# Marine Communications or The (E)TLAs



# The (E)TLAs

- VHF
  - Very High Frequency
- HF
  - High Frequency
- MMSI
  - Maritime Mobile Service Identity
- DSC
  - Digital Selective Calling
- AIS
  - Automatic Identification System
- SART
  - Search and Rescue Transceiver

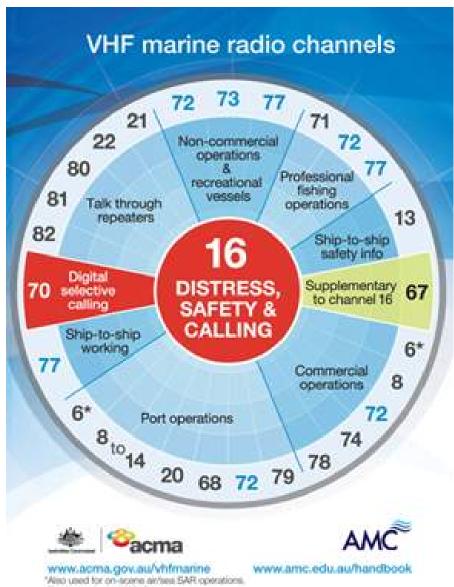
#### VHF

- Most common
- Hand held or fixed installation
- Low cost \$250-\$1000 depending on features, \$130-\$500 Handheld
- 25W Power 5W Handheld
- Line of site
- Frequency modulation
  - Very clear
  - Shorter range
- DSC capable
- Carrier for AIS





#### VHF



Produced January 2012.

#### HF

PCOM C N33 IC-M710AUS

TX.FNSO

FIBSKNI
RESET

JAMNI-TIX FREQI
FOR ALARM TX

MODE AGC N B SOL FUNC

ORDUP TUNE CHARMEL

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- Long range worldwide
- Expensive \$3,500-\$5,000 depending on features
- 125W Power
- Amplitude modulation various modes
- DSC Capable
- Limited listening stations
- Designated safety frequencies
- Weather fax
- Scheduled automated weather
- Can be used for low cost, low bandwidth data Pactor modem



#### **MMSI**

- Unique to each station
- HF and VHF share same MMSI
- Portables may require a different MMSI
- Required to be programmed into DSC and AIS
- Generally can not be re-programmed easily

#### DSC

- Transmitted on VHF70
- HF frequency must be selected
- Does what it says on the box
  - You need to know the receive MMSI.
  - You need to know how to acknowledge/receive
  - Allows you to digitally select who you would like to talk to
  - You will still talk on Broadcast channel
- Distress signals
  - Goes to all stations in range
  - Sends position with distress signal

