

Automatic Identification System

AIS 101

- What it is
- What it can and can't do
- How do I get it?
(or, how does it get to me)?

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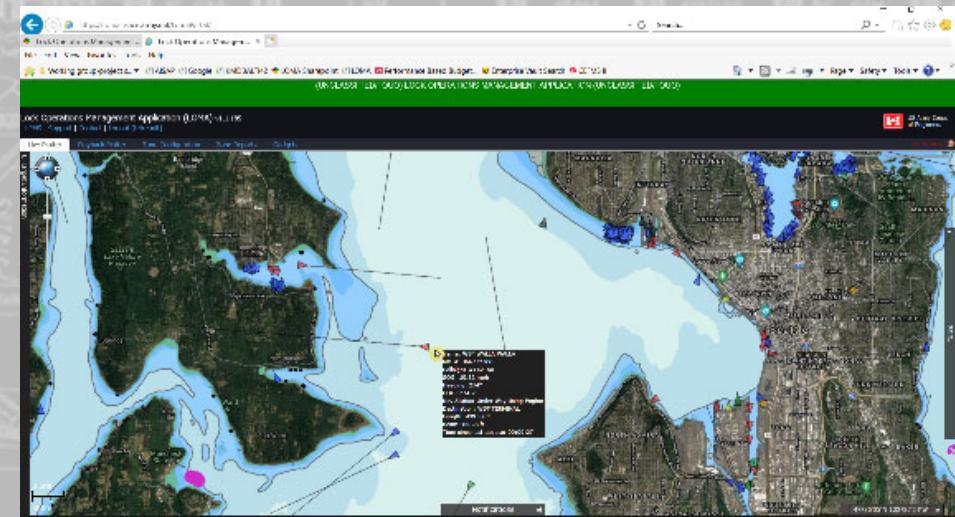
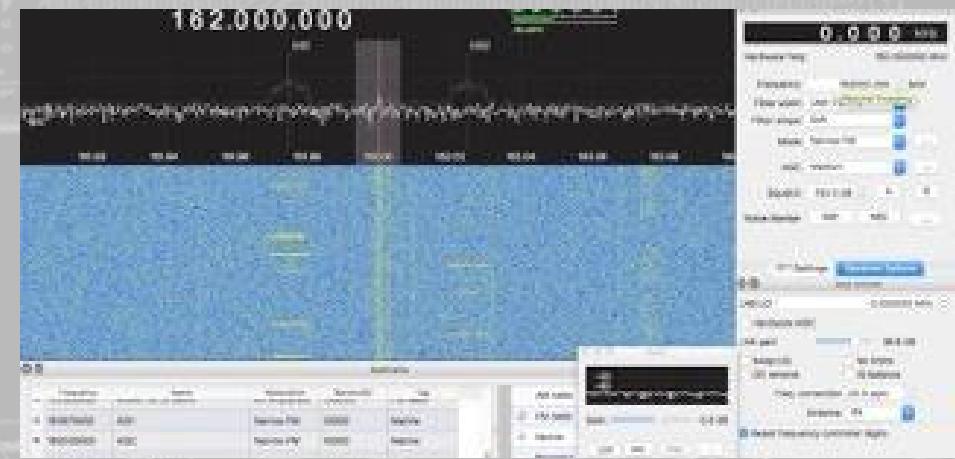
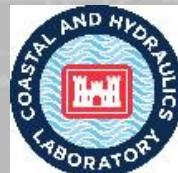
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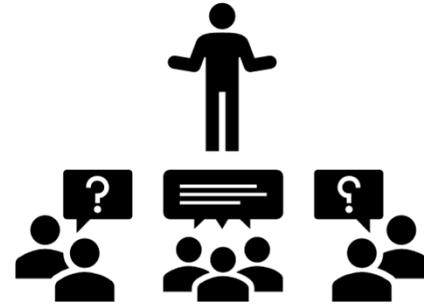




AIS 101 – So many questions!



- What is AIS?
 - Data?
 - Tracking system?
 - Transponder?
 - Communications system?
- Where did it come from?
- Who is involved in it?
- What does it look like?
- How does it work?
- Where is it?
- How can I get it or how does it get to me?
- What other cool things can AIS do?
 - (if we have time)





AIS Timeline

International

WRC'97
AIS1 Ch.87B
AIS2 Ch.88B

SOLAS
V/19.2.4

2002 IMO
Diplomatic
Conference

SOLAS
V/19.2.4

IMO
MSC 74 (69)
Performance

ITU-R M.1371-1
Technical

IEC 61993-2
Testing &
Certification

1990-----1994-----1997----1998----1999----2000----2001----2002---2003--2004

OPA
'90

ADSSE
ITU-R
M.825-3

National
Dialog
Group

Marine Board
Ports &
Waterways
Study

FCC
Notice
DA-02-1362

National

105th
Congress

VTS LMR
Public
Meeting

MTSA - 11/02
Interim - 7/03
Final - 10/03
Deadline - 1/04

Stolen from Jorge Arroyo, USCG



The players – success has a million parents...

International Maritime Organization

- Sets overall requirements – performance standards
- Mandates carriage (through competent authorities)



International Telecommunications Union

- Radio frequency management
- Defines technical characteristics



International Electrotechnical Commission

- Sets standards for “the box(es)”

International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities

- Shoreside component, operational guidance



US Coast Guard

- US AIS competent authority
- US carriage requirements
- Operates Nationwide AIS infrastructure





What AIS is supposed to do



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ANNEX 3

RECOMMENDATION ON PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR AN UNIVERSAL SHIPBORNE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM(AIS)

1 Scope

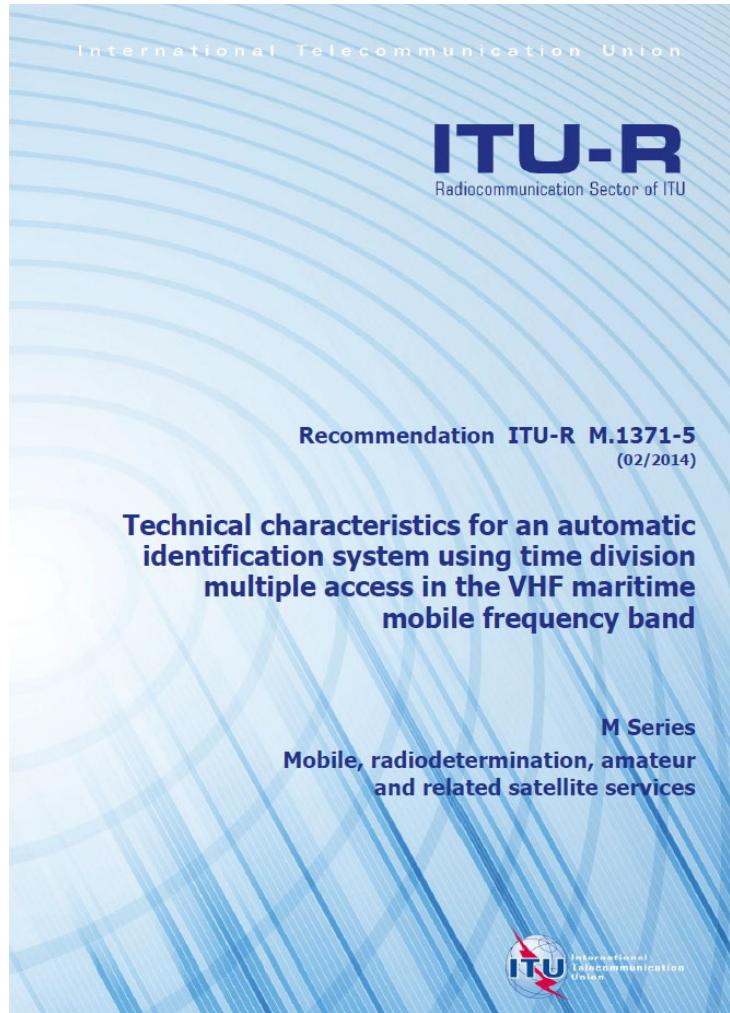
1.1 These performance standards specify the requirements for the universal AIS.

- .1 in a ship-to-ship mode for collision avoidance;
- .2 as a means for littoral States to obtain information about a ship and its cargo; and
- .3 as a VTS tool, i.e. ship-to-shore (traffic management).

1.3 The AIS should be capable of providing to ships and to competent authorities, information from the ship, automatically and with the required accuracy and frequency, to facilitate accurate tracking. Transmission of the data should be with the minimum involvement of ship's personnel and with a high level of availability.



How will AIS do what IMO says?



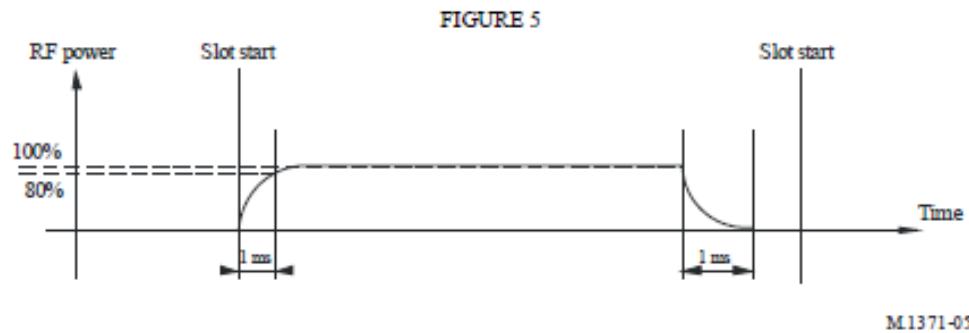


ITU-R.M1371-5 (or just “1371”)



Specifications:

- Types of AIS equipment
- Reporting rate
- Radio characteristics
- Data encoding and transmission
- Message structure, types and descriptions



3.3.7 Message structure

Messages, which are part of the access schemes, should have the following structure shown in Fig. 16 inside the data portion of a data packet:

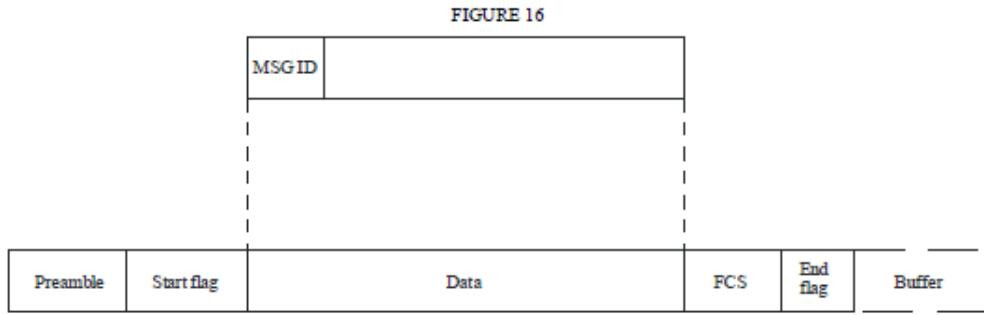


TABLE 1

Class A shipborne mobile equipment reporting intervals²

Ship's dynamic conditions	Nominal reporting interval
Ship at anchor or moored and not moving faster than 3 knots	3 min ⁽¹⁾
Ship at anchor or moored and moving faster than 3 knots	10 s ⁽¹⁾
Ship 0-14 knots	10 s ⁽¹⁾
Ship 0-14 knots and changing course	3 1/3 s ⁽¹⁾
Ship 14-23 knots	6 s ⁽¹⁾
Ship 14-23 knots and changing course	2 s
Ship >23 knots	2 s
Ship >23 knots and changing course	2 s

⁽¹⁾ When a mobile station determines that it is the semaphore (see § 3.1.1.4, Annex 2), the reporting interval should decrease to 2 s (see § 3.1.3.3.2, Annex 2).



