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As a serious offshore sailing captain, I feel that it is very important to increase the legal speed for data on the amateur radio bands. Currently it can take from 20 to 30 Min. to download weather maps and info. that are critical to safety, but would take less than five Min. at Factor 4 speed.

Also as a member of emergency response communication team, that critical data may be transmitted in a more efficient manner during times of national disaster.

I can see no negative consequence, and only good for all.

It is past time to come out of the stone age and into reality.