



# User Guide



SkyMate VMS

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# Using the SkyMate VMS

# 1

This manual explains how to use your SkyMate VMS application.

## Introducing the VMS Data Services

The SkyMate VMS application provides the following data services:

### VMS Services

See “Using the NMFS-VMS Service” on page 9.

The SkyMate National Marine Fisheries Service Vessel Monitoring System (NMFS-VMS):

- Complies with the operating requirements specified in the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) program.
- Allows you to create and send activity reports and send periodic position reports from your vessel.
- Allows you to create and send scallop hail reports
- Allows you to create and send catch reports
- Allows you to create and send clam or quahog trip notifications

### Email Services

See “Using Email Services” on page 13.

- Automatically sends your email messages and receives email messages as they arrive.
- Fully-featured spam filter allows keyword filtering in subject lines, and allows mail from approved email addresses.
- Copies of all mail received and transmitted are kept on landside servers.
- File attachments not transmitted with the original message are accessible at a later time.
- Landside stored mail is accessible through your password protected account page at [www.skymate.com](http://www.skymate.com).

**FAX and Voice Services**

See “Using Voice/FAX Services” on page 18.

- The Voice/Fax feature allows you to type out an email message offshore and have it delivered to a phone or fax machine of your choice.
- Send important messages to individuals who do not have access to email, or fax orders for products or services before reaching your next port.
- Revolutionary text-to-speech technology automatically translates important email messages into voice messages for delivery to any phone number.

**Weather Services**

See “Using Weather Services” on page 19.

- SkyMate weather reports and forecasts enable you to react quickly to changing weather conditions because your individual weather forecasts are based on your exact GPS location.
- Get real-time forecasts with NEXRAD weather radar.
- Request precise daily forecasts and seven-day projections via email with important details like wave height, visibility, wind-speed and direction, and buoy reports.
- NOAA Atlantic and Pacific 24 hour Barometric, Surface, and Wind and Wave weather charts are available.
- All NOAA text forecasts are available, including coastal, offshore, high seas—even buoy reports.

**Position Services**

See “Using Position Services” on page 26.

- You can specify a list of email recipients to routinely receive your exact position, indicated on a MapTech™ color chart.

**Starting the VMS Application**

To start the VMS application:

- 1 Click the SkyMate icon on your desktop or go to Start>Programs>SkyMate.

See Figure 1-1 for a view of the initial welcome screen for the SkyMate VMS application.



**Figure 1-1.** Initial Welcome Screen for the SkyMate VMS

## Getting Familiar with the NMFS-VMS Main Screen

The NMFS-VMS main screen is shown in Figure 1-2. On the left side are the NMFS-VMS, Weather, Position, Email, FAX/Voice, System, and Exit buttons. To choose any one of these, click the button.

Clicking a button takes you to a screen with menu options. You can select the menu option using the tabs, or using the rollover function to select from a menu of options.

Clicking the NMFS-VMS button at any time takes you back to the NMFS-VMS main screen.

See Figure 1-2 for the main NMFS screen and for a view of the menu selection text.

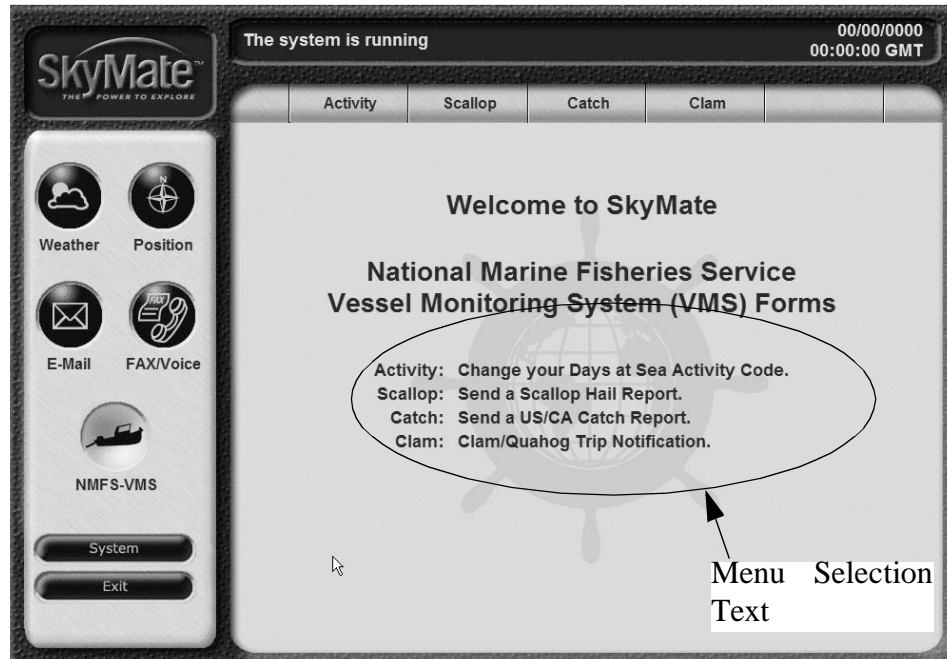


Figure 1-2. NMFS-VMS Screen Overview

## Getting Additional Information

You can get information by using the rollover function. Place your cursor over text on the screen. When the cursor changes to a question mark, additional information on the task is available. Select the text. To view the information. For example, from the main NMFS screen, try selecting the text "Activity Code". When the ? (question mark) appears, select the text. See Figure 1-3 for a view of these actions.



Move your cursor over the text. When the ? mark appears, select the text. The screen below appears, in this example.