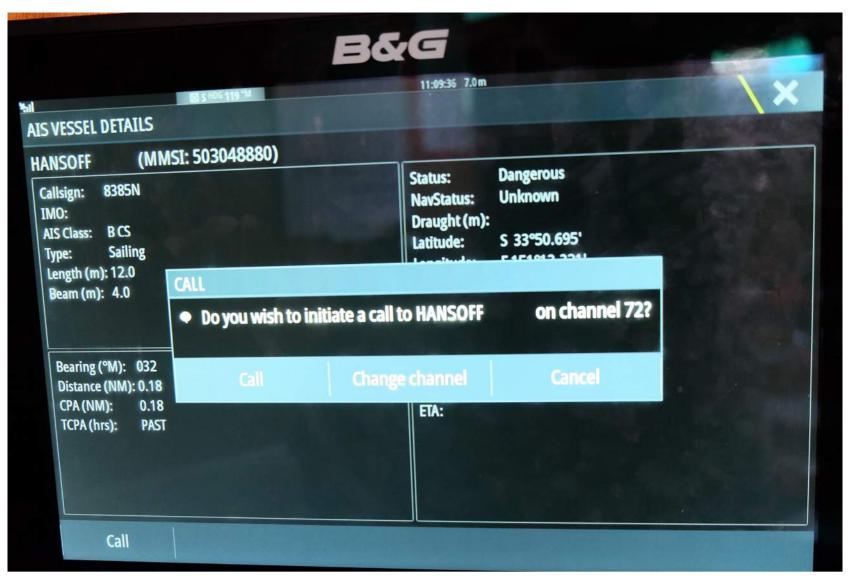
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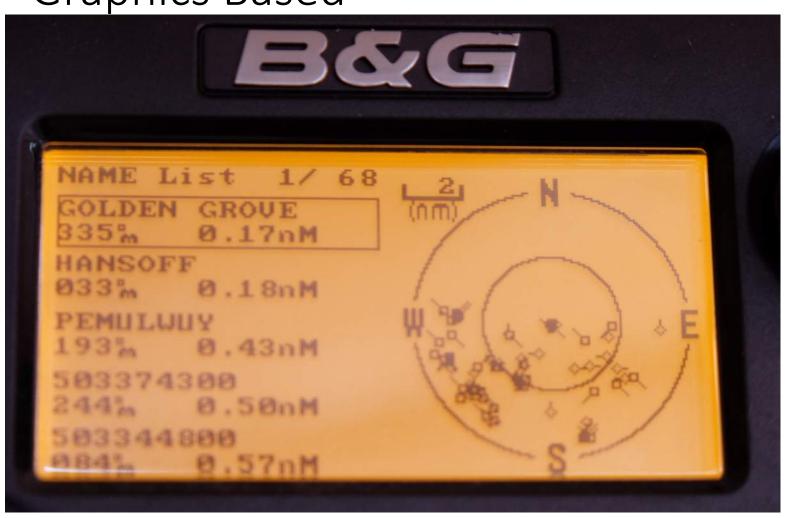
- Class A Commercial Ships over 300GT
- Class B Others vessels
- Receive only under \$300
  - They don't know where you are
- Transceivers \$600-\$1000
- Transmitted on VHF 87B/88B
- Split VHF Use a good splitter, preferably powered
- Dedicated antennae Compromised horizon

