

CASESTUDY TOER REFER LINE

Sashimi specialist chooses Fleet Xpress in switch to higher quality service.

Operating a specialised ship type whose global population numbers fewer than 30 ships, Toei Reefer Line is one of the world's leading companies delivering sashimi-grade tuna. With two distinctive vessel types that Toei Reefer operates; One that receives fish caught by vessels at sea and transported to countries like Japan, Korea, etc and the other are factory vessels that work around the Mediterranean countries and Australia. Both are lead to serve the Japanese consumer market renowned for its discerning palate.

Quality is a necessity at all stages of the supply chain, with end customers demanding individual care and attention that is backed up by robust online services.

At sea, there are up to 50 personnel on board any given Toei Reefer Line ship. Sustaining quality relies heavily on retaining skilled Toei Reefer Line crews, to load and operate these sophisticated ships, which process, prepare and store high-value cargoes at temperatures as low as -55°C. It is integral that crews remain satisfied with working conditions on board ships that are at sea for extended periods, often in remote locations, this requires substantial investments.





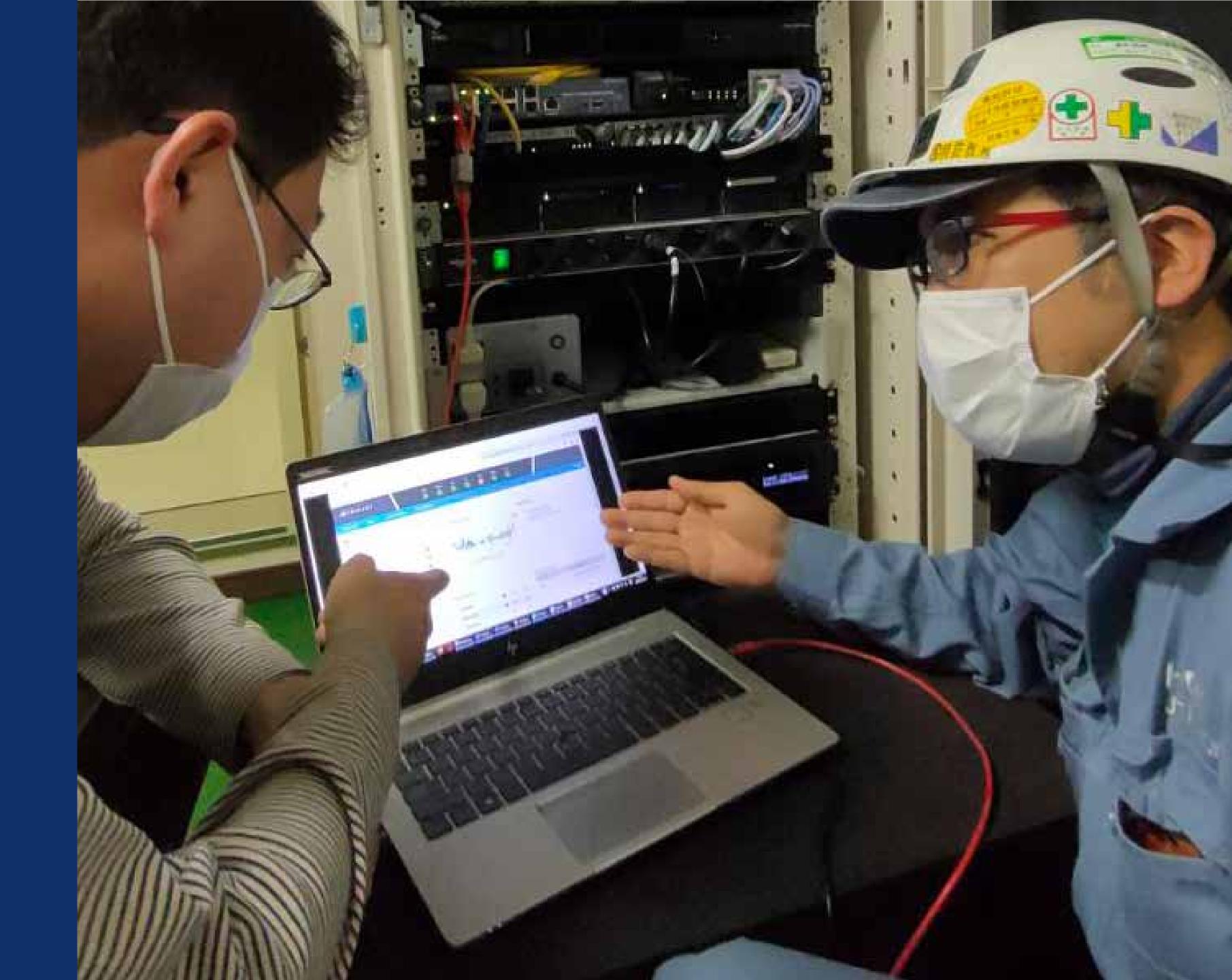
UNLIMITED FREE INTERNET ACCESS WITH FLEET HOTSPOT