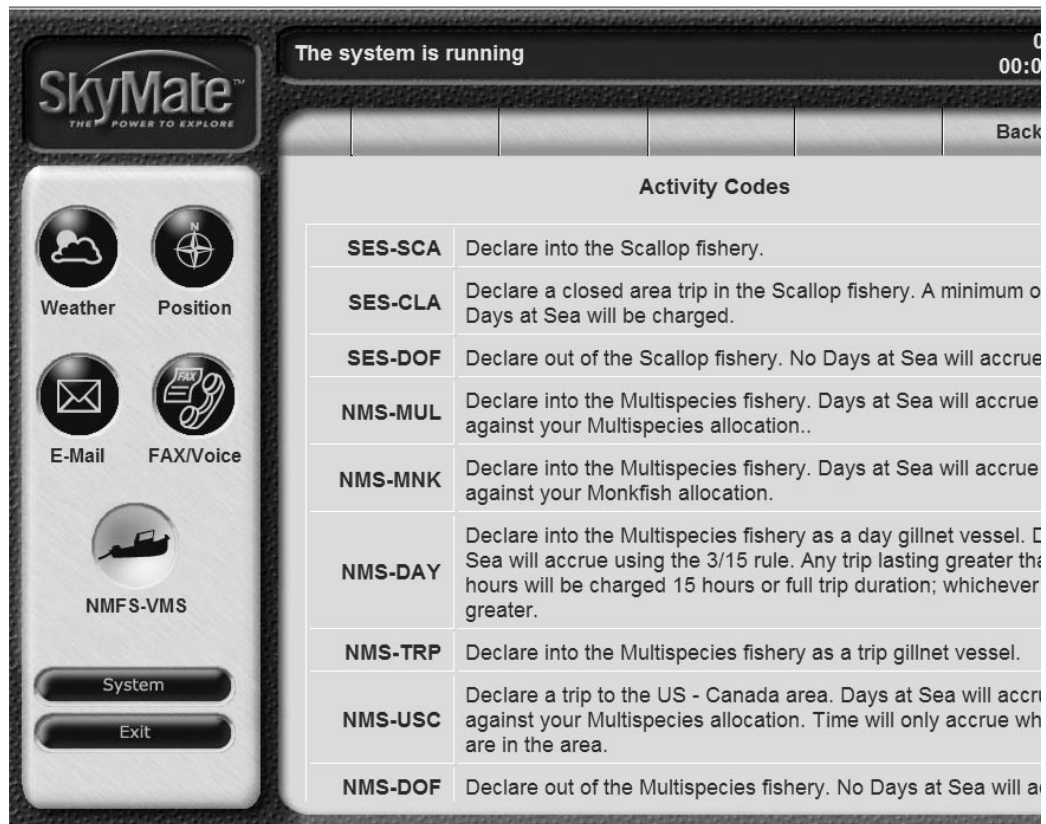


Figure 1-3. Getting Additional Information

## Verifying the System is Running

To verify that the system is running, note the message in the top of the Welcome screen, which provides the current status. Look for the message “The system is running”. See Figure 1-1.

## Using the NMFS-VMS Service

The NMFS-VMS services allow you to create and send activity reports and to automatically send periodic position reports.

## Activity Reports

Activity reports are sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service Vessel Monitoring System (NMFS-VMS). Activity reports can provide information on daily catches, species of fish or shellfish or both, and number of days at sea. You can:

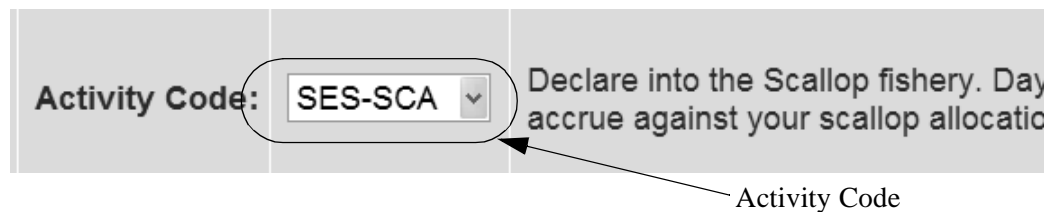
- Create and send an activity report
- Create and send a scallop hail report
- Create and send a catch report
- Create and send a clam or quahog trip notification

### Beginning an Activity Report

An activity report provides information about your fishing trip to the NMFS-VMS.

#### To begin an activity report:

- 1 Select the Activity tab in the NMFS-VMS Welcome screen or put your cursor over the text on the screen that provides an additional menu of choices. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the Activity tab and for the location of the additional menu of choices.



**Figure 1-4.** Selecting an Activity Code

- 2 After selecting the Activity tab, you can select different activity codes using the drop-down menu. Selecting an activity code brings up a description of each activity code. See Figure 1-4.
- 3 To select a different activity code, use the drop-down menu and select the appropriate activity code.
- 4 Some activity codes require that you enter data in the Area or Days or both fields. If this is required, these fields become active.

### Sending Activity Reports

You can send an activity report to provide information about your fishing trip to the NMFS-VMS.

#### To send an activity report:

- 1 Select the Send tab at the top of the screen.
- 2 A status message indicates that the e-mail is queued for delivery.

- 3 If you do not wish to send the report, select the Cancel tab.
- 4 To return to the main NMFS-VMS screen, click the NMFS-VMS button. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the NMFS-VMS button.

### Creating Scallop Hail Reports

You can create a scallop hail report that provides information about your scallop catch and send the report to the NMFS. See Figure 1-5 for a view of the Scallop Hail screen.

#### To create a Scallop Hail Report:

- 1 Select the scallop tab or put your cursor over the text on the screen that provides an additional menu of choices. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the Scallop tab and for the location of the additional menu of choices.
- 2 Enter the number of pounds.
- 3 Enter the logbook page number.
- 4 If an Observer is present on the trip, the Observer enters the number of Observer scallop meats.

### Sending Scallop Reports

- 1 Select the Send tab.
- 2 A status message indicates that the e-mail is queued for delivery.
- 3 If you do not wish to send the report, select the Cancel tab.
- 4 To return to the main NMFS-VMS screen, click the NMFS-VMS button. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the NMFS-VMS button.

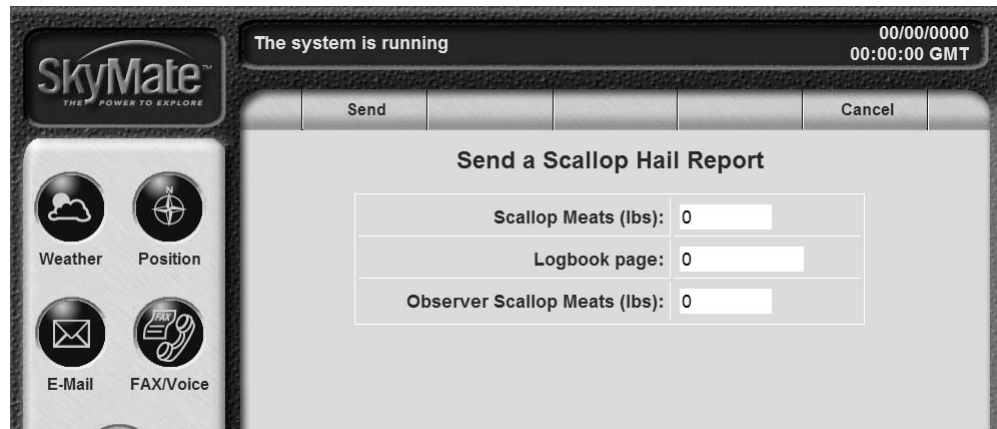


Figure 1-5. Scallop Hail Report Screen

### Creating Catch Reports

You can create a catch report that provides information about your catch and send the report to the NMFS-VMS.

**To create a catch report:**

- 1 Select the Catch tab or put your cursor over the text on the screen that provides an additional menu of choices. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the Catch tab and for the location of the additional menu of choices.
- 2 Enter the number of pounds for cod, haddock, or yellow tail, or enter the number of cod, haddock, or yellow tail.

**Sending Catch Reports**

- 1 Select the Send tab.
- 2 A status message indicates that the e-mail is queued for delivery.
- 3 If you do not wish to send the report, select the Cancel tab.
- 4 To return to the main NMFS-VMS screen, click the NMFS-VMS button. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the NMFS-VMS button.

**Creating a Clam or Quahog Trip Notification**

You can create a clam or quahog trip notification that provides information about your catch and send the report to the NMFS.

**To create a clam or quahog trip notification:**

- 1 Select the Clam/Quahog tab or put your cursor over the text on the screen that provides an additional menu of choices. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the Clam/Quahog tab and for the location of the additional menu of choices.
- 2 In the Message Type field, select a Message type. You can choose one of the following:  
Declaring a Trip  
Cancel/Postpone  
**NOTE** You must select a message type.
- 3 In the Name of Person field, enter the name.
- 4 In the Departure Port field, enter the departure port.
- 5 In the Departure State field, select a Departure State using the drop-down menu.
- 6 In the Departure Date field, enter the departure date. The default that is automatically entered is the current date. Make sure this date is correct.
- 7 In the Departure Time field, enter the departure time. The default that is automatically entered is the current date. Make sure this date is correct.
- 8 In the Landing Port field, enter the landing port.
- 9 In the Landing State field, select a Departure State using the drop-down menu.
- 10 In the Landing Date field, enter the landing date.
- 11 In the Landing Time field, enter the landing time.

## Sending the Clam or Quahog Trip Notification

- 1 Select the Send tab.
- 2 A status message indicates that the e-mail is queued for delivery.
- 3 If you do not wish to send the trip notification, select the Cancel tab.
- 4 To return to the main NMFS-VMS screen, click the NMFS-VMS button. See Figure 1-2 for the location of the NMFS-VMS button.

## Using Email Services

You can send and receive email using your SkyMate VMS application. When you receive an email message in your SkyMate account, the message is forwarded over the satellite system to your SkyMate Communicator.



Figure 1-6. Email Welcome Screen

### To use the email program:

- 1 Click the E-Mail button to open the email screen. See Figure 1-6 for the location of the E-Mail button.
- 2 Select a tab from the top of the email screen or rollover the text on the screen. See Figure 1-7 for an example of selecting a menu option using the rollover function.



**Figure 1-7.** Using the Text Rollover

You can:

- Select the Write tab to begin composing a message.
- Select the Inbox tab to look at the messages you have received.
- Select the Address Book tab to review your list of contacts.
- Select the Sent tab to review messages you have sent.
- Select the Fetch tab to configure the option to retrieve email from any POP3 mailbox.

When a message is received from the satellite to your Communicator, the amber LED on the Communicator and the message light indicator illuminates, indicating a message has been received and is held in memory. If the SkyMate VMS application is running and your PC is connected to your Communicator, the message is automatically transferred to your PC and the lights go out. To check the message, open the Inbox in your email application.

### Composing Messages

- 1 Select the Write tab.
- 2 Add the recipients in the To field. You can select an address by clicking on an item in the address list to automatically add that recipient or manually add addresses separated by commas.
 

**NOTE** All addresses in the Address book show up in the address list.
- 3 Compose your message.
- 4 Make sure that the SkyMate Communicator is powered on and is connected to the PC.
- 5 Select the Send button to send the message to the communicator.
- 6 After sending the message to the Communicator, you can disconnect or turn off your computer.

### **Opening the Inbox**

- 1 Select the Inbox tab to open and view your inbox. Unread emails are in bold font.
- 2 Once you open your inbox, you can view the messages by selecting the message. You can choose from the following options:
  - Delete Delete the message
  - Save Save the message
  - Reply Reply to the message
  - Back Return to the previous screen

### **Opening the Address Book**

- 1 Select the Address Box tab to open your address book.
- 2 Once you open your address book, you can:
  - View your saved email addresses.
  - Edit your address book. Enter each address on a separate line and click save to save your changes.
  - Select the Cancel tab if you do not wish to edit your address book.

