

**COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS**

ACMA	Atlantic Cable Maintenance Agreement
ARPA	Automatic Radar Plotting Aid
BGS	British Geological Survey
CCITT	The International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee
CIGRE	Conference International Grande Reseaux Electriques
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
DMA	Defense Mapping Agency (USA)
EC	Electronic Chart
ECDB	Electronic Chart Data Base
ECDIE	Electronic Chart Display Equipment
ECDIS	Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems
ECN	Electronic Navigational Chart
ED50	European Datum 1950 (North Sea Charting Datum)
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Committee
GHDB	Governmental Hydrographic Data Base
GIS	Geographical Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HO	Hydrographic Office
IALA	International Association of Lighthouse Authorities
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICPC	International Cable Protection Committee
IEEE	The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IFREMER	Institut Francais de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer
IHB	International Hydrographic Bureau
IHO	International Hydrographic Organisation
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INMARSAT	International Maritime Satellite Organisation
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO Subsidiary)
IOMAC	Indian Ocean Maritime Affairs Cooperation
IOS	Institute of Oceanographic Sciences
MIAS	Marine Information and Advisory Service
MMS	U.S. Minerals Management Service
MTS	Marine Technology Society
NAD	North American Datum
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmosphere Administration
NOS	National Ocean Survey
NSCC	North Sea Communications Conference
NSCMA	North Sea Cable Maintenance Agreement
NSHC	North Sea Hydrographic Commission
OMM	Oceanographic Museum of Monaco
OSGB	Ordnance Survey of Great Britain
PIOCMA MAC	Pacific and Indian Ocean Cable Maintenance Mutual Assistance Committee
PTC	Pacific Telecommunications Council
SCARAB	Submersible Craft Assisting Repair and Burial
SEAIOCMA	South East Asia and Indian Ocean Cable Maintenance Agreement
SFIA	Sea Fish Industry Authority (UK)

ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
RTCM	Radio Technical Committee for Maritime Service
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
WGS72	World Geodetic System 1972 (Datum for Transit System)
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984 (Datum for GPS and DGPS)
WHOI	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution