



Association for Rescue at Sea, Inc.



CAPT John C. (Jack) Fuechsel, USCG (Ret.)
Biography

1993 - Present - President of Maritime Communication Services Ltd., a small consulting firm dealing with all aspects of maritime telecommunications policy and specializing in implementation of the International Maritime Organization's new Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). Director of the Coast Guard chartered GMDSS Task Force. The Task Force aided the transition of large ships to the new GMDSS safety system and continues to promote the use of GMDSS sub-systems by small commercial and recreational vessels of all sizes.

1986-1993 - Director of Government Sales for Comsat Mobile Communications offering Inmarsat satellite services. Directed Comsat's initiatives introducing commercial mobile satellite services in all Department of Defense and many civil government agencies. Inmarsat services are now well established with thousands of shipboard, land mobile, and aeronautical terminals currently in government service.

1980-1986 - Telecommunications Director for the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) concentrating on policy issues involving industry's needs for access to precise satellite navigation, high speed maritime satellite communications, and data products of satellite ocean remote sensing.

1950-1979 - General line officer in the U.S. Coast Guard with shipboard command experience and extensive specialty assignments in the communications and radionavigation fields.

Director and past Chairman of the Board of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM). Member of several RTCM Special Committees. Director of the Association for Rescue at Sea (AFRAS). Member of the U. S. Delegation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Joint Experts Group.

A graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (BS-Engineering), the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (Communications), the National War College, and George Washington University (MSIA).