### **Viewing Sent Messages**

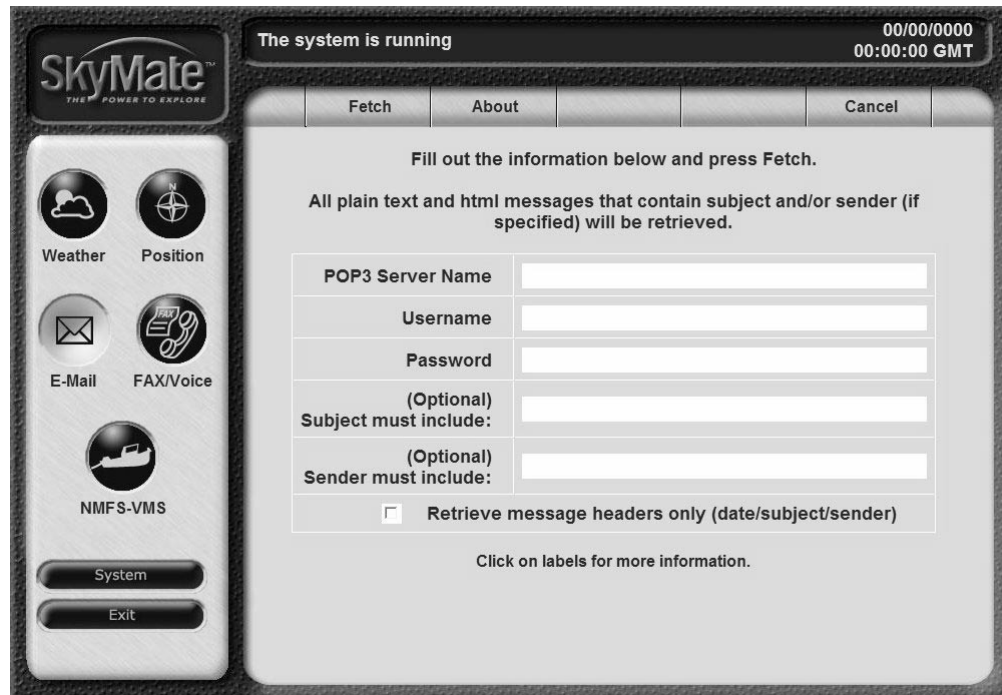
- 1 Select the Sent tab to view messages you have sent or to delete them.
- 2 Once you select the Sent tab, you can:
  - Delete all sent messages
  - Choose the Back tab to return to the previous screen.

### **Using the Fetch Option**

You can use your SkyMate Communicator to retrieve email from any POP3 mailbox by specifying the account details in the Fetch page.

#### **To use the Fetch option:**

- 1 Select the Fetch tab. See Figure 1-8.



**Figure 1-8.** Fetch Options

- 2 Specify the account details including:
  - Server name
  - Username
  - Password
  - Optional keyword for subject line

**IMPORTANT** This keyword is case sensitive and must be present in the subject line of a message for the message to be forwarded to your boat. Only one keyword is allowed in this field.

- Optional list of email addresses; if included, you will receive email only from this list

**IMPORTANT** Do not hit Enter or use spaces anywhere. Enter the list separated by commas. An example of an email list entry follows:

user@skymate.com,user2@skymate.com,user3@skymate.com

**NOTE** If you have questions concerning the account details of your POP3 email account, contact the system administrator of your email account.

- Retrieve message headers only; if checked, you will only receive the date, the subject, and the sender

### Configuring Your Email Account

You can configure your email account to allow only specific messages to be forwarded to your boat, either by specifying a keyword that must be present in the subject line of an

email message, or by creating a mail list of approved email addresses.

**To configure your email account:**

- 1 Log on to your account page on the SkyMate website at:  
www.skymate.com
- 2 Enter your username and password.
- 3 Go to Subscriber Services>Options> Mail Options.
- 4 Choose Spam Options.
- 5 Enter a keyword in the subject filter field on the web site.

**IMPORTANT** This keyword is case sensitive and must be present in the subject line of a message for the message to be forwarded to your boat. Only one keyword is allowed in this field.

- 6 You can also specify that mail is forwarded only from an approved list of email addresses that you specify. Go to the Sender filter field.
- 7 Add multiple email addresses separated by commas.

**IMPORTANT** Do not hit Enter or use spaces anywhere. Text entered in this field wraps automatically.

An example of an email list entry follows:

user@skymate.com,user2@skymate.com,user3@skymate.com,user4@skymate.com,user5@skymate.com,user6@skymate.com

- 8 Click the Submit button to save your changes.

Email that does not contain the keyword, or that is not from a sender on your approved list, is held in your account and can be retrieved using an ordinary Internet connection.

**Setting up a Group Address List**

If you frequently send mail to the same group of email addresses, you can set up a group address.

**To set up a Group Address List:**

- 1 From a computer connected to the Internet, open:  
www.skymate.com
- 2 Log in using your username and password.
- 3 Go to Subscriber Services>Options>Mail options.
- 4 Enter a name in the Mailing List Name field such as Friends, for example. The mailing list name must be a minimum of four characters.
- 5 Add the email addresses of your mailing list members, separated by commas, in the Mail List Members field.

**IMPORTANT** Do not hit Enter or use spaces anywhere. Text entered in this field

wraps automatically.

An example of an email list entry follows:

user@skymate.com,user2@skymate.com,user3@skymate.com,user4@skymate.com,user5@skymate.com,user6@skymate.com

- 6 Click the Submit button to save your mail list.
- 7 When you compose an email message, enter the mailing list name in the To: field of your email message.

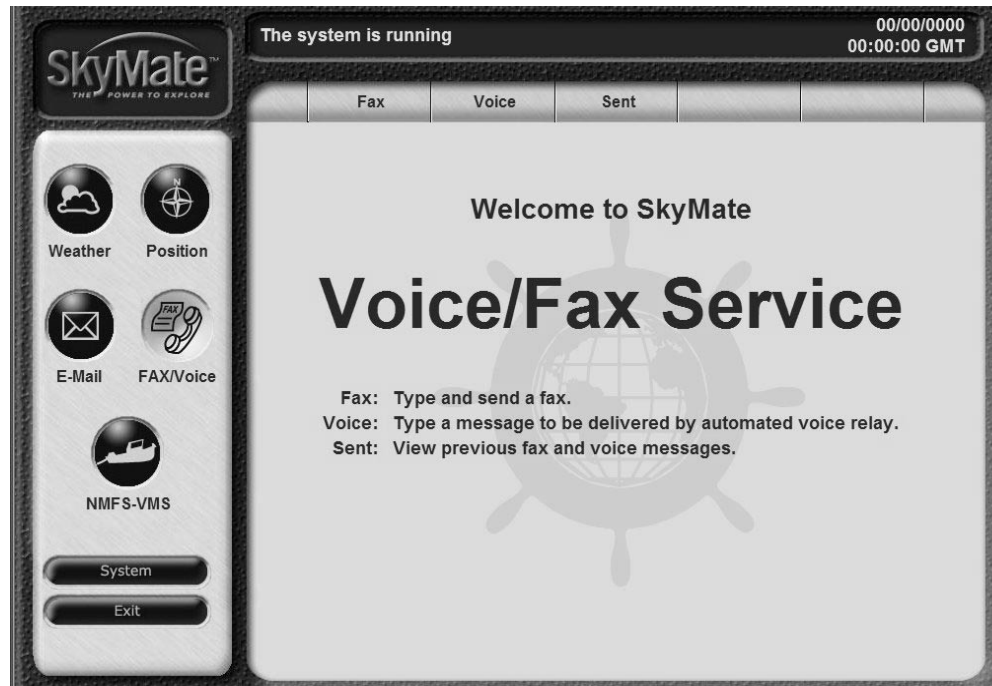
**NOTE** The mail list name can not be entered in your address book.