With the help of Fleet Hotspot, Toei Reefer provides unlimited free internet access to the crew onboard, observers, and vendors without compromising on business-critical bandwidth. Powered by Fleet Xpress, Fleet Hotspot ensures that the crew's connection demands do not affect the business channels and gives crew access to high-speed connectivity with the freedom to use the internet on their own devices and manage their own access whenever they need it.

"Providing crew with unlimited data has proved to be extremely beneficial to managing their welfare needs," said Toei's spokesman. "This was one of the challenges we sought to solve in increasing data speeds as part of our choice of service."

As a highspeed Ka-band (GX) plus continuous FleetBroadband (L-band) back up hybrid service, Fleet Xpress is now preferred for over 11,000 ships worldwide and has increasingly found favour among specialised fleets.

Above and beyond higher committed information rates, Fleet Xpress routinely delivers data speeds approach maximum information rates (MIR), which are almost twice Ku-band. In business terms, the new capability enables VPN networking, remote access via TeamViewer, and CCTVs on board. The 'always-on' capability of Fleet Xpress is also included in the contract, where other VSAT suppliers can sometimes charge extra for backup.





EVALUATE GREATER USE OF ANALYTICS

Provision has also been made for Toei Reefer Line to evaluate greater use of analytics in ship efficiency management, enabled by Inmarsat's IoT-based platform Fleet Data and its Certified Applications Partner programme.

Pricing is also "nice and smart", according to Toei Reefer Line, but it also raises its own customer care ethos to outline Inmarsat's approach.

"In an industry that is changing rapidly year on year, it is essential that the provider brings expertise and local support to serve our requirements, as well as the right proposal. Relationships and responsiveness are critical, and so is technology. We also recognise the value of Inmarsat's Fleet Care service and maintenance package. As a next step, we are evaluating the use of dual GX antenna for all four vessels and upgrading our existing plan to FX Premium MIR 6Mbps/3Mbps (with CIR). This will ensure that our communication service is more efficient and will help our business and support our efforts in continuous crew welfare."

The four-ship transition came after extended, collaborative trials of the service onboard the 4,150gt Toei Reefer Line ship Kurikoma during the second part of 2020. With vessels widely deployed, installations took place on their return to Japan after several months, with support provided by KGK Japan to adapt existing 1m antennas using Ku-band to Ka-band conversion kits.

Endorsement from a forward-looking fishing industry player comes at a time when Inmarsat has identified the specialised sector as a key potential beneficiary of its investments. In the short term, Inmarsat is far advanced in its plans to upgrade Arctic coverage by introducing two new GX satellite payloads dedicated to the region in partnership with Space Norway.

Longer-term, Inmarsat recently unveiled ORCHESTRA - satellite network of the future, which will bring together existing geosynchronous (GEO) satellites with new low earth orbit satellites (LEO) and terrestrial 5G in an integrated solution. It also launched ELERA - a global narrowband network that is ideally suited to the rapidly evolving IoT. All commercial fishing boats are expected to benefit from both networks' ability to provide the highest capacity of seamless connectivity wherever and whenever needed. ORCHESTRA, for example, will deliver the highest average speed and lowest latency available at all times.



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