**Design considerations for VDES**

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Assuming Channel Plan A

VDES Requirements:

* Shall protect AIS integrity for collision avoidance and identification purposes;
* The duty cycle of any given transmission must respect AIS and voice comms;
* The transition period between having a VDES service and capabilities available on ships must be carefully considered;

There will be a transition period where ASMs will be on AIS and/or ASM;

ASM Channels shall, to the extent that is practical, support all application specific message (ASM) formats:

* Shall protect AIS integrity for collision avoidance and identification purposes;
* Shall protect AIS integrity for shore side monitoring and control purposes (cargo type, etc.);
* The duty cycle of any given ASM transmission must respect AIS and voice comms, and if practical VDE;
* The ASM modulation may be variant on a per slot basis;
* The ASM shall use an efficient modulation scheme, not necessarily GMSK;
* The ASM shall provide a robust link, e.g. FEC;
* The ASM shall support differentiated priority of message transmissions as described in the GMDSS;
* All ASM transmissions must have a unique identity (MMSI, MAC, etc.);
* The ASM should maximize, to the extent that is practical, satellite reception;
* The ASM channels do not necessarily need to duplicate transmissions on both channels;
* It shall be possible to manage the capacity and use of the ASM channels from shore side;
* The ASM link shall support a maximum control range of TBD with considerations for authentication;
* The ASM link may support at a minimum line of sight communications;

VDE channels considerations:

* The VDE shall support differentiated priority of message transmissions as described in the GMDSS;
* The VDE shall provide a robust link, e.g. FEC;
* The VDE medium access schemes and waveform may include multiple modulation and encoding schemes as dictated by the link requirements;
* The VDE shore side may support full duplex operation;
* The VDE shall support semi duplex operation;
* The VDE shall support a satellite sharing scheme (freq. and/or time);
* The VDE transmissions shall have a unique identity;
* The duty cycle of any given VDE transmission shall respect AIS, ASM, and voice comms;
* It shall be possible to manage the capacity and use of the VDE channels from shore side;
* The VDE link shall support a maximum control range of TBD with considerations for authentication;
* The VDE link may support a minimum terrestrial service range within line of sight at a lower quality of service;