## Using Voice/FAX Services

Your SkyMate VMS application provides a Voice/FAX feature that allows you to compose an email message offshore and have it delivered to a phone or fax machine of your choice. Revolutionary text-to-speech technology automatically translates important email messages into voice messages for delivery to any phone number. Voice and Fax message copies are stored landside, accessible through your password protected account page at [www.skymate.com](http://www.skymate.com).

### To Use FAX and Voice Messaging:

- 1 Open the Fax/Voice message page. See Figure 1-9.



**Figure 1-9.** FAX and Voice Welcome Screen

- 2 Choose the FAX, Voice, or Sent menu options.

**To send a FAX:**

- 1 Select the FAX tab.
- 2 Fill in the telephone number for the FAX machine and fill out the message field.
- 3 Click Send.
- 4 Click Cancel if you do not wish to send the FAX.

**To send a Voice Message:**

- 1 Fill in the telephone number.
- 2 Fill in the field that identifies the recipient.
- 3 Fill out the message field.
- 4 Click Send.
- 5 Click Cancel if you do not wish to send the voice message.
- 6 You can view your sent messages by clicking the Sent tab from the FAX/Voice screen.

Your message is delivered to the fax or voice telephone number you specify.

## Using Weather Services

Your SkyMate VMS application provides weather forecasts in text, graphics, or table formats. You can also save and access weather reports in your inbox and view the weather request log.

The type of weather report and the weather format recommended depends upon your location.

- See Table 1-1 through Table 1-2 on page 20 for an explanation of the text options.
- See Table 1-3 through Table 1-4 on page 21 for an explanation of the graphics options.
- See Table 1-5 through Table 1-6 on page 22 for an explanation of the table options.

**Text Report Types and Recommended Report Types Based on Location**

The following tables provide information on text report types and recommendations for the type of weather report to choose in text format based on your location. An asterisk in the column indicates the recommended choice.

**Table 1-1.** Text Report Types Overview

Forecast Type	Data source	Content	Update frequency	Valid Regions	Character Count Per Report
Coastal	NOAA forecasters	Text forecast of wind and wave, precipitation	6 hours	US Coastal to 15 miles offshore	300-500
Offshore	NOAA forecasters	Text forecast of wind and wave, precipitation	6 hours	US Coast to 200 miles offshore	500-2000
High Seas	NOAA forecasters	Synopsis and forecast including tropical and hurricane	8 hours	Northwest Atlantic & Northeast Pacific	500-2000
Buoy Reports	Buoy telemetry	Wind and wave speed and direction, air and water temperature and barometric pressure	Hourly	US Coastal, Great Lakes, Hawaii, Canada, Caribbean, and UK	500

**Table 1-2.** Text Report Types Based on Location

Forecast Type	US inland and coastal up to 15 miles offshore	US Offshore 15-150 miles	Northwest Atlantic and Northeast Pacific	Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico	Bahamas	Hawaii	All waters worldwide over 15 miles offshore
Coastal	*						
Offshore		*		*	*	*	
High Seas		*	*	*	*	*	
Buoy Reports	*	*		*		*	

### Graphic Report Types and Recommended Report Types Based on Location

The following tables provide information on graphic report types and recommendations for the type of weather report to choose in graphic format based on your location. An asterisk in the column indicates the recommended choice.

**Table 1-3.** Graphics Report Types Overview

Forecast Type	Data source	Content	Update frequency	Valid Regions	Character Count Per Report
NEXRAD	Radar stations	Precipitation location and intensity	5 minutes	US continental to 100 miles offshore	250-1000
NOAA Charts	NOAA forecasters	Wind/Wave, 500 millibar, Surface forecast	8 hours	Northwest Atlantic and Northeast Pacific	1500-5000

**Table 1-4.** Graphics Report Types Based on Location

Forecast Type	US inland and coastal up to 15 miles offshore	US Offshore 15-150 miles	Northwest Atlantic and Northeast Pacific	Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico	Bahamas	Hawaii	All waters worldwide over 15 miles offshore
NEXRAD	*	*					
NOAA Charts		*	*		*	*	

## Table Report Types and Recommended Report Types Based on Location

The following tables provide information on table report types and recommendations for the type of weather report to choose in table format based on your location. An asterisk in the column indicates the recommended choice.

**Table 1-5.** Table Report Types Overview

Forecast Type	Data source	Content	Update frequency	Valid Regions	Character Count Per Report
Atmospheric	NOAA models	Wind speed and direction, temperature, barometric pressure, precipitation, thunderstorms	8 hours	Global	300-900
Wind and Wave (Atlantic and Pacific)	NOAA models	Wind speed and direction Wave speed, direction, and period	8 hours	Northwest Atlantic and Northeast Pacific	200-600
Wind and Wave (Southern Hemisphere)	NOAA models	Wind speed and direction Wave speed, direction, and period	8 hours	Global, over 15 miles offshore	200-600

**Table 1-6.** Table Report Types Based on Location

Forecast Type	US inland and coastal up to 15 miles offshore	US Offshore 15-150 miles	Northwest Atlantic and Northeast Pacific	Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico	Bahamas	Hawaii	All waters worldwide over 15 miles offshore
Atmospheric	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Offshore Wind and Wave		*	*	*	*	*	
Southern Hemisphere Wind and Wave							*

**To Get Weather Forecasts:**

- 1 Open the Weather forecast page. See Figure 1-10 for a view of the weather screen.



**Figure 1-10.** Weather Screen Options

- 2 Once you open the Weather screen, you can:
  - Select the Text tab to get weather report in text format.
  - Select the Graphics tab to get a weather report in graphic format.
  - Select the Tables tab to get a weather report in a table format.
  - Select the Inbox tab to view weather reports you have received.
  - Select the Log tab to view a weather log.

**To Request a Weather Report in Text Format:**

- 1 Select the text tab.
- 2 Select the type of weather report, one of:
  - Coastal
  - Offshore
  - High Seas
  - Buoy
- 3 Click on an area on the screen to select your location. There may be multiple screens. Continue until you see the following screen:

You have requested weather information from NOAA. To confirm this request, press Send. Otherwise, press Cancel.

