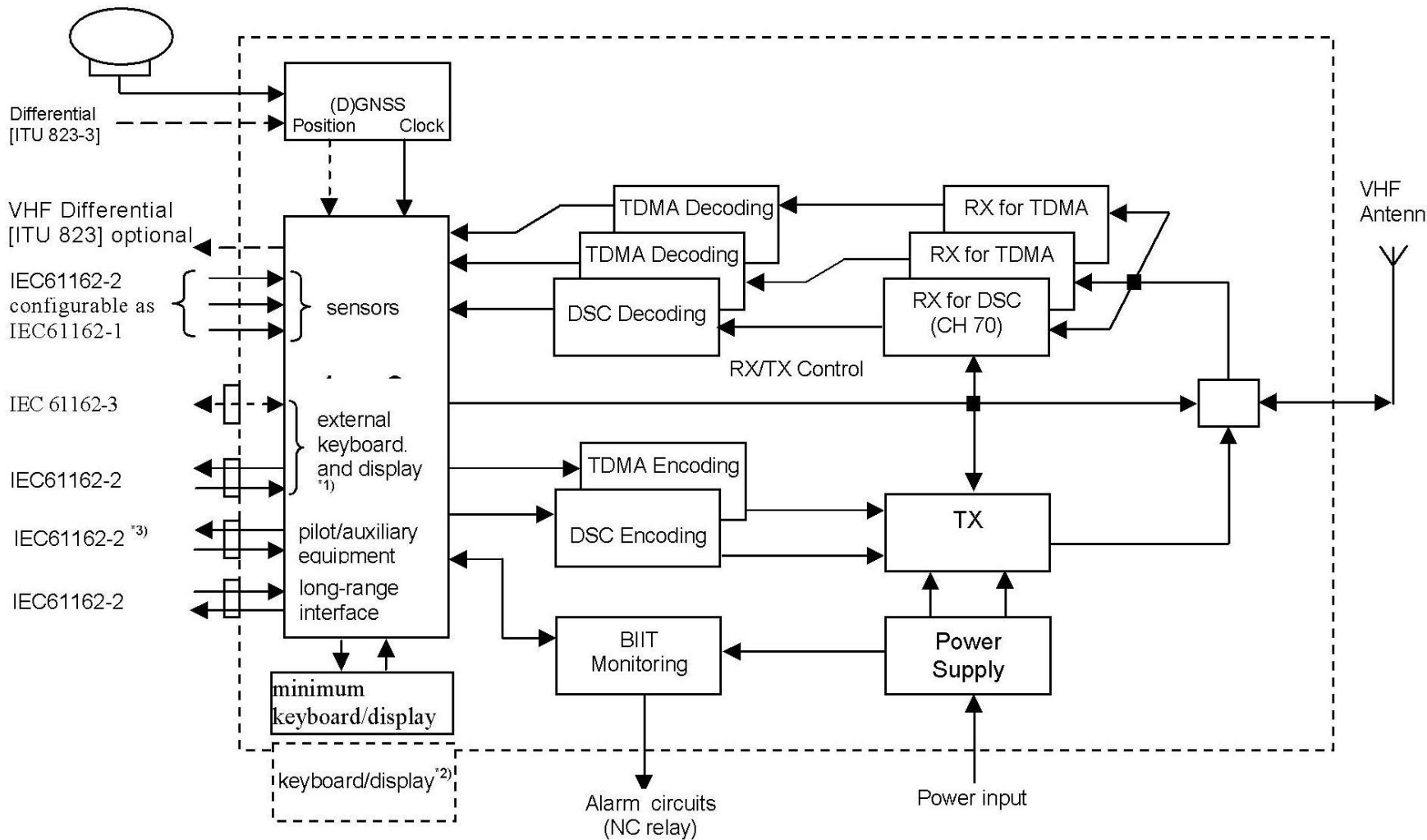


**AIS-2**



26.67 ms  
1 Slot = 256 Bits

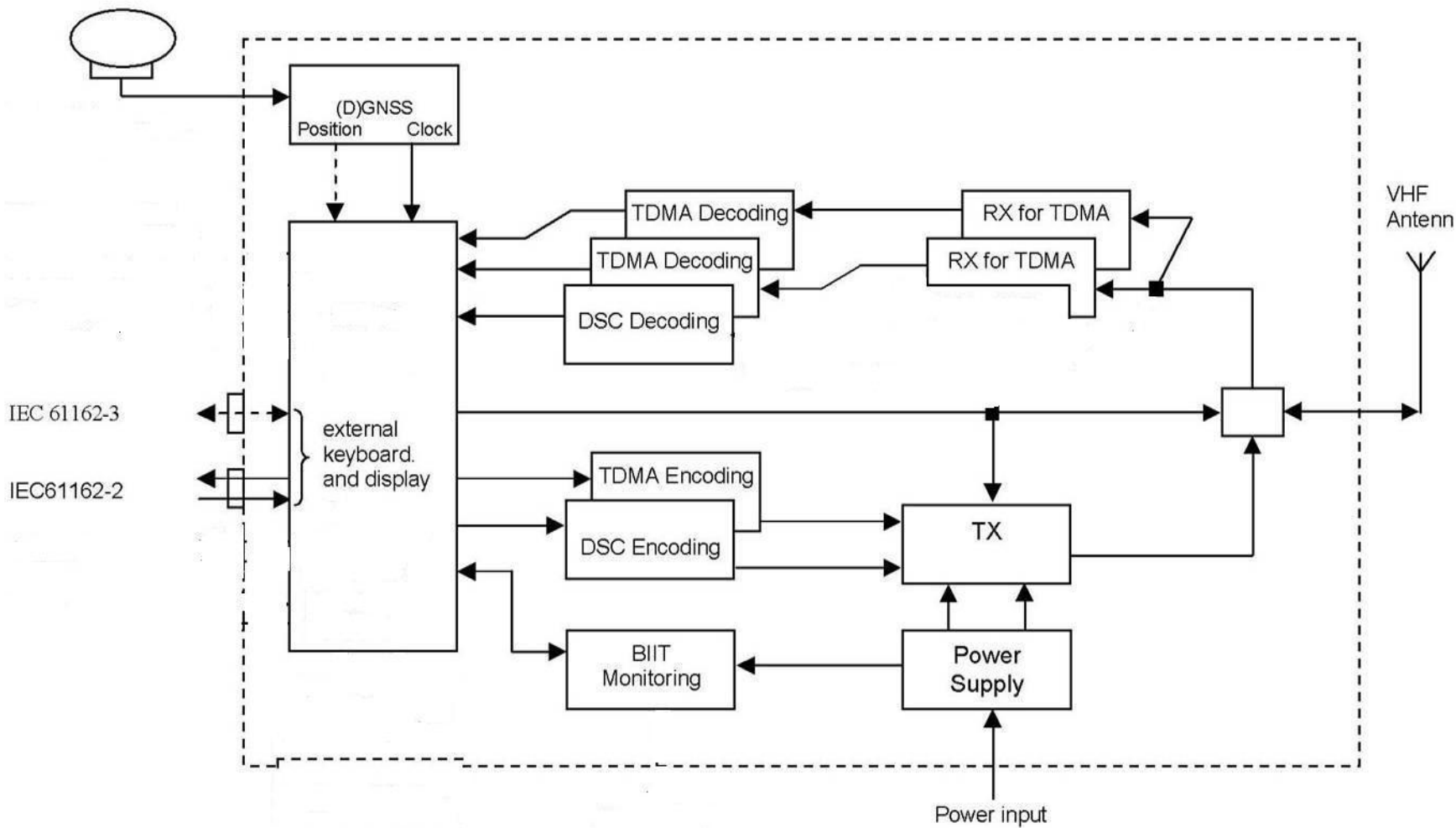
- Identity
- Position
- Speed over Ground
- Course over Ground
- Heading
- Rate of Turn
- Navigation Status
- Time Stamp



\*1) The external keyboard/display may be e.g. radar, ECDIS or dedicated devices.

\*2) The internal keyboard/display may optionally be remote.

## Schematic Diagram of Class "A" Ship-borne AIS Station



**Schematic Diagram of Class B Ship-borne AIS Station**

# **AIS Nav Broadcasts**

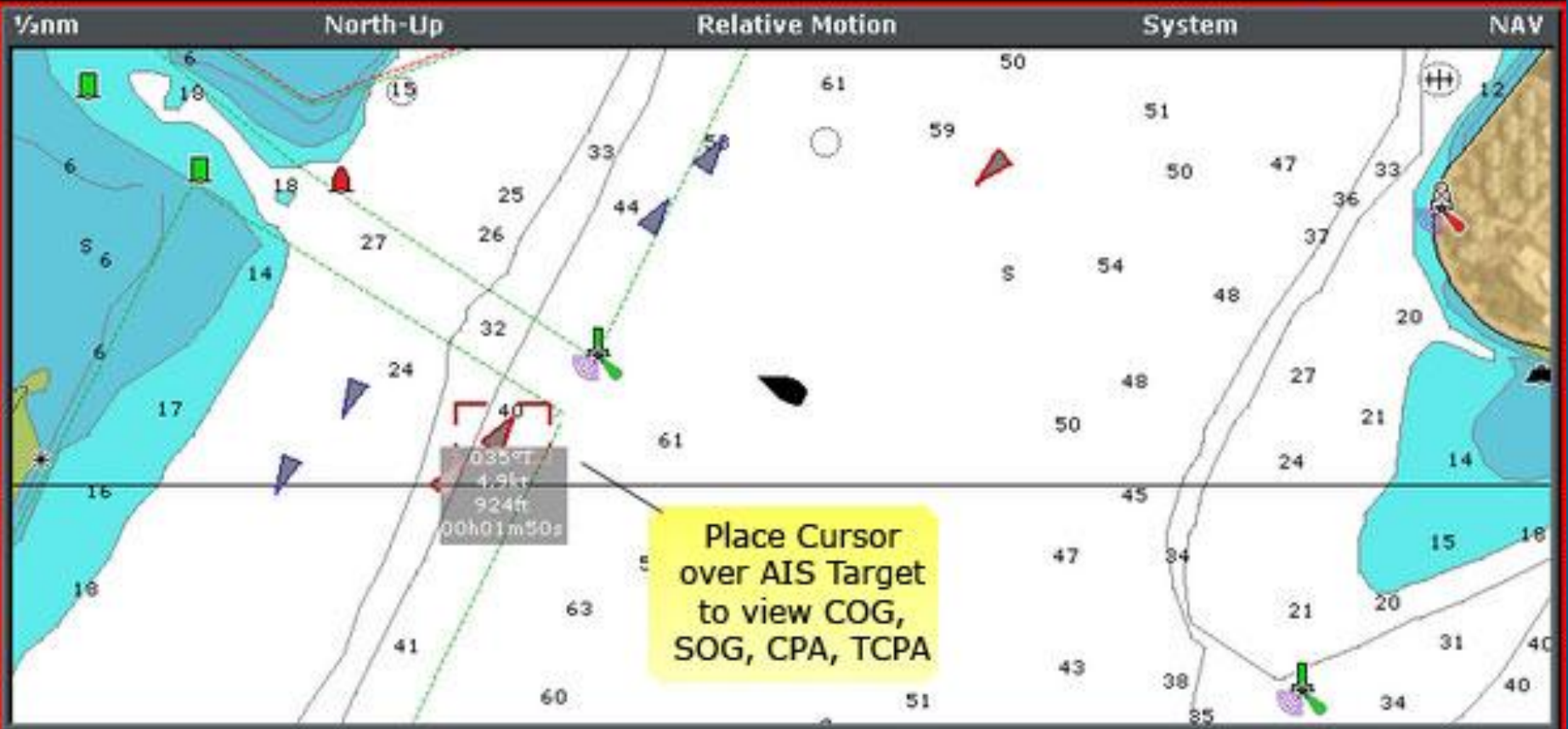
- **Latitude (both Classes)**
- **Longitude (both Classes)**
- **Speed over Ground (both Classes)**
- **Course over Ground (both Classes)**
- **Position Accuracy (both Classes)**
- **Time Stamp (both Classes)**
- **MMSI Number (both Classes)**
- **True Heading (A requirement - B only if available)**
- **Rate of Turn (class A only)**
- **Navigation Status (class A only)**
- **DSC receiver fitted Y/N? (Class B only)**



# **AIS Supplemental Broadcasts**

- **MMSI (both Classes)**
- **Radio Call Sign (both Classes)**
- **Name (both Classes)**
- **Type of Ship/Cargo (both Classes)**
- **Dimensions of Ship (both Classes)**
- **Location of Reference Point (both Classes)**
- **IMO Number (class A only)**
- **Type of Position Fixing Device (class A only)**
- **Draught of Ship (class A only)**
- **Destination (class A only)**
- **ETA at Destination (class A only)**
- **Vendor ID (class B only)**

Csr 40°40'.972N	259 °T	Ves 40°41'.012N	COG 292 °T
Pos 074°02'.503W	0.210 nm	Pos 074°02'.231W	SOG 0.0 kt

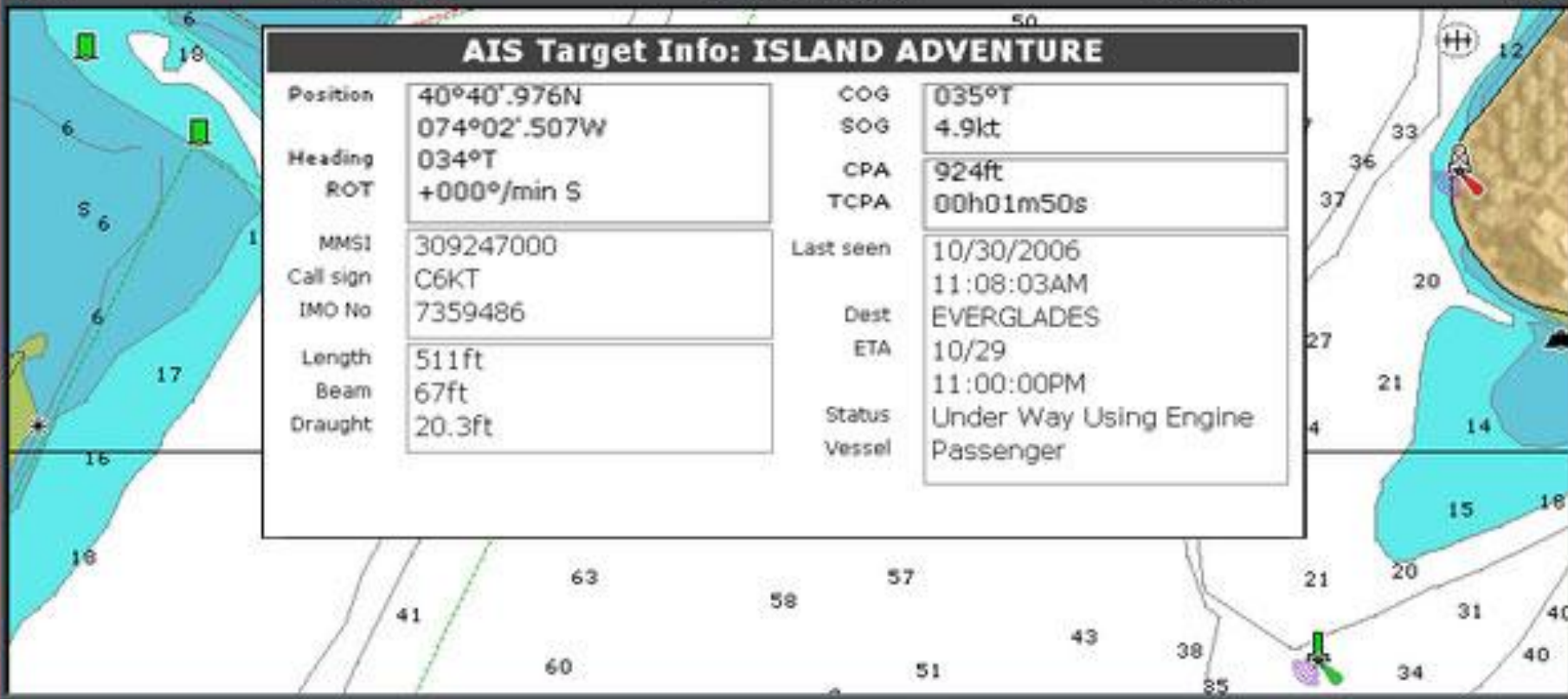


AIS VECTOR ON OFF	AIS DATA AUTO ON OFF	VIEW FULL AIS DATA...	ADD TO BUDDY LIST...
-------------------	----------------------	-----------------------	----------------------

Crs 40°40'.973N 260 °T Ves 40°41'.012N COG 292 °T  
 Pos 074°02'.509W 0.213 nm Pos 074°02'.231W SOG 0.0 kt



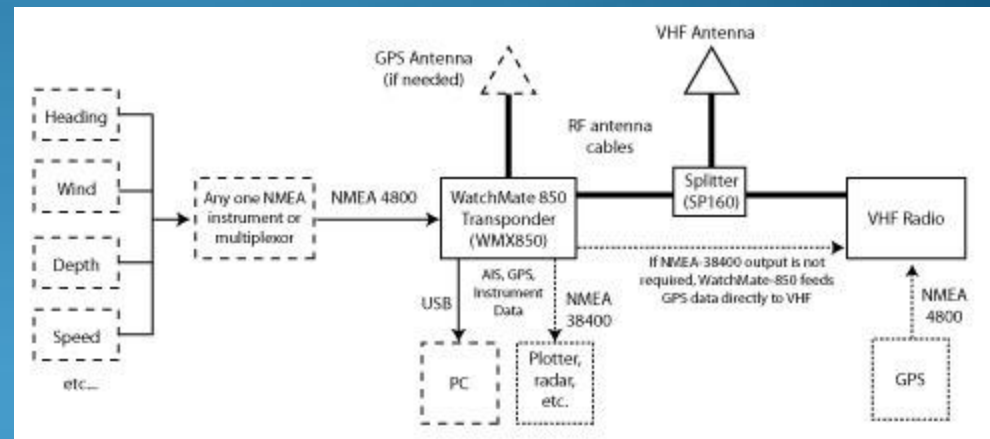
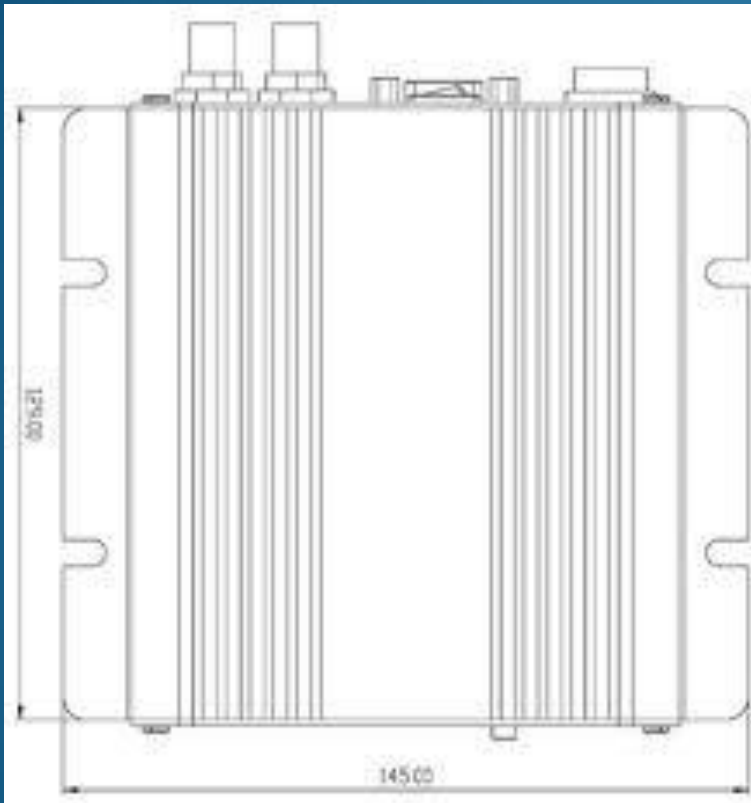
1/2nm North-Up Relative Motion System NAV



AIS Target Info: ISLAND ADVENTURE			
Position	40°40'.976N 074°02'.507W	COG	035°T
Heading	034°T	SOG	4.9kt
ROT	+000°/min S	CPA	924ft
MMSI	309247000	TCPA	00h01m50s
Call sign	C6KT	Last seen	10/30/2006
IMO No	7359486	Dest	EVERGLADES
Length	511ft	ETA	10/29
Beam	67ft	Status	Under Way Using Engine
Draught	20.3ft	Vessel	Passenger

ADD TO BUDDY LIST...

