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The international satellite communications service provider NSSL, is supporting the world's fastest eco-boat in its attempt to smash the round the world speed record. Currently the record holder is the British boat 'Cable and Wireless Adventurer' which took the title in 1988 with a record time of 75 days. Eatrace is due to depart Sagunto, near Valencia in Spain on April 27th.

With an endeavour of this type, reliable communications are absolutely critical. Dependable communications equipment is needed to enable the crew to keep in contact with supporters, sponsors and family members, but more importantly, stay in contact with HQ and other port authorities in the event they need emergency help. Robust communications are essential given that Earthrace will be crossing the remotest oceans of the world where terrestrial communications do not exist. Even visiting ports may only offer poor terrestrial communications, so it is important the boat has an independent capacity to communicate.