ACRONYMS

AC&I Acquisition, Construction & Improvement
ADS Automatic Dependent Surveillance
AMVER Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue system
AOR Atlantic Ocean Region
ARQ Acknowledge Request (SITOR handshaking mode)
ASP Acquisition & Support Plan
CAMSLANT Communications Area Master Station Atlantic
CAMSPAC Communications Area Master Station Pacific
CC Command Center (same as Operations Center)
CCIR International Radio Consultative Committee
               (Standards Committee of the ITU, renamed ITU
                Sector for Radiocommunications - ITU-R)
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
      33 CFR USCG navigation regulations
      47 CFR FCC regulations
      46 CFR USCG vessel regulations
CGDN Coast Guard Data Net
CMC COMSAT Mobile Corporation, a subsidiary of COMSAT
COMMSTAs Coast Guard Communication Stations
COMSAT Communications Satellite Corporation (U.S.
      Signatory to the INMARSAT Convention)
COSPAS Space System for Search of Distress Vessels (a
      Russian acronym)
CW Continuous Wave (i.e. Morse Code)
DSC Digital Selective Calling
DMA Defense Mapping Agency
DMAHTC Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic Topographic
      Center
DT Coast Guard District T Staff (see T)
EECEN Coast Guard Electronics Engineering Center,
       Wildwood NJ
EGC Enhanced Group Call (see SafetyNET)
EPIRB Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon
FCC Federal Communications Commission
FCMP Fleet Composite Broadcast (Honolulu)
FEC Forward Error Correcting (SITOR broadcast mode)
FOB FCC Field Operations Bureau
F/V Fishing Vessel
GDOC Geographical Display Operations Computer
GCMP Guam Composite Broadcast (no longer in operation)
GMDSS Global Maritime Distress & Safety System
HF High Frequency (3-30 MHz)
HYDROLANT U.S. broadcasts of Atlantic and Mediterranean
       Ocean navigational warnings
HYDROPAC U.S. broadcasts of Pacific and Indian Ocean
       navigational warnings
IHO International Hydrographic Organization
IMO International Maritime Organization (a U.N.
       Organization)
INMARSAT       International Maritime Satellite Organization
INMARSAT-B     Inmarsat mobile voice/data satellite terminal, replaces Inmarsat-A
INMARSAT-C     Inmarsat mobile data-only satellite terminal, also used to receive SafetyNET broadcasts
INMARSAT-E     Inmarsat EPIRB
INMARSAT-M     Inmarsat mobile voice satellite terminal (not GMDSS-compliant)
INMARSAT-F77   Inmarsat mobile voice/data satellite terminal
IOR            Indian Ocean Region
ITU            International Telecommunications Union (a U.N. Organization)
ITU-R          International Telecommunications Union Sector for Radiocommunications (old CCIR)
ITU-T          International Telecommunications Union Sector for Telecommunications (old CCITT)
JOTS           Joint Operability Targeting System
LANTAREA       Coast Guard Atlantic Area, New York NY
LCMP           Atlantic Composite Broadcast
MAYDAY         Distress signal
MEDICAL        Medical Transports, when preceded by urgency signal. Pronounced MAY-DEE-CAL.
MEDICO         Emergency Medical Communications
MET            Meteorological
METAREA        Meteorological Area (Defined by WMO) (same as NAVAREA)
MID            Maritime Identification Digits (3 digit country identifier preceding an MMSI)
MF             Medium Frequency (0.3-3 MHz)
MMSI           Maritime Mobile Service Identity (9-digit DSC identity)
MLB            Motor Lifeboat
MLC            Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistic Command
MSI            Maritime Safety Information
M/V            Motor Vessel
NAVAREA        Navigational Area (defined by IMO & IHO)
NAVGCN         Coast Guard Navigation Center, Alexandria VA
NAVTEX         Navigational Text (broadcast on 518 kHz)
NBDP           Narrow band direct printing (ITU name for SITOR)
NMA            COMMSTA Miami call sign (now keyed from CAMSLANT)
NMC            CAMSPAC Point Reyes call sign
NMEA           National Marine Electronics Association
NMF            COMMSTA Boston call sign
NMG            COMMSTA New Orleans call sign
NNM            CAMSLANT Portsmouth call sign
NMO            COMMSTA Honolulu call sign
NOAA           National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (under Dept of Commerce)
NOI            Notice of Inquiry
NOJ            COMMSTA Kodiak call sign
NPRM           Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NRV            COMMSTA Guam call sign (now keyed from CAMSPAC)
NRM            Notice to Mariners
NWS            National Weather Service (under NOAA)
NVIC           Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular
OBS            Meteorological observation reports
OE             Operating Expense
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<td>RTCM</td>
<td>Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (a non-profit organization)</td>
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<td>Imposed silence on distress channel (pronounced 'SEELONCE MAYDAY')</td>
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<td>SSB</td>
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<td>T or G-T</td>
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*The WLB acronym includes navigational warnings.