

Viasat's Unparalleled Connectivity Levels Provide High Performance Internet Experience in Exotic, Remote Locations



The Challenge

Starfire is a luxury superyacht that spends most of her life in the Mediterranean or the Caribbean, shipping guests from port to port along routes that are typically beyond the reach of traditional mobile coverage. Guests can range from those celebrating milestone birthdays to highend executive business functions. The need, therefore, for reliable and high speed internet access becomes an inevitability.

When guests can contact their families from far-flung, remote locations at sea, it instantly makes them feel closer to home especially if they can video call and do so at high data speeds. Similarly if there is a commercial need to access servers remotely then powerful connectivity levels can cater for this to ultimately maintain efficiency and business operation levels.

The Solution | Viasat's Maritime Programme

The Viasat network is able to connect some of the world's hardest-to-reach locations, providing powerful internet capabilities to land, aviation, and marine applications. Typical speeds range between 25-50Mbps. However, peak speeds can be in excess of 100Mbps.

By supplying Viasat's solution to the Starfire superyacht, it not only improves the morale and experience for paying guests, but for staff onboard the vessel it is a lifeline in case of emergency, especially when travelling long distances from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean.

Starfire's captain, Paul Duncan, is always sure to load electronic mapping charts into the vessel's navigation system in order to navigate, read ocean depths, shoreline, reefs, and other features. With Viasat's rapid internet connection, tasks like this can be done more spontaneously if situations change at a moment's notice.

The Result

Starfire as a vessel can be taken to more places more frequently with chart plotting carried out on-the-fly thanks to the high internet speeds that Viasat provides. Guests and staff can enjoy the best of both worlds by being aboard a luxury superyacht and enjoying the type of internet experience they would expect on such a high-end vessel. With many people being able to make use of the internet at once, gone are the days where one person would have to jump offline if someone else wanted to make a video call.

Viasat: high speed maritime internet, for all.



"We've got a few people with families, myself included, so being able to FaceTime, or upload and download videos to and from home, is a wonder out there. And being able to stream movies on the long passages is great for morale."

Paul Duncan | Starfire Superyacht Captain

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