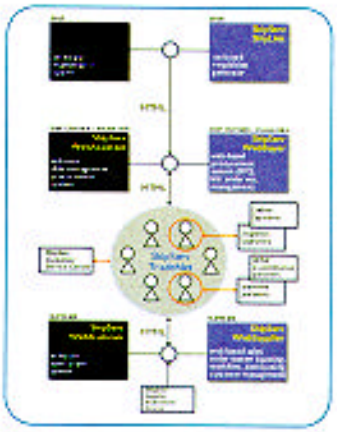
# GW wins innovation award

MARITIME communications specialist Globe Wireless (GW) recently secured the prestigious 2001 CITIS Award for Innovation in Ship's Communication, sponsored by *LSM*. The criteria for choosing the winner were usability, training and support, commercial viability, and technology. Users of the equipment and services, rather than the service providers submitted award nominations.

"We are very pleased and honoured to be recognised as innovators in the maritime communications industry," stated Frank Coles, managing director of Globe Wireless.

The achievements of the marine e-business sector were recognised when ShipServ won the CITIS 2001 Award for Innovation in IT for Ship Operations. The judges were looking for the product or service that has made the most significant contribution to improving an activity associated with ship operations within the last 12 months.

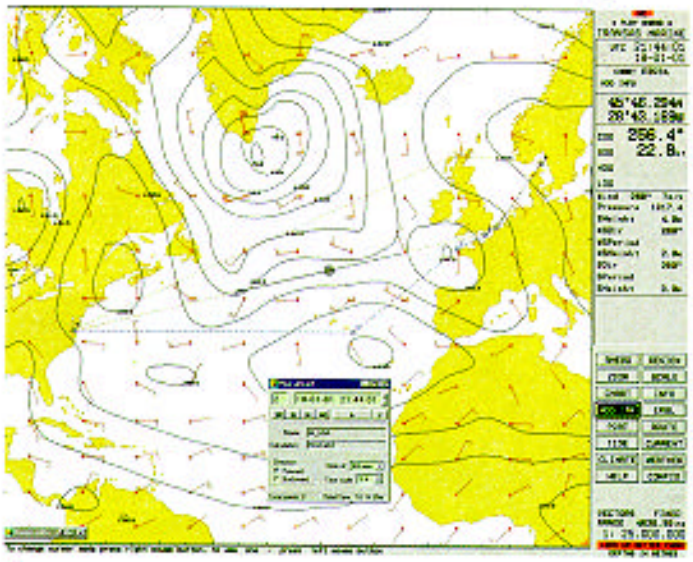
Commenting on the award, Paul Ostergaard, chief executive at ShipServ, said: "We are delighted on two fronts. Firstly, we were the only e-commerce business of any sort to be nominated. Secondly, while it was the judges who



chose us as award winners, we are even more pleased that it was our users who in the first place nominated us – without our knowledge."

The third CITIS Award was won by Transas for its weather information service package Weather Wizard. The company commercially launched the Weather Wizard programme, in late 2000. It is a module capable of automatic reception via email channels and it can display weather information on an electronic chart screen.

The programme sources weather data from the UK Meteorology Office for any area of the world. Viewing facilities are created by the Weather Wizard for five-day, animated forecasts, and the ship's passage route can be displayed simultaneously with weather parameters.



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