# Installations



SN Circular 227

# Installation Considerations

**VHF Antennas and cabling**

**GPS Antennas**

**Equipment Interfaces**

**Ship's Power Sources**

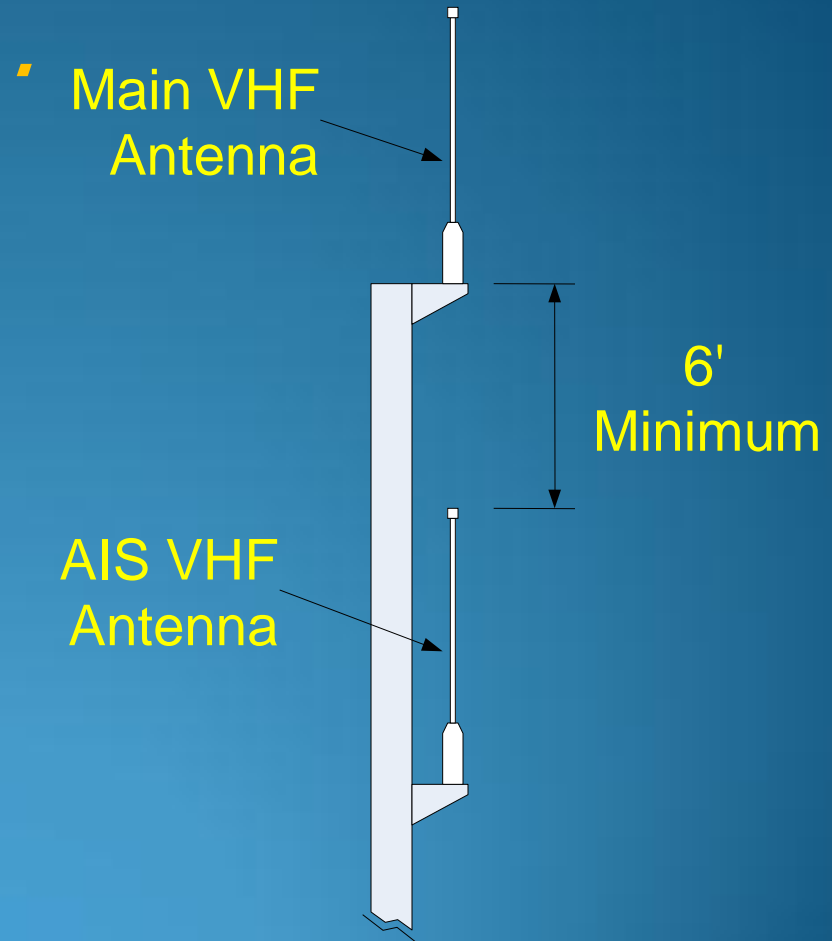
**Pilot Plugs**

## **A very important difference about VHF antennas**

The AIS frequencies are on the high end of the VHF-FM band (@ 162 mhz). Because of this, the standard marine VHF antennas are **not** manufactured for optimum performance at those frequencies.

***Use the proper antenna for best performance***

- VHF Antenna
  - Possibly Integrated GPS Antenna
- 6' Feet from Conductive Objects
- Ideally 6' Directly above or below VHF
- Otherwise 30' Horizontal Separation



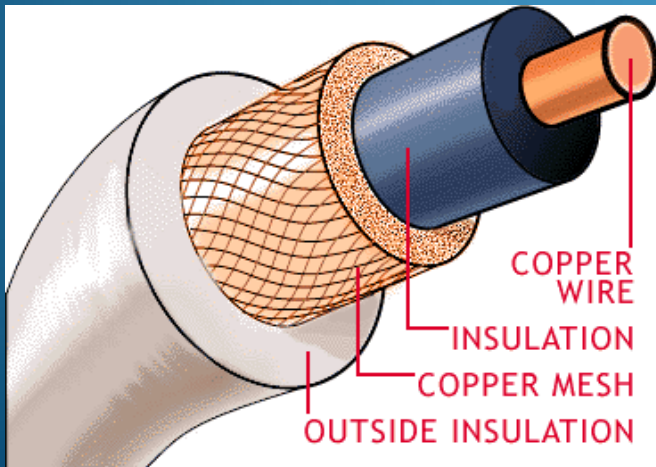




The IMO Safety Nav Circular 227 recommends the use of RG-214 coax which is a double screened coax cable which has better shielding capabilities (3% more).

As a matter of comparison, here are the four common types:

RG-58	@ 50 ft	3.0 db loss	50% loss
RG-8 Mini	@ 50 ft	2.3 db loss	40% loss
RG-8	@ 50 ft	1.2 db loss	20% loss
RG-214	@ 50 ft	1.2 db loss	20% loss



# GPS Antennas

The suggested mounting is one which gives a complete sky view from 5 degrees above the horizon to 90 degrees (the zenith).

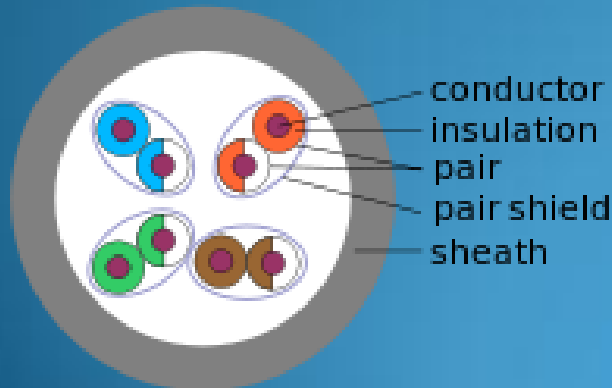




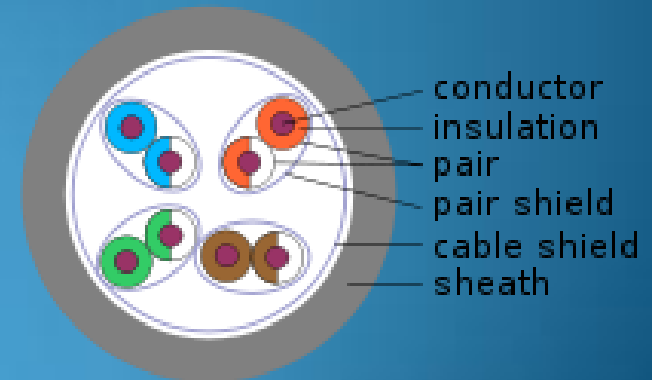
# Interconnection Cabling

All interconnection cables used to interface NMEA 0183 inputs from external GPS units, Gyrocompasses, Satellite Compasses, Speed Logs, and the like should use shielded pair type cables.

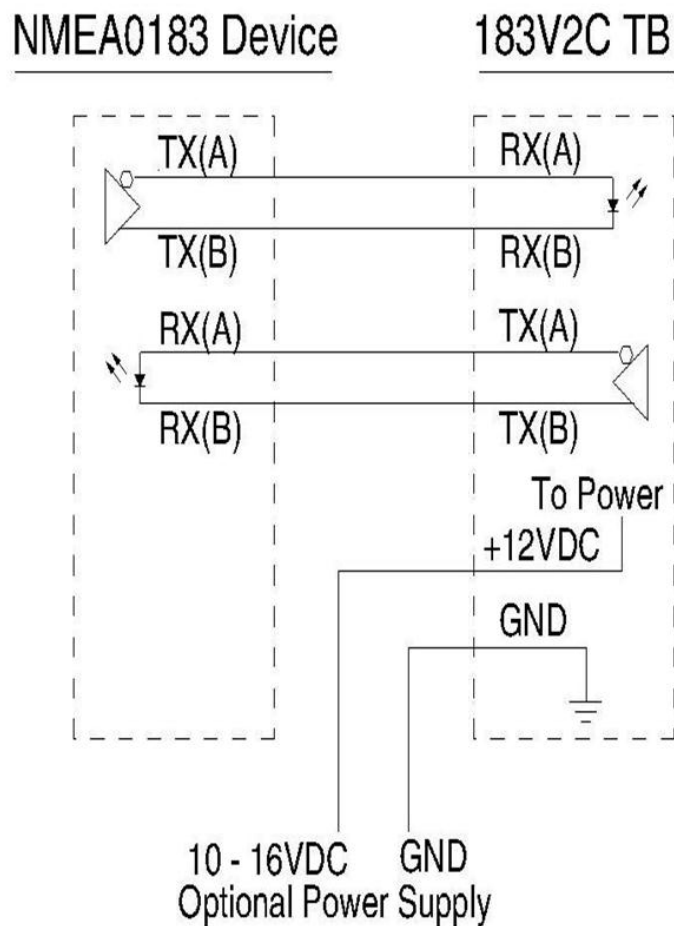
STP



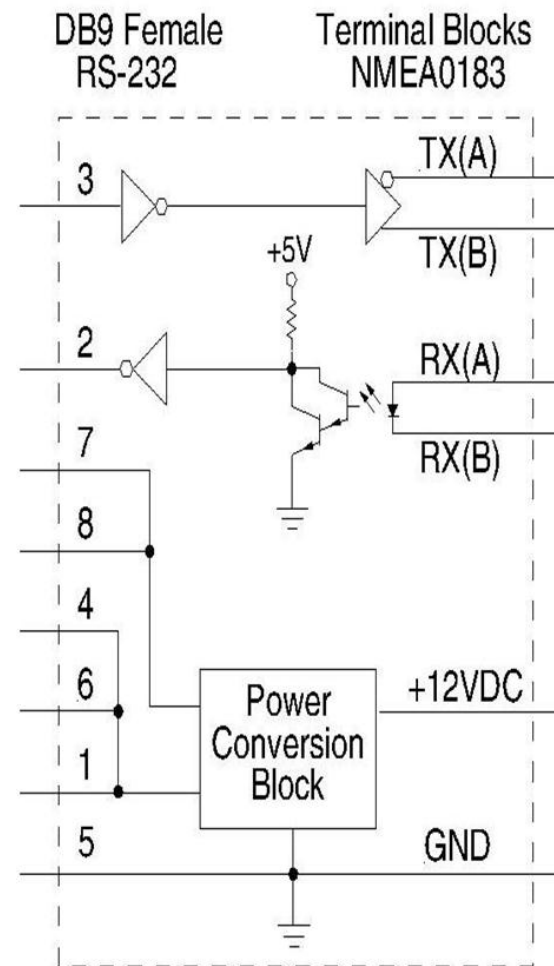
S/STP



### Figure 2: NMEA Connection Diagram



### Figure 3: 183V2C Block Diagram



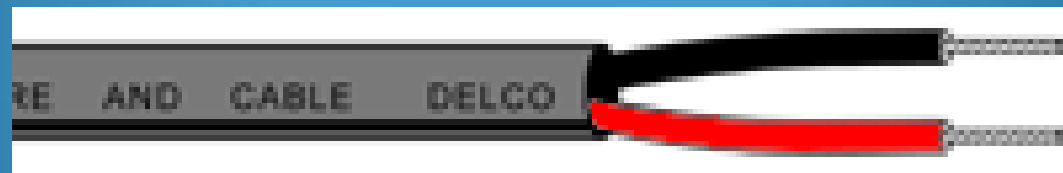
DC voltage drops <3%

Class A units: ~5 A @ 24 vdc

10 awg for 50 ft

Class B units: ~2 A @ 12 vdc

14 awg for 25 ft



For Class A systems, the IMO recommendation SN Circ 227 is that the unit should be connected to an Emergency Source.

For IMO vessels, this means the Emergency Generator to which all the Communication and Navigation equipment is to be connected to.

In addition, an Supplement to the Recommendation also requests that the AIS be connected to a UPS to ensure that the switchover from Main to Emergency does not shut the AIS down

# Required for Class A – Ships on International Voyages



<b>Pin</b>	<b>Signal</b>
1	Transmit A
4	Transmit B
5	Receive A
6	Receive B
9	Shield



# Configuration



Preferred      Acceptable

Data	NMEA 0183 Sentence Format	
Reference Datum	DTM	
Positioning System: Time of Position, Latitude / Longitude, Position Accuracy	GNS, GLL	GGA, RMC
Speed over Ground (SOG)	VBW	VTG, OSD, RMC
Course over Ground (COG)	RMC	VTG, OSD
Heading	HDT	OSD
RAIM Indicator	GBS	
Rate of Turn (ROT)	ROT	

NMEA Input Sentences for Class A units

## Vessel Data

Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) Number

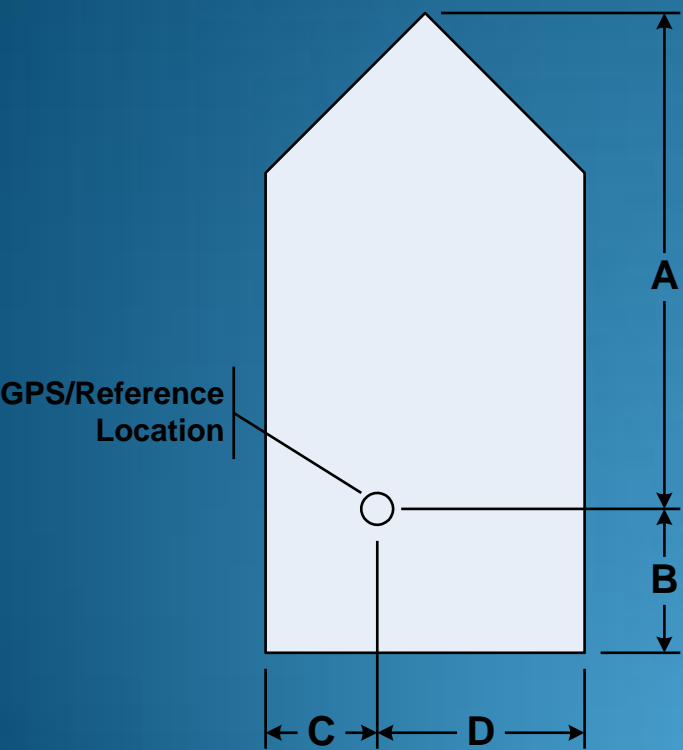
Vessel Name

Vessel Type and Cargo Type

GPS Antenna Location/Reference Position/ Dimensions

IMO Number (Class A fittings)

Radio Call Sign (if assigned)



	Distance (meters)
A	0 – 511 m 511 m = 511 m or Greater
B	0 – 511 m 511 m = 511 m or Greater
C	0 – 63 m 63 m = 63 m or Greater
D	0 – 63 m 63 m = 63 m or Greater

**As the final check of the system, make sure that you have entered all the Static information correctly.**

**USCG Alert # 05-10**

**“AIS is only as good as the information provided and exchanged, therefore, users must ensure their unit is always in effective operating condition and broadcasting accurate information”**

Confirm with another vessel or shore station that they can receive your vessel's info correctly and that you are seeing others as well before you leave the vessel.

Take the time to teach the Customer how to operate the AIS and how to decipher what it is telling the Navigator.