TABLE 46

Message ID	Name	Description	Priority	Access scheme	Communication state	M/B
1	Position report	Scheduled position report; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	1	SOTDMA, RATDMA, ITDMA ⁽¹⁾	SOTDMA	M
2	Position report	Assigned scheduled position report; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	1	SOTDMA ⁽⁹⁾	SOTDMA	M
3	Position report	Special position report, response to interrogation; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	1	RATDMA ⁽¹⁾	ITDMA	M
4	Base station report	Position, UTC, date and current slot number of base station	1	FATDMA ^{(3), (7)} , RATDMA ⁽²⁾	SOTDMA	B
5	Static and voyage related data	Scheduled static and voyage related vessel data report; (Class A shipborne mobile equipment)	4 ⁽⁵⁾	RATDMA, ITDMA ⁽¹¹⁾	N/A	M
6	Binary addressed message	Binary data for addressed communication	4	RATDMA ⁽¹⁰⁾ , FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
7	Binary acknowledgement	Acknowledgement of received addressed binary data	1	RATDMA, FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
8	Binary broadcast message	Binary data for broadcast communication	4	RATDMA ⁽¹⁰⁾ , FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
9	Standard SAR aircraft position report	Position report for airborne stations involved in SAR operations, only	1	SOTDMA, RATDMA, ITDMA ⁽¹⁾	SOTDMA ITDMA	M
10	UTC/date inquiry	Request UTC and date	3	RATDMA, FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
11	UTC/date response	Current UTC and date if available	3	RATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	SOTDMA	M
12	Addressed safety related message	Safety related data for addressed communication	2	RATDMA ⁽¹⁰⁾ , FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
13	Safety related acknowledgement	Acknowledgement of received addressed safety related message	1	RATDMA, FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
14	Safety related broadcast message	Safety related data for broadcast communication	2	RATDMA ⁽¹⁰⁾ , FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
15	Interrogation	Request for a specific message type (can result in multiple responses from one or several stations) ⁽⁴⁾	3	RATDMA, FATDMA, ITDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
16	Assignment mode command	Assignment of a specific report behaviour by competent authority using a Base station	1	RATDMA, FATDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	B

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TABLE 46 (end)

Message ID	Name	Description	Priority	Access scheme	Communication state	M/B
17	DGNSS broadcast binary message	DGNSS corrections provided by a base station	2	FATDMA ⁽³⁾ , RATDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	B
18	Standard Class B equipment position report	Standard position report for Class B shipborne mobile equipment to be used instead of Messages 1, 2, 3 ⁽⁸⁾	1	SOTDMA, ITDMA ⁽¹⁾ , CSTDMA	SOTDMA, ITDMA	M
19	Extended Class B equipment position report	No longer required; Extended position report for Class B shipborne mobile equipment; contains additional static information ⁽⁸⁾	1	ITDMA	N/A	M
20	Data link management message	Reserve slots for Base station(s)	1	FATDMA ⁽³⁾ , RATDMA	N/A	B
21	Aids-to-navigation report	Position and status report for aids-to-navigation	1	FATDMA ⁽³⁾ , RATDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	M/B
22	Channel management ⁽⁶⁾	Management of channels and transceiver modes by a Base station	1	FATDMA ⁽³⁾ , RATDMA ⁽²⁾	N/A	B
23	Group assignment command	Assignment of a specific report behaviour by competent authority using a Base station to a specific group of mobiles	1	FATDMA, RATDMA	N/A	B
24	Static data report	Additional data assigned to an MMSI Part A: Name Part B: Static Data	4	RATDMA, ITDMA, CSTDMA, FATDMA	N/A	M/B
25	Single slot binary message	Short unscheduled binary data transmission (Broadcast or addressed)	4	RATDMA, ITDMA, CSTDMA, FATDMA	N/A	M/B
26	Multiple slot binary message with Communications State	Scheduled binary data transmission (Broadcast or addressed)	4	SOTDMA, RATDMA, ITDMA, FATDMA	SOTDMA, ITDMA	M/B
27	Position report for long-range applications	Class A and Class B "SO" shipborne mobile equipment outside base station coverage	1	MSSA	N/A	M

TABLE 48²³

Parameter	Number of bits	Description
Message ID	6	Identifier for this Message 1, 2 or 3
Repeat indicator	2	Used by the repeater to indicate how many times a message has been repeated. See § 4.6.1, Annex 2; 0-3; 0 = default; 3 = do not repeat any more
User ID	30	Unique identifier such as MMSI number
Navigational status	4	0 = under way using engine, 1 = at anchor, 2 = not under command, 3 = restricted maneuverability, 4 = constrained by her draught, 5 = moored, 6 = aground, 7 = engaged in fishing, 8 = under way sailing, 9 = reserved for future amendment of navigational status for ships carrying DG, HS, or MP, or IMO hazard or pollutant category C, high speed craft (HSC), 10 = reserved for future amendment of navigational status for ships carrying dangerous goods (DG), harmful substance or IMO hazard or pollutant category A, driven vessel towing astern (regional use), 12 = power-driven vessel pushing ahead or 13 = reserved for future use, 14 = AIS-SART (active), MOB-AIS, EPIR 15 = undefined = default (also used by AI: AIS under test)
Rate of turn ROT _{AIS}	8	0 to +126 = turning right at up to 708° per 0 to -126 = turning left at up to 708° per n Values between 0 and 708° per min coded ROT _{AIS} = 4.733 SQRT(ROT _{sense}) where ROT _{sense} is the Rate of Turn as input Indicator (TI). ROT _{AIS} is rounded to the nearest integer. +127 = turning right at more than 5° per 30 s -127 = turning left at more than 5° per 30 s -128 (80 hex) indicates no turn information ROT data should not be derived from COG
SOG	10	Speed over ground in 1/10 knot steps (0-1 023 = not available, 1 022 = 102.2 knots)
Position accuracy	1	The position accuracy (PA) flag should be Table 50 1 = high (\leq 10 m) 0 = low ($>$ 10 m) 0 = default
Longitude	28	Longitude in 1/10 000 min (\pm 180°, East = positive (as per 2's complement), West = negative (as per 2's complement). 181° (6791AC0 _h) = not available = default)
Latitude	27	Latitude in 1/10 000 min (\pm 90°, North = positive (as per 2's complement), South = negative (as per 2's complement). 91° (3412140 _h) = not available = default)
COG	12	Course over ground in 1/10 = (0-3 599). 3 600 (E10 _h) = not available = default. 3 601-4 095 should not be used
True heading	9	Degrees (0-359) (511 indicates not available = default)

TABLE 48 (end)

Parameter	Number of bits	Description
Time stamp	6	UTC second when the report was generated by the electronic position system (EPFS) (0-59, or 60 if time stamp is not available, which should also be the default value, or 61 if positioning system is in manual input mode, or 62 if electronic position fixing system operates in estimated (dead reckoning) mode, or 63 if the positioning system is inoperative)
Special manoeuvre indicator	2	0 = not available = default 1 = not engaged in special manoeuvre 2 = engaged in special manoeuvre (i.e. regional passing arrangement on Inland Waterway)
Spare	3	Not used. Should be set to zero. Reserved for future use.
RAIM-flag	1	Receiver autonomous integrity monitoring (RAIM) flag of electronic position fixing device; 0 = RAIM not in use = default; 1 = RAIM in use. See Table 50
Communication state	19	See Table 49
Number of bits	168	



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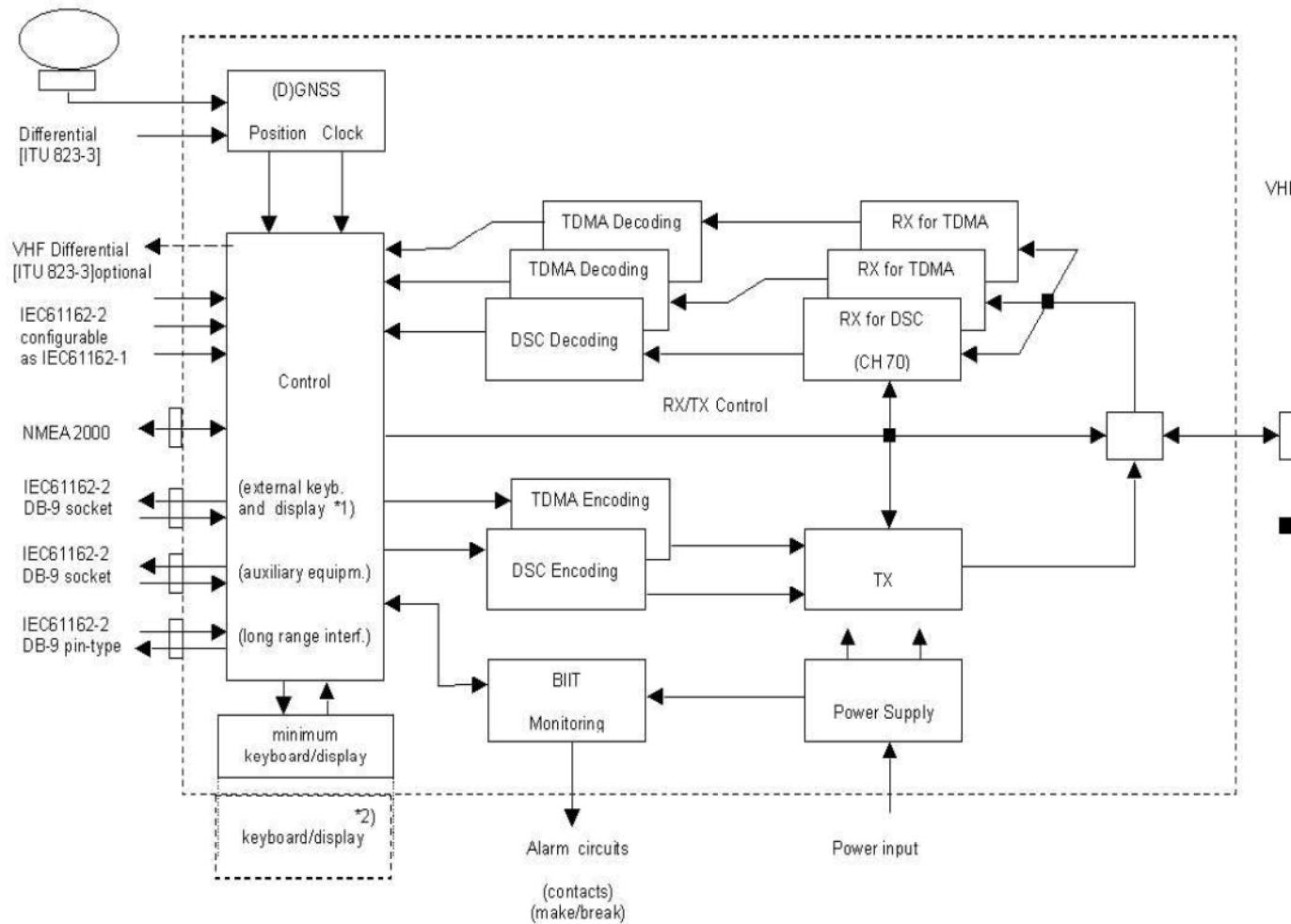
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Message ID	6	Identifier for this Message 5
Repeat indicator	2	Used by the repeater to indicate how n repeated. Refer to § 4.6.1, Annex 2; 0- more
User ID	30	MMSI number
AIS version indicator	2	0 = station compliant with Recommen 1 = station compliant with Recommen 2 = station compliant with Recommen 3 = station compliant with future editio
IMO number	30	0 = not available = default – Not appli 0000000001-0000999999 not used 0001000000-0009999999 = valid IMC 0010000000-1073741823 = official fl:
Call sign	42	7 x 6 bit ASCII characters, @@@@ @ Craft associated with a parent vessel, : 6 digits of the MMSI of the parent ves towed vessels, rescue boats, tenders, li
Name	120	Maximum 20 characters 6 bit ASCII, : “@ The Name should be as shown on the : it should be set to “SAR AIRCRAFT” equals the aircraft registration number

TABLE 52 (end)

Parameter	Number of bits	Description
Type of ship and cargo type	8	0 = not available or no ship = default 1-99 = as defined in § 3.3.2 100-199 = reserved, for regional use 200-255 = reserved, for future use Not applicable to SAR aircraft
Overall dimension/ reference for position	30	Reference point for reported position. Also indicates the dimension of ship (m) (see Fig. 41 and § 3.3.3) For SAR aircraft, the use of this field may be decided by the responsible administration. If used it should indicate the maximum dimensions of the craft. As default should A = B = C = D be set to “0”
Type of electronic position fixing device	4	0 = undefined (default) 1 = GPS 2 = GLONASS 3 = combined GPS/GLONASS 4 = Loran-C 5 = Chayka 6 = integrated navigation system 7 = surveyed 8 = Galileo, 9-14 = not used 15 = internal GNSS
ETA	20	Estimated time of arrival; MMDDHHMM UTC Bits 19-16: month; 1-12; 0 = not available = default Bits 15-11: day; 1-31; 0 = not available = default Bits 10-6: hour; 0-23; 24 = not available = default Bits 5-0: minute; 0-59; 60 = not available = default For SAR aircraft, the use of this field may be decided by the responsible administration
Maximum present static draught	8	In 1/10 m, 255 = draught 25.5 m or greater, 0 = not available = default; in accordance with IMO Resolution A.851 Not applicable to SAR aircraft, should be set to 0
Destination	120	Maximum 20 characters using 6-bit ASCII; @ = not available For SAR aircraft, the use of this field may be decided by the responsible administration
DTE	1	Data terminal equipment (DTE) ready (0 = available, 1 = not available = default) (see § 3.3.1)
Spare	1	Spare. Not used. Should be set to zero. Reserved for future use
Number of bits	424	Occupies 2 slots



