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THRANE & THRANE LAUNCHES NEW AIS-SART AT SMM 2012

Leading GMDSS portfolio expands with new SAILOR safety beacon

Thrane & Thrane – a Cobham plc company – has launched a new, sophisticated and high quality Automatic Identification System-Search and Rescue Transmitter (AIS-SART). The new SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART is manufactured to the same high standards expected of all SAILOR equipment ensuring that it can operate in even the most extreme conditions. It introduces several operational benefits for shipping and SAR assets, and can be specified in place of the standard SART following a SOLAS amendment that came into force in January 2010.

Based on international standards, the SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART offers a number of improvements, not least increased detection range, over traditional SART technology, which uses radar to direct SAR vessels and aircraft to a life craft. Using AIS the SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART can provide surface vessels with its position at a range of approximately 5 miles whilst aircraft can locate the beacon at over 30 miles, depending on conditions.

The SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART provides over 96 hours of operation and features improved accuracy over standard SARTs by using a built-in GPS feature that continuously updates and calculates latitude and longitude bearing to distance of the target survival craft. It also offers better identification for SAR vessels and aircraft, because it has a unique 9 digit identification code, which means an individual AIS SART can be located even under situations of heavy AIS traffic in busy shipping lanes. Any activated SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART will show up with position and bearing on a vessels’ ECDIS or chart-plotter as a red cross in a circle, meaning it can immediately be identified as a life craft in distress.

Thrane & Thrane already holds an established leading position in the GMDSS market. The new SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART joins the existing SAILOR SART II, which is chosen by ship-owners either standalone, or as part of state-of-the-art GMDSS installations based on the SAILOR 6000 GMDSS Series.

“The introduction of the SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART to our portfolio means that we can offer both types of permitted life craft safety beacons,” comments Casper Jensen, VP Maritime Business Unit, Thrane & Thrane. “Vessel owners wishing to specify high quality SAILOR GMDSS equipment can now meet international requirements using standard SAILOR SARTs or AIS-SARTs alongside our market leading SAILOR 6000 GMDSS Series of VHF and MF/HF radios, mini-C terminals, EPIRBs, consoles and accessories.”
To learn more about the SAILOR 5051 AIS-SART and the Thrane & Thrane range of GMDSS, satellite and radio communication systems, visit the Thrane & Thrane SMM stand #407 in hall B6.

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