Don't assume they will 'figure it out' – especially when they get into the Voyage data fields (destinations, cargo type, etc)

**Remind them that it is an AID to navigation**

[www.nmea.org](http://www.nmea.org)

[www.navcen.uscg.gov](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov)

[www.iala-aism.org](http://www.iala-aism.org)

[www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org)

[www.panbo.com](http://www.panbo.com)



---

# United States Coast Guard

## Office of Navigation Systems



**Providing navigation  
safety information for  
America's waterways**

**Jorge Arroyo**  
Program Analyst  
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters  
Washington, DC

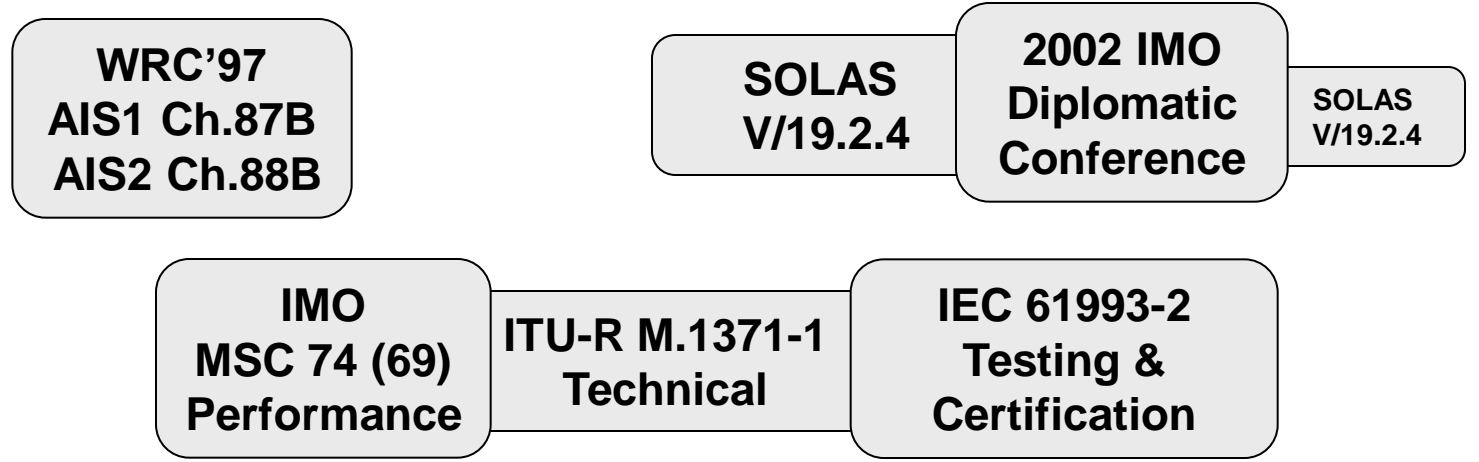
**International Boat builders'  
Exhibition and Conference (IBEX)**  
October 17th, 2011  
Louisville, KY

---

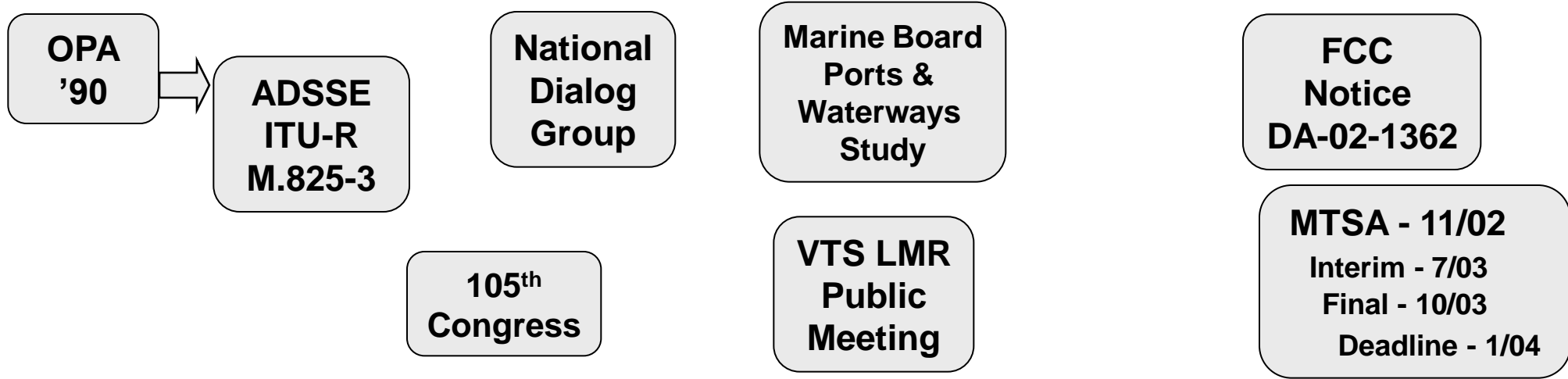
# Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- ✓ U.S. AIS History
- ✓ Regulations...Who? Where? When?
- ✓ AIS Update
- ✓ Application Specific Messaging
- ✓ AIS @ [www.navcen.uscg.gov](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov)
- ✓ Questions & Answers

# AIS History & Timeline



1990-----1994-----1997----1998----1999----2000----2001----2002---2003--2004



---

# What started the USCG on AIS?

In 1990, Congress passed the Oil Pollution Act which participation in VTS mandatory and directed the USCG to seek ways to have 'dependent surveillance' of all tankers bound for Valdez, Alaska.

To that end, in 1993 the USCG developed *Automated Dependent Surveillance Shipboard Equipment (ADSSE)*, based on Digital Selective Calling (DSC) protocol.

---

# Congress supports/mandates AIS!

In 1997, Congress...stated that AIS “technology should be the foundation of any future VTS system” and that it “strongly believes that this technology will significantly improve navigational safety, not just in select VTS target ports, but throughout the navigable waters of the U.S”, and, that we “continue working with stakeholders...”

H.R. Rep. No. 236, 105th Cong., 1st Sess. (1997)

---

# Industry endorses AIS!

In 1999, the National Dialog Group, comprised of the marine private and public representatives, stated they:

“strongly endorse the widespread use of AIS employing dGPS and onboard transponder technologies...that national use of AIS technology on the greatest number of vessels is essential both as a foundation of a VTS system...improving navigation safety...strongly urge the USCG to take the lead...in developing equipment and procedural standards that will promote universal use of AIS technology”, which will “be less intrusive and distracting to the mariner than will a voice-based control system...”



# AIS Timeline

**WRC'97**  
AIS1 Ch.87B  
AIS2 Ch.88B

**SOLAS**  
V/19.2.4

**2002 IMO**  
Diplomatic  
Conference

**SOLAS**  
V/19.2.4

**IMO**  
MSC 74 (69)  
Performance

**ITU-R M.1371-1**  
Technical

**IEC 61993-2**  
Testing &  
Certification

1990-----1994-----1997----1998----1999----2000----2001----2002---2003--2004

**OPA**  
'90

**ADSSE**  
ITU-R  
M.825-3

**National**  
Dialog  
Group

**Marine Board**  
Ports &  
Waterways  
Study

**FCC**  
Notice  
DA-02-1362

**105<sup>th</sup>**  
Congress

**VTS LMR**  
Public  
Meeting

**MTSA - 11/02**  
Interim - 7/03  
Final - 10/03  
Deadline - 1/04

---

# Towards an AIS-based VTS

In an effort to facilitate vessel transits, enhance good order, promote safe navigation, and improve upon existing operating measures on the waterway. The USCG proposed to establish a Vessel Traffic Service on the Lower Mississippi River and transfer certain vessel traffic management provisions on the river.

By implementing a proposed transition to VTS in a phased manner which would allow for the orderly transition from existing regulations and practices to operating procedures appropriate to an AIS-based VTS.

- Ref: 65 FR 24616, Apr. 24, 2000



---

## ***Mandated by Congress in 2002***

- *Marine Transportation & Security Act of 2002*
  - Commercial self-propelled vessels 65 feet or greater;
  - Towing Vessels over 26 feet or greater and 600 hp or more;
  - Passenger vessels as determined by USCG; and
  - those the USCG deems necessary for safety.

---

# AIS Carriage Regulations 33 CFR 164.46

The following must have a properly installed, operational, type-approved AIS

- *On international voyage:*
  - ✓ Tankers, Passenger  $\geq$  150 GT, all others  $\geq$  300 GT
    - ❑ Per SOLAS Regulation V/19.2.4
  - ✓ Self-propelled commercial vessels  $\geq$  65 feet
    - ❑ Except fishing and small passenger vessels (<150 passengers)
- *Within a VTS area:*
  - ✓ Self-propelled commercial vessel 65+ feet
    - ❑ Except fishing & small passengers vessels
  - ✓ Towing vessel  $\geq$  26 feet and  $\geq$  600 hp
  - ✓ Vessel certificated to carry  $\geq$  150 passengers

# AIS Rulemaking [Changes in **Bold-type**]

- ✓ 10/23/03 current AIS requirement published (33 CFR 164.46)
- ✓ 07/01/03-01/09/04, 3 meetings & comment period re: AIS expansion
- ✓ 10/31/05, agenda entry re: expansion of AIS to **all** navigable waters
- ✓ 12/16/08, NPRM published; 04/15/09, comment deadline (73 FR 78295)
- Proposed compliance date: NLT 7 month after Final Rule
- AIS prices: Class A, \$2,800-5,000; Class B, \$700-1,500
  - Installation cost will vary by display options & interfacing
  - SOLAS requires interfacing to GPS, THD, ROT, back-up power
- Potentially could effect 17,442 vessels/14,506 small biz's, i.e.
  - Commercial self-propelled vessels of  $\geq 65$  feet
    - **No exclusions**
  - Towing vessels  $\geq 26$  feet and  $> 600$  hp
  - Vessels with  $\geq 50$  passengers (vice 150 for hire)
  - **Hi-Speed vessels with  $\geq 12$  passengers for hire**
  - **Certain dredges & floating plants, &**
  - **Vessel moving certain dangerous cargoes**

Estimated Expanded AIS Population	
<b>Ships <math>\geq 65</math>ft</b>	<b>2,973</b>
Freight Ship	298
Industrial Ship	748
MODU	210
OSV	553
Research Vessel	97
School Ship	19
Tank Ship	122
Unclassified	385
Unknown	541
<b>Fishing <math>\geq 65</math>ft</b>	<b>5,520</b>
Documented	4,571
Undocumented (est.)	949
<b>Towing <math>\geq 26</math>ft &amp; <math>\geq 600</math>hp</b>	<b>4,560</b>
<b>Passenger</b>	<b>3,235</b>
$\geq 65$ ft	2,167
$< 65'$ but $\geq 50$ pax	1,062
$> 30$ kts & $> 12$ pax for hire	6
<b>Dredges</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total (U.S.)</b>	<b>16,323</b>
<b>Foreign Flag <math>\geq 65</math>ft</b>	<b>1,119</b>
<b>Total (All)</b>	<b>17,442</b>

# U.S. AIS Carriage Population

Vessel Service	SOLAS	IR 7/1/02	FR 11/23/03	NPRM 12/16/08
Fishing Boat	1	749	-	5,520
Cargo Ship	154	77	77	298
Industrial Vessel	21	11	11	748
MODU	1	-	-	210
Offshore Supply Vessel	55	433	432	553
Passenger Vessel	81	576	171	3,235
Public/Research/School	10	18	16	116
Tank Ship	102	15	15	122
Towboat/Tug	13	2,215	2,212	4,560
Dredge	-	-	-	35
Other	-	11	13	385
Unknown	-	16	16	541
Foreign >65'<300GT				1,119
<b>Totals</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>2,963</b>	<b>17,442</b>

---

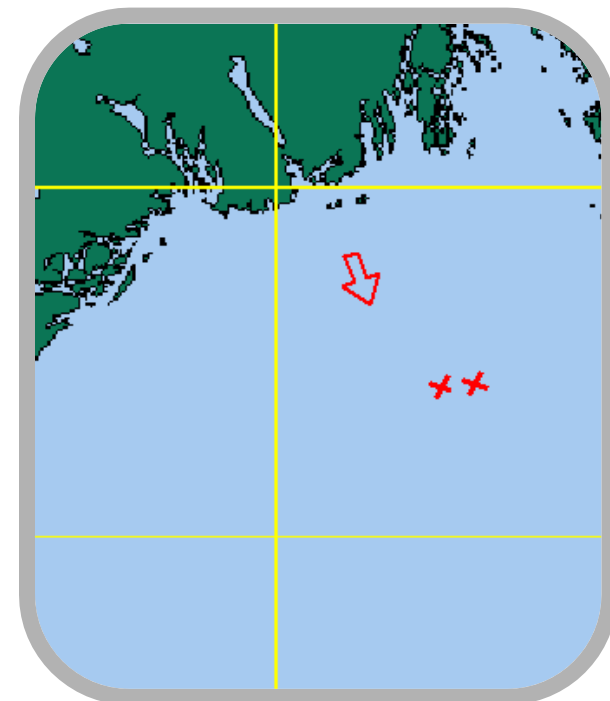
# AIS Certification Standards Update

- IEC 61993-2 Class A published in 2001
  - Edition 2 completed – publication 2012
- IEC 62287-1 Class B published in 2006
  - Edition 2 published – 29 Oct 10
- IEC 62320-1 AIS base station published in 2007
- IEC 62320-2 AIS AtoN base station published in 2008
- IEC 61097-14 AIS SART published in 2009
  - Their use became permissible 1/1/10
- IEC 62287-2 Class B SOTDMA
  - Still in development – publication 2012

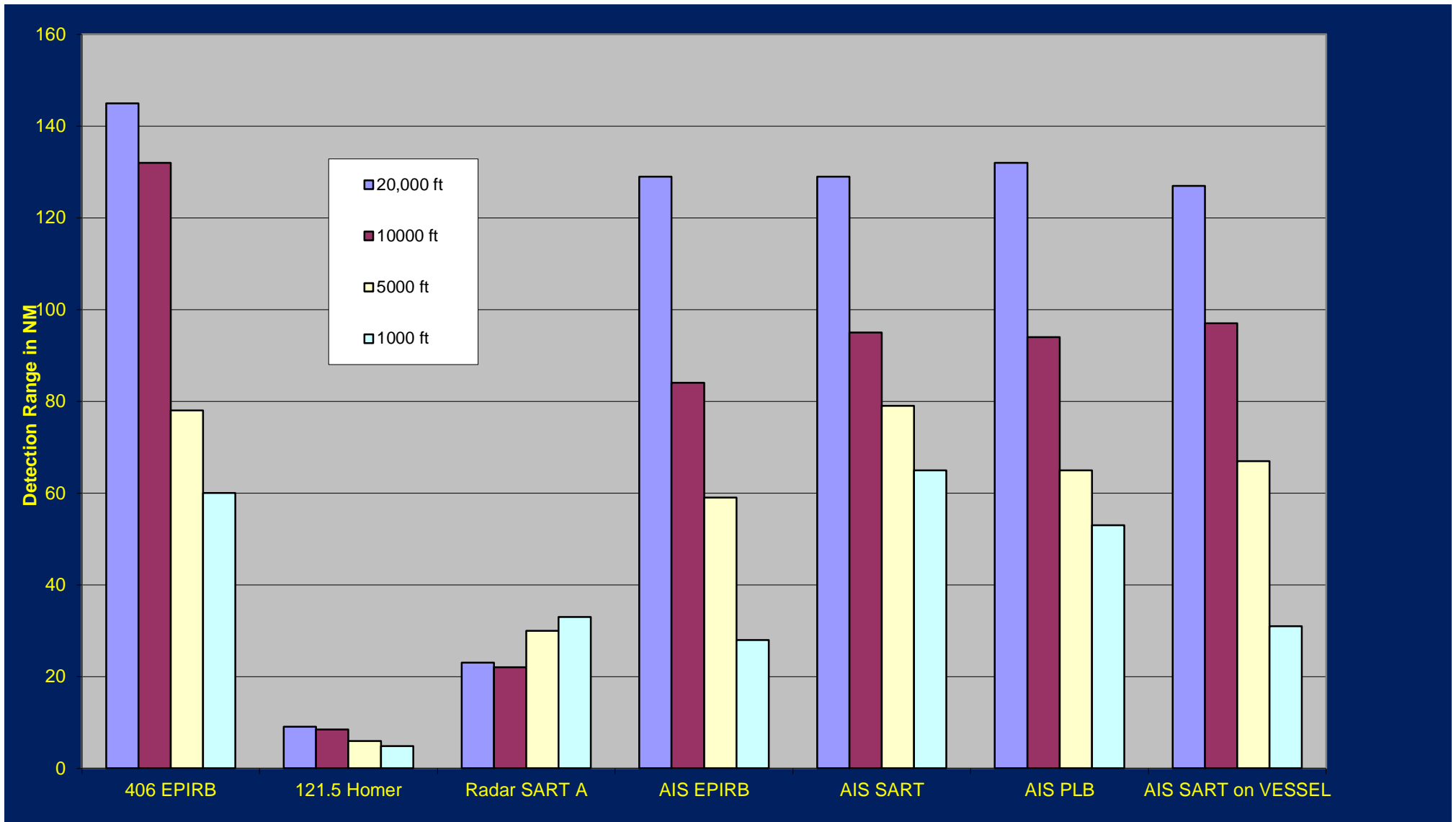
# AIS SART – GMDSS Search and Rescue AIS Transmitter

NEW PRODUCT – Part of GMDSS from Jan. 2010:

- Alternative to traditional radar SART, for use in life boats / rafts
- Location is automatically shown on electronic chart / ECDIS
- Each AIS-SART has a unique code, unlike radar-SART & 121.5, thus many in the same area will not overload the search system.
- Transmit 1 burst of 8 transmissions every minute, using SOTDMA
- 1 W ERP output / 96 hours operation



# Key West Trials Aviation Results



ID#	ITU-R M.1371 AIS Message Descriptions - Applications	A U	A S	I N	Slots
1,2,3	Position Reports – autonomous (au), assigned (as), or interrogated (in)	x	x	x	1
4	Base Station Report – UTC/date, position, slot nr.		x		1
5	Class A Report - static and voyage related data	x	x	x	2
6,7,8	<b>Binary Message – addressed, acknowledge or broadcast</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>5/2</b>
9	SAR aircraft position report	x	x	x	1
10,11	UTC/Date - enquiry and response		x	x	1
12,13,14	Safety Text Message – addressed, acknowledge or broadcast		x	x	5/2
15	Interrogation – request for specific messages		x	x	1
16	Assignment Mode Command	x	x		1
17	Binary Message – DGNSS Correction		x		1
18,19	Class B Reports – position & extended	x	x		2
20	Data Link Management – reserve slots		x		1
21	ATON Report – position & status	x	x	x	2
22	Channel Management		x		1
23	Group Assignment				1
24	Class B-CS Static Data			x	1
25	<b>Binary Message - single-slot</b>				<b>1</b>
26	<b>Binary Message - multi-slot (STDMA)</b>				<b>5</b>



# Application Specific Message Format

52

Rec. ITU-R M.1371-1

## 3.3.8.2.6 Message 8: Binary broadcast message

This message will be variable in length, based on the amount of binary data. The length should vary between 1 and 5 slots.

