



## Crew Calling via Inmarsat

With Yacht crew spending long periods of time cruising in areas with poor communications, the options for calling home can be erratic, expensive or both. Calling Europe or Australia or New Zealand or South Africa from a boat in the Caribbean can be a hobby you really have to save up for.

But as the mobile phone networks struggle to gain true global coverage, and offer tariffs that are simple to understand, there is another option. Using Chatcard from Xantic, crew members can keep in touch with close ones by using the ship's Inmarsat communications, without the headache of accounting for calls and with the facility to top up the card remotely.

The cards can be used in conjunction with many different types of equipment and, in many scenarios on board large yachts, they can be cheaper to use than the GSM phone. Have a look at the figures below:

Platform	Units p/m	Price p/m	No. of mins on card	Connection units p/call	Connection fee p/call	Total cost p/min
Inmarsat B	24	\$3.36	21	13	\$1.82	\$3.45
Inmarsat M	25	\$3.50	20	13	\$1.82	\$3.59
Mini-M/Fleet	16	\$2.24	31	8	\$1.12	\$2.28
Happy hour*	10	\$1.40	50	5	\$0.70	\$1.41

\*Happy hour for B, M, Mini M & Fleet in all regions:

Weekdays: 20.00 – 06.00 (UTC-GMT)

Weekends: Fri 20.00 – Mon 06.00

From these figures, it is plain to see that communications via Inmarsat can be bought at a cheaper price than GSM communications in certain circumstances. And the beauty of this channel is that it gives true worldwide coverage.

Xantic Chatcards can be bought from e3 airtime, prices as follows:

500 Units \$70.00

250 Units \$35.00

If you would like more information, please contact e3 airtime as follows: