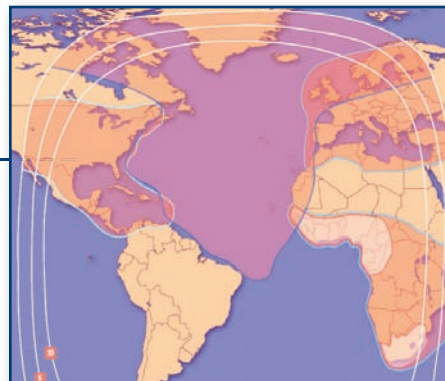


## Benetti's BEST

Hot on the heels of advancement, Benetti has reached beyond yacht construction into the realm of onboard technological integration. Because technology is only as good as its usability, Benetti has created a single, comprehensive platform for its yachts that promises ease of use – the BEST (Benetti's Exclusive Sea Technology) system.

The modular solution includes an interface for users to control onboard entertainment and lighting, access the Internet (including VSAT, BGAN, Fleet Broadband, etc.), control video surveillance throughout the yacht, view navigation data and use the phone – all through a central server that can be accessed from any location on board. BEST is customizable to the user's needs and plans are to expand the platform to include even more features. [www.benettiyachts.it](http://www.benettiyachts.it)

## New Satellite Gives Complete Transatlantic VSAT Coverage



The new Telstar 11N satellite launched February 27, 2009, providing more maritime satellite coverage with four Ku-band spot beams in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, coastal Africa and the newly accessible transatlantic region.

Linkscape Internet Services has secured multi-megabit access on all four beams and will work with the satellite operator to test the new transatlantic coverage. Linkscape also plans to offer transatlantic VSAT service to its clients by mid-April. [www.linkscape.net](http://www.linkscape.net)

## Hull Protection for the Birds...and the Fish

There is more pressure today on owners, yacht designers and captains to ensure that yachts are environmentally conscious in both their design and usage. For those constantly on the lookout for the latest planet-saving yachting products, then Blue & Green Marine's new Hull Protection System is right up your alley.

This system is the world's first comprehensive ultrasonic marine antifouling system. It provides an effective alternative to the traditional antifouling paints that contain poisonous chemicals that seep into the marine environment.

Comprising an ultrasonic transducer, which is bonded to the inside of the hull and connected to a control panel, the silent unit creates a finely tuned pulse of ultra-high frequency sound waves. These waves cause microscopic cavitations, which are harmless to your gelcoat but make your hull uninhabitable to algae and bacteria.

Not only does the Hull Protection System keep your hull free from algae, weeds, mollusks and shellfish, but Blue & Green Marine also claims that users will see a dramatic reduction in fuel consumption, enough for the system to cover its costs within two seasons.

Blue & Green Marine is beginning to receive world recognition for its product, which won two honors at the 2008 DAME Awards, including a special award in the Marine Electronics category for Most ECO Friendly Product. [www.blueandgreenmarine.com](http://www.blueandgreenmarine.com) – LOUISA COWAN



## Seamless Glass Bridge

Aadaptiv Technologies recently opened its doors in both the UK and the U.S. with the goal of providing advanced integrated bridge solutions for new and refitted super-yachts. The company offers a line of LCD Glass Bridge Monitors ranging from 15 to 26 inches, including widescreen models, which fully meet the increased regulatory standards of today – and even tomorrow.

Gary Wright, president and CEO, brings to the new company more than 16 years' experience working with monitors in the wheelhouses of commercial, naval and luxury recreational vessels. He describes Aadaptiv's concept as striving to meet the requirements not only of captains but also of yacht designers and systems integrators.

"Designers are looking for integrated monitors that have minimum impact from a design standpoint," Wright explains. "Captains are looking to adopt cutting-edge design features and enhanced technology while incorporating functionality...and operational practicality." Meanwhile, system integrators want to offer the latest in bridge technology – combined with ease of installation. "We also have the ability for the units to be connected over IBS – Integrated Bridge Systems," he adds.

The company's Glass Bridge Monitors use a unique remote control that lets the user adjust backlight brightness, OSD functionality and signal source for up to seven different screens. Each unit has two dedicated ports enabling daisy-chain configurations between monitors using standard and Ethernet cables.

All of Aadaptiv's Glass Bridge Monitors are ABS Type Approved, with additional certifications including IEC 60945 (Marine Communications), IEC 62399 (Radar/AIS/ARPA) and IEC 61174 (ECDIS).

"The key issue now is the convergence of commercial regulations, which are coming down into the superyacht market," Wright says. "There's added value in having approved monitors on board your vessel." [www.aadaptiv.com](http://www.aadaptiv.com) – LOUISA BECKETT

