Orolia Maritime have developed a new range of Vessel Data Recorders (VDR); based on the innovative Netwave NW6000 series; designed specifically to support a growing demand for robust but economic vessel data capture solutions for inland waterway vessels.

The Netwave brand has been a global leader in the provision of Vessel Data Recorders and Simplified VDR since 2006, with over 6000 deployed globally. The latest model reflects Orolia Maritime’s in-depth knowledge of the needs of river vessels; through strategic partnerships with leading marine technical service providers Radio Holland; and growing concerns within the industry on the need to learn lessons from numerous incidents on global inland waterways.

What Is a VDR?

VDRs are data recording systems, mandated for commercial vessels in international waters under regulation 20 of SOLAS Chapter V, to enable accident investigators to review procedures and instructions in the moments before an incident and help to identify the cause of any accident for ocean going vessels.

What is an Inland Waterway VDR?

An Inland Waterway VDR differs from the mandated SOLAS version in a number of ways. Primarily, the Inland Waterways VDR doesn’t have the rigid specifications of the mandated variant and the solution can be configured for the owner or vessels requirements. The central capability is to capture Radar, AIS, GPS, Depth, Rudder Position, Compass and Rate of Turn Indicator, as part of the core eight sensor recording system. Secondly, as the configuration is not constrained by legal requirement, there is flexibility on what information is captured and the ability to upgrade the specification to include audio recordings and protected memory capsule. This flexibility allows the owner to define what information they require and makes the solution more affordable by only capturing relevant data.
What factors are driving the need for specific inland waterway solution?

As inland waterway transport continues to grow, for example the EU reached 554 million tonnes in 2016, demand for effect vessel data capture as a means to ensure safe and efficient vessel management and as a tool to investigate the cause of marine accidents, is coming from two main sources. Midsized inland waterway fleet owners have to manage the downward pressure on margins driving demand for cost saving and an increase in multinational crews without a common shared language. The ability of owners to capture vessel manoeuvres to highlight training or communications issues can be used as a proactive tool to reduce accidents.

Additionally, the marine insurance industry and government safety bodies want to reduce the impact of inland waterway accidents and offer better protection for crew and passengers by insuring both the cause of accidents is understood and those responsible for vessels know their actions are being recorded.

Inland Waterways incident Overview

Collisions with infrastructures and bridges remain the main type of accident for vessels on inland waterways, followed by vessel collisions, which for example represented 22% of all Danube river accidents in 2017*. However, incidents involving tourist vessels receive disproportionate press coverage and is driving demand for greater safety regulation.
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**Netwave Proven Design Versatility**

Netwave’s VDR ethernet network architecture significantly reduces cabling requirement, while extensive Power over Ethernet (PoE) capability is designed to reduce installation time and offer flexible, scalable installation design. The proven solid-state memory architecture of the NW6000 minimises ongoing maintenance and support costs and its reliability is reflected in the brand’s globally renowned quality supported by ISO9001. With an unparalleled global service network with over 1200 trained VDR service engineers Orolia Maritime is setting standards in VDR performance.

The Inland Waterways VDR also supports wide ranging additional features, including voice recording with both indoor and outdoor microphones and camera. The Netwave designed fixed capsule recording media with unique stainless-steel fixed capsule housing also offers the added resilience to protect data captured from the harshest environments.
Inland Waterways VDR Configuration

Core module has
- 10/100/1000 Mbps on 4 Ethernet ports
- PoE 10/100 Mbps on 8 Ethernet ports
- 12 Ethernet ports
- Flexible Install
- Uninterruptible power

Bridge control unit
- Touch screen
- Operational Performance Test (OPT)
- Power over Ethernet connection (PoE)

Data Acquisition Unit
- Power over Ethernet
- Scaleable depending on requirement to connect NMEA, digital or analogue inputs

VHF / Audio Interface
- Dual function captures incoming VHF audio and acts as power adaptor for bridge microphones

Optional Features

Fixed capsule NW6860-1000
- ‘fixed’ Final Recording medium records for minimum 48h
- Fitted with Netwave’s Underwater Locator Beacon compliant to the SAE8045AS standard
- Fire / pressure resistant

Microphones
- High Audio Quality
- Single Wire, Daisy-chainable
- Indoor (NW-6020) as well as Outdoor (NW-6021)

NW6044 VGA Frame Grabber