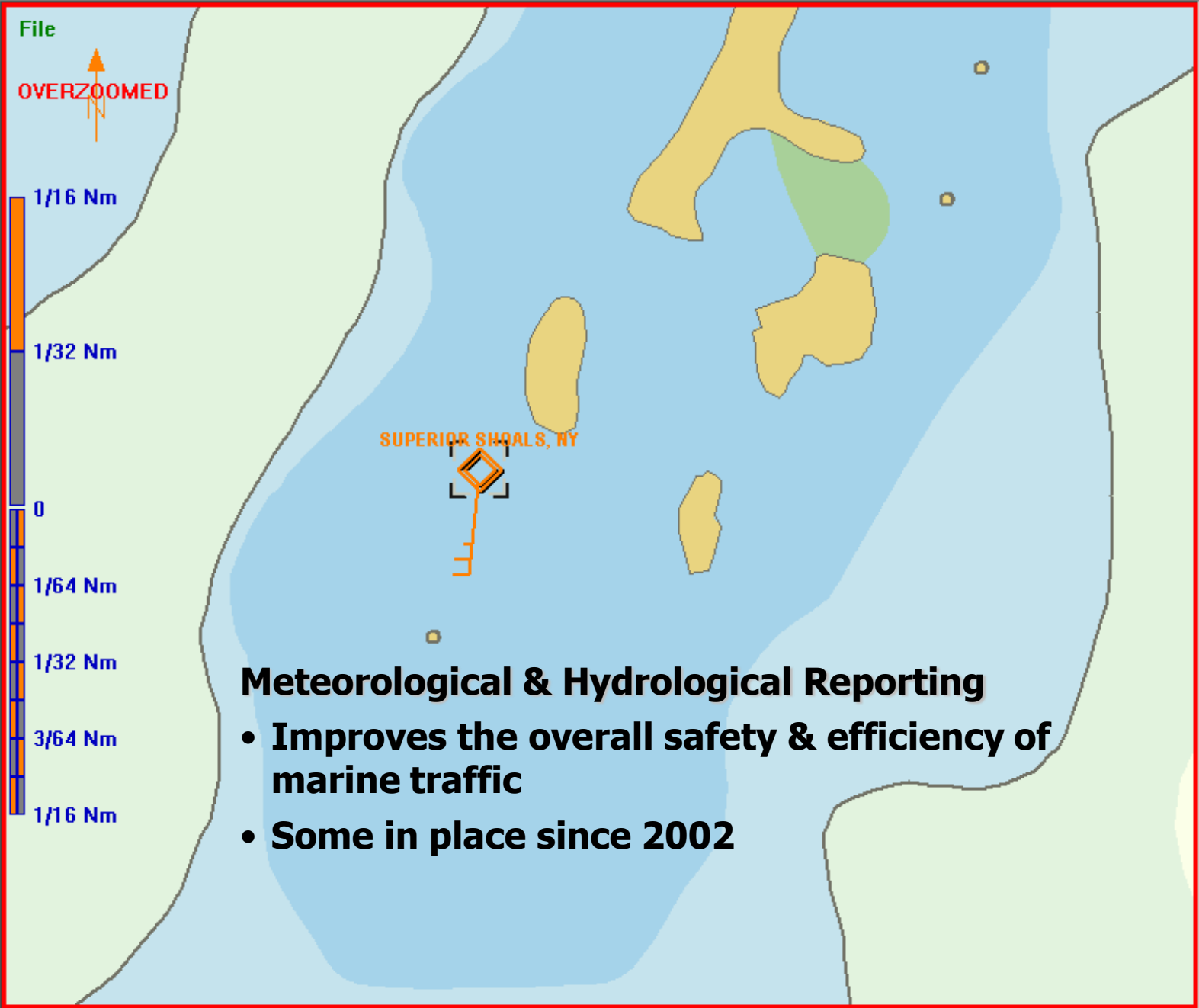
TABLE 22

Parameter	Number of bits	Description		
Message ID	6	Identifier for Message 8; always 8		
Repeat indicator	2	Used by the repeater to indicate how many times a message has been repeated. See § 3.3.8.2.1.1		
Source ID	30	MMSI number of source station		
Spare	2	Not used. Should be set to zero		
Binary data	Maximum 968	Application identifier	16 bits	Should be as described in § 3.3.8.2.4.1
		Application data	Maximum 952 bits	Application specific data
Total number of bits	Maximum 1 008	Occupies 1 to 5 slots		

AIS ?	AIS Tx	AIS Rx	S57	S57 ?
Nav	Route	GPS	Dredge Monitoring	
S57 Lists	Aton	Lock Order	Met Hydro	

Station ID	SUPERIOR SHOALS, NY
Station Type	Weather Station
Latitude	44° 28' 12.00" N
Longitude	075° 48' 00.00" W
Wind Speed	26.9 kts
Wind Gust	30.1 kts
Wind Direction	S
Air Pressure	996.0 mbar
Air Temp	17.4°C
Dew Point	12.4°C
Visibility	25.4 km
Water Temp	18.0°C
Time of Report	10:34:00
Time Since Last Report	00h 02m 16s

Station ID	SUPERIOR SHOALS, NY
Station Type	Weather Station
Latitude	44° 28' 12.00" N
Longitude	075° 48' 00.00" W
Water Level	N/A
Level Type	N/A
Chart Datum	N/A
Current Speed	N/A
Current Direction	N/A
Salinity	N/A
Water Temp	18.0°C
Water Flow	N/A
Time of Report	10:34:00
Time Since Last Report	00h 02m 16s



### Meteorological & Hydrological Reporting

- Improves the overall safety & efficiency of marine traffic
- Some in place since 2002

---

# AIS can transfer data via binary messages...

- Provides a means to use other applications
  - Encode application on the transmission side
  - Decode application on the receive side
  - Sent as either General or Addressed broadcast
    - Addressed messages (MMSI-to-MMSI) receives an acknowledgement that the binary message was received

# IMO SN/Circ.236 AIS BINARY GUIDANCE 4-YR TRIAL PERIOD May 2004 - 2008

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION  
4 ALBERT EMBANKMENT  
LONDON SE1 7SR

Telephone: 020 7735 7611  
Fax: 020 7587 3210



IMO

*E*

Ref.

SN/Circ.236  
28 May 2004

## GUIDANCE ON THE APPLICATION OF AIS BINARY MESSAGES

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (12 to 21 May 2004), approved SN/Circ.236 on Guidance on the application of AIS binary messages as prepared by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its forty-ninth session (30 June to 4 July 2003).

2 Automatic Identification System (AIS) is a working system for ship identification and tracking that has the capability of the service of binary messages. The concept, functional requirements, and technical constraints are described in annex 1.

3 The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, at its forty-ninth session selected seven (7) binary messages as shown in annex 2 to this circular to be used as a trial set of messages. The idea is to use this set of 7 messages for a trial period of 4 years with no change. It should be noted that 4 additional system-related messages identified in Recommendation ITU-R M.1371 are needed for the operation of the system.

4 The criteria for selecting the 7 trial messages were:

- .1 demonstrated operational need;
- .2 a cross-section of users, including ships, VTS, pilots, and port authorities; and
- .3 messages already developed for format and content.

5 In addition, messages were limited to a maximum number of 3 slots to reduce the potential for overloading the AIS frequencies designated for IMO.

6 In addition to these 7 messages and 4 system-related messages, the Sub-Committee agreed to allow 2 additional messages in the 4-year trial period to test the process of introducing new binary



Homeland  
Security



---

# IMO SN/Circ.236 ASM's

- Met/Hydrological\***
- Dangerous cargo indication\***
- Fairway closed\***
- Tidal window\***
- Extended ship static & voyage-related data\***
- Number of persons on board\*\***
- VTS-generated/synthetic targets\*\***



# IMO SN/Circ.289

## AIS ASM

## GUIDANCE

## 22 ASM's



**E**

4 ALBERT EMBANKMENT  
LONDON SE1 7SR

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7735 7811

Fax: +44 (0)20 7587 3210

Ref. T2-OSS/2.7.1

SN.1/Circ.289  
2 June 2010

### GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF AIS APPLICATION-SPECIFIC MESSAGES

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session (12 to 21 May 2004), approved SN/Circ.236 on Guidance on the application of AIS binary messages as prepared by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation at its forty-ninth session (30 June to 4 July 2003).
- 2 The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, at its forty-ninth session (30 June to 4 July 2003), selected seven (7) binary messages as shown in annex 2 to SN/Circ.236 to be used as a trial set of messages for a period of four years with no change. It was noted that four additional system-related messages were identified in Recommendation ITU-R M.1371 for the operation of the system.
- 3 The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, at its fifty-fifth session (27 to 31 July 2009), after evaluating the use of binary messages in the trial period defined in SN/Circ.236, agreed on Guidance on the use of AIS Application-Specific Messages, including messages which are recommended for international use.
- 4 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-seventh session (12 to 21 May 2010), concurred with the Sub-Committee's views and approved the Guidance on the use of AIS Application Specific Messages, as set out at annex.
- 5 Member Governments are invited to bring the annexed Guidance to the attention of all concerned.
- 6 This circular revokes SN/Circ.236 as from 1 January 2013.



Homeland  
Security



---

# IMO SN/Circ.289 ASM's

- Clearance time to enter port
- Marine traffic signal
- Berthing data
- Weather observation report from ship
- Area notice – broadcast & addressed
- Extended ship static and voyage-related data\*
- Dangerous cargo indication\*
- Environmental Data
- Route information – broadcast & addressed
- Text description – broadcast & addressed
- Meteorological and Hydrographic [sensor] data
- Tidal window



---

# Future ASM developments...

- International Assoc. of Marine Aids to Navigation & Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Guidelines & Recommendations
  - ✓ E-Navigation Committee, Portrayal Working Group
  - ✓ Maintaining an AIS ASM catalogue
- Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) Standards
  - ✓ Special Committee 121 - AIS ASM
  - ✓ Special Committee 129 - Navigation Portrayal
  - ✓ Special Committee 109 – Electronic Chart Systems
- U.S. Coast Guard
  - ✓ To expand our AIS ASM test beds to Louisville KY and with USACE LOMA effort
  - ✓ To expand mandatory AIS carriage to all U.S. waters
  - ✓ To require ECS and its integration with AIS (including ASM's)
  - ✓ To provide NOAA PORTS via NAIS





Application Specific Messages | e-Navigation Netherlands - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.e-navigation.nl/asm

**e-navigation** e-Navigation Netherlands

AIS Inland Maritime Ports Contact Log in/request new password English

Search **Application Specific Messages**

**IALA-AISM**

By pressing the column title you can sort the list

Title	Msg	DAC	FI	Status	Registrant	Not to be used after
Monitoring aids to navigation	6	0	0	In force	Zeni Lite Buoy Co., Ltd	
Text telegram using 6-bit ASCII	6	1	0	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Application acknowledgement	6	1	1	replaced	ITU-R.M.1371-1	04/01/2010
Interrogation for specified FMs within the IAI branch	6	1	2	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Capability interrogation	6	1	3	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Capability reply	6	1	4	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Application acknowledgement to an addressed binary message	6	1	5	in force	ITU-R.M.1371-4	
DANGEROUS CARGO INDICATION	6	1	12	Deprecated	IMO Circ. 236	01/01/2013
TIDAL WINDOW	6	1	14	Deprecated	IMO Circ. 236	01/01/2013
Number of persons on board	6	1	16	In force	IMO Circ. 289	
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD	6	1	16	Deprecated	IMO Circ. 236	01/01/2013
Ship waypoints (WP) and/or route plan report	6	1	17	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Clearance time to enter port	6	1	18	In force	IMO Circ. 289	
Advice of waypoints (AWP) and/or route plan of VTS	6	1	18	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Extended ship static and voyage related data	6	1	19	In force	ITU-R.M.1371-1	
Berthing data	6	1	20	In force	IMO Circ. 289	
Area notice	6	1	23	in force	IMO Circ. 289	
Dangerous cargo indication	6	1	25	In force	IMO Circ. 289	
Route information	6	1	28	in force	IMO Circ. 289	

100%

Jorge 4:53 AM

---

# Future ASM developments...

- International Assoc. of Marine Aids to Navigation & Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Guidelines & Recommendations
  - ✓ E-Navigation Committee, Portrayal Working Group
  - ✓ Maintaining an AIS ASM catalogue
- Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) Standards
  - ✓ Special Committee 121 - AIS ASM
  - ✓ Special Committee 129 - Navigation Portrayal
  - ✓ Special Committee 109 – Electronic Chart Systems
- U.S. Coast Guard
  - ✓ To expand our AIS ASM test beds to Louisville KY and with USACE LOMA effort
  - ✓ To expand mandatory AIS carriage to all U.S. waters
  - ✓ To require ECS and its integration with AIS (including ASM's)
  - ✓ To provide NOAA PORTS via NAIS





