



How does IMO's Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS) treaty make a difference?

DISTRESS AND SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

SOLAS chapter IV sets out the requirements for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), which enables distress, urgency and safety communications at sea. The chapter determines the number and type of radio installations and equipment required on board, the provisions for their operation and maintenance, and the responsibilities of SOLAS Contracting Governments to provide the necessary shorebased infrastructure for the GMDSS.

