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**SKYMATE SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC
Coverage area includes Australia, New Zealand**

CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA (USA) – Messaging and data services provided by marine satellite communications systems provider SkyMate Inc. are now available in the South Pacific region, including Australia, New Zealand, and other parts of Asia. Service will be provided through ORBCOMM's newest gateway Earth station in Rutherglen in eastern Australia.

“This is very exciting news” said John Tandler, President of SkyMate. “This expanded coverage throughout the broad Asian region will now allow our more adventurous offshore cruisers to keep in touch during extended voyages in the South Pacific.”

In addition, SkyMate plans to extend coverage further to include coverage in the South Atlantic/Indian Ocean area by the end of this year.

SkyMate offers a suite of affordable services for recreational boaters, commercial & sport fishermen, and workboat fleet owners including email, position tracking, real time text and graphic weather reports, fax and voice messaging, color sea surface temperature charts, critical systems monitoring, navigation, blogging, and fleet tracking.

SkyMate uses the ORBCOMM satellite network of low earth orbit satellites, which provides low-cost, two-way data communications in near real-time around the globe. SkyMate systems are available from a network of about 175 authorized dealers located across North America and the Caribbean.

Founded by industry-recognized satellite communications experts, SkyMate developed its wireless systems with a mission to make high-quality, reliable satellite data delivery affordable to boaters and the marine industry. Company executives hold several US patents for innovations in satellite design and operation, and have over 25 years of combined experience in design, development, and engineering of satellite systems.

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