# NOAA's Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System PORTS<sup>®</sup>

Data Collection Platform



Buoy Mounted ADCP



Bottom Mounted ADCP



Water Level



Meteorological



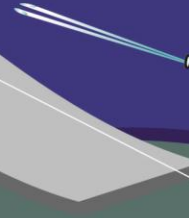
Air Gap



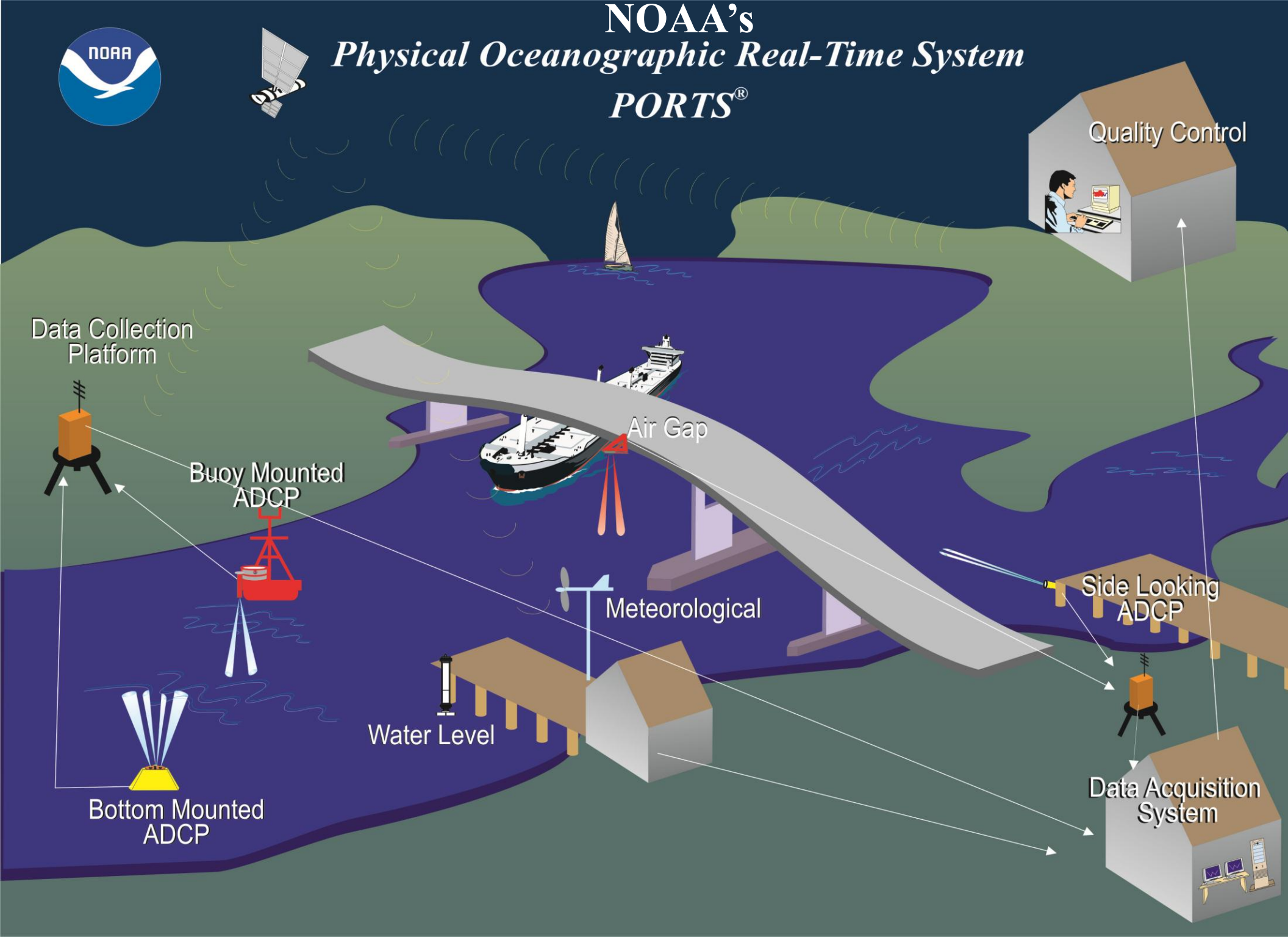
Quality Control

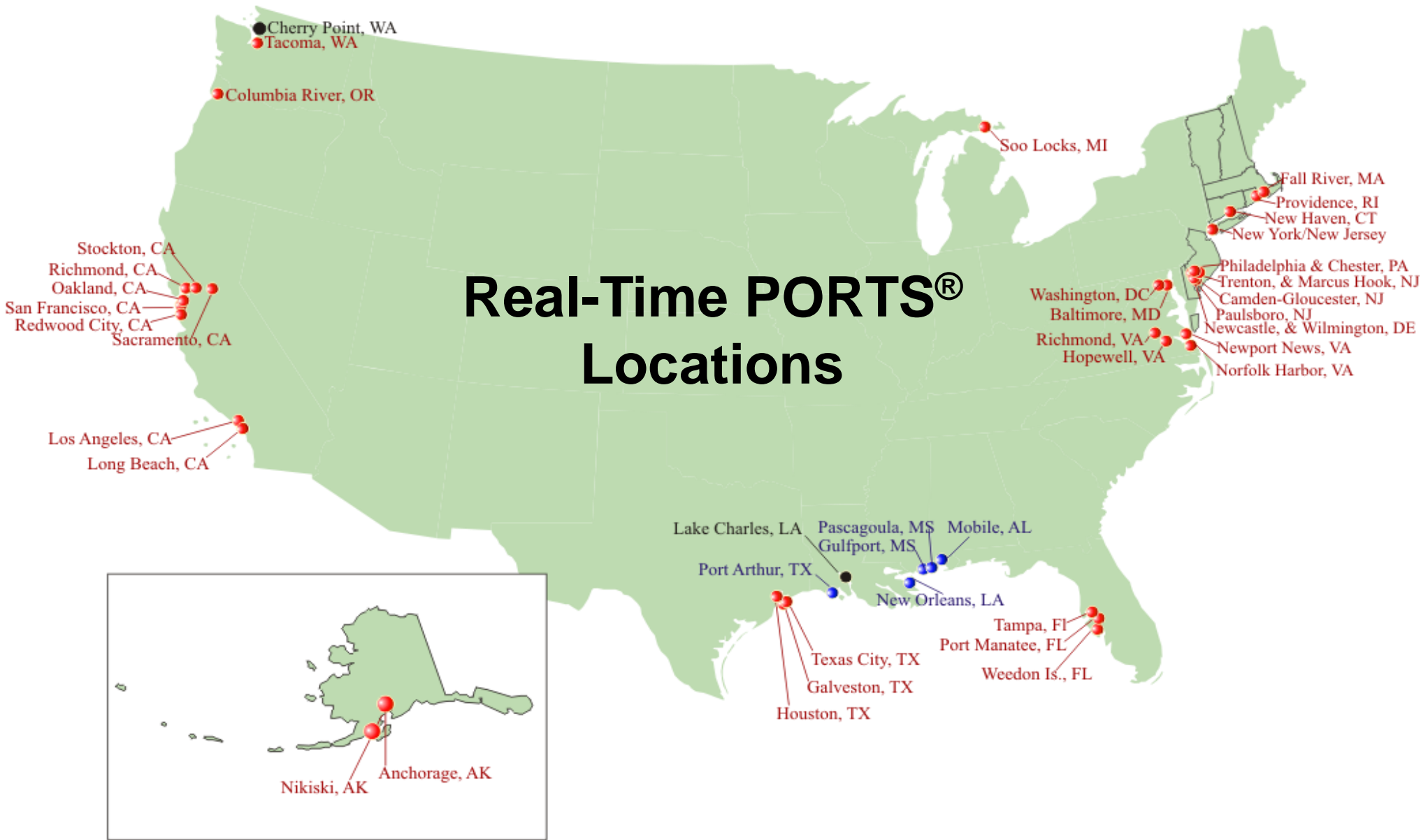


Side Looking ADCP



Data Acquisition System



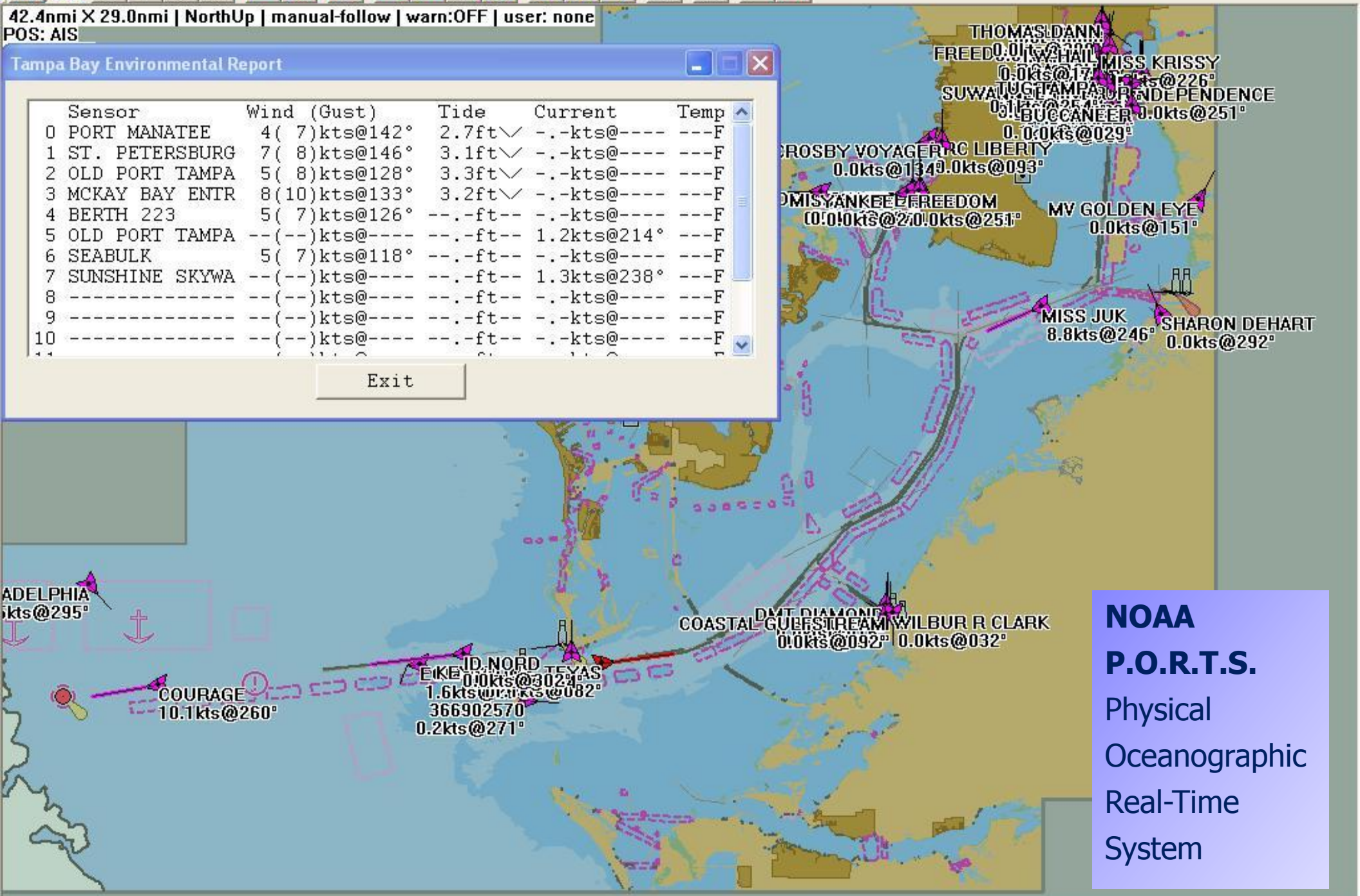


42.4nmi X 29.0nmi | NorthUp | manual-follow | warn:OFF | user: none  
 POS: AIS

Tampa Bay Environmental Report

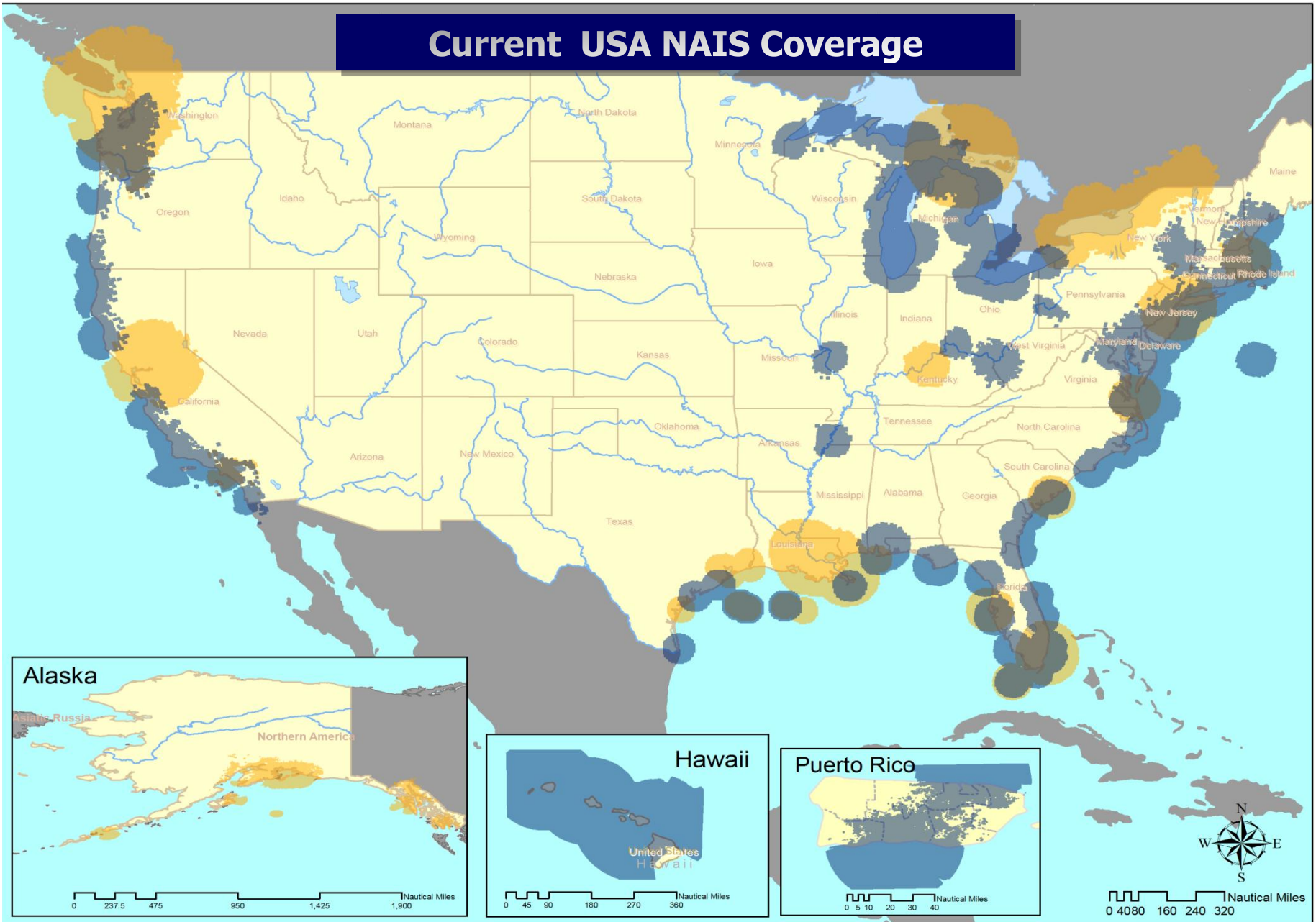
Sensor	Wind (Gust)	Tide	Current	Temp
0 PORT MANATEE	4( 7)kts@142°	2.7ft	-.kts@----	---F
1 ST. PETERSBURG	7( 8)kts@146°	3.1ft	-.kts@----	---F
2 OLD PORT TAMPA	5( 8)kts@128°	3.3ft	-.kts@----	---F
3 MCKAY BAY ENTR	8(10)kts@133°	3.2ft	-.kts@----	---F
4 BERTH 223	5( 7)kts@126°	---ft	-.kts@----	---F
5 OLD PORT TAMPA	--(--kts@----	---ft	1.2kts@214°	---F
6 SEABULK	5( 7)kts@118°	---ft	-.kts@----	---F
7 SUNSHINE SKYWA	--(--kts@----	---ft	1.3kts@238°	---F
8 -----	--(--kts@----	---ft	-.kts@----	---F
9 -----	--(--kts@----	---ft	-.kts@----	---F
10 -----	--(--kts@----	---ft	-.kts@----	---F

Exit

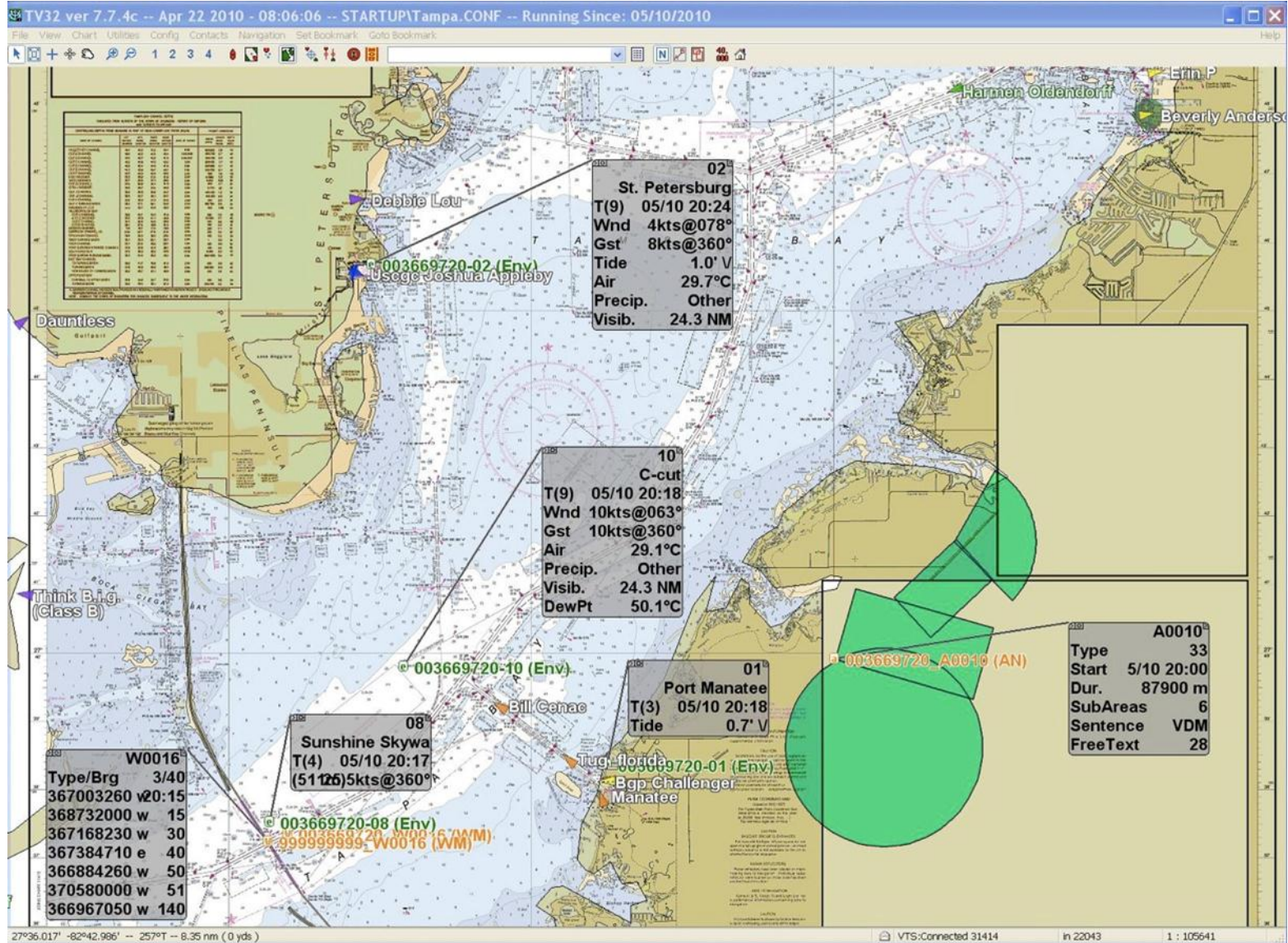


**NOAA**  
**P.O.R.T.S.**  
 Physical  
 Oceanographic  
 Real-Time  
 System

# Current USA NAIS Coverage



# AIS ASM NOAA PORTS Portrayal



---

# Future ASM developments...

- International Assoc. of Marine Aids to Navigation & Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Guidelines & Recommendations
  - ✓ E-Navigation Committee, Portrayal Working Group
  - ✓ Maintaining an AIS ASM catalogue
- Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) Standards
  - ✓ Special Committee 121 - AIS ASM
  - ✓ Special Committee 129 - Navigation Portrayal
  - ✓ Special Committee 109 – Electronic Chart Systems
- U.S. Coast Guard
  - ✓ To expand our AIS ASM test beds to Louisville KY and with USACE LOMA effort
  - ✓ To expand mandatory AIS carriage to all U.S. waters
  - ✓ To require ECS and its integration with AIS (including ASM's)
  - ✓ To provide NOAA PORTS via NAIS

