

When you are ashore, you can make radiotelephone calls or send telegrams to friends or business colleagues aboard suitably equipped ships anywhere in the world. When you are afloat, you can use the same Post Office services to keep in touch with those ashore.

FROM SHORE TO SHIP

Radiotelephone Calls

Calls can be made by telephone subscribers in the United Kingdom to ships anywhere. Call the coast station nearest the ship, if she is close to the U.K., or ask the operator for 'Portishead Radio', stating 'Ships Telephone Service' in either case.

Charges (for minimum of 3 minutes)

Short range (within 50 miles of VHF station) ... 63p for 3 minutes, 21p for each additional minute.

Medium range (within 250 miles of U.K.) ... 81p for 3 minutes, 27p for each additional minute.

Long range (dependent on position of ship) ... £2.25 or £3.15 for 3 minutes, 75p or £1.05 respectively for each additional minute.

Radiotelegrams

You can send radiotelegrams to ships at sea by telex direct to the radio station or by telephone (dial the number shown in your directory under "telegrams" and dictate the message) or fill in the appropriate form at any Post Office.

Charges

To merchant ships 12p per word
To H.M. ships 8p per word
There is a 7 word minimum charge.

This leaflet is intended only as a basic guide to the maritime telephone and telegraph services.

The charges shown are correct at 1 Nov 1973.

They may, however, be changed at any time, and services may be modified, added to, or withdrawn.

To check that the information is up to date, or to obtain more details of the services, please contact your local Head Post Office or The Inspector of Wireless Telegraphy, International and Maritime Telecommunications Region, Wireless Telegraph Section, Room 601A, Union House, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, EC1A, 1AR. Telephone: 01-432 4893.

FROM SHIP TO SHORE

Radiotelephone Calls

Calls can be made from most British ships to telephone subscribers both in the United Kingdom and in all other countries. Personal Call, Credit Card, and Transfer Charge facilities are available. In some cases there are supplementary charges.

Charges (for minimum of 3 minutes)

As for shore to ship.

Radiotelegrams

You can send a radiotelegram from the ship to any country in the world. The charge for messages to the U.K. is 12p a word (7 word minimum charge).

Ship Letter Telegrams

Less urgent messages can be sent in this way to addresses in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic. Delivered by post from the coast station, they cost 77p for 22 words (the minimum) and 3½p for each additional word.

Greetings Telegrams

Forms suitably designed for greetings can be used for delivery – there is an extra charge of one word.

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