

VHF Marine Radio Channel Reference

VHF Marine Channel Number	Authorized Use
16	International Distress, Safety and Hailing. Maintain a listening watch on this channel.
09	Alternate Hailing Channel.
13	Intership Navigation, Draw bridges & locks.
68, 69, 71, 72, 78A	Non-Commercial
06	Intership Safety
17, 21A, 22A, 23A, 81A, 82A, 83A	State and Federal Government only
07A, 08, 18A, 19A, 67* 79A, 80A, 88A*	Commercial * Intership Only
01A, 05A, 10, 11, 12, 14, 20, 20A, 63A, 65A, 66A, 73, 74, 77	Port Operations, Commercial and/or VTS.
24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 84, 85, 86	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
15	Receive only. Used by Class C EPIRBs.
70	Digital Selective Calling (voice not allowed)

Ch.	Frequency (MHz)	Local Station
WX1	162.550	Falmouth, ME
WX2	162.400	Concord, NH; Ellsworth, ME
WX3	162.475	Boston, MA; Dresden, ME
WX4	162.425	Gloucester, MA; Greenville, ME
WX5	162.450	Jonesboro, ME; Deerfield, NH
WX6	162.500	Mt. Washington
WX7	162.525	Peterborough, NH

PUSH the microphone key to talk. **LET GO** of the microphone key to LISTEN!!!

EMERGENCY AND HAILING CHANNEL: 16

ALWAYS monitor this channel

TO USE THE RADIO

PUSH the microphone key to talk.
LET GO of the key to listen!

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY (Immediate danger ONLY)

SET the radio to channel 16
SAY clearly: Mayday, Mayday, Mayday
SAY "This is" and the name of your vessel three times.
Give a brief description of your location and problem.
Let Go of the microphone key to listen for an answer!

If no answer:
Repeat above and include description of your vessel, number of people, and exact nature of the emergency.

TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE (No immediate danger)

SAY "United States Coast Guard" three times
SAY "This is" and the name of your vessel three times.
EXPLAIN the situation when your call is answered.

TO TALK TO ANOTHER VESSEL

SET the radio to channel 16
(Or channel 9 in some areas)

SAY the other vessel's name three times.
SAY "This is" and the name of your vessel.
WAIT two minutes for a response before repeating.
WAIT fifteen minutes if no response after three tries.

WHEN OTHER VESSEL RESPONDS

ASK them to switch to a recreational vessel channel.

RECREATIONAL VESSEL CHANNELS

68 69 71 72 78

OTHER CHANNELS ARE ASSIGNED SPECIFIC USES.

IT IS A VIOLATION TO USE THEM IMPROPERLY.

Obtain local information about special channel uses and customs when traveling to unfamiliar areas.

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