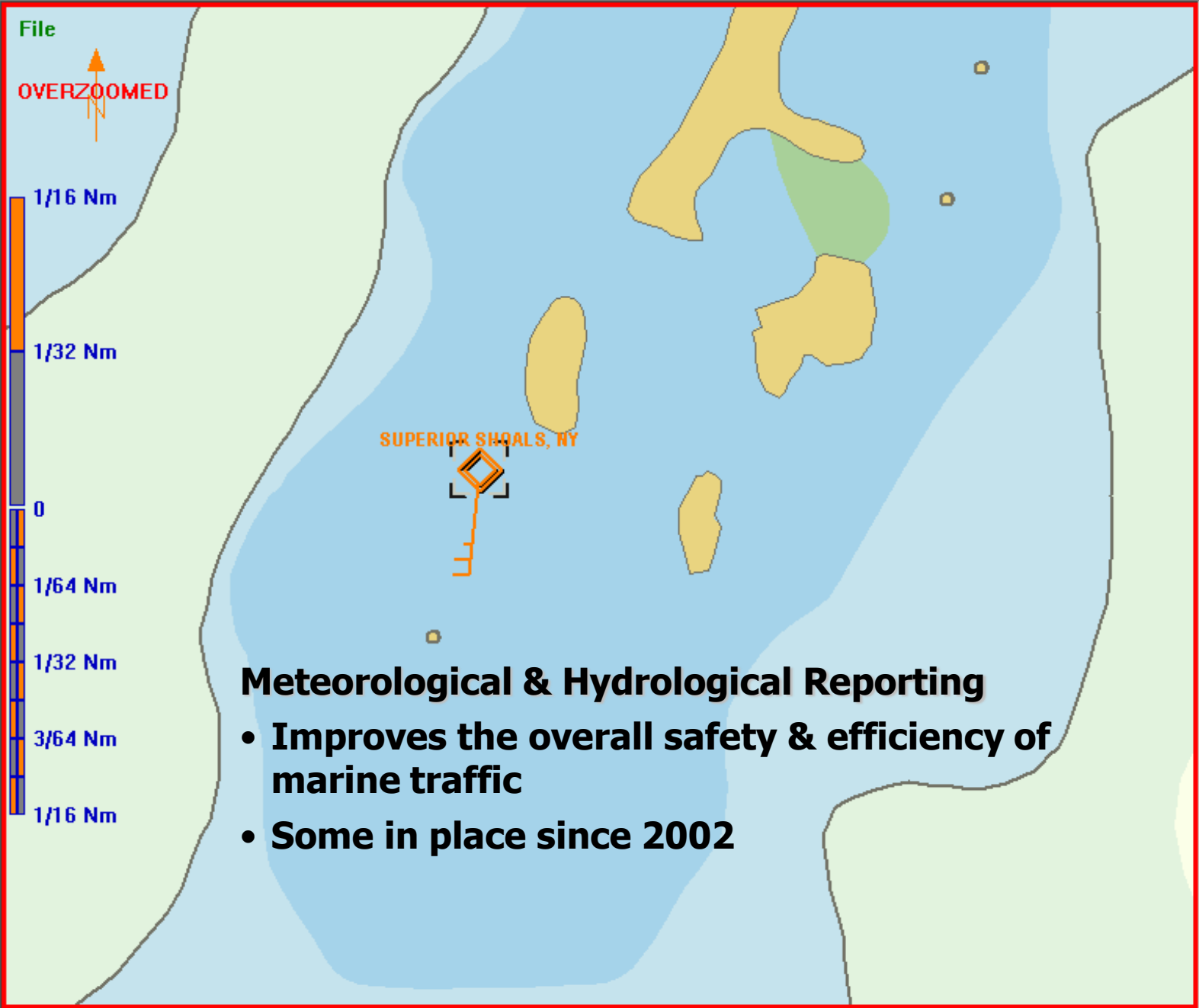




AIS ?	AIS Tx	AIS Rx	S57	S57 ?
Nav	Route	GPS	Dredge Monitoring	
S57 Lists	Aton	Lock Order	Met Hydro	

Station ID	SUPERIOR SHOALS, NY
Station Type	Weather Station
Latitude	44° 28' 12.00" N
Longitude	075° 48' 00.00" W
Wind Speed	26.9 kts
Wind Gust	30.1 kts
Wind Direction	S
Air Pressure	996.0 mbar
Air Temp	17.4°C
Dew Point	12.4°C
Visibility	25.4 km
Water Temp	18.0°C
Time of Report	10:34:00
Time Since Last Report	00h 02m 16s

Station ID	SUPERIOR SHOALS, NY
Station Type	Weather Station
Latitude	44° 28' 12.00" N
Longitude	075° 48' 00.00" W
Water Level	N/A
Level Type	N/A
Chart Datum	N/A
Current Speed	N/A
Current Direction	N/A
Salinity	N/A
Water Temp	18.0°C
Water Flow	N/A
Time of Report	10:34:00
Time Since Last Report	00h 02m 16s



### Meteorological & Hydrological Reporting

- Improves the overall safety & efficiency of marine traffic
- Some in place since 2002

S57	S57 ?	S57 Lists	Survey	NavAids	Buoy Tending	Radar
Nav	Route	GPS	AIS Info	AIS ?	AIS Tx	AIS Rx

Targets	CPA	Type
101126	00:01:05	Met...
101126	00:01:04	Met...
101126	00:01:05	Met...
101126	00:01:04	Met...

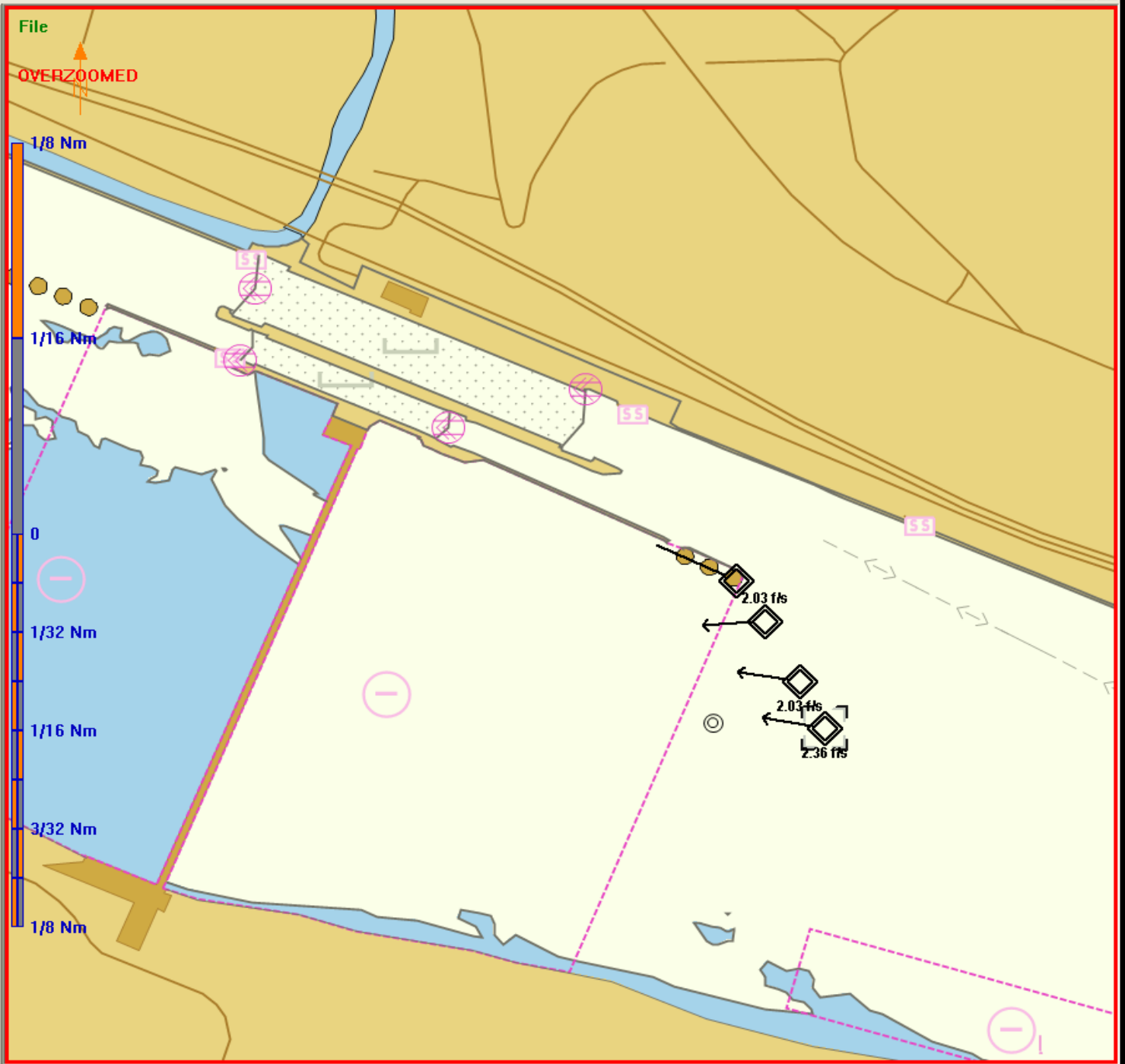
<b>Target</b>	<b>101126</b>
<b>Latitude</b>	<b>40° 30' 09.72" N</b>
<b>Longitude</b>	<b>080° 05' 08.70" W</b>
<b>Time of Tx</b>	<b>15:15</b>
<b>Average Wind Speed</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Wind Gust</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Air Temperature</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Air Pressure</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Water Level Report</b>	<b>-0.1 m</b>
<b>Surface Current Speed</b>	<b>2.36 f/s</b>
<b>Surface Current Direction</b>	<b>280°</b>

# USACE RTCV

## Real-time

## Current - Velocity

## System

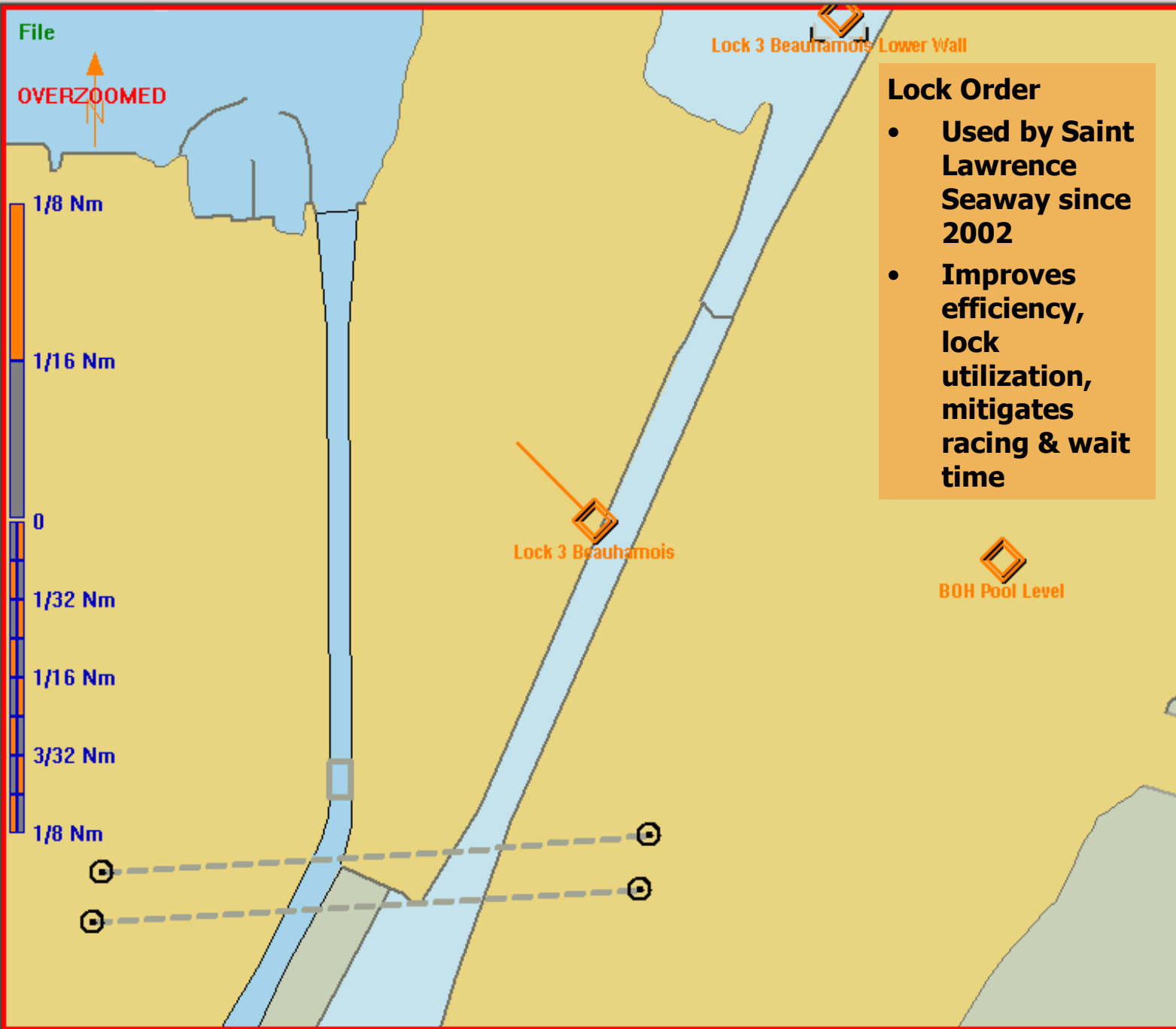


AIS Tx AIS Rx S57 S57 ?  
 Nav Route GPS AIS Info AIS ?  
 S57 Lists Aton Lock Order Met Hydro

Lock	Type	Time of last Report
L5W	Lock Order	16 July 14:22
SLB	Lock Order	16 July 14:21
CSC	Lock Order	16 July 14:21
*B03	Lock Order	16 July 14:21
IRD	Lock Order	16 July 14:21
LD2	Lock Order	16 July 14:21
L4W	Lock Order	16 July 14:21

ID	Direction	ETA
SEA GUARDIAN II	Up bound	16:57
DARYAMA	Down bound	11:13
PINEGLEN	Up bound	15:33

Vessel Name	N/A
Last Location	N/A
Last ATA	N/A
First Lock	N/A
First Lock ETA	N/A
Second Lock	N/A
Second Lock ETA	N/A
Delay Lock	N/A
Time of Report	N/A



**Lock Order**

- Used by Saint Lawrence Seaway since 2002
- Improves efficiency, lock utilization, mitigates racing & wait time

# Area Notice (Geo-referenced Information)

circle or point

rectangle

sector

polyline

polygon

associated text

Regulus II - [Info (1:400,000) 13272 S57 1:10,000 DU=FEET Base Display North Up]

Main Chart Survey Route Nav Aids SAR Nav Elements Tow Boat AIS Light Level Voyage Event! DR! Man Overboard! View Window Help

AIS Tx | AIS Rx | All Targets | S57 | S57 ? | S57 Lists  
 Basic | WorkBoat | Nav | Route | GPS | AIS Info | AIS ?  
 Survey | NavAids | Buoy Tending | Right Whale

**Time to Expire** -4h -54m -55s  
**Latitude** 42° 13' 47.19" N  
**Longitude** 069° 57' 18.37" W  
**Radius** 9260 m  
**Start Time** 2008.10.15 16:37:00  
**Type** Right whale detection  
**MMSI** 3669734

Timed Circular Notices	CPA	Type
3669734: Right whale detection	20:51:48	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Restricted Area	20:49:45	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Restricted Area	20:47:42	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Restricted Area	20:45:39	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Right whale detection	20:41:32	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Right whale detection	20:39:28	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Right whale detection	20:36:15	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Right whale detection	20:33:02	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Right whale detection	20:29:49	Timed Circular Notice
3669734: Restricted Area	20:43:35	Timed Circular Notice

UTC 15:21:14 C:\Program Files\NACAN\Regulus II\LogFiles\Barg289a.08E logfile opened.  
 UTC 15:21:14 Barg289a.08E logfile closing.  
 UTC 15:21:14 Barg289a.08E logfile opened.

# Area Notice Descriptions

Anchorage Area: Anchorage closed	Chart Feature: Bridge partially open	Environmental Caution Area: High wind
Anchorage Area: Anchorage open	Chart Feature: Channel obstruction	Environmental Caution Area: Storm front (line squall)
Anchorage Area: Anchoring prohibited	Chart Feature: Reduced vertical clearance	Environmental Caution Area: Storm warning
Anchorage Area: Deep draft anchorage	Chart Feature: Semi-submerged object	Information: Icebreaker waiting area
Anchorage Area: Shallow draft anchorage	Chart Feature: Shoal area	Information: Location of response units
Anchorage Area: Vessel transfer operations	Chart Feature: Shoal area due east	Information: Pilot boarding position
Cancellation – cancel area per Msg Linkage ID	Chart Feature: Shoal area due north	Information: Places of refuge
Caution Area: Cluster of fishing vessels	Chart Feature: Shoal area due south	Information: Position of icebreakers
Caution Area: Derelicts (drifting objects)	Chart Feature: Shoal area due west	Instruction: Await instructions prior to ...
Caution Area: Divers down	Chart Feature: Submerged object	Instruction: Contact Port Administration here
Caution Area: Dredge operations	Chart Feature: Sunken vessel	Instruction: Contact VTS at this point/juncture
Caution Area: Fairway closed	Clearance granted – proceed to berth	Instruction: Do not proceed beyond this point/juncture
Caution Area: Fishery – nets in water	Distress Area: Person overboard	Other – Define in associated text field
Caution Area: Harbour closed	Distress Area: Pollution response area	Proceed to this location – await instructions
Caution Area: Marine event	Distress Area: SAR area	Report from ship: Icing info
Caution Area: Marine mammals habitat	Distress Area: Vessel abandoning ship	Report from ship: Miscellaneous information
Caution Area: Marine mammals in area – reduce speed	Distress Area: Vessel collision	Restricted Area: Active military OPAREA
Caution Area: Marine mammals in area – report sightings	Distress Area: Vessel disabled and adrift	Restricted Area: Drifting Mines
Caution Area: Marine mammals in area – stay clear	Distress Area: Vessel fire/explosion	Restricted Area: Entry approval required prior to transit
Caution Area: Protected habitat – no fishing or anchoring	Distress Area: Vessel flooding	Restricted Area: Entry prohibited
Caution Area: Protected habitat – reduce speed	Distress Area: Vessel grounding	Restricted Area: Firing – danger area.
Caution Area: Protected habitat – stay clear	Distress Area: Vessel listing/capsizing	Restricted Area: Fishing prohibited
Caution Area: Risk (define in Associated text field)	Distress Area: Vessel requests medical assistance	Restricted Area: No anchoring.
Caution Area: Seaplane operations	Distress Area: Vessel sinking	Rouge or suspicious vessel
Caution Area: Survey operations	Distress Area: Vessel under assault	Rouge or suspicious vessel
Caution Area: Swim area	Environmental Caution Area: Heavy icing	Route: Alternative route
Caution Area: Traffic congestion	Environmental Caution Area: Restricted visibility	Route: Recommended route
Caution Area: Underwater operation	Environmental Caution Area: Strong currents	Route: Recommended route through ice
Caution Area: Underwater vehicle operation	Environmental Caution Area: Hazardous sea ice	Security Alert – Level 1/2/3
Chart Feature: Bridge closed	Environmental Caution Area: High waves	Vessel requesting non-distress assistance
Chart Feature: Bridge fully open		VTS active target





# NAVIGATION CENTER

The Navigation Center of Excellence

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



- Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNMs | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...read the entire notice.

## Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

## Primary Mission Areas:

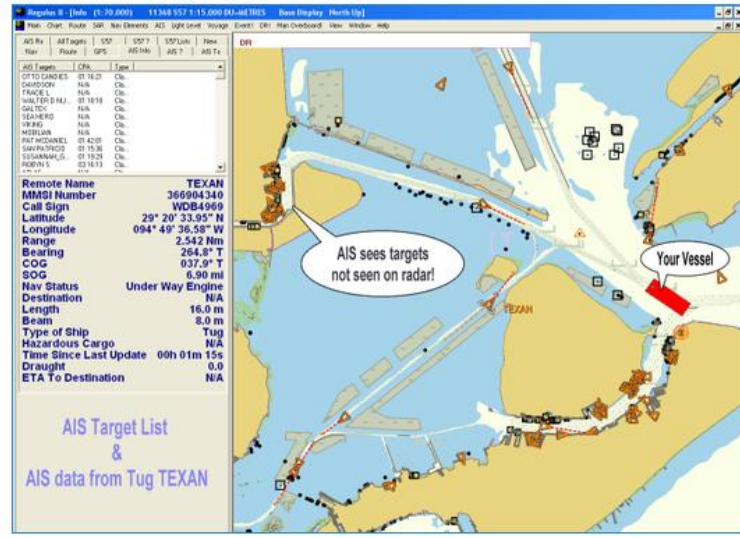
- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

## Services & Reporting:

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates

## AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Picture a shipboard radar or an electronic chart display that includes a symbol for every significant ship within radio range, each as desired with a velocity vector (indicating speed and heading). Each ship "symbol" can reflect the actual size of the ship, with position to GPS or differential GPS accuracy. By "clicking" on a ship symbol, you can learn the ship name, course and speed, classification, call sign, registration number, MMSI, and other information. Maneuvering information, closest point of approach (CPA), time to closest point of approach (TCPA) and other navigation information, more accurate and more timely than information available from an automatic radar plotting aid, can also be available. Display information previously available only to modern Vessel Traffic Service operations centers can now be available to every AIS user as seen below.



What You See With AIS (click on image above to enlarge in a new browser window)

With this information, you can call any ship over VHF radiotelephone by name, rather than by "ship off my port bow" or some other



# NAVIGATION CENTER

The Navigation Center of Excellence

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNMs | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

## Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

## Primary Mission Areas:

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

## Services & Reporting:

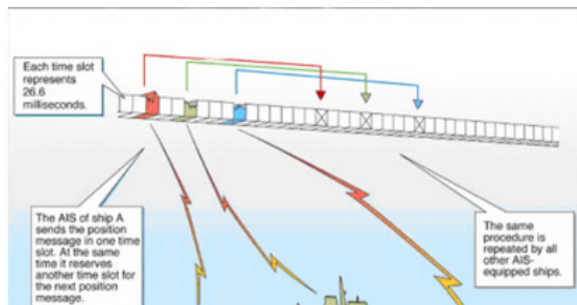
- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates

## HOW AIS WORKS

Each AIS system consists of one VHF transmitter, two VHF TDMA receivers, one VHF DSC receiver, and standard marine electronic communications links (IEC 61162/NMEA 0183) to shipboard display and sensor systems (AIS Schematic). Position and timing information is normally derived from an integral or external global navigation satellite system (e.g. GPS) receiver, including a medium frequency differential GNSS receiver for precise position in coastal and inland waters. Other information broadcast by the AIS, if available, is electronically obtained from shipboard equipment through standard marine data connections. Heading information and course and speed over ground would normally be provided by all AIS-equipped ships. Other information, such as rate of turn, angle of heel, pitch and roll, and destination and ETA could also be provided.

The AIS transponder normally works in an autonomous and continuous mode, regardless of whether it is operating in the open seas or coastal or inland areas. Transmissions use 9.6 kb GMSK FM modulation over 25 or 12.5 kHz channels using HDLC packet protocols. Although only one radio channel is necessary, each station transmits and receives over two radio channels to avoid interference problems, and to allow channels to be shifted without communications loss from other ships. The system provides for automatic contention resolution between itself and other stations, and communications integrity is maintained even in overload situations.

Each station determines its own transmission schedule (slot), based upon data link traffic history and knowledge of future actions by other stations. A position report from one AIS station fits into one of 2250 time slots established every 60 seconds. AIS stations continuously synchronize themselves to each other, to avoid overlap of slot transmissions. Slot selection by an AIS station is randomized within a defined interval, and tagged with a random timeout of between 0 and 8 frames. When a station changes its slot assignment, it pre-announces both the new location and the timeout for that location. In this way new stations, including those stations which suddenly come within radio range close to other vessels, will always be received by those vessels.



Types of Automatic Identifi x

www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=typesAIS

NAVIGATION CENTER  
The Navigation Center of Excellence

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNM's | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

**Automatic Identification System (AIS)**

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

**Primary Mission Areas:**

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

**Services & Reporting:**

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates

**TYPES OF AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

**ITU-R Recommendation M.1371-1 describes the following types of AIS:**

**Class A**

Shipborne mobile equipment intended for vessels meeting the requirements of IMO AIS carriage requirement.

**Class B**

Shipborne mobile equipment provides facilities not necessarily in full accord with IMO AIS carriage requirements. The Class B is nearly identical to the Class A, except the Class B:

- Has a reporting rate less than a Class A (e.g. every 30 sec. when under 14 knots, as opposed to every 10 sec. for Class A)
- Does not transmit the vessel's IMO number
- Does not transmit ETA or destination
- Does not transmit navigational status
- Is only required to receive, not transmit, text safety messages
- Is only required to receive, not transmit, application identifiers (binary messages)
- Does not transmit rate of turn information
- Does not transmit maximum present static draught

See a [comparison of Class A and Class B/CS AIS.](#)

**Search and Rescue Aircraft**

Aircraft mobile equipment, normally reporting every ten seconds.

**Aids to Navigation**

Shore-based or mobile station providing location and status of an aid to navigation (ATON). Normally reports (message 21) every three minutes. These stations may also be programmed to provide other navigation safety information, for example, meteorological and hydrological data, via application specific text or binary messages (i.e. messages 6, 8, 12, 14, or 25). For more information read [IALA Recommendation A-126](#) on THE USE OF AIS IN MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION SERVICES and [Guideline 1062](#) on THE

Start | Jorge 1.56 PM



<b>AIS Class A &amp; B Comparison</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class B/CS</b>
<b>Transmit Power</b>	2w	12.5w / 2w (low-power)
<b>Reporting Rate</b>	2 - 10 sec - speed and/or course dependent	30 sec. fixed
<b>Communication Protocol</b>	<b>SO-TDMA</b> Self-Organizing amongst Class A's	<b>CS-TDMA</b> Carrier-Sense(s), polite to Class A's
<b>Frequency Range &amp; Bandwidth</b>	156.025 -162.025 MHz @ 12/25 kHz DSC Required	161.500 - 162.025 MHz @ 25 kHz DSC & 12.5 kHz Optional
<b>Position Source</b>	External GNSS & Internal GPS	Internal GPS
<b>Digital Interfaces</b>	2 Input-Output Ports & Multiple Outputs	Optional
<b>Display</b>	Multiple Keyboard Display (MKD)	Optional
<b>Safety Text Messaging</b>	Receive & Transmit	Transmit Optional & Pre-configured
<b>Data</b>	All	No Rate of Turn, Navigation Status, Destination, ETA, Draft, IMO#
<b>CG Type-Approvals</b>	22 Models - 16 Manufacturers	8 Models - 8 Manufacturers
<b>Approximate Cost</b>	\$2,800 - 4,000	\$700 - 1,500



# NAVIGATION CENTER

The Navigation Center of Excellence

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNM's | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

## Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

## Primary Mission Areas:

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

## Services & Reporting:

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates

## AIS MESSAGES

The following is a listing of current AIS Messages:

Message ID	Name	Description	Priority	Access scheme	Communication state	M/B
1	Position report	Scheduled position report; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	1	SOTDMA, RATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(1)</sup>	SOTDMA	M
2	Position report	Assigned scheduled position report; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	1	SOTDMA <sup>(9)</sup>	SOTDMA	M
3	Position report	Special position report, response to interrogation; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	1	RATDMA <sup>(1)</sup>	ITDMA	M
4	Base station report	Position, UTC, date and current slot number of base station	1	FATDMA <sup>(3)(7)</sup> , RATDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	SOTDMA	B
5	Static and voyage related data	Scheduled static and voyage related vessel data report; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	4 <sup>(6)</sup>	RATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	M
6	Binary addressed message	Binary data for addressed communication	4	RATDMA <sup>(10)</sup> , FATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	M/B
7	Binary acknowledgement	Acknowledgement of received addressed binary data	1	RATDMA, FATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	M/B
8	Binary broadcast message	Binary data for broadcast communication	4	RATDMA <sup>(10)</sup> , FATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	M/B
9	Standard SAR aircraft position report	Position report for airborne stations involved in SAR operations, only	1	SOTDMA, RATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(1)</sup>	SOTDMA ITDMA	M
10	UTC/date inquiry	Request UTC and date	3	RATDMA, FATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	M/B
...	UTC/date	Current UTC and date if	3	RATDMA, ITDMA <sup>(2)</sup>	SOTDMA	M

Nationwide Automatic Id... x

www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=NAISmain

Navigation Center  
The Navigation Center of Excellence

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNM's | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

**Nationwide AIS**

- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- AIS vs NAIS
- NAIS Expansion
- Report an NAIS Problem
- NAIS Data Formats
- Request NAIS Data

**Primary Mission Areas:**

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

**Services & Reporting:**

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates
- Join CGSIC (free)
- Report an ATON Discrepancy or Outage
- Report a GPS Problem
- Report a DGPS Problem
- Report an LRIT Problem
- Report an NAIS Problem

**NATIONWIDE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**

The Nationwide Automatic Identification System (NAIS) consists of approximately 200 VHF receiver sites located throughout the coastal continental US, inland rivers, Alaska, Hawaii and Guam. NAIS is designed to collect AIS transmissions from local vessels. Currently, NAIS collects valuable maritime data in 58 critical ports throughout the United States for use by Coast Guard operators and port partners. The primary goal of NAIS is to increase Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) through data dissemination via a network infrastructure, particularly focusing on improving maritime security, marine and navigational safety, search and rescue, and environmental protection services.

In response to the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, the NAIS Project was initiated and officially chartered in December 2004. NAIS allows the USCG to collect safety and security data from AIS-equipped vessels in the nation's territorial waters and adjacent sea areas, and share that data with USCG operators and other government partners. AIS data collected improves the safety of vessels and ports through collision avoidance and the safety of the nation through detection, identification, and classification of vessels.

NAIS consists of an integrated system of AIS, data storage, processing, and networking infrastructure. In addition, NAIS integrates with other systems for purposes of sharing infrastructure, quicker implementation, and improved performance.

You may click on the picture below to view a larger version of the image in a new browser window.

Jorge » 1:57 PM

Automatic Identification System (AIS) | www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=AISCarriageReqmts



# NAVIGATION CENTER

The Navigation Center of Excellence



U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

---

Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNMs | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

### Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

---

### Primary Mission Areas:

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

---

### Services & Reporting:

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates

### AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IMO CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 the Coast Guard published a Final Rule (68 FR 60559) that amended a previously promulgated Interim Rule (63 FR 39953) that harmonized the AIS mandates of the [Safety of Life at Sea Convention](#), as amended by the 73rd (MSC 73) and 76th Session (MSC 76), and, the [Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 \(MTSA\)](#), which delineates U.S. AIS carriage requirements as follows:

[Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations](#)

*§ 164.01 Applicability*

(a) This part (except as specifically limited by this section) applies to each self-propelled vessel of 1600 or more gross tons (except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section, or for foreign vessels described in [§ 164.02](#)) when it is operating in the navigable waters of the United States except the St. Lawrence Seaway.

(b) \*\*\*


(c) Provisions of §§164.11 (a)(2) and (c), 164.30, 164.33, and 164.46 do not apply to warships or other vessels owned, leased, or operated by the United States Government and used only in government noncommercial service when these vessels are equipped with electronic navigation systems that have met the applicable agency regulations regarding navigation safety.

*§ 164.46 Automatic Identification System (AIS).*

(a) The following vessels must have a properly installed, operational, type approved AIS as of the date specified:


- (1) Self-propelled vessels of 65 feet or more in length, other than passenger and fishing vessels, in commercial service and on an international voyage, not later than December 31, 2004.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the following, self-propelled vessels, that are on an international voyage must also comply with SOLAS, as amended, Chapter V, [regulations 19.2.1.6, 19.2.4, and 19.2.3.5 or 19.2.5.1](#) as appropriate (Incorporated by reference, see [§ 164.03](#)):
  - (i) Passenger vessels, of 150 gross tonnage or more, not later than July 1, 2003;
  - (ii) Tankers, regardless of tonnage, not later than the first safety survey for safety equipment on or after July 1, 2003;
  - (iii) Vessels, other than passenger vessels or tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage or more, not later than July 1, 2004; and
  - (iv) Vessels, other than passenger vessels or tankers, of 300 gross tonnage or more but less than 50,000 gross tonnage, not later than the first safety survey for safety equipment on or after July 1, 2004, but no later than December 31, 2004.
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section, the following vessels, when navigating an area denoted in [table 161.12\(c\)](#) of § 161.12 of this chapter, not later than December 31, 2004.

Automatic Identification System (AIS) | www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=AISStandards



# NAVIGATION CENTER

The Navigation Center of Excellence



U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

---

Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNMs | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | Contact Us | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

### Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

---

### Primary Mission Areas:

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

---

### Services & Reporting:

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates


## AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM STANDARDS


### International Maritime Organization

The [International Maritime Organization](#) (IMO), headquartered in London, is a specialized agency of the United Nations which is responsible for measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent marine pollution from ships. It also is involved in legal matters, including liability and compensation issues and the facilitation of international maritime traffic. It was established by means of a Convention adopted under the auspices of the United Nations in Geneva on 17-March 1948 and met for the first time in January 1959. It currently has 165 Member States.

- [IMO Resolution MSC.74\(69\)](#), Annex 3, RECOMMENDATION ON PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR AN UNIVERSAL SHIPBORNE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS (AIS). This standard defines the basic performance requirements for AIS equipment, and was used by [International Telecommunications Union](#) and [International Electrotechnical Commission](#) in developing technical and test standards.
- [IMO Resolution A.917\(22\)](#), GUIDELINES FOR THE ONBOARD OPERATIONAL USE OF SHIPBORNE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS (AIS). These 14 page guidelines have been developed to promote the safe and effective use of shipborne Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), in particular to inform the mariner about the operational use, limits and potential uses of AIS. Consequently, AIS should be operated taking into account these Guidelines.
- [IMO Resolution MSC.140\(76\)](#), Annex 14, RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE AIS VHF DATA LINK. Which recommends that: Class B AIS devices, as well as any device which transmits on the radio channels AIS 1 or AIS 2, should meet the appropriate requirements of Recommendation ITU-R M.1371 (series); Class B AIS devices should be approved by the Administration; and, that Administrations should take steps necessary to ensure the integrity of the radio channels used for AIS in their waters.
- [IMO Safety of Navigation Circular 227](#), GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SHIPBORNE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS). These 14 page guidelines, prepared by the [International Association of Lighthouse Authorities](#) (IALA) and adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), contains guidelines for manufacturers, installers, yards, suppliers and ship surveyors. It does not replace documentation supplied by the manufacturer. [IMO Safety of Navigation Circular 245](#) amends these guidelines to recommend that AIS be connected through an uninterrupted power supply. U.S. Addendum to IMO Installation Guidelines: [USCG AIS Data Entry Guideline](#).
- [IMO Marine Safety Circular 1252](#), GUIDELINES ON ANNUAL TESTING OF THE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS)
- [IMO Safety of Navigation Circular 289](#), GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF AIS APPLICATION-SPECIFIC MESSAGES (ASM)
- [IMO Safety of Navigation Circular 290](#), GUIDANCE FOR THE PRESENTATION AND DISPLAY OF AIS APPLICATION-SPECIFIC MESSAGES (ASM) INFORMATION

### International Association of Lighthouse Authorities



Jorge >>  1:58 PM


 www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=AISFAQ


**NAVIGATION CENTER**  
*The Navigation Center of Excellence*

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**



[Home](#) | [Consolidated Nav Info](#) | [DGPS Advisories](#) | [GPS Constellation Status](#) | [GPS Testing Notices](#) | [LNMs](#) | [Almanacs](#) | [Nav Rules](#) | [AIS](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Search](#)

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

**Automatic Identification System (AIS)**

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

**Primary Mission Areas:**

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

**Services & Reporting:**

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages
- Receive NANU Updates

**AIS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- What is AIS?
- How do I program my AIS?
- What is the AIS rule and are there alternatives to the rule for small businesses?
- How much does an AIS cost?
- How does AIS help to increase security (and what is NAIS)?
- When must AIS be in operation?
- Does the installation of the AIS require additional equipment in order for the AIS to operate properly?
- Will it be necessary to have electronic navigational charts for use with the AIS?
- Are fishing vessels subject to AIS carriage, and, is onboard Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) an acceptable substitute for the AIS?
- Why have some AIS units stopped broadcasting valid position reports?
- Why am I unable to see an AIS vessels' name or other static information (dimensions, call sign, etc.)?
- Why do I sometimes see more than one vessel with the same MMSI or vessel name (i.e. NAUT)?
- I just purchased and installed an AIS Class B, will AIS Class A user 'see' me?
- Do AIS Class B devices meet current USCG AIS carriage requirements?
- Is the USCG considering expanding AIS carriage to other vessels or outside of VTS areas?
- How can I get a copy of an AIS presentation I saw (or heard about it) that was given at...
- Where can I get AIS data?
- What is a MMSI and where can I get one for my AIS?
- What is AIS Channel Management?
- Can I use my AIS in an emergency or for distress messaging?
- Have an AIS question not answered here?