What does AIS look like... to an engineer:





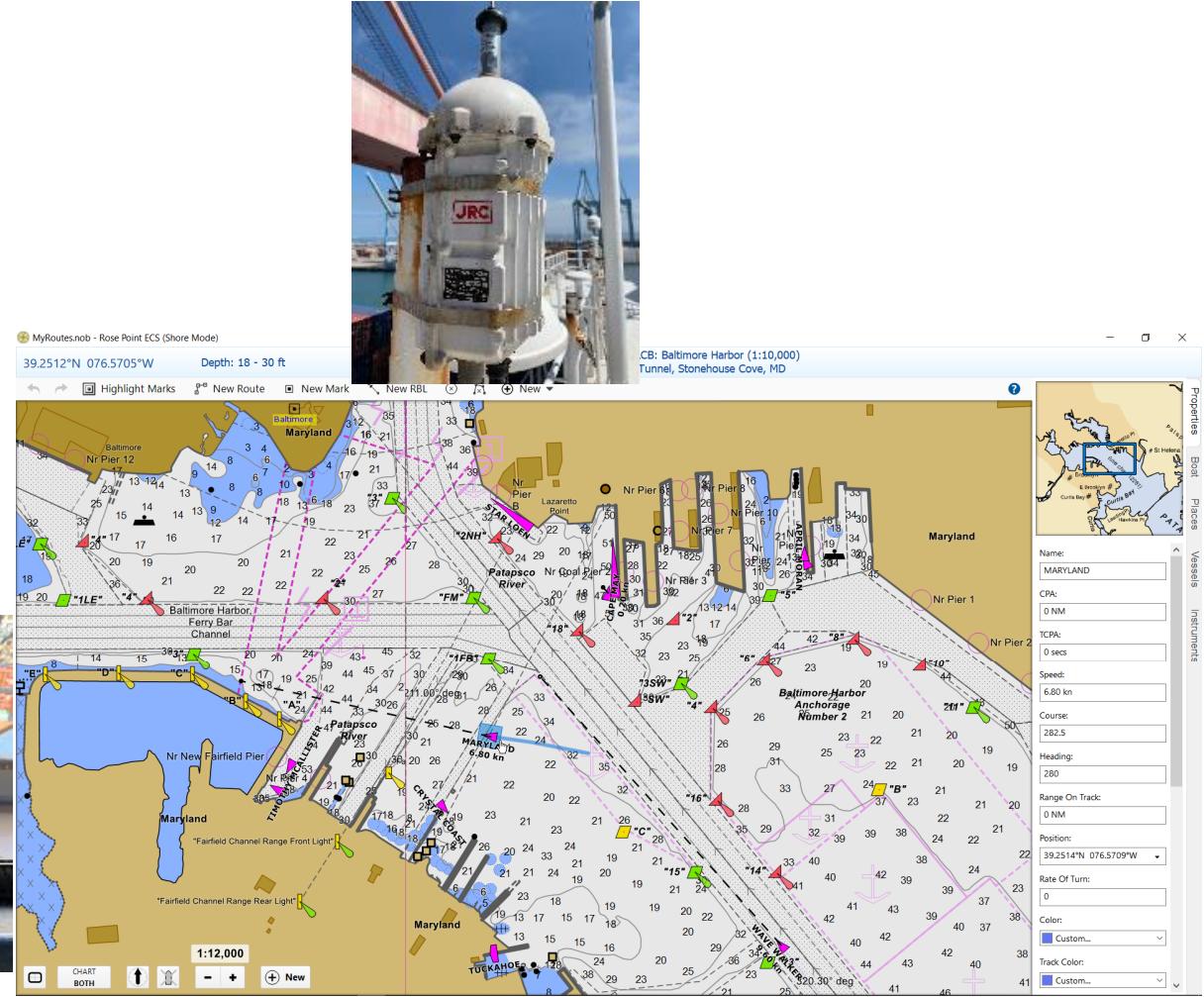
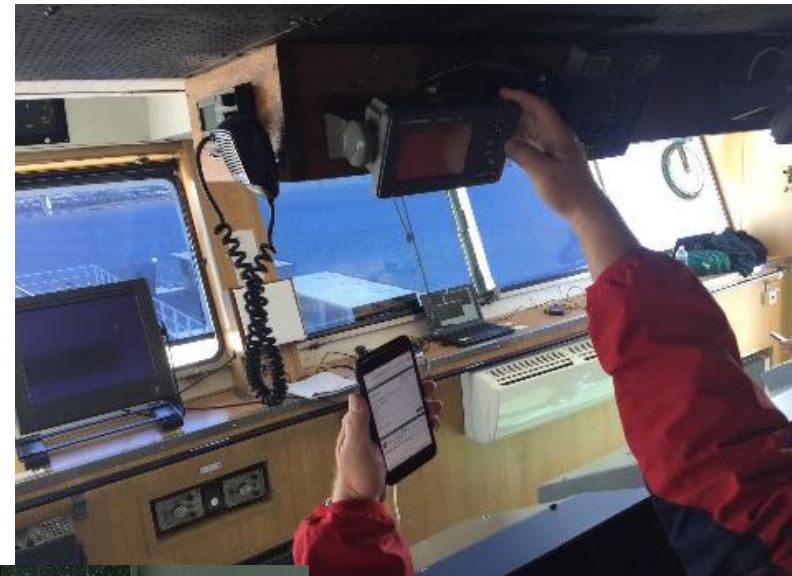
What does AIS equipment look like?





What does AIS look like... on a ship?

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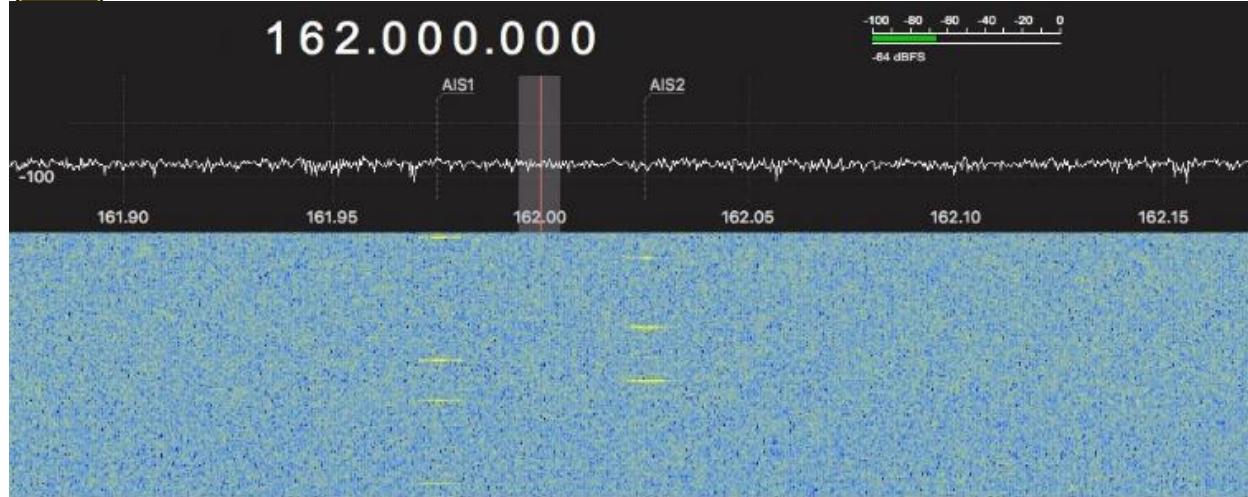


What does AIS look (and sound) like on the radio?

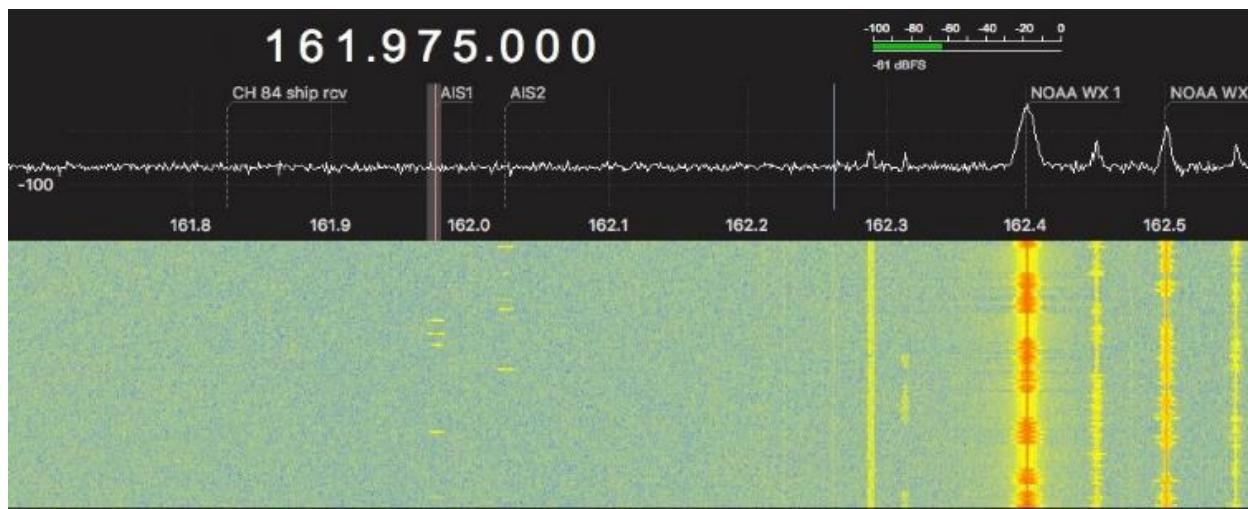
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What does AIS data look like?

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What does “AIS data” look like?