#### AIS – Text Based

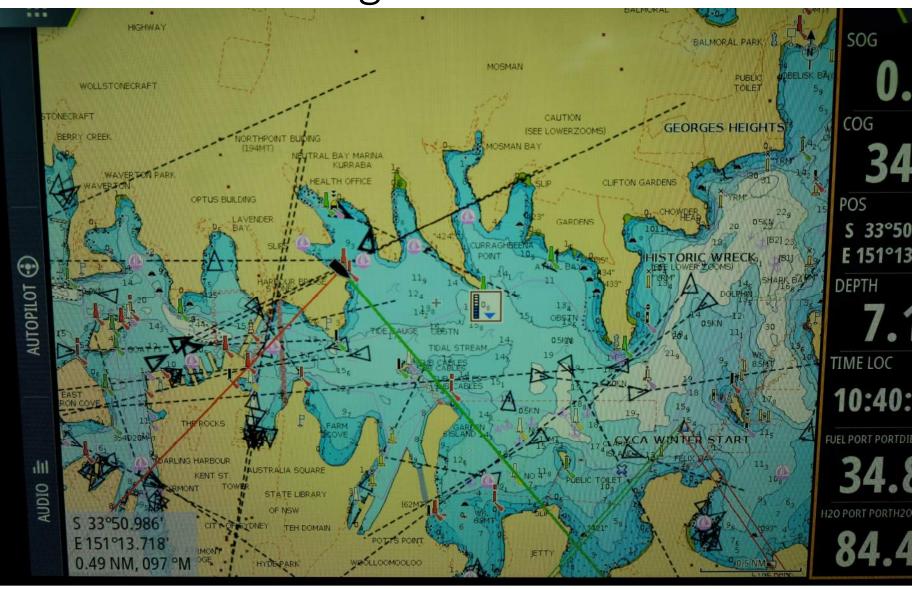




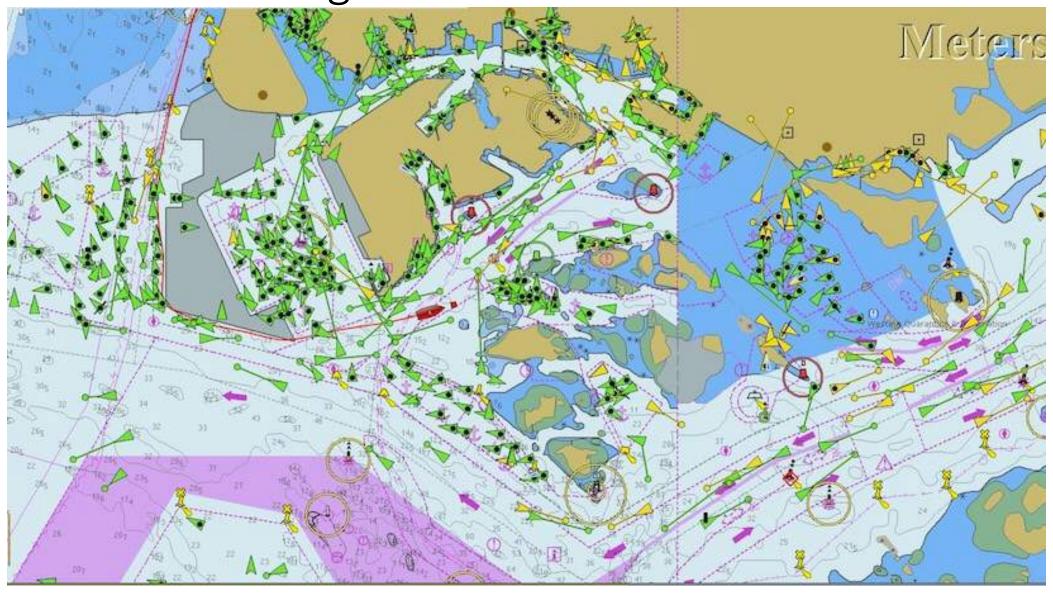
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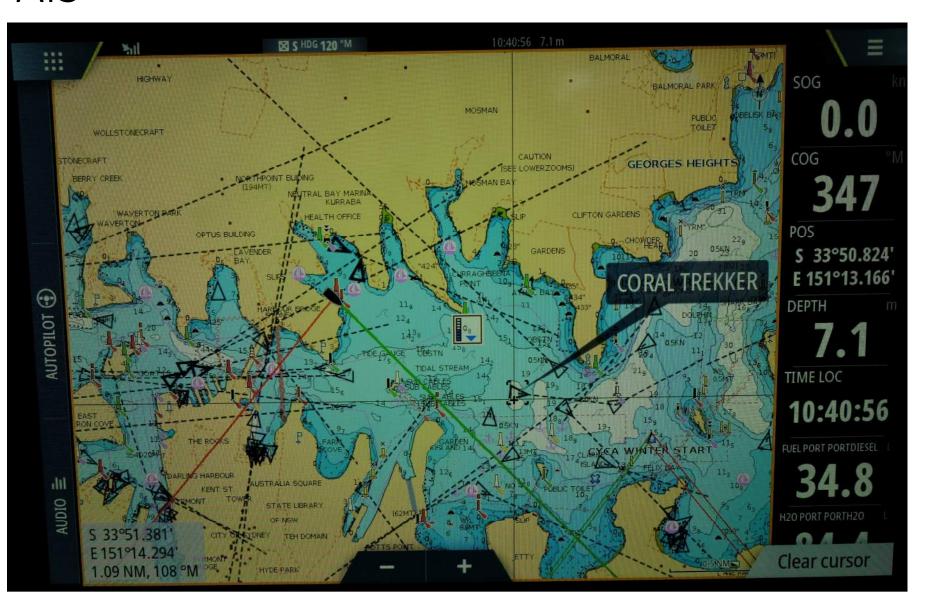