- 4 Select Send to send your weather report in text format.
  - 5 Select Cancel if you do not wish to send the weather report.
  - 6 To select another type of weather report, select the appropriate tab.
- See Figure 1-11 for a view of this screen and a description of these options.

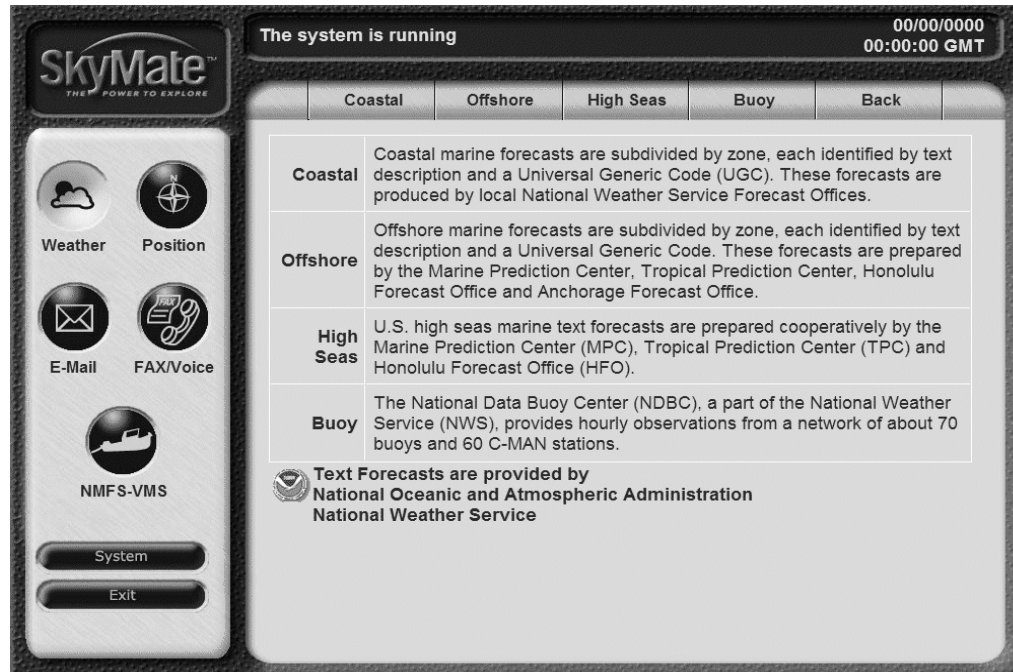


Figure 1-11. Text Tab Options for Weather

### Getting a Weather Report in Graphic Format

See Graphic Report Types and Recommended Report Types Based on Location on page 21 for an explanation of this option.

When you select the Graphic tab, you can:

- 1 Select the NEXRAD or the Charts tab.

### Getting NEXRAD Location Information

- 1 Select the NEXRAD tab.
- 2 Select the vessel location tab or select your location from the map.
- 3 When the location is selected, the following information is available:
  - Latitude:
  - Longitude:
  - Range: Select the desired range using the drop-down menu.
  - Quality: Select the desired quality of the image using the drop down menu.

See Figure 1-12 for a view of this screen and a description of these options.

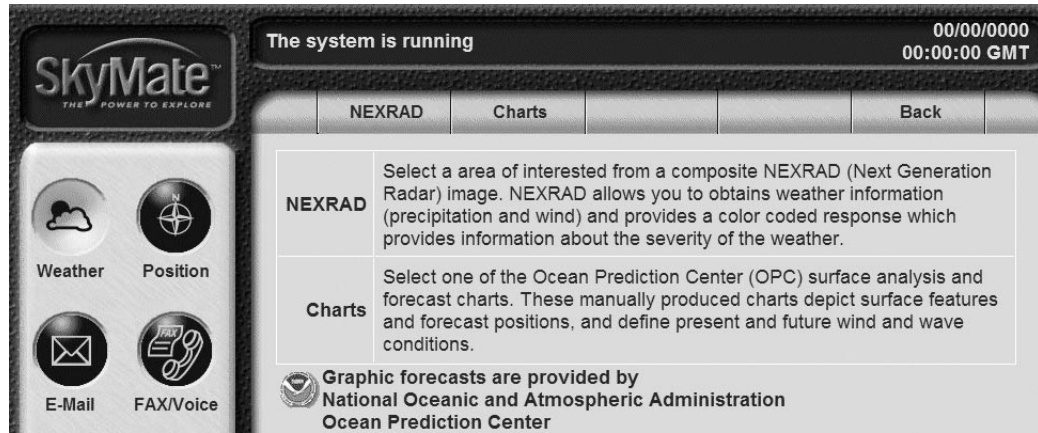


Figure 1-12. Graphic Tab Options for Weather

### Getting Weather Information in Chart Format

- 1 Select the Chart tab.
- 2 Select either the Pacific or the Atlantic tab.
- 3 A forecast chart is provided.
- 4 Choose from the following options:
  - Send Send the position report.
  - About Provides a description of the forecast chart.
  - Back Return to the previous screen.

See Figure 1-12 for a view of this screen and a description of these options.

### Getting Weather Report Information in Table Format

The tables tab provides weather information in tabular form. See Table Report Types and Recommended Report Types Based on Location on page 22 for an explanation of this option.

#### To Get a Weather Report in Table Format:

- 1 From the main weather screen, click the tables tab.

Clicking the tables tab allows the following options:

- Weather Model Defines the type of weather model to be used.
  - Length of forecast Defines the length of forecast in days.
  - Units Defines the unit of measurement
  - Latitude Defines the latitude
  - Longitude Define the longitude
- 2 Select the Send tab to send the weather report.
  - 3 Select the About tab to get information on weather information in tabular format.

- 4 Select the Cancel tab if you do not wish to send the report.

### Receiving the Weather Reports

Once you select the type and format of your weather report and send the request, either look for the response in the inbox or check to see if the message light is illuminated and run SkyMate again to retrieve the weather report.

Look for the response in the weather inbox of the main weather screen within 5 to 30 minutes.