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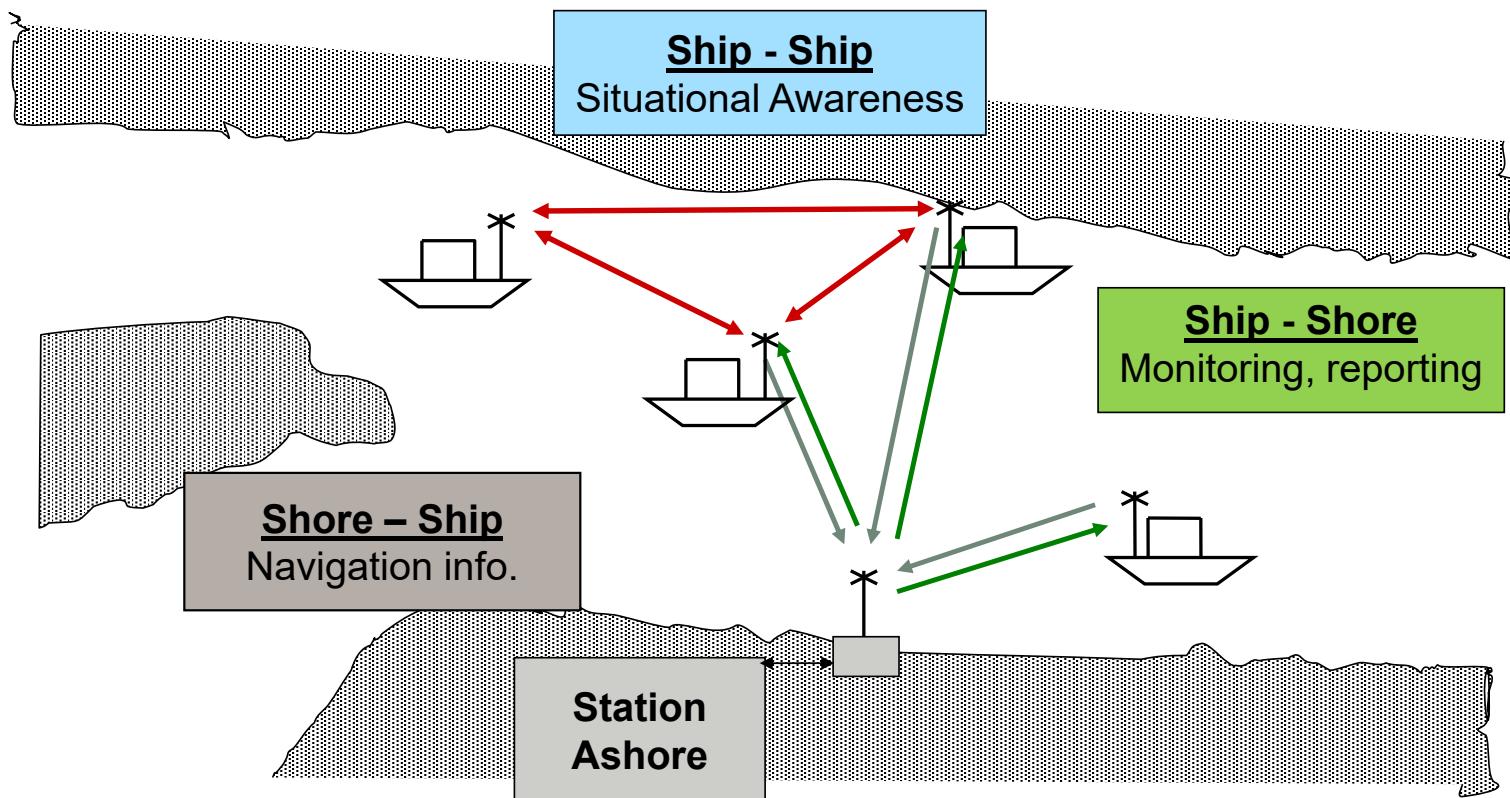
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4	366956790	CO-OP ENTERPRISE		6/5/2017 0:00	38.583492	-90.213212	180	Not defined (default) or	FALSE	0	0	47
5	367599790	STONE STRAIT		6/5/2017 0:00	38.874806	-90.160008	134	Reserved for DG/HS/MP	FALSE	0	1	129
6	367057590	CARL CANNON		6/5/2017 0:00	38.966334	-90.492664	66	Not defined (default) or	FALSE			5
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11	367496750	LEXINGTON		6/5/2017 0:00	38.572156	-90.225022	230	Under way using engine	FALSE			0
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16	366956790	CO-OP ENTERPRISE		6/5/2017 0:05	38.583491	-90.213212	255	Not defined (default) or	FALSE	0	0	47
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18	367687950	DAKOTA		6/5/2017 0:05	38.368536	-90.354232	200	Under way using engine	FALSE			6
19	366984940	MARY EVELYN		6/5/2017 0:05	39.387375	-90.933953	187	Not defined (default) or	FALSE	0	0	124
20	367451290	LOREE ECKSTEIN		6/5/2017 0:05	38.374758	-90.350376	199	Under way using engine	FALSE	0	11	197
21	366995330	CHARLOTTE		6/5/2017 0:05	38.861148	-90.135536	118	Reserved for future use	FALSE	-9	7	120
22	367496750	LEXINGTON		6/5/2017 0:05	38.572148	-90.225024	232	Under way using engine	FALSE			0
23	36699645	CG-CHEYENNE-----		6/5/2017 0:10	38.587083	-90.209097	305	Moored	FALSE	0	0	48
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25	367051930	DANNY BRADFORD		6/5/2017 0:10	38.187105	-90.333148	268	Not defined (default) or	FALSE			0
26	367544950	DALE ARTIGUE		6/5/2017 0:10	38.177162	-90.306671	280	Under way using engine	FALSE	0	4	280
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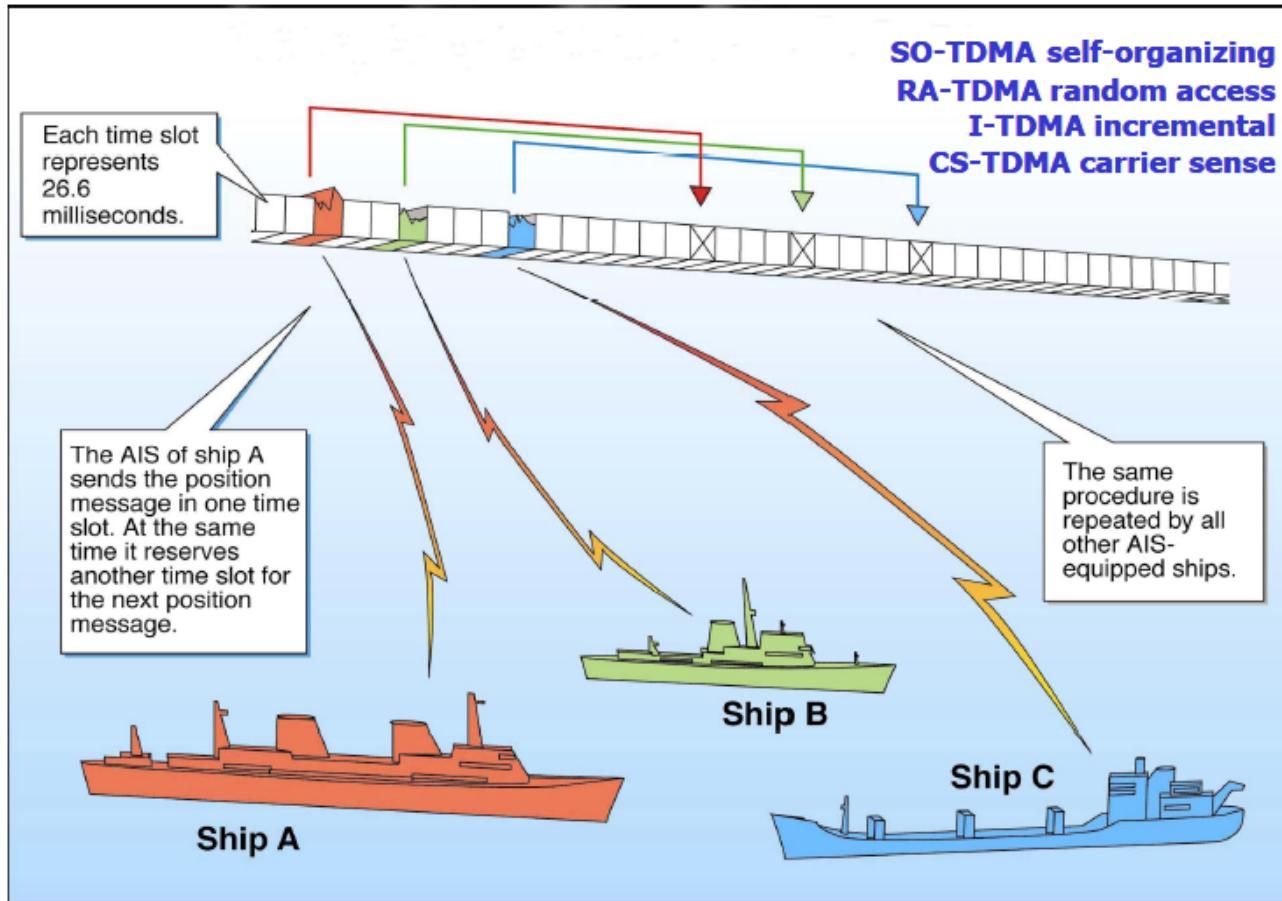
How does AIS work?





How does AIS work? The magic of TDMA...

time-division multiple access protocol (TDMA)





What vessels have AIS?

New AIS Carriage Requirements...

Effective March 2nd, 2015, these commercially self-propelled vessels, operating on U.S. navigable waters, must have a properly installed, operational Automatic Identification System (AIS) no later than March 1st, 2016

- vessels of \geq 65 feet in length
- towing vessels of \geq 26 feet in length & $>$ 600 hp
- vessels certificated to carry \geq 150 passengers
- dredges and ~~floating plants~~ that operate in/near a commercial channel
- vessels engaged in the movement of certain dangerous cargo, **flammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk**

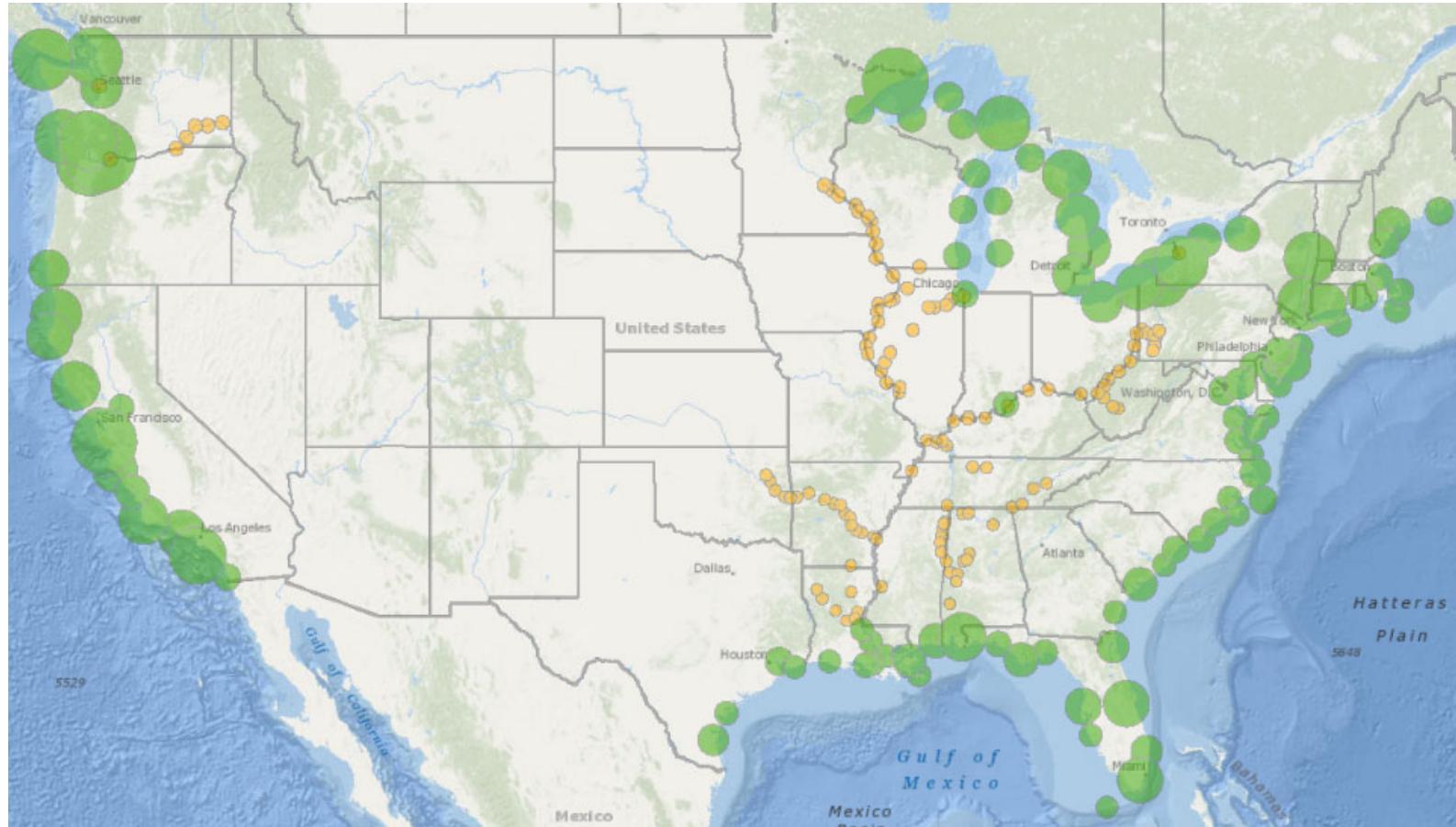
Effected Vessels by Type	2003		2015	Total Vessels
	SOLAS	Domestic		
Foreign ship $>65' <300\text{GT}$		1,119		1119
<i>Fishing</i>	1	-	2,906	2907
<i>Towing</i>	13	2,212	1,429	3654
<i>Passenger</i>	81	171	288	540
<i>Cargo</i>	154	77	247	478
<i>OSV</i>	55	432	151	638
<i>MODU</i>	1	-	31	32
<i>Industrial</i>	21	11	220	252
<i>Research</i>	10	11	54	75
<i>School</i>		5	10	15
<i>Tank Ships</i>	102	15	35	152
<i>Unknown</i>		16	134	150
<i>Unclassified</i>		13	326	339
<i>Dredges</i>		-	17	17
U.S. Total	438	2,963	5,848	9,249
Total	4,520		5,848	10,368



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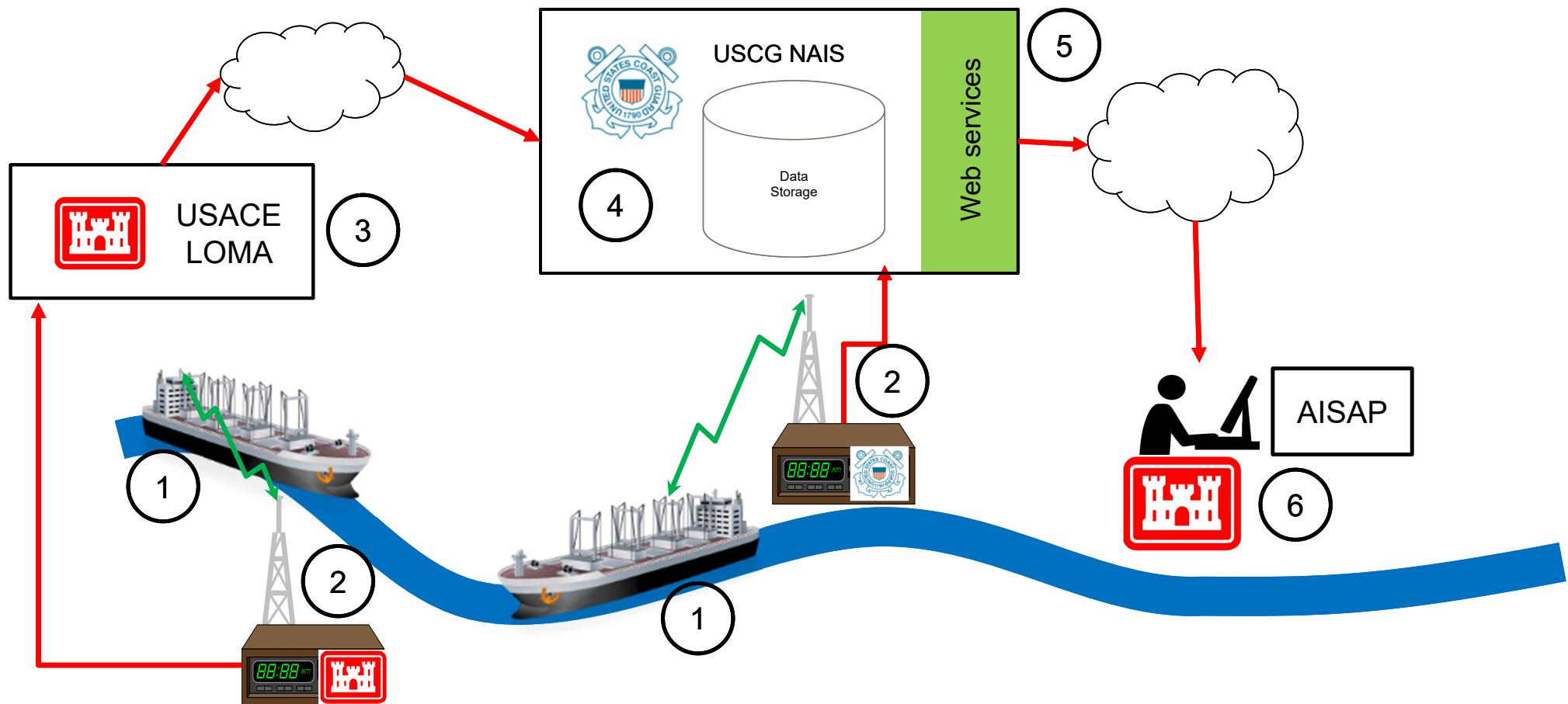
Where does AIS come from?



USACE and **USCG** AIS site locations



How does AIS data get to me?





Do we now have answers? Or just more questions...

- AIS is a digital communications system designed for navigation safety and ship monitoring.
- AIS was developed over many years by many players in the international community.
- What AIS looks like depends on who you are and what you want to do with it...
- AIS works through a sophisticated radio protocol that autonomously allows many AIS stations to transmit information in coordination
- Certain vessels are required to carry AIS but not all; some voluntarily carry AIS.
- USACE and USCG operate AIS networks to receive and transmit AIS data. USCG is the national AIS data clearing house.
- “Live” AIS data is available within USACE via the LOMA system. Historical AIS data is available via web services and historic data request from the USCG.
- Is there time to see what other cool things AIS can do?



Thank you

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Automatic Identification System

- What is AIS?
- How AIS Works
- Types of AIS
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 - Class A Position Report
 - Class A Static & Voyage Data
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 - Long Range AIS Report
 - AIS Base Station Report
 - AIS Base Station Report
 - Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
 - NAIS Data Request
 - NAUTI Search and Rescue Tool (VIMS)
 - AIS Requirements
 - AIS Reference Information
 - AIS Encoding Guide & LOCODES
 - AIS Frequently Asked Questions

Mission Areas

- Global Positioning System
- Nationalwide DGPS
- Nationwide AIS (NAIS)
- AIS (Overview, Messages, etc.)
- Long Range Identification and Tracking
- Local Notice to Mariners
- Light Lists Publications (2017)
- Light List Updates
- CSSIC General Information
- LORAN C archive

Subscribe / Report (free)

- Email Message Subscriptions (Free)
- Report an ATC Discrepancy
- Report a GPS Problem
- Report an NDGPS Problem
- Report an LRIT Problem
- Report an AIS / NAIS Problem
- Contact Us

Maritime Information

- Electronic Charts Approval
- Maritime Safety Information Downloads
- Maritime Telecommunications

AIS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What is AIS?
- How do I register (obtain a MMSI's), install, encode, and verify my AIS?
- What is the AIS rule and are there alternatives to the rule for small businesses?
- Do AIS Class B devices meet current USCG AIS carriage requirements? What are the differences between AIS Class A and Class B devices?
- How does AIS help increase security (and what is NAIS)?
- Is the installation of AIS required by law?
- Does the installation of the AIS require additional equipment in order for the AIS to operate properly?
- Will it be necessary to have electronic navigational charts for use with the AIS?
- Are fishing vessels subject to AIS carriage, and are onboard Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) an acceptable substitute for AIS?
- Why have some AIS units stopped broadcasting valid position reports?
- Why am I unable to see an AIS vessel's name or other static information (dimensions, call sign, etc.)?
- Why do I sometimes see more than one vessel with the same MMSI or vessel name (i.e. NAUTI)?
- I just purchased and installed an AIS Class B, will AIS Class A user 'see' me?
- What are the differences between AIS Class A and B devices?
- Is the USCG considering expanding AIS carriage to other vessels or outside of VTS areas?
- How can I get a presentation on AIS? A presentation I saw or heard about? You can download recent presentations given by the Coast Guard Office of Navigation Systems.
- Where can I get AIS data?
- Can I use AIS to locate my nets, pots, traps, mooring, etc.?
- Can I use AIS to track Management Areas?
- Can I use my AIS in an emergency or for distress messaging?
- Is the Coast Guard broadcasting AIS Aids to Navigation Reports?
- Have an AIS question not answered here?
- What is AIS? Per 33 CFR §164.46(a), AIS is a maritime navigation safety communications system standardized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that provides vessel information, including the vessel's identity, type, position, course, speed, navigational status and other safety-related information automatically to appropriately equipped port stations, other ships, and aircraft, receivers automatically such information from ships, aircraft, and tracks the exact vessel data with short time frames. Note, many devices marketed as AIS, may not truly be AIS that are certified to meet stringent standards are. [Read more](#) on what it is, how it works, what it broadcasts, and the messages it uses, etc.
- How do I register (obtain a MMSI's), install, encode, and verify my AIS? AIS devices are not registered, however, each requires a unique and official 9-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. To obtain one see our [MMSI](#) page. AIS devices should be installed taking into consideration the guidelines developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO Safety of Navigation Committee) and the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA 0609-4.0, Installation Guide). Encoding an AIS varies by class. AIS Class B are not user configurable. AIS Class A are, but their static data (i.e. MMSI, name, call-sign, type, dimension, etc.) is password protected. Therefore, Class B owners, and Class A owners whom have lostforgotten their password, should contact your AIS installer, manufacturer, or retailer for instructions on how to change their static data. The U.S. Coast Guard has issued a [Vessel Information Verification Service](#) which can be used to not only verify that your AIS has broadcasted, but, will also highlight any potential data or encoding discrepancies (comparing to our [USCG AIS Encoding Guidance](#)). Per 33 CFR §164.46(d) vessels equipped with AIS must maintain it always in effective operating condition and broadcasting accurately; failure to do so could subject owner/operator to civil penalties not to exceed \$25,000 (46 U.S.C. 70119).

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=AISFAQ>





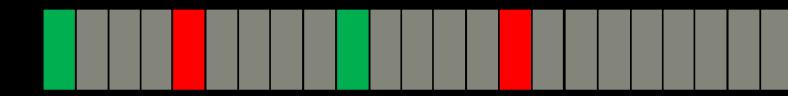
OTHER COOL AIS STUFF

- Reception of AIS via Satellite
- Transmission of navigation safety information via AIS
- AIS AToNs
- Geographic Notices
- Other information
- Use of AIS to collect information from ships

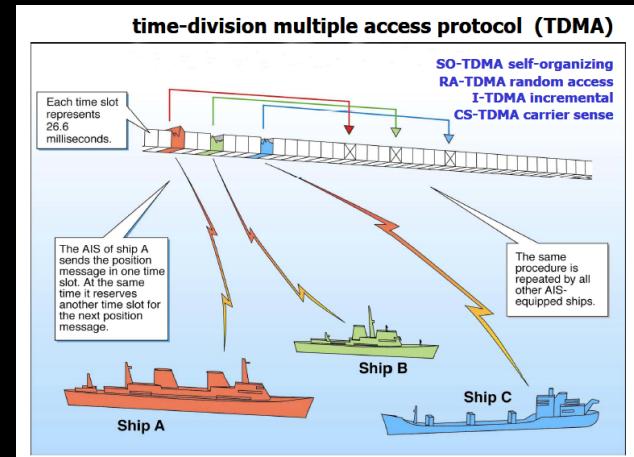




AIS via Satellite



Slot collision





AIS TRANSMIT CAPABILITY

AIS well known as a “tracking” system

- Receive information from vessels

AIS is also a two-way communications system

- Send information to vessels
- Receive additional information from vessels
- Standard messages and new messages to address specific needs

Cooperative work with US Coast Guard

- Technology development
- Test beds

Safety Text

Destination: JODY MCMINN

Send Broadcast

Message: HOLD AT LOWER APPROACH

[Send](#)

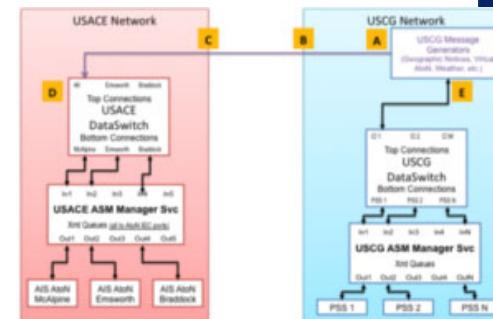
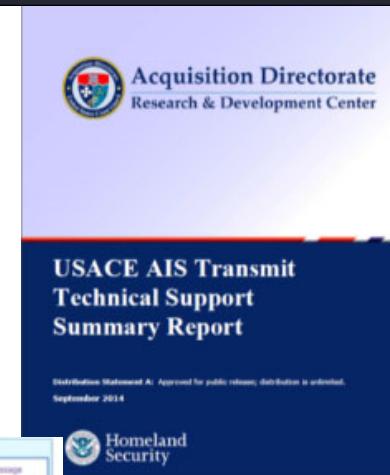


Figure 9: Initial USCG - USACE integration architecture.