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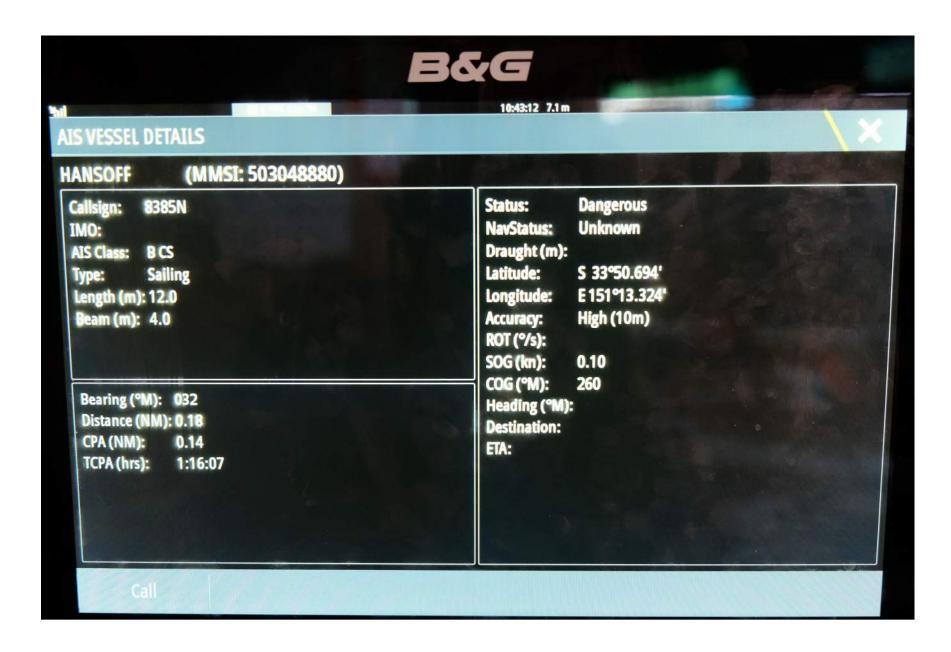


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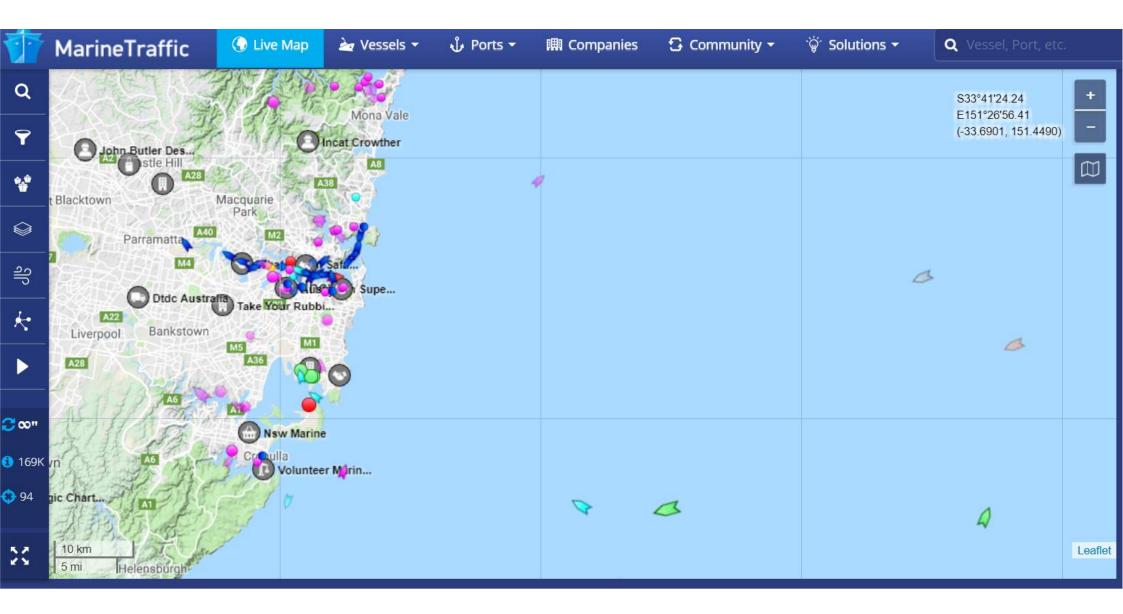




#### AIS VESSEL DETAILS BRITISH REGARD (MMSI: 235108532) Safe Callsign: Status: **21CI5** NavStatus: **Under engine** IMO: 9683063 Draught (m): 14.2 AIS Class: A Latitude: S 33°59.441' Tanker Type: E151°13.030' Length (m): 250 Longitude: **Accuracy:** Low Beam (m): 44.0 0.0 ROT (°/s): SOG (kn): 4.59 COG (°M): 298 Bearing (°M): 168 Heading (°M): 297 Distance (NM): 8.62 Destination: BOTANY BAY AUSTRALI CPA (NM): 6.64 23/09/2018 00:00 ETA: 1:11:55 TCPA (hrs):



## AIS - Online



### SART

- AIS transmit device
- Small personal device
- Appears on all AIS devices as an MOB



