Please consider the following tips to help prevent inadvertent airtime usage and minimize the amount of data transferred over your mini-VSAT Broadband connection. See your IT professional for details.

**Your Computer Platform**
- Set up programs to notify you before they perform updates. For example:
  - Anti-virus software
  - Spyware protection software
  - Multimedia peripherals
  - Microsoft automatic updates
- Enable the firewall on your vessel's local network or PC.
- Install a traffic monitoring tool, such as NetMeter.
- Disable Skype and similar applications that use voice/video and have background chatter.

**Web Browser Settings**
- Limit multimedia downloads. For example, in Internet Explorer, set the following:
  - Play animations in web pages: OFF
  - Play sounds in web pages: OFF
  - Show pictures: OFF
- Enable pop-up window blocking and enable Content Control to block specific websites and types of material.
- Turn off any automatic cache or history deletion feature and increase the cache volume to the maximum level recommended for your browser.
- Do not leave web browsers open as some sites, such as news sites, will continually refresh when the browser is open.

**E-mail**
- Use an IMAP server instead of POP3.
- Disable automatic sending and receiving of new mail.
- Send messages as text, not HTML.
- Compress any attachments (or better yet, convert the attachment to text).
- Disable automatic signatures and read receipts.

**Mobile Devices**
- Turn off the Wi-Fi setting on smartphones and tablets so that background file synchronizations do not occur.