

In a bumper year for extreme sports and rally raid events that see competitors take part in gruelling trials, [Globalstar](#) and tracking specialist [Owaka](#) protected 15,000 participants in Europe, Africa and Latin America with [SPOT Gen4 GPS satellite messengers](#). Please get in touch for more info or imagery. Thanks Cynthia

Globalstar and Owaka safeguard 15,000 participants in record year for adventure and extreme sports events

Highlights:

- Specialist tracking solutions provider [Owaka](#) has had a record-breaking year, with ever more organisers of sporting competitions and automotive rallies choosing reliable SPOT Gen4 GPS messengers and [Globalstar](#) satellites for participant tracking, communications and emergency support
- Owaka's highly functional video and data platform helps race officials, as well as friends, family and sponsors, keep track of athletes' progress
- If a competitor faces an emergency, with a single button press, event operations teams are alerted, the user's GPS coordinates instantly transmitted, and help rapidly dispatched to the correct location
- SPOT devices have initiated over 9,500 rescues worldwide to date, enabled by Globalstar's Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite system

Dublin, Ireland – July 18, 2023 – [Globalstar Europe Satellite Services](#) Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of [Globalstar, Inc.](#) (NYSE American: GSAT) today announced that [Owaka](#), a specialist Globalstar solutions partner, has had a record-breaking 12 months. Organisers of extreme sporting competitions, amateur cross-country events, and rallies for motoring enthusiasts increasingly chose tracking specialist Owaka to provide its proven all-in monitoring, communication and emergency support systems. In the 12 months to July 2023 Owaka systems have tracked and safeguarded over 15,000 event participants.

“Now post-Covid, the event business is really growing again,” shares Sophie Casters, Co-Founder and CEO at Owaka SARL (France). Owaka offers a full SaaS service for event organisers, acting as a one-stop shop for all the technology and emergency support systems event organisers require.



Owaka fully prepares and configures all participants' and organizations' SPOT devices. Furthermore, Owaka transforms event operations with its advanced Live Tracking platform. Designed to enhance logistical efficiency, safety, and overall race management, Owaka provides key support for the entire event organization team. “With real-time tracking capabilities, our platform empowers organizers to seamlessly oversee and coordinate all aspects of the race, ensuring a smooth and successful event,” says Casters.

At the heart of the system, latest generation SPOT Gen4 devices carried by all competitors ensure that organisers know the exact location of each contestant. With SPOT, enabled by Globalstar's low-Earth Orbit satellite network, event officials and emergency support services can precisely track each participant's location, via a user-friendly display of GPS positions in real-time via the Owaka Tracking platform. If a competitor gets into trouble, such as sustaining an injury or technical failure, with the single press of SPOT's Help button, organisers are alerted. At the same time, the user's GPS

coordinates are instantly transmitted to the event's operations centre, so help is rapidly dispatched to the correct location.

The Owaka system managed over 3,000 alerts from participants who needed help in the last 12 months. "It's been a record year; we've supported over 150 events," Casters says.



"Participant safety is paramount, so we trust SPOT: "It's important that we are able to monitor the safety and wellbeing of all our participants, whose pursuits take them to rugged and remote areas where GSM mobile systems simply cannot be relied on," says Casters. Owaka has never missed an alert, thanks to Globalstar's ubiquitous reach, she reports.

User-friendly platform engages sponsors and spectators

Owaka's highly functional video and data platform helps race officials, as well as friends, family and sponsors, keep track of the athletes' progress.

Supporters can follow the event live, see participants' locations, daily speed and distance stats, with a host of functionalities that enable fans to enjoy minute by minute excitement. The ability to see live data transforms the spectating experience – virtual or in-person – and maximises potential engagement with the event's wider community, fans and commercial partners. The superior experience enabled by the Owaka online platform delivers benefits including enhanced sponsorship and subscription opportunities.

Owaka supports a wide range of sporting and adventure events. For example, the Titan Desert race sees the world's toughest cyclists race across the sands of Morocco in temperatures as high as 100 degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees Celsius).

Owaka also has numerous customers hosting long-distance Ultra-trail events, and bikepacking competitions such as BikingMan, with several events annually. Meanwhile Panda Raid, one of numerous car rally raids supported by Owaka, sees 350 FIAT Panda cars run in a multi-stage rally. In addition to events across Europe, the company supports many others in Africa, specifically Morocco and Tunisia, and South America.

