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So what will it be, 160 metres AM, 7 MHz CW, 20 metres SSB DX, 29.6 FM, the 6 metre DX channel, two metres FM or a 70 cm repeater?

But hang on, wouldn't such a huge choice of bands and modes mean having a lorry following you to unload racks and racks of equipment along with a huge battery system of some sort? Nope, not with this brand new little gem...

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The VX-150 is more of an spin-off of a commercial line from the Yaesu stable, rather than a new amateur radio product designed from the ground up. As such, it comes with all of the endorsement and no-fuss operation required for that critical environment.

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Depending on how far you venture out from shore, you'll find HF, VHF and even SHF playing an important role in providing that life-saving link in the event of trouble.



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Utility, military, numbers stations, pirate stations and other one-off, non-scheduled transmissions; why do we chase the signals we seek out?

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The so called Digital Modes have never been everyone's "cup of tea" but these days they are more a fact of life on a daily basis and Packet, RTTY, AMTOR, PSK31 are all examples of digital communication.

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