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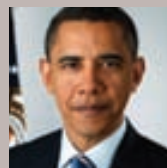
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Is there anything left in the tank for 2009-2010?

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between the ship and the office ashore. The TracPhone V7 provides telephone service that is available from any place on the Primula. The IP phone is Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT) with a slave sender in two positions in the vessel's staircase making it possible for the Master to always stay in contact.

BT&T Installs Helm

Boston Towing & Transportation (BTT) of East Boston upgraded their

dispatching and billing tracking to Helm Marine Operations Software in December 2008. Helm is designed and supported by Edoc Systems Group Ltd. "Helm is designed specifically with our industry in mind and was easy to learn. It has significantly decreased the amount of administrative time we put in at the office," said Dave Clark, Operations Manager at BTT.

Thrane & Thrane Distributes KVH

Under a new distribution agree-

ment KVH's TracPhone V7 system and the mini-VSAT Broadband service will become Thrane & Thrane's solution for maritime VSAT communications.

The TracPhone V7 system will be offered to the maritime community worldwide as a private labeled system under Thrane & Thrane's Sailor(R) brand. The TracPhone V7, a 24" antenna, delivers mini-VSAT Broadband service with data rates as fast as 2 Mbps shore-to-ship and 512 Kbps ship-to-shore.

Skymira Streamlines New EPA Vessel General Permit for Discharges Reporting With E-Forms

Marine companies are scrambling to comply with the with new vessel discharge reporting regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - and Skymira, a leading provider of turnkey business solutions, is assisting the maritime industry with its electronic forms service. On February 6, 2009 the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Vessel General Permit (VGP) for vessel discharges begins, impacting a broad cross-section of the maritime community. This set of requirements covers twenty-six types of vessel discharges for the purpose of minimizing their impact on surrounding waters. The new reporting entails daily vessel and barge inspections, along with other reporting such as corrective actions. Skymira is providing a tool to assist in compliance with the EPA reporting regulations using Skymira's electronic forms service. Skymira's electronic forms are used by inland, coastal and offshore maritime companies for a variety of vessel activity functions -- from daily logs and grocery/supply orders, to crew time sheets and required Coast Guard forms. Based on each company's specific needs, electronic forms offer a quick and simple low-cost solution for transmitting and centralizing operations information, using the most cost-effective cellular/satellite communication services. Maritime companies defining their new NPDES/VGP reporting procedures and forms can use the Skymira electronic form service to convert paper forms into electronic forms that transmit directly to a secure web-site for the company. These electronic forms can be stored both on the vessel and in the office to fulfill EPA records retention requirements. For more information, **Email: lund.r@skymira.com**

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