"All events are different, and each has its individual needs. So we adapt our platform and the way we work to deliver bespoke solutions to our customers," comments Casters.

"There are many benefits to working with Globalstar and SPOT," she adds. "SPOT's satellite tracking capability is of course key, but so is long battery life, which is particularly advantageous for long distance non-stop endurance events."

"People's desires for travel, adventure and physical competition have led to a massive expansion in extreme sporting and adventure events," commented Mark O'Connell, General Manager for Globalstar EMEA & APAC. "We are very proud to team up with Owaka to help participants stay connected and safe wherever their journeys take them."

SPOT devices have initiated over 9,500 rescues worldwide to date, many lifesaving.

About Owaka

Experience the ultimate in adventure event tracking with Owaka Live Tracking platform and devices. Owaka provides a comprehensive solution that allows organizers to track participants in real-time, manage alerts, get statistics, leaderboard and mobilize their teams. Owaka platform not only ensures safety but also promotes and communicates events to engage participants, families, and friends. In addition to Owaka Live Tracking, Owaka

Adventure is the premier research platform for adventurers seeking their perfect thrill, including ultra-trails, bikepacking, trekking, rallies, raids, or motorcycle events. Owaka's platform is designed to match each adventurer with the ideal adventure event that aligns with their interests and capabilities. www.owaka.com | <https://owaka.live>

About Globalstar, Inc.

Globalstar empowers its customers to connect, transmit and communicate in smarter ways — easily, quickly, securely, and affordably — offering reliable satellite and terrestrial connectivity services as an international telecom infrastructure provider. The company's LEO satellite constellation assures a secure data transmission for connecting and protecting assets, transmitting key operational data, and saving lives — from any location — for consumers, businesses, and government agencies across the globe. Globalstar's terrestrial spectrum, Band 53, offers carriers, cable companies, and system integrators a versatile, fully licensed channel with a growing ecosystem to improve their customers' wireless connectivity. In addition to SPOT GPS messengers, Globalstar offers next-generation IoT hardware and software products for efficiently tracking and monitoring assets, processing smart data at the edge, and managing analytics with cloud-based telematics solutions to drive safety, productivity, and profitability. www.globalstar.com

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Thailand Marine Department To Deploy Several Thousand Globalstar SPOT Gen4 Satellite Trackers via Thaicom To Safeguard Island Visitors

Highlights:

- Thailand Marine Department is deploying [SPOT Gen4](#) satellite messengers to safeguard travellers on and around the island of Phuket, which typically attracts over 20,000 visitors daily
- First major milestone [in new partnership agreement](#) between Globalstar and [Thaicom Public Company Limited](#) (SET Thailand: THCOM), Asia's largest independent satellite operator

- Ship Expert Technology's solution built around SPOT Gen4 was chosen over competitive propositions: Globalstar's satellite coverage and economical price were influencing factors
- To date, SPOT devices are credited with over 8,500 rescues worldwide

DUBLIN, IRELAND – 30 June, 2022 - Globalstar Europe Satellite Services Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Globalstar Inc. (NYSE American: GSAT), and a leader in satellite messaging, IoT, and emergency notification technologies, announces that SPOT Gen4 satellite messengers will be deployed by Thailand Marine Department to provide safety and security for all travellers on and around the island of Phuket.

Phuket and surrounding islands typically welcome 20,000 visitors daily. As part of a major government programme to revitalise tourism, it is envisaged that several thousand SPOT Gen4 units will be deployed. A pilot deployment is already underway.

The SPOT Gen4 devices are at the heart of the solution provided by Ship Expert Technology, a leading Globalstar Value Added Reseller partner dedicated to the maritime sector.



The Thailand Marine Department is committed to help accelerate the recovery of the tourism industry which is so crucial to the country's economy.

Phuket has recently been opened for vaccinated Thai and foreign travellers, with no need for quarantine. This development is expected to give Thai tourism a much-anticipated boost. Tourism has suffered from the impact of Covid-19 but also from high-profile criminal incidents whose victims included foreign tourists.

A further major benefit of the SPOT Gen4s is they will help authorities and first responders improve the speed and effectiveness of emergency rescue operations if a vessel capsizes or sinks, or if a passenger has a medical emergency.