**NOTE** Unread weather reports are in bold font.

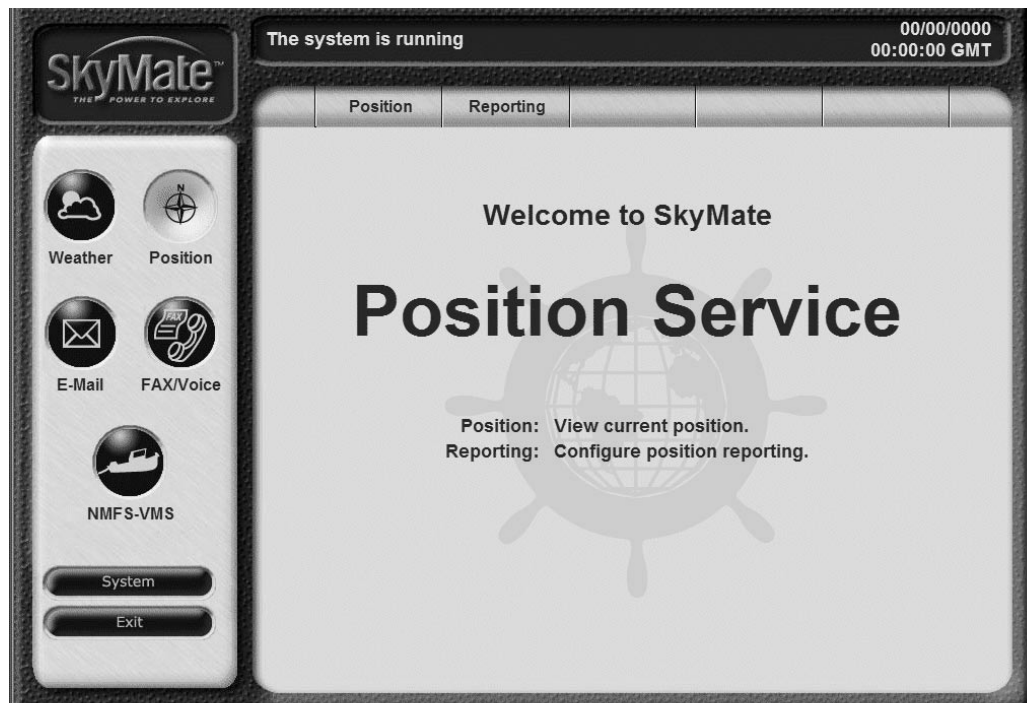
### Viewing the Log

The log tab provide a list of the weather reports you have requested.

- 1 Click the log tab to view a list of weather reports you have requested.

## Using Position Services

Your SkyMate VMS application allows you to view your current position. See Figure 1-13 for a view of the Position Service screen.



**Figure 1-13.** Position Report Screen

To View your current position:

- 1 Click the Position button. See Figure 1-13.
- 2 Select the Position tab to view your current position.

- 3 Select the Back tab to return to the previous screen.

Your SkyMate VMS application automatically sends periodic position reports. You can also specify a list of email recipients who will receive your position reports.

To enter a list of email addresses for sending position reports:

- 1 Select the Reporting tab to specify how often you would like the reports to be sent.
- 2 Enter the list of email recipients in the address field.

**IMPORTANT** Do not hit Enter or use spaces anywhere. Text entered in this field wraps automatically.

An example of an email list entry follows:

user@skymate.com,user2@skymate.com,user3@skymate.com,user4@skymate.com,user5@skymate.com,user6@skymate.com

## SkyMate VMS Configuration

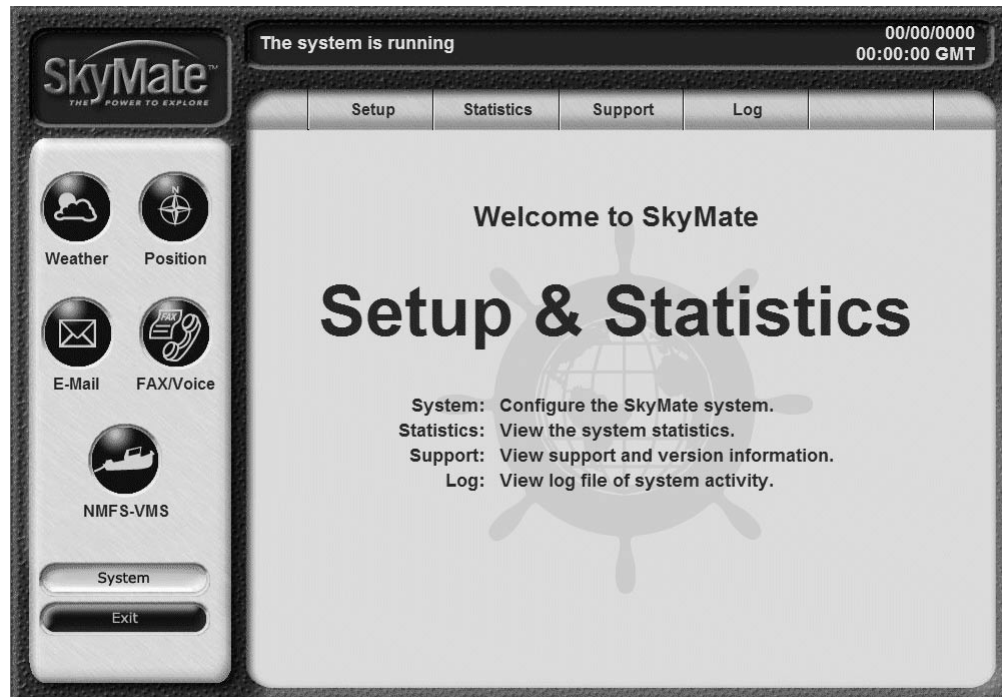
Your SkyMate VMS application is configured by default for the following options:

Acknowledge Message Delivery Not set  
Maximum Message Length 1000 characters  
Allow Yahoo Alerts Yes

### Changing the Default Configuration

To change the default configuration:

- 1 From the main screen, click the System button.
- 2 Click the Setup tab. See Figure 1-14.



**Figure 1-14.** System Screen Option

- 3 Enter the desired changes.

### Changing the Statistics Configurations

When you select the Statistics tab, you have the following options:

- Reset    Reset the character count
- About    Get more information about the Statistics options
- Back    Return to the previous screen

### Getting Support Information

- 1 From the main system screen, select the Support tab.
- 2 You will see a screen listing the system information.
- 3 If you need support, click the Send button to send the system information to SkyMate support staff.

