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## **SkyMate can now be used with the SI-TEX NavStar MFD display.**

**Commercial fishermen can now meet NOAA VMS requirements by using the SkyMate I1500 VMS and a SI-TEX NavStar MFD as the dedicated display.**

SkyMate now integrates with leading electronics manufacturer SI-TEX to provide fishermen VMS compliance. The SI-TEX NavStar MFD (Multi-Function-Display) now meets NOAA requirements as an approved dedicated display for VMS.

*“SkyMate has always been committed to providing the simplest, most open, user interface experience possible for fishermen. Our announcement about our SI-TEX partnership is a notable example of this.*

*Owners of SkyMate I1500 VMS systems can now use SI-TEX NavStar MFDs as their display.*

*We keep it simple and good things happen.”*

*Pat McGrath, Vice President, SkyMate*

SkyMate provides NMFS type approved Vessel Monitoring System that automatically determines a vessel's position and transmits that position to a NMFS-approved communications provider. The Communications service provider receives the transmission and relays it to the National Marine Fisheries Service. On board the vessel the SI-TEX NavStar MFD provides the interface.





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*“By integrating the new SI-TEX NavStar unit with the Skymate I1500 VMS system, Commercial Fishermen now have a rugged easy to use option for entering information into the NMFS VMS that is much better than what was previously available. The NavStar unit also features GPS Chart Plotter, Echo Sounder, and Radar capability all in one package.”*

*Allen Schneider, Vice President Sales and Marketing, SI-TEX*

Additional SkyMate features like Email, SMS texts, Weather forecasts and more can also be accessed on the SI-TEX NavStar MFD. Existing customers with I Series equipment will benefit from this integration and can interface with their satellite systems using the SI-TEX NavStar MFD.

**About SkyMate:**

Based in Reston, Virginia SkyMate is a technology company that specializes in using advanced engineering to simplify satellite communications. They have developed proprietary software that allows for sophisticated satellite signal compression that maximizes data transfer while keeping air time costs down.

**About SI-TEX:**

Based in Long Island, NY For nearly 40 years, mariners around the world have trusted SI-TEX to deliver proven technology and rugged, reliable marine electronics that perform in real-world conditions. Whether it's for a hard-working commercial boat, sportfishing yacht, inshore skiff, power cruiser, or sailing vessel, SI-TEX produces a variety of proven products for the job. SI-TEX offers a full line of electronics to meet the demands of today's boater including professional-grade radar systems, high-performance echosounders, MFD chartplotter/sounder/radars, precision GPS navigation systems, heading sensors, autopilots, VHF communications and more. Every SI-TEX product is backed by the company's 2-Year Warranty and Long Island, New York-based Service Department for peace of mind and superior customer service.

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