



## Hello Nautilus Crew, You're Connected

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**KVH and Ocean Exploration Trust announce partnership enabling Nautilus research crew to have Internet and daily news content while at sea**

MIDDLETOWN, R.I., Oct. 04, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- KVH Industries, Inc., (Nasdaq:KVHI), today announced a partnership with Ocean Exploration Trust (OET), the international scientific research organization founded by RMS *Titanic* discoverer and renowned oceanographer Dr. Bob Ballard, to provide services and products to enhance the onboard experience for OET's research team. In exchange, the team will provide firsthand feedback on various products that KVH develops.

"I am thrilled to be working with KVH, a leader in satellite communications headquartered right across the bay from the Inner Space Center at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography," says Dr. Ballard. A professor of oceanography at URI, Dr. Ballard is known for his ocean exploration efforts and his longtime commitment to providing real-time data and video from the vessel to land. "It's been a dream of mine to have super high-speed data capabilities right from our vessel to reach the next generation of scientists and engineers and keep our own research team as connected as possible."

For the first phase of KVH's support, coinciding with OET's 2017 expedition in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, a KVH TracPhone® V7-IP satellite communications antenna system has been installed on the 64-meter OET exploration vessel (E/V) *Nautilus*, and is providing high-speed broadband connectivity from KVH's mini-VSAT Broadband<sup>SM</sup> network for crew use, as well as multicasting daily news content to the 48 researchers and crew via KVH's IP-MobileCast<sup>TM</sup> content delivery service.

Having personal access to broadband data and daily news updates while on a research expedition enhances the onboard experience for the *Nautilus* team, which typically restricts use of its broadband data to conveying research information and video to land.

"It is an honor for KVH to support the fascinating work of the Ocean Exploration Trust," says Brent Bruun, KVH's chief operating officer. "Dr. Ballard and his team onboard the *Nautilus* represent not only the leading edge of scientific research, but also an incredible inspiration to students and adults alike who long to see and understand the ocean's mysteries."

The TracPhone V7-IP system installed on the *Nautilus* is a rugged, compact, 60-cm diameter Ku-band antenna system designed to provide data at speeds up to 3 Mbps shore-to-ship, and 512 Kbps ship-to-shore. The content that KVH is multicasting to OET's *Nautilus* team via the IP-MobileCast service includes NEWSlink<sup>TM</sup> Print – daily updates of more than 65 national editions in more than 20 languages covering news, sports, business, and entertainment topics.

Other services and products that KVH is planning to provide to OET include access to KVH's Videotel<sup>TM</sup> maritime training programs and access to new Internet of Things (IoT) maritime applications that KVH is developing.

The 2017 *Nautilus* Expedition represents the third year of exploration in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, and is one of the most extensive seasons to date. The *Nautilus* is documenting and surveying unexplored regions from British Columbia, Canada, along the West Coast of the United States, to Baja California, Mexico.

*Note to Editors:* For more information about Ocean Exploration Trust, please visit the [OET website](http://nautiluslive.org), [nautiluslive.org](http://nautiluslive.org). For information about KVH's maritime satellite communications solutions, including AgilePlans<sup>TM</sup> by KVH, the maritime industry's first all-inclusive, no-commitment offering, please visit the [AgilePlans website](http://www.kvh.com/agileplans), [www.kvh.com/agileplans](http://www.kvh.com/agileplans). High-resolution images of KVH products are available at the [KVH Press Room Image Library](http://www.kvh.com/press-room/image-library), [www.kvh.com/press-room/image-library](http://www.kvh.com/press-room/image-library). Follow KVH on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kvh), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kvh), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kvh), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/kvh), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/kvh).

### About Ocean Exploration Trust

The Ocean Exploration Trust (OET) was founded in 2008 by Dr. Robert Ballard – best known for his discovery of RMS *Titanic's* final resting place and as a National Geographic Explorer in Residence – to engage in pure ocean exploration. OET's international programs center on scientific exploration of the seafloor with expeditions launched from Exploration Vessel (E/V) *Nautilus*, a 64-meter research vessel operated by the Ocean Exploration Trust. In addition to conducting scientific research, OET offers expeditions to explorers on shore via live video, audio, and data feeds from the field. OET also brings educators and students aboard during E/V *Nautilus* expeditions, offering them hands-on experience in ocean exploration, research, and communications.

### About KVH Industries, Inc.

KVH Industries is a leading provider of in-motion satellite TV and communications systems, having designed, manufactured, and sold more than 200,000 mobile satellite antennas for applications on vessels, vehicles, and aircraft. KVH is also a leading news, music, and entertainment content provider to many industries including maritime, retail, and leisure. Videotel, a KVH company, is a market-leading provider of training films, computer-based training and eLearning. KVH is also a premier manufacturer of

high-performance sensors and integrated inertial systems for commercial guidance and stabilization applications, having sold more than 100,000 fiber optic gyros. KVH is based in Middletown, RI, with research, development, and manufacturing operations in Middletown, RI, and Tinley Park, IL. The company's global presence includes offices in Belgium, Brazil, Cyprus, Denmark, Hong Kong, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

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