



### About Ocean Alert.

Satamatics launched Ocean Alert in November 2003 with certification from all major IACS and government bodies, including US Coastguard, UK MCA and Korean Register of Shipping.

Ocean Alert meets and exceeds all SOLAS XI-2/6 regulations whilst providing many optional add on services including delivery of data via the web, email, MapView (a web-based mapping facility), SMS and fax. Flexible payment options to suit the individual customer needs, makes it the most adaptable and flexible SSAS solution available on the market.

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## Satamatics Announces On Air checks for Ocean Alert Terminals

After the recent addition of MapView, a web-based mapping facility, Satamatics have announced a further enhancement to their highly successful Ocean Alert SSAS service that will provide an automatic "over air" check of the system on a daily basis.

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June, all Ocean Alert systems - including those already installed on vessels - will be upgraded to include a daily position report (DPR). Ship owners will receive an automated overdue warning alert if the vessel misses two consecutive position reports, indicating a possible problem with either the vessel or the SSAS system. Ocean Alert is the only SSAS system to offer this service as standard.

Some vessel owners have reported occasions when an SSAS system has been poorly installed on a vessel resulting in equipment failure during a voyage. Sometimes the failure has not been detected until the vessel has been inspected or in the worst case when an alert on board the vessel has been activated.

Sarah Finnigan, Maritime Account Manager for Satamatics, said:

"It is vital for the ship owner to know that their SSAS equipment is fully operational. It would be catastrophic if the SSAS unit were used in a real emergency only to find there was a fault on the system. By introducing a daily check, the ship owner has the peace of mind knowing the Ocean Alert system is providing an automatic system test every 24 hours. Best news of all is that there will be no additional cost to the ship owner for this service. We will also be upgrading all "Security Alert" packages to include this facility at the existing price."

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