This project is the first milestone [in a major new partnership](#) between Globalstar and [Thaicom Public Company Limited](#) (SET Thailand: THCOM), Asia's largest independent satellite operator.

"Globalstar is the ideal partner for Thaicom," commented Patompob (Nile) Suwansiri, Thaicom's Chief Executive Officer.

"Today, government and industry are coming together in Thailand to deliver on our common objective to support the tourism industry, so fundamental to our economy, and our shared commitment to enhance communications capability in our region through advanced satellite communications."

"Our collaboration with Globalstar will be a major driver on the roadmap to revitalise tourism, and also to develop new communications solutions which will benefit businesses and communities," Nile added.

At the end of March, Thaicom and Globalstar inked an agreement which will see the two satellite operators collaborate to develop and operate ground station facilities at Thaicom's Teleport Center in Pathumthani Province for Globalstar's LEO satellite constellation. The infrastructure and services of the ground station will support Globalstar services in the

region. The partners will commercialise safety and security services and solutions to support tourism as well as the region's maritime industry.

Local government regulations have been introduced which mandate that all tourists in Phuket must carry a tracking device at all times, onshore or on water. Every tourist is to be registered and provided with a SPOT Gen4 by one of a pool of government-certified official tourist guides.

Phuket visitors are required to use their SPOT devices to check in with their guides on completion of any day trips or excursions, with SPOT service fees incorporated into the excursion package price.

SPOT Gen4 was chosen in recognition of the device's ability to ensure always-on connectivity, regardless of the availability of other communications networks. Only satellite communications can provide reliable, 24/7 ubiquitous coverage.

As part of the selection process, a solutions evaluation tender process took place, involving numerous government agencies. Competing propositions involved satellite communications and other network technologies. SPOT's coverage and economical price were influencing factors, according to Ship Expert Technology CEO Kirk Viaimal.

In an emergency, with the press of SPOT's one-touch SOS button, an alert is instantly transmitted to [Marine Services](#), the government authority responsible for maritime safety, along with the user's GPS location coordinates. Depending on the incident, the Thailand Coastguard or local police authority is engaged and rescue operations are initiated.

SPOT Gen4 is the newest member of [Globalstar's award-winning SPOT device family](#), enabled by [Globalstar's satellite fleet](#) in low-Earth-Orbit. SPOT features easy-to-use buttons that can be flexibly configured to send pre-programmed messages, with options for transmission types. To date, SPOT devices are credited with over 8,500 rescues worldwide.

One of the leading specialist satcom providers in the region, Ship Expert Technology offers a dedicated tracking platform with many features and options which meet the needs of marine users. Ship Expert Technology's customer base extends beyond Thailand into Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Viaimal said: "We are delighted to work in partnership with Globalstar and Thaicom to help the Thailand Marine Department support the country's travel sector."

"We're very proud to support the government of Thailand with its initiative to help keep visitors safe on Phuket and other islands," said Mark O'Connell, General Manager, EMEA & APAC, Globalstar.

About Thaicom

Thaicom is a leading Asian satellite operator and provider of integrated satellite communications since 1991. A trusted partner of choice for many of the region's leading broadcasters, telecom operators, enterprise and government customers. We offer end-to-end satellite solutions designed to help our customers grow their markets in the digital era. We are dedicated to building on our commitment to deliver transformative social and economic impact through space-air-ground-maritime enabled platforms and smart solutions for a better future. www.thaicom.net

About Ship Expert Technology Co., Ltd.

Ship Expert Technology Co., Ltd. has been awarded 'Top Southeast Asia Marine Technology Company Start-up 2022'. We are committed to providing maritime

communication and innovation solutions to this region and deliver on these key solutions to help drive the maritime industry forward. We foresee the industry as becoming modern and effective with the application of IT and digital solutions. www.shipexpert.net

About Globalstar, Inc.

Globalstar pioneered personal safety by introducing its SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger in 2007. Today, leveraging its low-earth orbit (LEO) satellite constellation, Globalstar reliably connects and protects assets, transmits key operational data, and saves lives – from any location – for consumers, industrial companies and government agencies in over 120 countries. With a portfolio that includes SPOT GPS messengers, next-generation IoT products and modules, and cloud-based telematics solutions, Globalstar’s cost effective satellite-powered innovations give users visibility and intelligence for improving safety and operational efficiencies. www.globalstar.com

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