**1. What is AIS?** Per 47 CFR §80.5, AIS is a maritime navigation safety communications system standardized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that provides vessel information, including the vessel's identity, type, position, course, speed, navigational status and other safety-related information automatically to appropriately equipped shore stations, other ships, and aircraft; receives automatically such information from similarly fitted ships; monitors and tracks ships; and exchanges data with shore-based facilities. [Read more](#) on what it is, how it works, what it broadcasts, and, the messages it uses, etc.

Start |  | Jorge >> | 1:59 PM

## AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM



# ENCODING GUIDE



AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS) is an invaluable navigation safety radio communication tool. However, its usefulness is undermined by the broadcast of inaccurate, improper or outdated data. Mariners are reminded that U.S. regulation requires that each AIS be maintained in effective operating condition which includes the accurate input and upkeep of all AIS data fields. Failure to do so may subject a vessel to civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per occurrence. To avoid such penalties AIS user should ensure their system are encoded as follows:

Static Data...should be manually inputted at installation and password protected — know your password, you will need it to reencode your AIS

- Maritime Mobile Service Identifier (MMSI), call sign, and vessel name should mirror the vessel's official radio station license. Vessel names should NOT include precursors or designators, such as: F/V, M/V, MV, OSV, P/V, REC, S/V, TUG, etc. Vessel names of 20 characters or greater should NOT be abbreviated or truncated; previously FCC licensed fleet vessels<sup>1</sup>, which should include the segment of its name that is unique to the vessel, e.g.

MYCOMPANYFLEETBOAT1234 -> MYCOMPANYFLEETB1234  
MYCOMPANYFLEETBOAT ALPHA -> MYCOMPANYFLEET ALPHA

FCC unlicensed pleasure craft should use {@@@@@@} as their call-sign and their registration number preceded by {USA#} as their name, e.g. USA#WA1234YZ. If unnumbered (e.g. tenders, associated craft), use their parent ship {name followed by a dash (-)} and a numerical designator that distinguishes it amongst others, e.g. PARENTSHIPNAME-#, {n = 1, 2, 3...}; and shall reflect the last 6 digits of the parent MMSI preceded by {A}, e.g. A123456, in their AIS message 24B call-sign parameter.

- IMO Number should reflect the vessel's assigned<sup>2</sup> IMO number or absent an IMO assignment its U.S. documentation number preceded by {100} or {1000}, e.g. 1001234567, 1000123456.

Dynamic Data...should be provided via properly installed and integrated external sensors and that are accurate and continuously operational

- Type of positioning source and accuracy should be properly identified, e.g. GPS, surveyed or manual input. This same source should provide: course over ground in 1/10 degrees, speed over ground in 1/10 knots, vessel position in 1/10 seconds of latitude & longitude, and its accuracy (i.e. greater than or less than 10 meters).
- Heading and Rate of Turn as required per SOLAS Chp. V Regulation 19.2 for vessels of 150 or 50,000 GT or greater, respectively.

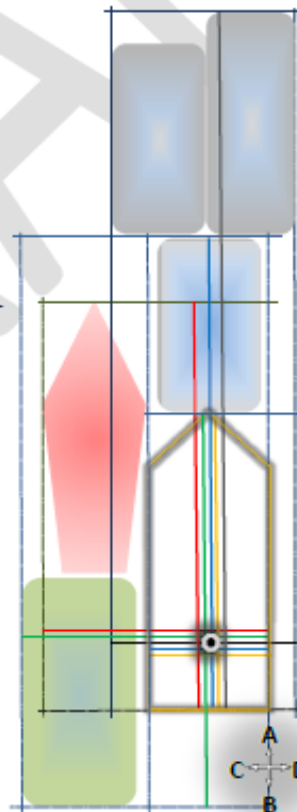
Voyage Related Data...should be updated expeditiously

- Navigation Status should reflect the current status of the vessel, e.g. at anchor, underway using engines, engaged in fishing, etc. Always remember to change your status from underway to anchored or moored.

- Type of vessel shall reflect a ship type denoted in the accompanying table, which is either manually inputted or menu selection.
- Dimensions are derived from the distance to AIS or vessel's GPS antenna location to 4 cardinal points (ABCD) expressed in meters NOT feet. Also to be used by 'ship types 91' to convey the rectangular proportions of the tow.

- Static Draft should reflect the actual or maximum draft, if the actual draft is unavailable or unknown.

- Estimated Time of Arrival to destination or voyage departure, expressed in Universal Time Coordinated NOT local time.



- Destination should be encoded using UN/LOCODE<sup>3</sup> or US/GUID<sup>4</sup> codes as follows:

UN/LOCODE format is required for International voyages

Origination Country { } Port>Destination { } Port E.g.

BS FPO>US NYC for Rotterdam to New York City

US SFO>CN SHA for San Francisco to Shanghai

US/GUID format is required for U.S. domestic voyages

US+GUID {> / < / ><} GUID, E.g.

US+0YRX>0Z50 for berth to berth voyages

US+0ZJ5<0VBM for scheduled circuitous voyages, i.e. ferries

US+0ZJ5<0ZJ5 for voyages to nowhere and back

US+0ZJ5><0ZJ5 operating in a confined area, i.e. fleeting area, marina

US@0ZJ5 for anchored, moored, or hovering in one location

If AIS lacks angle brackets (>) substitute with parenthesis; { } or { } or { }

Safety-Related Text Messaging... should be short, concise, and, only to exchange pertinent navigation safety-related information

- AIS safety-related text messages (SRM) must be in English and solely to exchange or communicate navigation safety information, such as a SECURITE<sup>4</sup> broadcast.
- Although not prohibited, AIS text messaging should NOT be relied upon as the primary means for broadcasting distress or urgent communications, such as a MAYDAY<sup>4</sup> or PAN PAN<sup>4</sup>.
- So as to not congest the AIS network, SRM should be as short and concise. The use of abbreviations and acronyms is highly encouraged. See your Local Notice to Mariners and NOAA Chart No. 1 for a listing of acceptable abbreviations.
- AIS Stations wishing to convey that they are in a test mode may broadcast should periodically broadcast a {TESTING-IGNORE} AIS SRM. Test periods shall not exceed an hour per day.

Embarked U.S. Pilots are highly encouraged to assist mariners in the proper encoding of their AIS

<sup>1</sup> See <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm> (Ship Radio Stations)

<sup>2</sup> Obtained at [www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/datause.aspx](http://www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/datause.aspx)

<sup>3</sup> United Nations Location Codes (UN/LOCODE) at: [www.unece.org/cefact/locode/service/location.htm](http://www.unece.org/cefact/locode/service/location.htm)

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Geographically Unique ID (GUID) codes at: [www.ndc.iwr.usace.army.mil/search/nav\\_unit\\_search.aspx](http://www.ndc.iwr.usace.army.mil/search/nav_unit_search.aspx)

<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR 80.1109, Distress, urgency, and safety communications

Numeric codes for 'Type of Ship and Cargo Type' are composed from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> digit columns, or, as denoted in columns 3x, 5x, or 9x. The terms used are as defined in IMO SOLAS or 46 U.S.C. 2101. Blue fonts denotes amplifying text not found in the original source (ITU-R M.1371-4)

1 <sup>st</sup> digit	2 <sup>nd</sup> digit	Other Vessels Codes (3x)	Special Craft Codes (5x)	USA-Specific Regional Codes (9x)
<b>0 – Not available</b> DO NOT USE	<b>0 – All ships of this type</b>	<b>30 – Fishing*</b>	<b>50 – Pilot vessel</b>	90 – Email <a href="mailto:cgnav@uscg.mil">cgnav@uscg.mil</a> if you are another type of U.S. vessel not listed in this Table
<b>1 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>1 – Carrying DG (Dangerous Goods), HS (Hazardous Substances), or MP (Marine Pollutant), IMO hazard or pollutant category A/X; or more than 150 passengers</b>	<b>31 – Engaged in towing by pulling (not pushing or hauling)</b>	<b>51 – Search and rescue vessels, i.e. USCG boats, USCG Auxiliary, assistance towers</b>	91 – Engaged in towing barges by pushing ahead or hauling alongside (i.e. articulated tug-barges, push-boats, workboats); and, its dimensions (ABCD values) represent the overall rectangular dimensions of the vessel AND its tow*
<b>2 – WIG</b>	<b>2 – Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category B/Y; or 50-149 passengers</b>	<b>32 – Engaged in towing by pulling and length of the tow exceeds 200 meters (656 ft)</b>	<b>52 – Tugs—seagoing</b>	92 – Engaged in towing other than barges by pushing ahead or hauling alongside (i.e. articulated tug-barges, push-boats, workboats); and, its dimensions (ABCD values) represent the overall rectangular dimensions of the vessel AND its tow*
<b>3 – Other vessels, per column (3x)</b>	<b>3 – Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category C/Z; or 12-49 passengers</b>	<b>33 – Engaged in dredging, salvage, survey or underwater operations*</b>	<b>53 – Port or fish tenders</b>	93 – Light boats (i.e. push-boats or work boats NOT engaged in towing; and, dimensions (ABCD values) solely represent the vessel dimensions*
<b>4 – HSC or ferries</b>	<b>4 – Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category D/OS; or less than 12 passengers</b>	<b>34 – Engaged in diving operations*</b>	<b>54 – Commercial response vessels with anti-pollution facilities or equipment</b>	94 – Offshore supply vessels (OSV)
<b>5 – Special craft, per column (5x)</b>	<b>5 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>35 – Engaged in military operations</b>	<b>55 – Law enforcement vessels, i.e. USCG cutters, marine police</b>	95 – Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU)
<b>6 – Passenger ships or vessels, other than ferries</b>	<b>6 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>36 – Sailing vessels*</b>	<b>56 – Spare—for assignments to local vessels work boats operating exclusively within a worksite (e.g. fleeting area, marina)</b>	96 – School, scientific, research or training ships
<b>7 – Cargo ships</b>	<b>7 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>37 – Pleasure craft</b>	<b>57 – Spare—for assignments to local vessels involved in a regatta or marine event</b>	97 – Autonomous, remotely-controlled or otherwise self-propelled unmanned craft
<b>8 – Tankers</b>	<b>8 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>38 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>58 – Medical transports (as defined in the 1949 Geneva Conventions and Addition Protocols) or other public response vessels</b>	98 – Non-self-propelled vessels
<b>9 – Other types of ship, per column (9x)</b>	<b>9 – No additional information</b>	<b>39 – Reserved for future use</b> DO NOT USE	<b>59 – Ships according to RR Resolution No. 18 (Mob-83)</b>	<b>99 – No additional information</b>

\* Remember to update 'Navigation Status' when engaged in fishing, sailing, or restricted in your ability to maneuver; and, 'Ship Type' and Dimensions (ABCD) values when engaged in towing

v.2011-10-17

This Guide can also be downloaded at [www.navcen.uscg.gov/enav/ais/AISFAQ.htm](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/enav/ais/AISFAQ.htm)



AIS Frequently Asked Questions

www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=AISFAQ#15

**15. Is the USCG considering expanding AIS carriage to other vessels or outside of VTS areas?** Yes. On December 16th, 2008 the Coast Guard published a proposed rule (73 FR 78295) to amend the current AIS regulations, and, expand AIS requirements-beyond Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) areas to all U.S. navigable waters and require AIS carriage for additional commercial vessels, including commercial vessels carrying 50 or more passengers, fishing vessels 65 feet or greater, hi-speed passenger vessels, dredges and floating plants operating in or near channels or fairways, and vessels carrying or moving certain dangerous cargo. See a [breakdown of vessels affected](#). We invite you to visit [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Search: USCG-2005-21899) to view the public comments submitted on our proposal and to register for email notifications regarding future actions on this rulemaking; and, [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) (RIN: 1625-AA99) for its timetable.

**16. How can I get a copy of an AIS presentation I saw (or heard about it) that was given at...** You can download recent presentations given by Coast Guard Office of Navigation Systems personnel here:

- [NOAD AIS Public Meeting in Washington, DC \(05MAR09\) and Seattle, WA \(25MAR09\).pdf](#) (1.06MB) [Washington, DC audio.mp3](#) (12MB) [Seattle, WA audio.mp3](#) (7.83MB)
- [Arroyo@IWC\(04MAR09\).pdf](#)audio.mp3 (22,501KB)
- [Arroyo@TSAC\(07MAY09\).pdf](#) (5.03MB)
- [Arroyo@NAVSAC\(2009\).pdf](#) (Transcript and NAVSAC Resolution re: AIS Class B carriage) (565.87KB)
- [Arroyo@RTCM\(17MAY10\).pdf](#) (3.27MB)
- [Arroyo@NMFS-PAC.pdf](#) (10.18MB)

**17. Where can I get AIS data?** Although the U.S. Coast Guard operates our Nation's AIS network (NAIS), we do not--currently-- make our AIS information available to the general public. There are, however, numerous AIS networks and commercial purveyors that do provide AIS data and track information on the World Wide Web; many of which are [listed on Wikipedia's AIS webpage](#). Local, state and federal government agencies may request U.S. Coast Guard Nation-wide AIS data [here](#).

**18. What is a MMSI and where can I get one for my AIS?** A unique and official Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number is required for every AIS station, [see our MMSI page](#) for more information.

**19. What is AIS Channel Management?** One of the lesser known and potent features of AIS is its ability to operate on multiple channels of the VHF-FM marine band. This frequency agility ensures AIS can be used even when the default channels are otherwise unavailable or compromised. In such conditions, competent authorities, such as the Coast Guard, can use an AIS base station to tele-command shipborne AIS devices to other more appropriate channels when within a defined region(s) of 200 to 2000 square nautical miles. This can be done automatically (and without user intervention) by receipt of the AIS channel management message (AIS message 22) or manually entered via the AIS Minimal Keyboard Display (MKD) or similar input device. Once commanded or inputted the channels management information will stay in memory for 5 weeks or until a vessel exceed 500 nautical miles from the defined region. AIS channel management commands can only be automatically overridden via another channel management message for the same defined region or manually overridden or erased by the user via the unit's channel (regional frequencies) management function—[read more](#). Note, reinitializing or resetting your AIS or transmission channels will not necessarily reprogram your unit back to default channels.

**20. Can I use my AIS in an emergency or for distress messaging?** Yes, but, be aware that AIS safety related text messages are not currently- received, processed, recognized or acted upon as Global Maritime Distress Safety Systems (GMDSS) messages would be by the Coast Guard or other maritime first responders. Therefore, AIS should not be relied upon as the primary means for broadcasting distress or urgent communications, nor used in lieu of GMDSS such as Digital Selective Calling radios which are designed to process distress messaging. Nonetheless, AIS remains an effective means to augment GMDSS and provides the added benefit of being 'seen' (on radar or chart displays), in addition to being 'heard' (via text messaging) by other AIS users within VHF radio range. For further guidance, see [USCG Safety Alert 5-10](#).

**21. Have an AIS question not answered here?** [Please contact us](#).

U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center NAVCEN MS 7310 7323 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22308 7310 (703) 313 5900

Jorge » 2:00 PM

# USCG AIS Report Form

Contact Us - U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center - Windows Internet Explorer  
 http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=...

**NAVIGATION CENTER**  
 The Navigation Center of Excellence

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Home | Consolidated Nav Info | DGPS Advisories | GPS Constellation Status | GPS Testing Notices | LNMs | Almanacs | Nav Rules | AIS | **Contact Us** | Search

**\*\*\* UPDATED 6-6-2011: Warning for Fukushima, Japan \*\*\*** In response to the situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends, as a precaution, that vessels avoid transiting within 20 kilometers/10.8 nautical miles of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant (37°25.5'N, 141°02.0'E)...[read the entire notice.](#)

### Automatic Identification System (AIS)

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
- AIS Messages
  - Class A Position Report
  - Class A Static & Voyage Data
  - Class B Reports
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Carriage Requirements
- Reference Information
- Frequently Asked Questions

### Primary Mission Areas:

- Global Positioning System
- Differential GPS
- Nationwide DGPS
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee
- Automatic Identification System
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- Electronic Navigation & Charting
- Maritime Telecommunications
- LORAN C (archive)

### Services & Reporting:

- Receive Free LNM Updates
- Receive Free GPS Status Messages

### CONTACT US - U.S. COAST GUARD NAVIGATION CENTER

You can contact us during our normal business days and hours (8:00AM to 4:30PM EST) at the address or telephone number at the bottom of all our web pages or via this page.

To sign-up for free navigation notices and updates, go here: [LNM, GPS, NANU, CGSIC](#)  
 To report a system outage, discrepancy or problem, go here: [ATON, GPS, DGPS, NAIS, LRIT](#)  
 For our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) go here: [AIS, GPS, DGPS, LRIT, NavRules](#)  
 For other inquires visit these external links or use the submission form that follows:

- Recreational Boating Safety (regulations, alerts, recalls, links, and more...)
- Coast Guard Academy, recruiting, lighthouses, or history
- The National Pollution Funds Center
- Other USCG Centers of Excellence: [Vessel Documentation](#), [Vessel Movement](#), [Marine Safety](#)

Subject *	AIS
Category *	Please select category ==>
Name *	Please select category ==>
Phone Number *	
Email Address *	
* Denotes required fields	
Enter Text:	

[Our Privacy Policy](#)

http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=Privacy