### Getting Log Information

- 1 From the main system screen, click the Log tab.
- 2 You will see a screen listing the current log information.

### Confirming Message are Transmitted to the Communicator

- 1 Open the System>Statistics page.

- 2 Check the *Number of characters sent* field.

The communicator automatically transmits the message via satellite and holds the message until delivery to the mail gateway is confirmed.

### Getting Message Confirmations

- 1 Open the System>Setup page.
- 2 Put a checkmark on the acknowledge message delivery box.
- 3 Request that a message confirmation is sent to your mailbox when the message is received by the ORBCOMM message gateway.

## Configuring SkyMate for Yahoo Content

You can configure your SkyMate to receive Yahoo! content such as stocks, weather, news, sports, horoscopes, etc. Please contact support@skymate.com or call 866-skymate if you have questions about setting up your Yahoo! content delivery.

### Configuring Alerts

- 1 If the SkyMate software is not already running, double-click on the SkyMate icon to open the application.

**NOTE** By default, your SkyMate is configured with Yahoo alerts on.

- 2 Go to Setup and click System.
- 3 Click the Allow Yahoo! Alerts box.
- 4 Click Save.

Your system is now configured to receive Yahoo! alerts as specified during the setup process.

To stop receiving alerts on your SkyMate, uncheck the Allow Yahoo! Alerts box under Setup, System. This will not stop the alerts from coming to your SkyMate Webmail inbox; this will only stop the alerts from going to your SkyMate (thus avoiding character charges).

To stop receiving alerts completely, go to <http://mobile.yahoo.com>, and cancel the mobile alerts you selected.

### Establishing a Yahoo Account

- 1 If you do not already have a Yahoo account, go to:  
[www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com).
- 2 Click Sign In.
- 3 Click Sign up now.
- 4 Complete the Sign up for your Yahoo! ID form.
  - All fields are required, except for Activate Yahoo! Mail and Send me special offers, promotions, and research surveys from selected Yahoo! partners through

- Yahoo! Delivers. These fields are optional and are not required for sending Yahoo! alerts to your SkyMate.
- Any email address may be used for Alternate Email.
- 5 Click Submit This Form after completing all fields.
    - If there were errors or uncompleted fields in your form, you will be prompted to re-submit the form.
    - Once the form is submitted successfully, you will receive the Registration: Please Activate Your Account screen.
  - 6 Check your SkyMate email account by going to [www.skymate.com](http://www.skymate.com) and selecting Subscriber Services.
  - 7 Enter your Username and Password.
  - 8 Go to Webmail and access your SkyMate email account.
  - 9 Open the email from Yahoo! Member Services.
  - 10 Click on the link Important! Click here to activate your new account.
    - You will see the Yahoo! Account Information: Email Verification screen.
  - 11 Enter your Yahoo! Password and click Verify.
    - You will receive the notice that Your alternate email address has been verified.
  - 12 Click Continue to Yahoo!
  - 13 Click Sign In and enter your Yahoo! ID and Password.

### **Configuring SkyMate as a Mobile Device**

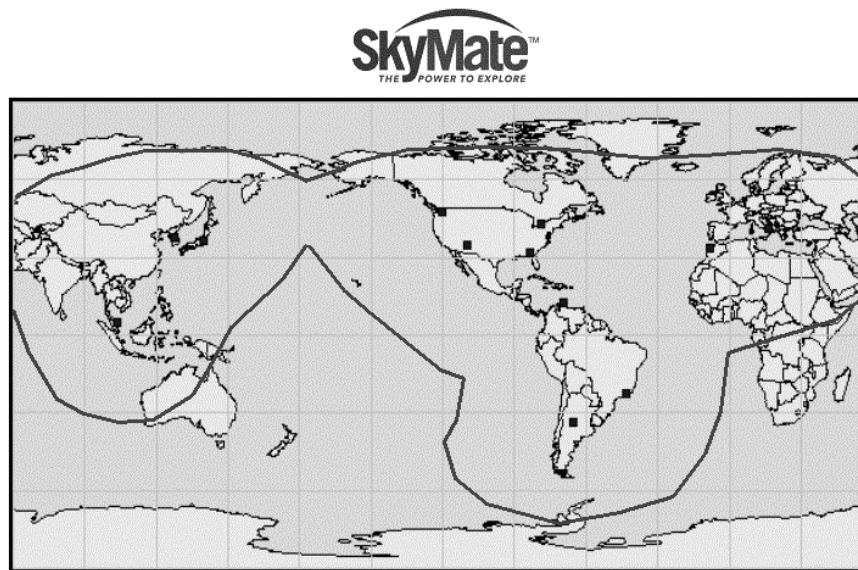
- 1 Go to:  
<http://mobile.yahoo.com>
- 2 Select My Mobile.
- 3 Select Add a New Device.
- 4 For Device Type, select Alphanumeric pager.
- 5 Enter a Device Name.
- 6 Select a Message Limit (per day).
- 7 Select Next.
- 8 Enter your skymate.com email address in Phone Email Address.
- 9 Select Next.  
Yahoo! mails a confirmation code to the email address you entered.
- 10 Go to Webmail and access your SkyMate email account.
- 11 Open the email from [y-alerts@yahoo-inc.com](mailto:y-alerts@yahoo-inc.com).
- 12 Enter the confirmation code from the email.
- 13 Select Finish.

### Enabling Yahoo! Alerts

- 1 Select Alerts from:  
<http://mobile.yahoo.com>
- 2 Choose one or more alerts you would like sent to your SkyMate. When configuring the alert, be sure to select the Mobile Device you configured above.

### Coverage

The coverage map in Figure 1-15 identifies where SkyMate services are available. Please contact [support@skymate.com](mailto:support@skymate.com) if you plan to leave the area surrounding the United States, as you must have authorization to receive service in other locations.



Global Satellite Service Area

Figure 1-15. Global Satellite Service Area

### Exiting the VMS Application

To exit the VMS application:

- 1 Select the Exit button. See “Initial Welcome Screen for the SkyMate VMS” on page 7 for the location of the exit button.

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## **Using the SkyMate VMS** Exiting the VMS Application

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