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## BROADBAND AFLOAT

**A new solution for on-board uploaders and downloaders**

Surrey-based satcom service providers NSSL have come up with a neat package deal that could be tailor-made for those who keep their boats in the Med, but who want to be able to stay in touch with the business back home and to send photos and emails back to the family.

It's called Cruise IP Light, and uses the Thuraya satellite system, transmitting and receiving through a dish aerial enclosed in a dome that is slightly smaller than a football and which, at only 2kg in weight, isn't really that much heavier!

There's no voice facility, but the new service offers data rates of

115kbps – not quite up to terrestrial broadband speeds, but way ahead of the old dial-up internet services. And it doesn't cost an arm and a leg: the

hardware is £2,175, with an activation fee of \$60 and monthly charges starting at \$55 (about £30) per month, including 5Mb of free data transfer. Other packages offer more 'free' data but, of course, you



**Dome and away:  
send data from the  
boat back home.**

pay more to start with. More details on this and other on-board data-transfer systems next month.

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