VIRTUAL ATON

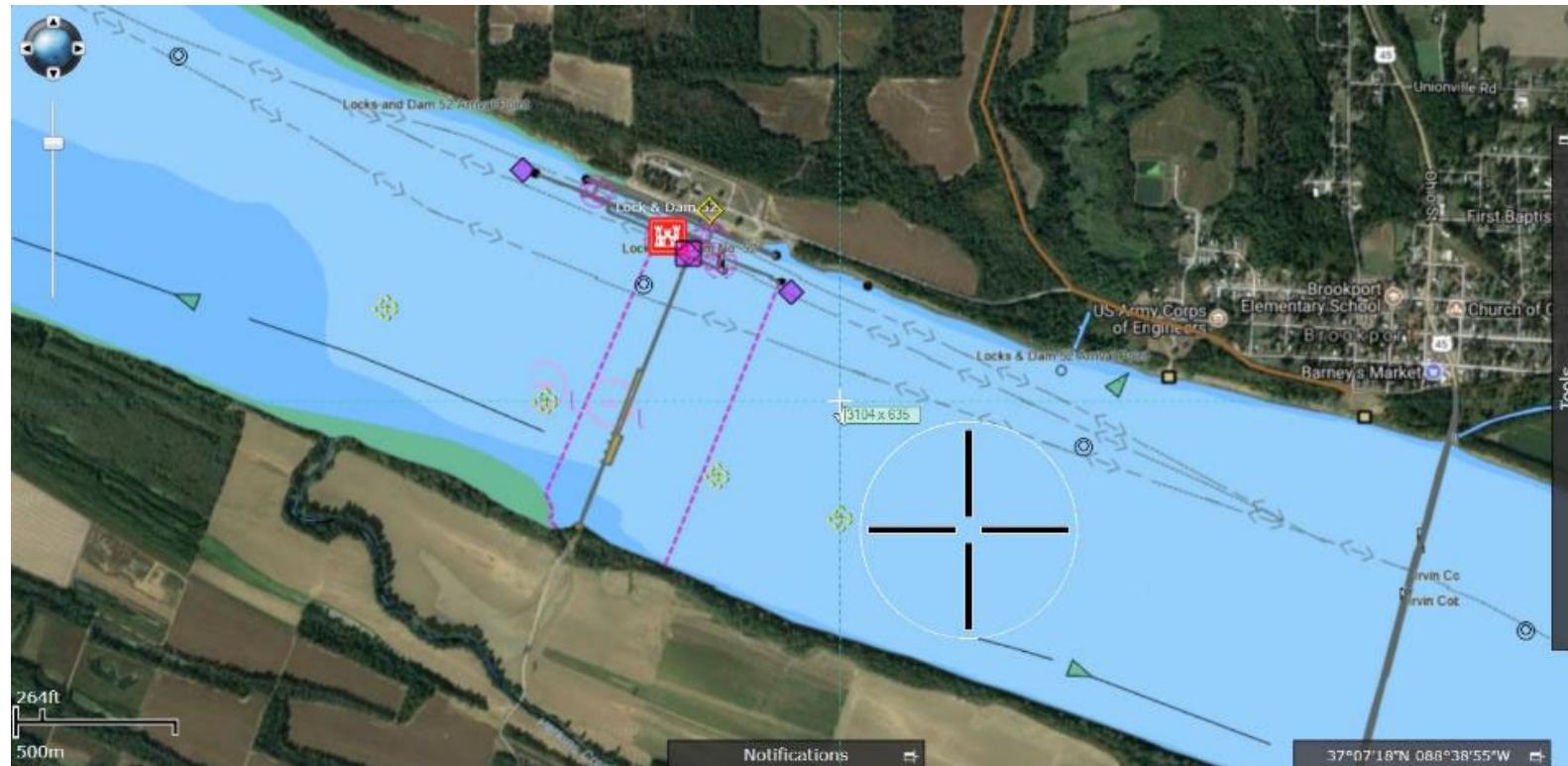


AIS V-AtoN in area where ice and tidal range prohibit physical AtoN

AIS V-AtoN marking submerged wreck in swift river waters



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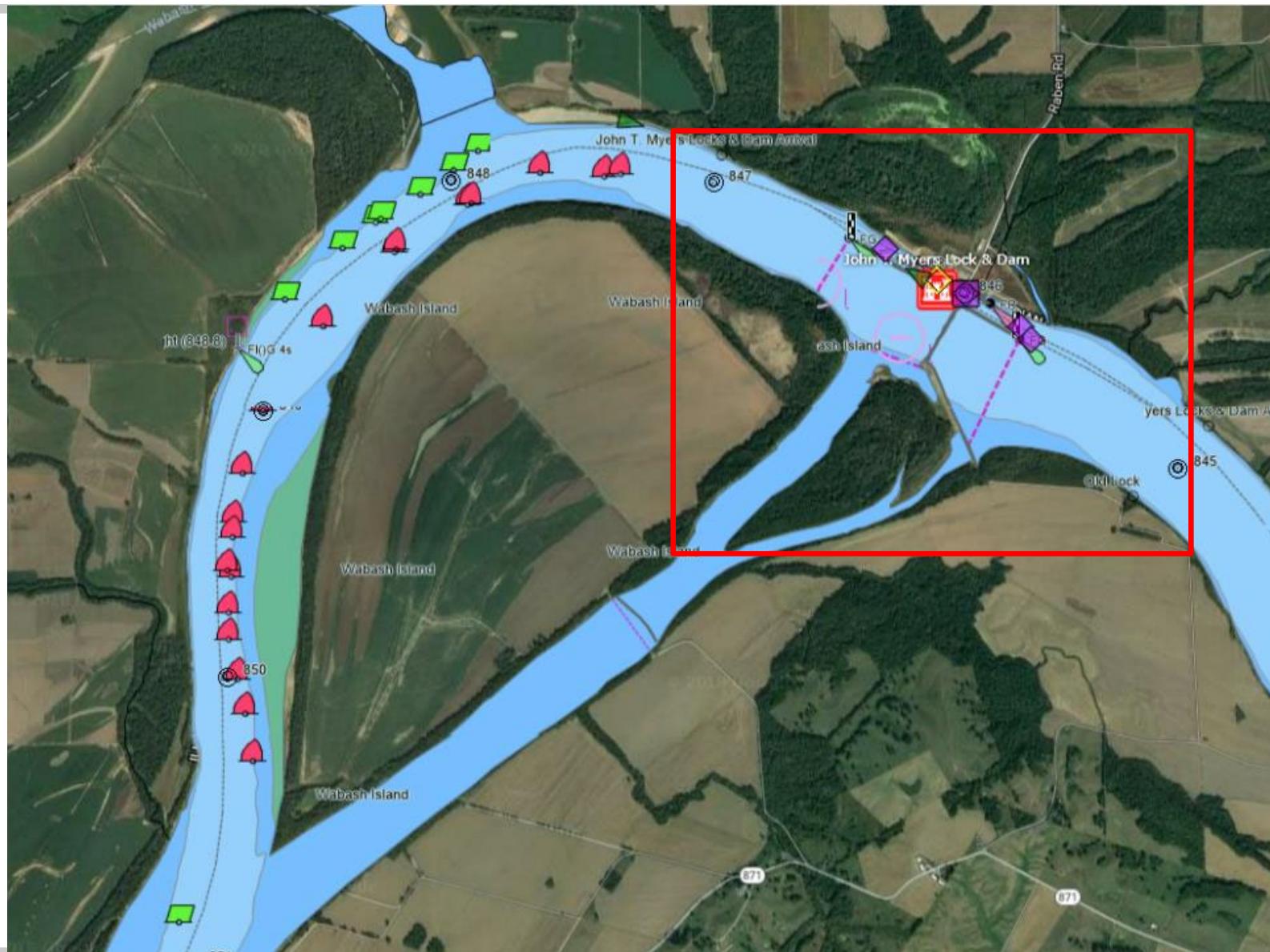


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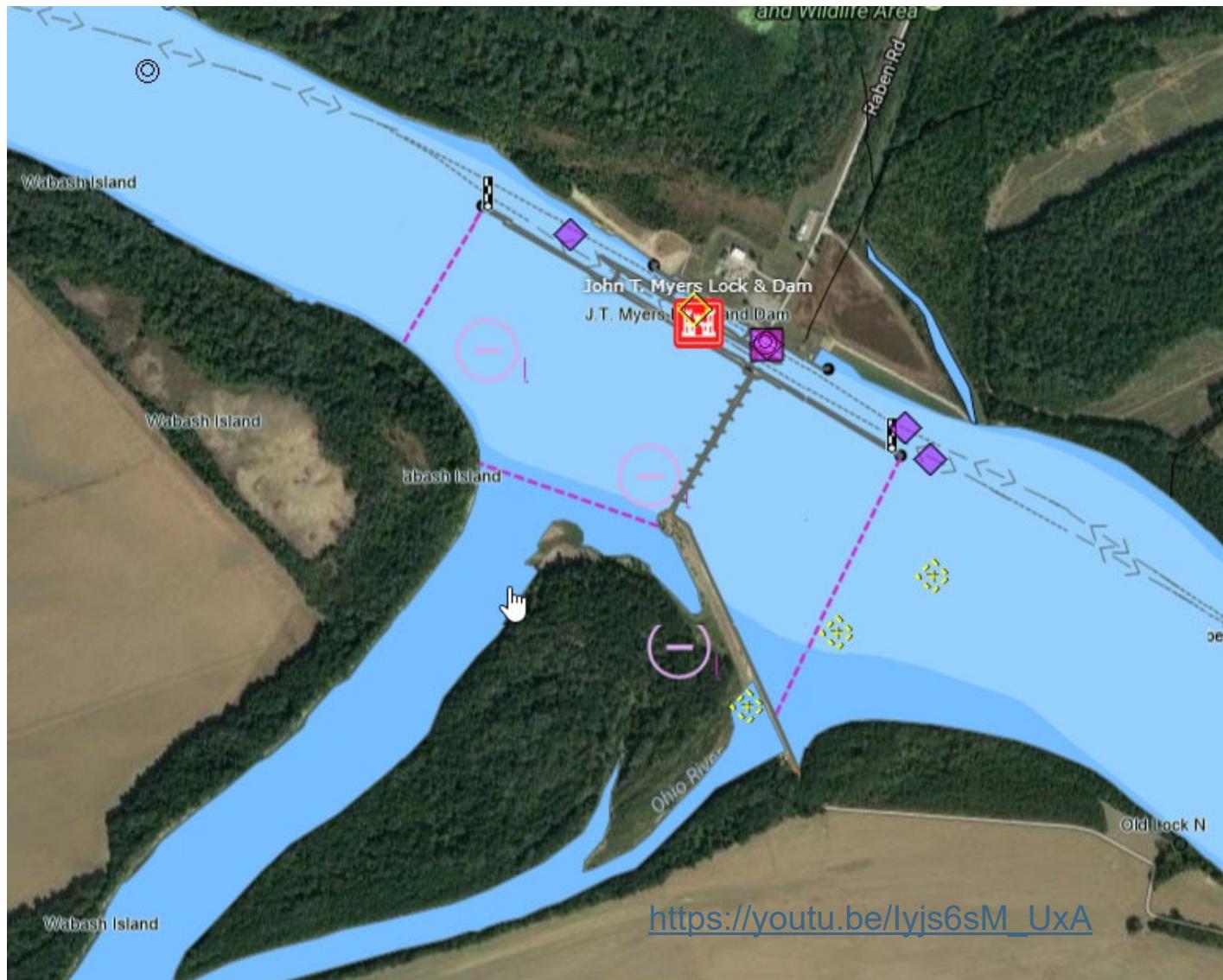


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VIRTUAL/SYNTHETIC ATON ISSUES

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Process

- Who decides when and where to establish?
- Who creates?
- Monitoring to ensure transmission/receipt?

