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John Lilley & Gillie Limited



Founded in 1812, John Lilley & Gillie Limited is based on the River Tyne on the North East of England.

As an International Admiralty Chart Agent (IACA) it offers a computerised Outfit Management service covering all BA and US charts, all nautical publications and ISM auditing documentation.

The company provides a supply and updating service for Admiralty Raster Chart Services (ARCS) and Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC) ensuring that vessels always have on board the most up-to-date charts and publications required.

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Lilley & Gillie is now one of the few remaining magnetic compass manufacturers in Europe and provides a full repair and on-board adjusting service.

IMO adopts new regulations on Long Range Identification and Tracking of ships (LRIT)

IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) adopted new regulations for the LRIT together with associated performance standards and functional requirements, when it met at the Organization's London Headquarters for its 81st session from 10 to 19 May 2006.

The new regulation on LRIT is included in SOLAS chapter V on Safety of Navigation, through which LRIT will be introduced as a mandatory requirement for the following ships on international voyages:

- * Passenger ships, including high speed craft;
- * Cargo ships greater than 300 GT, including high speed craft;
- * and mobile offshore drilling units.

The LRIT information ships will be required to transmit include the ship's identity, location and date and time of the position.

LRIT information will only be available to:

- * The flag administration;
- * The administration of the port facility the ship intends to enter;
- * The administration of the waters through which the ship is transiting within a distance not exceeding 1000 nautical miles off its coast.

The flag administration shall be entitled, in order to meet security or other concerns, to decide at any time that information about ships flying its flag shall not be provided to Contracting Governments.

Ships shall be fitted with LRIT equipment as follows:

- * Ships constructed on or after 31/12/2008;
- * Ships constructed before 31/12/2008 and certified for operations in sea areas A1, A2 and A3 not later than the 1st survey of the radio installation after 31 December 2008; and
- * Ships constructed before 31/12/2008 and certified for operations in sea areas A1, A2, A3 and A4 not later than the 1st survey of the radio installation after 1 July 2009. However, these ships shall comply with the provision of paragraph 2 above whilst they operate within sea areas A1, A2 and A3.

An exemption for ships operating exclusively in sea area A1 from the requirement to transmit LRIT information, since such ships are already fitted with AIS.

At security Level 1 (the lowest level), all LRIT vessels must transmit the required data every six (6) hours.

If security levels change to 2 or 3, or if a particular vessel or vessels is/are of more interest, LRIT transmissions can be increased remotely as required, up to one LRIT report every 15 minutes.

For more information on LRIT, please email sales@patronicsgroup.com

http://www.imo.org/About/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1320&doc_id=6335,
<http://safety.inmarsat.com>,
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Patronics in Vietnam

The port of opportunity

Marine electronics solution provider and system integrator, Patronics (S) Pte Ltd, is strongly represented during Maritime Vietnam 2006.

Our presence is felt with our own exhibition space in the Singapore pavilion and also a shared space with Raytheon Anschutz in the Germany pavilion.

The exhibition allows Patronics and its affiliated companies to show case our extensive capabilities and wide range of products to the Vietnamese ship builders, ship owners and leaders in the industry.

Maritime Vietnam 2006 is conceived to provide an international platform for leaders in the maritime industry to explore business collaborations, joint ventures and technological exchange.

In facilitating the development of Vietnam's maritime industry, the Vietnam Maritime Code has been revised to encourage all Vietnamese and foreign organisations and companies to invest in developing Vietnam's shipping industry, port facilities, maintenance and management.

There is a great expectation in the Vietnamese maritime sector with current ports being upgraded and additional deep-water ports being built along the sea coast.

For more information for the supply of Marine Electronics equipment in Vietnam, please email sales@patronicsgroup.com.

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Joke of the day...



The lonely bachelor wrote to a dating service explaining that he had specific criteria for a potential mate and would not except anyone that falls below his standards. He went on to explain that the candidate should be cute and short, who enjoys water sports a team player and needs to enjoys group activity.

He received an envelope the following week . It it was a picture of a penguin.