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Hi Francis,

Please spare some time to know how MarineTraffic can help sea rescue operations Antoine-Jean Giannetti, the director of Director of Corsica CFI SNSM "Les Sauveteurs en Mer" honoured us by giving this interview:

"In France, for more than 50 years, the service delegation for sea rescue operations has been mainly handed over to the 8000 volunteers of "SNSM Les Sauveteurs en Mer", dispatched at 218 stations, and under the coordination of the maritime prefectures. Around 5000 interventions are performed each year; rescuing 7000 people. However, financing of the stations is mainly based on donations. Setting up partnerships like the one we run with MarineTraffic gives us access to state-of-the-art asset, while keeping our budget allocated to our core expenses: maintenance, volunteer equipment, and training. I strongly advise other SNSM stations as well as other actors to join the project!"

The rest of his interview follows...

Best regards,

Katerina Koukaki  
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## Meet "Les Sauveteurs en Mer"

### How did you first hear about MarineTraffic?

We have been using Marine Traffic first plugin, to feed AIS Data in the chart & navigation software Timezero, that we use to coordinate our SAR operations.

Then, we intended to feed MarineTraffic database from Timezero but it was not convenient due to some software limitations and we would have to rely on others to provide positions of our own ships, as they were often out of range of our main station VHF.

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### **What made you want to become a station owner?**

To be honest, first of all we were willing to fulfill our own specific needs: to get better visibility on both SAR and rescued ships, even if located in steep and remote coastal areas, and to get this data in realtime from either the maritime control center, or anywhere at sea or on land, thanks to the mobile app.

Then, as our first receiver starts to emit, it was very satisfactory for us also to discover how it contributed to the coverage of our territory, for the benefits of all. Now we are willing to go further!

We are in a win-win partnership with MarineTraffic. Thanks to our relationships with various local authorities or non-profit organizations such as ARCS (Radio amateurs), we have been able to provide reliable and enhanced coverage for the South West coast of Corsica, with 4 AIS receivers located in strategic areas. We hope to host 6 receivers covering more than 200km of the coast soon.

It is a powerful tool for the effectiveness of our own SAR operations, and, in general, for the safety of all ships cruising in the area. On the other side, it gives to MarineTraffic, and consequently to its customers, accurate and valuable data in this area that includes a lot of sea traffic: fishing, sailing/motor leisure boating, cargo, big cruise ships, luxury yachts and more.

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Last but not least, all MarineTraffic members have been always been very responsive and efficient.

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