Technical

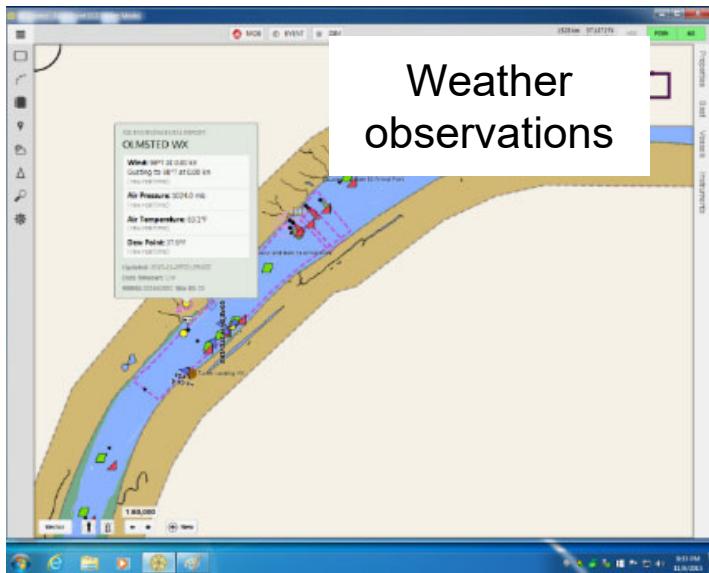
- USCG-USACE connectivity
- USAIMS integration

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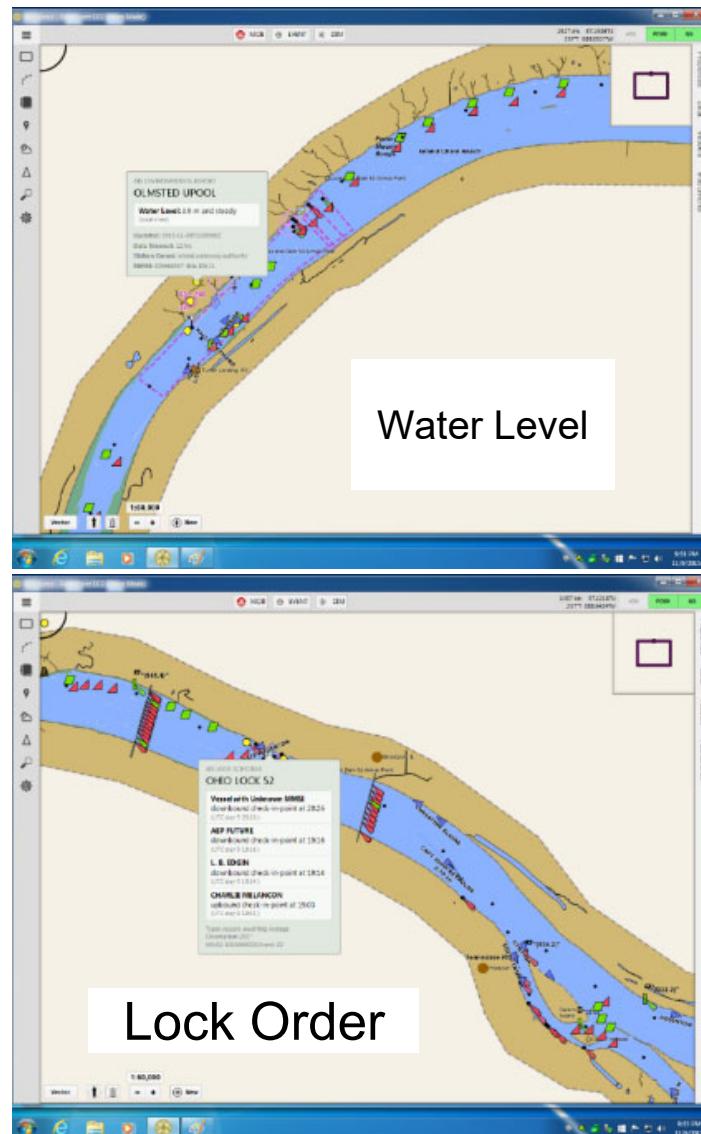
- What AIS AtoN are charted?



INFORMATION DELIVERED TO VESSELS VIA AIS



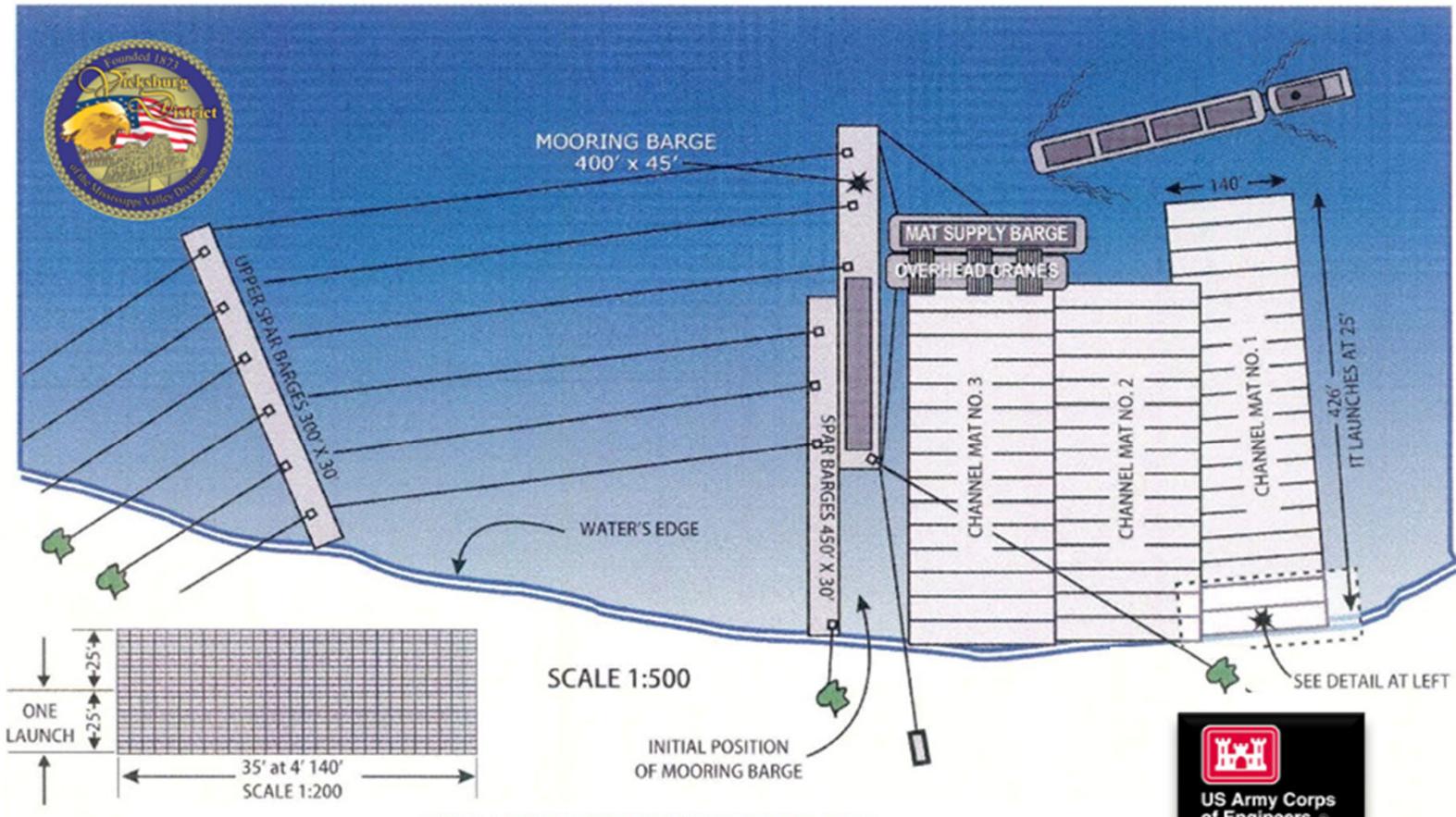
Weather observations



Water Level



Mat Sinking Unit operations



Lock Operations Management Application (LOMA) v1.1.174 Application Certified for Unclassified

LPMS | Support | Contact | Logout (Michael.F.Winkler)

Live Plotter

Playback Plotter

Zone Configuration

Zone Reports

Gadgets



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Target Information

Name	WILLIAM JAMES
MMSI	366999267
Callsign	AAAG
Latitude	32°54'05"N
Longitude	091°03'40"W
SOG	0 mph
Heading	Not available
COG	272°
Nav Status	Moored
Operating Mode	Autonomous
Rate Of Turn	Not available
Length	164.00 ft
Beam	45.92 ft
Type of Ship	Vessel - Towing
Type of Cargo	N/A
CargoType	31
IMO Number	0
Draught	0.00 ft
Nav Sensor	GPS
DTE Status	Available
Nationality	United States of America
Lock	Not available
Mile	496
River	Mississippi River Mouth of Ohio River to Baton Rouge LA
Time since last update	00:03:46







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Collision between the *Riley Elizabeth* Tow and
US Army Corps of Engineers Barge Plant
Mississippi River near Waterproof, Louisiana

July 18, 2014

NTSB

Marine Accident Report

4. Recommendations

As a result of its investigation, the National Transportation Safety Board makes the following safety recommendations to the US Army Corps of Engineers:

Specify in the information you provide to the public how far US Army Corps of Engineers projects extend into the waterway. (M-15-13)

Use automatic identification system aids to navigation or application-specific messages to mark potential hazards to navigation. (M-15-14)

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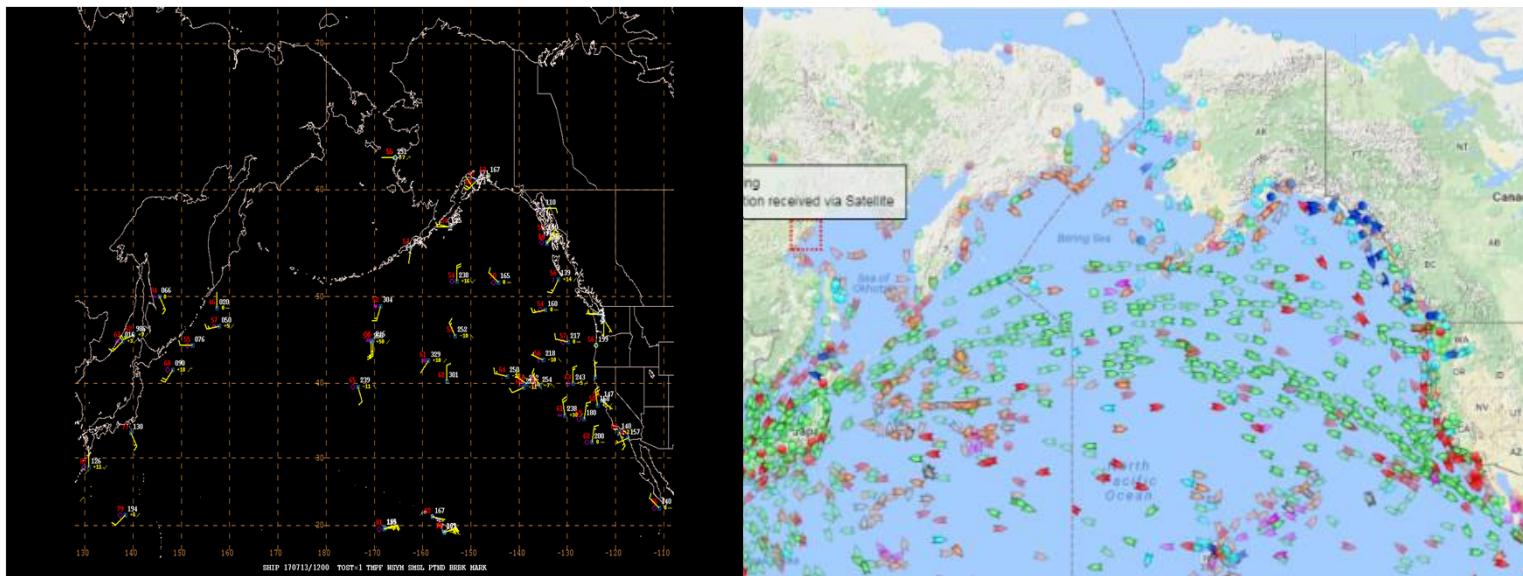
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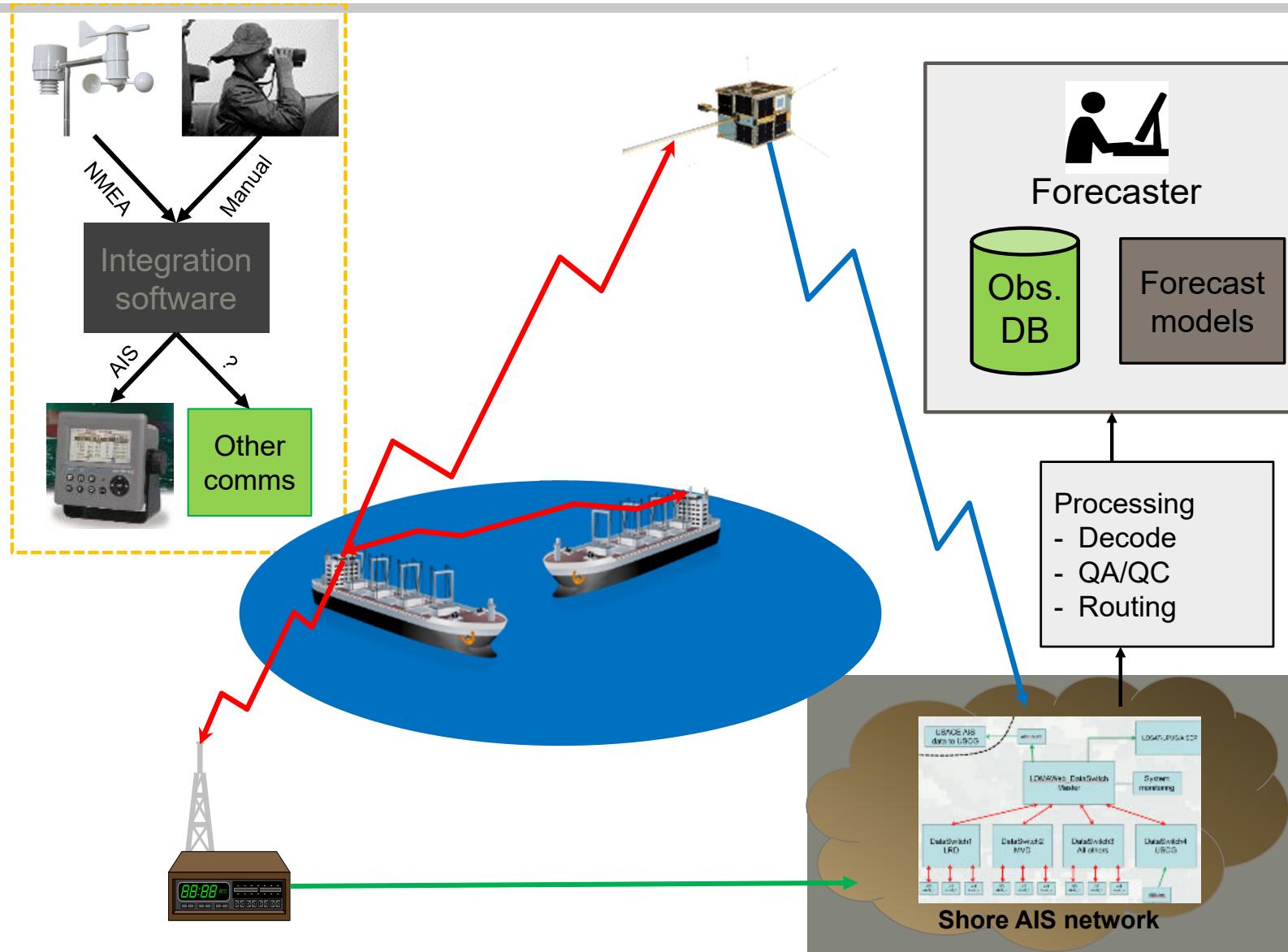
WEATHER OBSERVATIONS VIA AIS

