

Delivering the message

Ever popular as a reliable means of communication to and from seagoing vessels, Portishead's automated radio telex system offers customers a number of efficiency-boosting features.

You may need to get a message on board, outside the Radio Officer's working hours; you may need a 'silent' reception of messages when you are operating in politically sensitive areas. Either way, **Watchkeeping** is a unique facility available to Portishead users. The radio telex system can automatically deliver messages, and allows **Automatic Connection** and **Direct Dialling** from both shore and ship parties.

If wireless telegraphy is still your communications workhorse, you will be glad to know that Portishead maintains a full team of highly-experienced officers standing by to receive your **Radiotelegrams** and to dispatch them with the utmost speed.



A bureau service for modern businesses

British Telecom has designed a unique range of services at Portishead to help you save on administrative costs and effort. What's more, they continue working on your behalf 24 hours a day, whether your office is open or not. The services most widely used are:

Multi-telex: ideal if you want a from-ship radio telex or Inmarsat message copied to any number of shore telexes. You save on manpower and benefit from reduced costs on 'repeated' calls.

Telex Letter: if you want to contact someone who doesn't have a telex machine, this service enables you to reach any address in the world. For those special occasions, passengers and crew may take advantage of the **Telex Greeting Card** to send their own personal message to family and friends.

Voicebank: when your ship needs to send after-hours telegrams and telex messages, these can be stored in a Voicebank electronic mailbox and a duty officer alerted by radiopager. Voicebank is equally useful for your other day-to-day activities.

Maintaining a dialogue

There are many situations where people actually need to speak to each other – social as well as business ones. On a distant posting, even a short conversation home can make an invaluable contribution to morale. When only speech will do, Portishead can offer:

Operator-controlled access: via Portishead Radio to telephones in the UK and overseas via the worldwide links of British Telecom.

Cheap rates: at weekends.

Weather forecast: from the Bracknell Weather Centre.

Phonetex: we will also accept telephone messages from UK customers and deliver them to ship by telex via radio or satellite.

