

ACRONYMS

AC&I	Acquisition, Construction & Improvement
ADS	Automatic Dependent Surveillance
AMVER	Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue system
AOR	Atlantic Ocean Region
ARQ	Acknowledge Request (SITOR handshaking mode)
ASP	Acquisition & Support Plan
CAMSLANT	Communications Area Master Station Atlantic
CAMSPAC	Communications Area Master Station Pacific
CC	Command Center (same as Operations Center)
CCIR	International Radio Consultative Committee (Standards Committee of the ITU, renamed ITU Sector for Radiocommunications - ITU-R)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations 33 CFR USCG navigation regulations 47 CFR FCC regulations 46 CFR USCG vessel regulations
CGDN	Coast Guard Data Net
CMC	COMSAT Mobile Corporation, a subsidiary of COMSAT
COMMSTAs	Coast Guard Communication Stations
COMSAT	Communications Satellite Corporation (U.S. Signatory to the INMARSAT Convention)
COSPAS	Space System for Search of Distress Vessels (a Russian acronym)
CW	Continuous Wave (i.e. Morse Code)
DSC	Digital Selective Calling
DMA	Defense Mapping Agency
DMAHTC	Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic Topographic Center
DT	Coast Guard District T Staff (see T)
EECEN	Coast Guard Electronics Engineering Center, Wildwood NJ
EGC	Enhanced Group Call (see SafetyNET)
EPIRB	Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCMP	Fleet Composite Broadcast (Honolulu)
FEC	Forward Error Correcting (SITOR broadcast mode)
FOB	FCC Field Operations Bureau
F/V	Fishing Vessel
GDOC	Geographical Display Operations Computer
GCMP	Guam Composite Broadcast (no longer in operation)
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress & Safety System
HF	High Frequency (3-30 MHz)
HYDROLANT	U.S. broadcasts of Atlantic and Mediterranean Ocean navigational warnings
HYDROPAC	U.S. broadcasts of Pacific and Indian Ocean navigational warnings
IHO	International Hydrographic Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization (a U.N. Organization)

INMARSAT	International Maritime Satellite Organization
INMARSAT-B	Inmarsat mobile voice/data satellite terminal, replaces Inmarsat-A
INMARSAT-C	Inmarsat mobile data-only satellite terminal, also used to receive SafetyNET broadcasts
INMARSAT-E	Inmarsat EPIRB
INMARSAT-M	Inmarsat mobile voice satellite terminal (not GMDSS-compliant)
INMARSAT-F77	Inmarsat mobile voice/data satellite terminal
IOR	Indian Ocean Region
ITU	International Telecommunications Union (a U.N. Organization)
ITU-R	International Telecommunications Union Sector for Radiocommunications (old CCIR)
ITU-T	International Telecommunications Union Sector for Telecommunications (old CCITT)
JOTS	Joint Operability Targeting System
LANTAREA	Coast Guard Atlantic Area, New York NY
LCMP	Atlantic Composite Broadcast
MAYDAY	Distress signal
MEDICAL	Medical Transports, when preceded by urgency signal. Pronounced MAY-DEE-CAL.
MEDICO	Emergency Medical Communications
MET	Meteorological
METAREA	Meteorological Area (Defined by WMO) (same as NAVAREA)
MID	Maritime Identification Digits (3 digit country identifier preceding an MMSI)
MF	Medium Frequency (0.3-3 MHz)
MMSI	Maritime Mobile Service Identity (9-digit DSC identity)
MLB	Motor Lifeboat
MLC	Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistic Command
MSI	Maritime Safety Information
M/V	Motor Vessel
NAVAREA	Navigational Area (defined by IMO & IHO)
NAVCEN	Coast Guard Navigation Center, Alexandria VA
NAVTEX	Navigational Text (broadcast on 518 kHz)
NBDP	Narrow band direct printing (ITU name for SITOR)
NMA	COMMSTA Miami call sign (now keyed from CAMSLANT)
NMC	CAMSPAC Point Reyes call sign
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
NMF	COMMSTA Boston call sign
NMG	COMMSTA New Orleans call sign
NMN	CAMSLANT Portsmouth call sign
NMO	COMMSTA Honolulu call sign
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (under Dept of Commerce)
NOI	Notice of Inquiry
NOJ	COMMSTA Kodiak call sign
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NRV	COMMSTA Guam call sign (now keyed from CAMSPAC)
NTM	Notice to Mariners
NWS	National Weather Service (under NOAA)
NVIC	Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular
OBS	Meteorological observation reports
OE	Operating Expense

OSC	Coast Guard Operations Systems Center, Martinsburg WV
OPCEN, OPC	Coast Guard Operations Center (same as Command Center)
PACAREA	Coast Guard Pacific Area, Alameda CA
PAN PAN	Urgency signal
PIW	Persons In the Water
POB	Persons Onboard
POR	Pacific Ocean Region
RATT, RTT	Radioteletype
RCC	Rescue Coordination Center (same as OPCEN)
RCP	Resource Change Proposal
RR	ITU Radio Regulations
RT	Radiotelephone
RTCM	Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (a non-profit organization)
SafetyNET	Considered a name, not an acronym (INMARSAT's enhanced group calling system for maritime safety broadcasts)
SAR	Search & Rescue
SARNET	NOAA SARSAT Network
SARSAT	Search & Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking
SCN	Ship Coordination Net (Coast Guard HF Radiotelephone distress and safety system)
SECURITE	Safety signal (pronounced SECURITAY)
SELCAL	Selective Call (sequential single frequency code)
SILENCE MAYDAY	Imposed silence on distress channel (pronounced 'SEELONCE MAYDAY')
SITOR	Simplex teletype over radio (also radiotelex or NBDP)
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea Convention (treaty)
SSB	Single Sideband
T or G-T	Coast Guard Office of Command, Control and Communications, Washington DC
TISCOM	Coast Guard Telecommunication and Information Systems Command, Alexandria VA
USC	United States Code (statute)
UNCLAS	Unclassified
UTB	Utility Boat
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VESREPS	Commercial fishing vessel reports
VHF	Very High Frequency (30-300 MHz)
WAGB	Icebreaker
WHEC	High Endurance Cutter
WMEC	Medium Endurance Cutter
WPB	Patrol Boat
WLB	Bouy Tender→ navigational warnings
IHO	International Hydr