

It's so easy to keep in touch, with British Telecom International's (BTI) Maritime Telephone, Telex Letter, Phonetex and Radiotelegram services to link people far away at sea with those at home.

FROM SHORE TO SHIP...

When was the last time you spoke to someone dear to you, who's thousands of miles away? At Christmas? For a birthday?

Don't wait until the next big occasion to say "Hello!" With BTI's ship and shore telephone service you can ring your family or friends at sea anywhere in the world. At any time of the day, any day in the year.

It's so easy to phone a ship

All you need to do to telephone a ship is dial 100 and ask the operator for the SHIPS TELEPHONE SERVICE.

If the ship is within 250 miles of the UK coastline and if you know its whereabouts, the operator will connect you to the BTI Coast Radio Station nearest to it. Our Radio Officers will book your call and phone you back when they contact the ship.

If you don't know where the ship is or if it is thousands of miles away, the operator will connect you to our Portishead Radio Station which communicates with ships all over the world.

If the ship is fitted with INMARSAT satellite equipment, then simply dial 155 and ask for an INMARSAT call. Give the ship's number and the Ocean or Sea where it is likely to be and the operator will connect you straight away.

Prefer to send a note? You may prefer to send a written message – in which case you'll find our radio-telegram service both swift and reliable.

To send a radiotelegram to a ship, simply dial 100 and ask for 'SHIPS TELEGRAM SERVICE'. Then dictate your message, telling the operator the name of the ship and the person to receive the message. BTI will do the rest.

Avoid disappointment – say it on the phone

How many times have you posted an important letter or a birthday card to someone at sea, and then fretted over the uncertainty of not knowing whether it will arrive on time? Any delay produces disappointment all round. So next time, try phoning – and know your message has arrived on time. Whether it's "Happy birthday" or "Happy anniversary," the sound of a voice brings you so much closer. You might only be phoning to say "I miss you."

How much does it cost?

It costs less than you might think to phone a ship – and since the calls are timed in one-minute units, you can easily keep track of the cost. The minimum charge is for three minutes – enough for a surprisingly long conversation, particularly if you have thought about what you want to say before making the call.



Phonetex – special greetings by satellite

Phonetex is a new service which enables you to contact the increasing numbers of ships carrying telex and an INMARSAT satellite terminal.

To send a Phonetex to a ship, dial 100 and ask for Portishead Radio Station. On connection to the Station, tell the operator you would like to send a Phonetex and dictate your message. We will send it on to the ship by telex.

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Phone home

You don't have to wait until you are next in port to phone home – by calling from the ship you can catch a special occasion; and it may be easier and more convenient.

The Radio Officer on board can use BTI's services not only to connect you to the UK, but to other parts of the world as well. Our Global network puts you in touch with over 200 countries.

There are a thousand things you might need to say: "Happy birthday," "Happy anniversary," "Get well soon" – or "How is the new baby?"

Telephoning puts you in touch with the people at home straight away.

Or write a letter Sending written messages is easy too, using radio-telegram or Telex Letter.

To send a radiotelegram, simply pass your message to the Radio Officer on board, together with the address to which the message should be sent.

Or if your ship is equipped with telex, you have the option of sending a Telex Letter. Again, all you need to do is give the Radio Officer your message and the address. He will then telex the message through to BTI's Coast Radio Stations handling the service. There the Telex Letter is placed in a distinctive blue and white envelope and posted by first class mail to UK destinations – or by air to other parts of the world.

The Telex Letter really is a special way of sending messages all over the world – and it's as easy as posting in a local postbox.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY