The Marine Exchange of Alaska is a non-profit maritime organization established in 2000 to provide the Alaska maritime community with information, communications and services to aid safe, secure, efficient and environmentally responsible maritime operations. The Marine Exchange has developed and operates one of the world’s largest vessel tracking and maritime information systems with funding provided by the State of Alaska, the Coast Guard, the maritime industry and the Alaska Ocean Observing System.

Applying the information received from the 130 Automatic Identification System receivers the Marine Exchange built and maintains throughout Alaska the organization maintains a 7x24 hour operations center that provides maritime domain management for a region encompassing over 1.5 million square miles of waters off Alaska. The Marine Exchange has also established 45 weather stations along coastal Alaska and current sensors in the Port of Juneau to enhance safe navigation of vessels.

The Marine Exchange Board of Directors is comprised of individuals representing fishing vessels, tankers, cargo ships, tugs and barges, pilots, ports and the public. The organization stands as an example of a Public Private Partnership, partnering with the State of Alaska, the Coast Guard, NOAA and the marine industry to provide information, communications and services to aid safe, efficient and environmentally sound maritime operations in a cost-effective way.

The executive director of the Marine Exchange, Captain Ed Page, is a retired Coast Guard officer that served as the Chief of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection for the Coast Guard Alaska region prior to founding the organization.