

## Outward Bound Chooses SPOT Gen3 Satellite Messengers to Increase Expedition Safety

**April 15, 2019 - Dublin, Ireland** – [Globalstar Europe Satellite Services Ltd.](#), a wholly owned subsidiary of Globalstar Inc. (NYSE: GSAT) and the leader in satellite messaging and emergency notification technologies, today announced that The Outward Bound Trust has selected SPOT Gen3 satellite messengers to track and safeguard participants and leaders during wilderness expeditions.

Outward Bound is an educational charity that uses learning and adventures in the outdoors to provide personal development to 25,000 young people each year, from primary school age to young adults. Activities are conducted in the UK's most remote locations in Scotland, Wales and the Lake District.

Working with schools, colleges, employers and youth groups, Outward Bound instructors and participants explore national parks, navigating their way through forests and mountain ranges – all areas where mobile phone coverage can be unreliable or non-existent. The groups sleep out in the wild, sometimes for as long as a week.

All instructors guiding each 12-person group will carry a SPOT Gen3 device. SPOT Gen3 is a rugged, pocket-sized, low-priced personal GPS messenger that helps users stay connected via satellite even where there is poor or no GSM signal.

If an expedition team gets lost or faces an emergency, with a single press of SPOT's SOS button, the user's GPS coordinates are transmitted to Outward Bound's 24/7 operations and security centre so help can be dispatched immediately.

When Outward Bound began searching for a solution to enhance trek safety, they considered other technologies but quickly realised that only satellite communications could provide the reliable, ubiquitous coverage they required. SPOT's SOS feature was also a key factor in the procurement decision.

"Because we are responsible for young people, it is critical that we can ensure safety at all times," said Will Ripley, Director of Learning and Adventure at The Outward Bound Trust. "Furthermore, it is vital that if there is ever an emergency, our operations team can instantly know precisely where the group is so we dispatch help rapidly to the exact location."

The organisation also works with businesses, providing behavioral and skills training for employees. The communications, teamwork and decision-making skills fostered by The Outward Bound Trust activities are transferrable to business and organisational situations. SPOT Gen3's tracking feature allows assessors to follow and analyse each team's route.

As a charity The Outward Bound Trust's mission is to ensure that learning and adventure in the wild is accessible to all young people no matter what their background and that financial barriers don't stand in the way of them learning to believe in themselves.

Gary King, Globalstar Regional Sales Manager for SPOT said: "Outward Bound joins an illustrious list of UK outdoors organisations including The Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition organisers and mountain rescue services which rely on SPOT and the Globalstar satellite network to ensure the safety of its participants."

SPOT Gen3 provides off-the-grid messaging, emergency alerts, super long battery life, and extreme GPS tracking with intervals as frequent as every 2 ½ minutes. SPOT devices have been used in over 6,300 rescues worldwide.

### About The Outward Bound Trust

The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity with a mission to stop self-doubt, remove limitations - whether

real or perceived, and end the fear of failure in young people. We help teach young people the most important lesson they could ever learn: to believe in themselves. It's this which transforms their behaviour throughout school, higher education, work, and beyond.

The Outward Bound Trust is a not-for-profit educational charity and provides bursaries of over £3m to young people every year. They are the UK's leading provider of bursary-assisted outdoor learning and are determined to make their courses as widely available as possible to all young people, irrespective of their financial circumstances. Currently, 80% of all course participants are supported by an Outward Bound bursary.

The Outward Bound Trust was founded in 1941 by head of the Blue Funnel Shipping Line Lawrence Holt and the educationalist Kurt Hahn. At this time, they provided training for young and inexperienced merchant sea men who were drafted into the navy in WWII, to help them to survive the rigours of North Atlantic convoys and to have them develop real inner strength to overcome shipwreck. After the war it was felt that the courses The Trust offered would be a valuable means of making individuals more independent, self-aware and able to cope on their own.

[www.outwardbound.org.uk](http://www.outwardbound.org.uk)

## **About SPOT**

SPOT LLC, a subsidiary of Globalstar, Inc., provides affordable satellite communication and tracking devices for recreational and business use. SPOT messaging devices use both the GPS satellite network and the Globalstar network to transmit text messages and GPS coordinates. Since 2007, SPOT has provided peace of mind by allowing customers to remain in contact completely independent of mobile coverage, having initiated over 6,300 rescue callouts worldwide. For more information, visit [www.FindMeSPOT.eu](http://www.FindMeSPOT.eu).

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