

# On Sea or Shore

Through our coast radio stations, you can keep in contact with friends, relatives or business associates even when they are many miles from shore.

Maritime radio communications are an important part of the international services, providing telephone, telegram and telex links with ships at sea. Even the smallest yacht can have its own radio on board.

There are 11 manned coast radio stations, and two dozen remotely controlled ones, around Britain's shores. The biggest of the manned stations, Portishead Radio, is for long-range communication – with ships all over the world. The other 10 are medium-range stations able to communicate over distances up to 300 miles. The unmanned stations have a range of up to 50 miles, on VHF.

As well as handling calls to and from shore, the coast stations transmit routine weather broadcasts, navigational warnings and traffic lists, and monitor the international calling and distress frequencies.

## Service to trawlermen

Fishing vessels are provided with an exclusive service from stations at Humber, Stonehaven and Wick. Part of this is a constant "night watch".

## Services to oilmen

Humber, Land's End, Stonehaven and Wick radio stations provide special teleprinter and telephone facilities to oil rigs and the vessels that serve them. In addition, Cullercoats radio station provides a special telephone-only service. Through these stations, isolated rigs have links with all parts of the world.

## Medical service

All UK coast radio stations participate in the Medico service, where in cases of illness or injury at sea they form a link between the ship and the doctor on shore.

For further details of maritime services contact:

### Maritime Radio (Operations)

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# From Shore to Ship

When you are ashore, you can make radiotelephone calls or send telegrams to friends or business colleagues aboard suitably equipped ships at sea.

## Radiotelephone Calls

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

### Charges (minimum 3 minutes)

**Short range** . . . £1.66 for 3 minutes, 56p for each additional minute.

**Medium range** . . . £2.97 for 3 minutes, 99p for each additional minute.

**Long range** . . . £6.93 for 3 minutes, £2.31 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).

### Charges

£2.30 per telegram, then:  
merchant ships 47p per word  
HM ships 31p per word.

## Radiotelex Calls

Calls can be made by telex subscribers in the UK to suitably equipped ships at sea. Information on the routing of calls is given in the telex directory.

### Charges (minimum 3 minutes)

**Medium range** . . . £3.93 for 3 minutes, £1.31 for each additional minute.

**Long range** . . . £6.14 for 3 minutes, £2.05 for each additional minute.

Information in this leaflet is correct at 1 January 1983. Charges may be changed at any time and services may be modified, added to or withdrawn.

# From Ship to Shore

When you are afloat, you can use the same British Telecom International services to keep in touch with those ashore.

## Radiotelephone Calls

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

### Charges (minimum 3 minutes)

**Short range** (within 50 miles of VHF station) . . . £1.66 for 3 minutes, 56p for each additional minute.

**Medium range** (within 250 miles of UK) . . . £2.97 for 3 minutes, 99p for each additional minute.

**Long range** (irrespective of ship's position) . . . £6.93 for 3 minutes, £2.31 for each additional minute.

## Radiotelegrams

You can send a radiotelegram from the ship to any country in the world.

**Charges (for a radiotelegram to the UK)**  
58p per word (7 word minimum).

## Greetings Telegrams

Forms suitably designed for greetings can be used for delivery – there is an extra charge of 58p.

## Radiotelex Calls

Suitably equipped ships can make calls to telex subscribers in the UK and many other countries.

### Charges (minimum 3 minutes)

The same as for calls to ships.

## Radio Telex Letters

Less urgent messages – delivered by post – can be sent to addresses anywhere in the world from ships fitted with radiotelex through those UK stations shown overleaf providing telex services.

### Charges

61p per message then:

**Medium range** . . . £1.31 for each 50 words or part thereof.  
**Long range** . . . £2.05 for each 50 words or part thereof.

All charges shown in this leaflet include VAT at 15%, are rounded to the nearest penny and therefore are approximate. All charges are for calls to and from the UK.