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## Wired Ocean becomes a Thrane & Thrane Accredited Solution

### Marine broadband solution approved for use with SAILOR satcoms and sat TV

Wired Ocean, the unique marine broadband solution designed to cost-effectively widen the scope of internet usage onboard, has been awarded the official status of Thrane & Thrane Accredited Solution. The accreditation follows an extensive period of testing by the leading manufacturer of satellite communications terminals and confirms the compatibility of Wired Ocean's S-Box and service for use with SAILOR FleetBroadband and Fleet terminals, and a forthcoming line of SAILOR SAT TV antennas.

"Although our services are already used aboard many SAILOR fitted vessels we are delighted that Thrane & Thrane has officially recognised Wired Ocean's ability to significantly improve the performance and affordability of onboard internet," says Victor Barendse, Managing Director, Wired Ocean. "Combining Wired Ocean's S-Box with SAILOR FleetBroadband and SAILOR SAT TV provides ships with cost-effective broadband, in addition to the voice, data and television services available through the SAILOR equipment."

Wired Ocean uses a 'hybrid' technology that integrates mobile satellites and television broadcast satellites to deliver high speed broadband. Typical internet use consists of relatively small amounts of data (such as webpage or search requests) being sent from the vessel (uplink), with much larger amounts of data (for example web pages, manuals, software upgrades, weather and navigation information) being received (downlink). By utilising a vessel's satellite TV antenna for the downlink portion, Wired Ocean offers highly competitive, fixed airtime costs for the downlink, whilst the primary satcoms system, such as SAILOR FleetBroadband is used as normal for the uplink.

Wired Ocean has collaborated with Thrane & Thrane to provide a higher level of integration and improved management of the broadband connection when the Wired Ocean service is used with the SAILOR family of FleetBroadband terminals. The Wired Ocean S-Box, which integrates seamlessly with SAILOR FleetBroadband and Fleet terminals and SAILOR SAT TV offers strong functionality as a communications hub and also incorporates various performance enhancing technologies to improve the internet browsing experience and the use of broadband for operational data.

"We have tested Wired Ocean extensively and were impressed with the benefits it could bring to users of SAILOR equipment. Installation was fast and very easy, and the testing period has ensured that the Wired Ocean and SAILOR solutions work together seamlessly," comments Mads Ebbesen, Product Line Manager, Satellite TV, Thrane & Thrane.

For more information on the Wired Ocean method, visit [www.wiredocean.com](http://www.wiredocean.com).

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