Weather forecasters need more observations
Small fraction of vessels provide voluntary observations
Observations are usually manually collected
Communication of observations from vessel to weather offices can be problematic





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The laptop was placed on a ledge adjacent to the AIS pilot port; a cable from the pilot port was run to the laptop. A power strip plugged into the one available outlet was used to power the laptop and weather station.



Figure 7. Left: Laptop (orange arrow) on ledge to the right of the pilot port (green arrow). Right: close-up of pilot port.

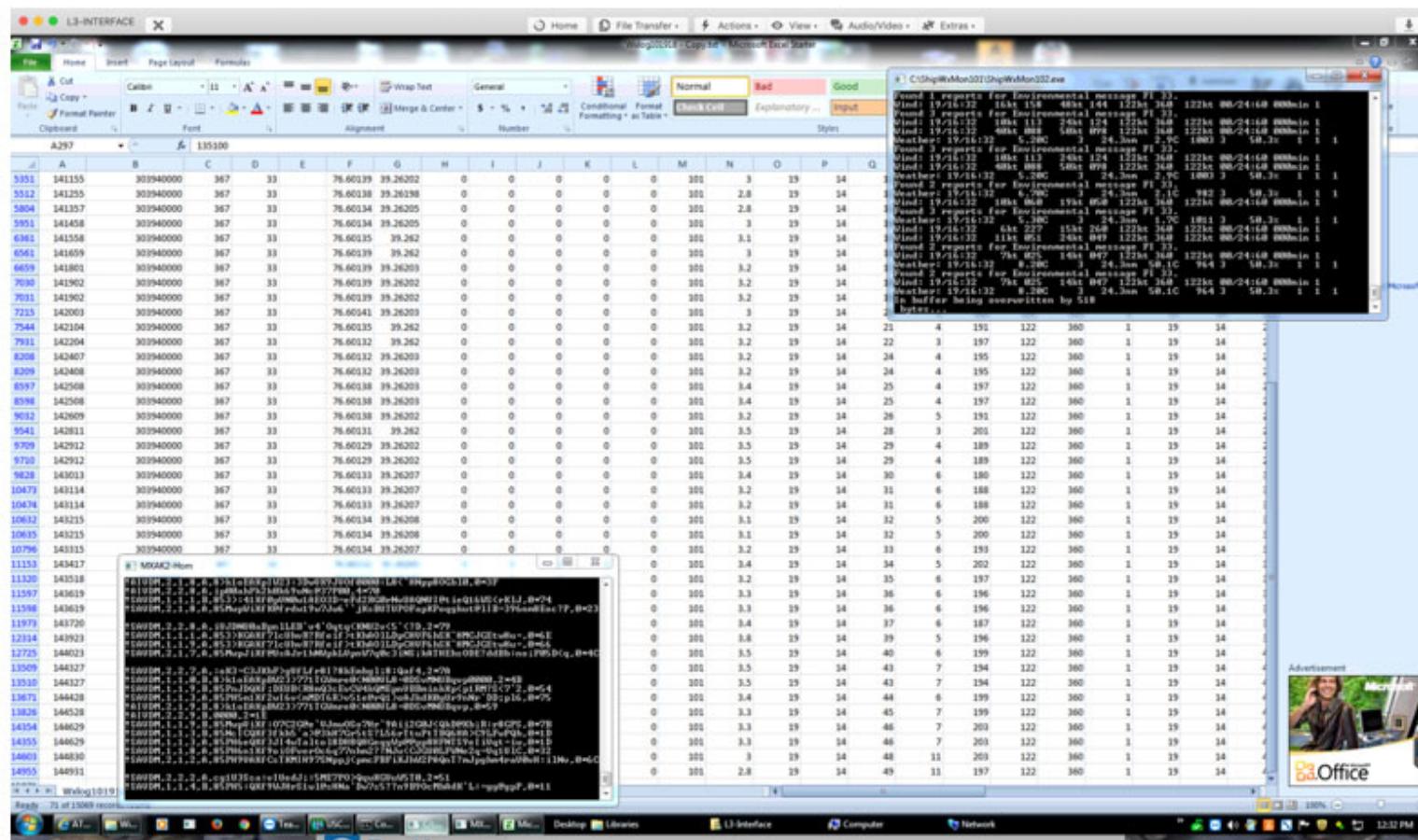


Figure 10. Shore side software (Ship Weather Monitor) is running in upper right window. The CSV file of logged data is shown in the background with reports from the CAPE WRATH (MMSI 303940000)



USACE-USCG ISA

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 Homeland Security	
<p>Interconnection Security Agreement between United States Coast Guard (USCG)/ Nationwide Automatic Identification System And United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)</p>	
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SYSTEM MONITORING

LOMA Transceiver Status Report 11/27/2018 0830 CT (UNCLASSIFIED) - Message (Plain Text)
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Tue 11/27/2018 9:33 AM

Towne, Brady A CIV USARMY CEERD (US)

LOMA Transceiver Status Report 11/27/2018 0830 CT (UNCLASSIFIED)

To: Aust, Kimberly J CIV USARMY CEIT (US); Brooks, Curtis J CIV CEMVR CEMVD (US); Chambers, Gary E CIV DFAS (US); Christopher.P.Padlo@uscg.mil; Dennis.R.Foster@uscg.mil; Djoseph, Patricia K CIV USARMY CEERD-CHL (US); Eckhardt, W Cody CIV USARMY CEMVD (US); Elvin, G. Bruce2@uscg.mil (Elvin.G.Bruce2@uscg.mil); Heinold, Thomas D Jr CIV USARMY CEMVR (US); Jacob.E.Littley@uscg.mil; James Kilroy (OREN); Jennifer. M. Newman2@uscg.mil (Jennifer.M.Newman2@uscg.mil); Johnson, Gregory W; Kilroy, James T Jr CIV USARMY CEERD-CHL (US); Lauth, Timothy John CIV USARMY CEMVS (US); Martin, Matthew O CIV USARMY CEMVR (USA); michael.j.newman@uscg.mil; Mitchell, Kenneth N CIV USARMY CEERD-CHL (USA); Ramon Villa ; Riley, Steven D CIV (US);

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LOMA Transceiver Status Report 11/27/2018 0830 CT All LOMA units are up and operational except:

COLUMBIA_OB_0X2D	ACE-IT INC # 6953207
SELDEN_BW_0JZW	ACE-IT INC # 6988495
MVM_BGU	ACE-IT INC # 7168243/7176106/7175895
MVM_HURLEY	
MVM_MISSISSIPPI	
USACEENSLEYARD_DWMW	

IWR FEED UP

ACE-IT: Site	Incident Date	Incident Time	Ticket #	Notes
LRJTM - John T Myers Lock & Dam - Vernon, Indiana	24-Nov-18	1045 CT	7233561	Degraded / UITOC
SAMSELr1-vpn - Seldon Lock & Dam - Sawyersville, Alabama	14-Aug-18	0945 CT	7129080	Down / UITOC / Awaiting p
SWLDAV-David D Terry Lock and Dam #6 - Scott, Arkansas	21-Nov-18	0934 CT	7232225	Down / Telco

ACE-IT Maintenance:

- ACE-IT Vicksburg (CPC) Scheduled Database Migration Maintenance, Friday, 30 November 2018, 1400-1900 Central Time
- ACE-IT Scheduled ESD Electrical Room Maintenance, Thursday, 29 November 2018, from 1200 to 1600 Central Time

LOMA Admin Console

Admin Panel			
Bottom Connections			
Top Connections			
Map Analysis			
DataSwitch Status			
Web DataSwitch	Online	11/26/2018 7:58:06 AM	
DataSwitch 1	Online	9/25/2018 3:30:27 AM	
DataSwitch 2	Online	11/20/2018 12:49:52 AM	
DataSwitch 3	Online	11/20/2018 12:40:23 AM	
DataSwitch 4	Online	11/26/2018 7:46:26 AM	
DataStore Status			
DataStore	Up	281.6	
Server Status			
Web Server	140.194.60.240	Online	
DataSwitch 1 Server	140.194.60.242	Online	
DataSwitch 2 Server	140.194.60.243	Online	
DataSwitch 3 Server	140.194.60.244	Online	
DataSwitch 4 Server	140.194.60.245	Online	
Authentication/Tools Server	140.194.60.49	Online	
Database Server	140.194.20.33	Online	



SYSTEM MONITORING



**USACE Performance Report
Production – OSC Feed
26 November 2018**

1. Analyst Report:

- See Analyst comments.

2. Analyst Comments:

- C3CEN has not received USACE data via the OSC production feed since November 23, 2018 @ 0500 EST (0000 GMT).

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VILLA.RAMON.FLORESJR.11
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NAIS Analyst



**USACE Performance Report
Pre-Production - Direct Feed
26 November 2018**

1. Analyst Report:

- 138 – Total valid receivers.
- 134 – Valid receivers online and reporting.
- 4 – Valid receivers offline.
- 0 – Valid receivers online, but not reporting.
- 97.10% – Percent of total valid receivers online.
- 0 – Unknown receivers.
- 0 – Receivers with greater than 5% bad data.
- 1691 – Unique MMSI(s).

2. Analyst Comments:

- 0EK6, 0EL3, and 0JVF all report valid and compliant sentences, with 0 class A and B message types, and 1 MMSI.
- There are 2 receivers reporting as non-operational on the LOMA TSR dated 11/26/2018 that did not report offline in pre-production: 0A9W and 0C31.
- There are 2 receivers reporting offline in pre-production that did not appear on the LOMA TSR dated 11/26/2018: 096K and 0JZW.

3. Total Data Report from Analysis Tool:

Receiver Name	Compliant Sentences	Sentences	MMSI	Class A	Class B	% Bad Data	Own Base Station	Remarks
rACE01HW	260261	118	224686	2972	0	0	1	
rACE01PN	36351	4	7095	0	0	0	0	
rACE01SU	35247	6	5970	0	0	0	0	
rACE01VK	34308	6	3600	0	0	0	0	
rACE021Z	30083	2	841	0	0	0	0	
rACE0230	31702	5	2427	0	0	0	0	
rACE0239	30086	3	1290	0	0	0	0	
rACE024S	34835	5	5377	182	0	0	0	
rACE03HS	11575	11575	57801	0	0	0	0	