Thank you for purchasing a Cobra Marine® VHF radio. Properly used, this Cobra® product will give you many years of reliable service.

How Your Cobra Marine VHF Radio Works
This radio is a battery-powered portable transceiver for use afloat. It gives you 2-way vessel-to-vessel and vessel-to-shore station communications, primarily for safety and secondarily for navigation and operational purposes. With it, you can call for help, get information from other boaters, talk to lock or bridge tenders and make radiotelephone calls to anywhere in the world through a marine operator.

Besides 2-way communications, in the U.S.A., the radio can provide quick access to receive eight NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) and two Canadian weather channels for alerting you to weather emergencies with a tone on a weather channel you can select for your area.

Customer Assistance
Should you encounter any problems with this product, or not understand its many features, please refer to this owner’s manual. If you require further assistance after reading this manual, Cobra Electronics offers the following customer assistance services:

For Assistance In The U.S.A.
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM EST
Call: 800-543-1608

SERVICE
Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-5:00PM EST
Call: 800-543-1608

Office:
6500 West Cortland Street,
Chicago, IL, 60707

Have questions? We can help. Contact us at 800-543-1608
M-F 9:00AM-5PM EST

For Assistance Outside the U.S.A.
Contact Your Local Dealer
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Power Settings
Select 0.5, 1 or 3 watts of output power for near or distant calling.

USA/International/Canada Channels
Operate on any of the three different channel maps set up for these areas.

All NOAA Weather Channels
Instant access to all National Weather Channels, 24 hours a day.

Emergency Weather Alert
Receive NOAA alerts when threatening weather is nearby.

Submersible
Meets JIS7/IPX7 waterproof standards.

Key Lock
Prevents accidental setting changes when key lock is set.

Channel Scan/Memory Scan
Scan through all or memorized channels to find conversations in progress.

Instant Channel 16/9
Provides instant access to priority Channel 16 and calling Channel 9.

Dual-Watch
Use to monitor two (channels at once – Channel 16 and one user selected channel.

Roger Beep Tone (Selectable)
Confirmation tone indicates the completion of the user's transmission and signals to others it is clear to talk.
On or Off selectable.

Rechargeable NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride) Batteries
Five rechargeable NiMH batteries supplied with the unit provide extended operating time and have no memory effect. Five AAA alkaline batteries may also be used for emergency backup power.

12V Power Cord Included
Charge the NiMH batteries in a car or boat.

Speaker/Mic Jack
Allows connecting optional Cobra Lapel Speaker/Mic.

Memory Channels
Allows programming of up to ten VHF memory channels.

Signal Strength Meter
Shows the strength of incoming or outgoing signals.

Illuminated Buttons
Allows high visibility of all function buttons.

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Important Safety Information

Before using your Cobra Marine® VHF radio, please read these general precautions and warnings.

Warning and Notice Statements

To make the most of this radio, it must be used properly. Please read the operating instructions carefully before using the radio. Special attention must be paid to the WARNING and NOTICE statements in this manual.

**WARNING**

Statements identify conditions that could result in personal injury or loss of life.

**NOTICE**

Statements identify conditions that could cause damage to the radio or other equipment.

Safety Training Information

This Cobra Marine® radio has been tested and found to comply with the FCC RF exposure limits for use by the “General Population” and Industry Canada RF exposure limits for use by the “General Public.” This Cobra Marine VHF radio also complies with the following guidelines and standards regarding RF energy and electromagnetic energy levels as well as evaluation of those levels for human exposure:


**NOTICE**

Conformité d’exposition de la fréquence du Canada RSS-102-Radio d’industrie (rf) de l’appareillage de communication par radio (toutes les bandes de fréquence).

General Precautions

The following WARNINGS and NOTICE information on the following page will make you aware of RF exposure hazards and how to assure you operate the radio within the FCC RF exposure limits established for the radio.

**WARNINGS**

Your radio generates electromagnetic RF (radio frequency) energy when it is transmitting. To ensure that you and those around you are not exposed to excessive amounts of that energy, **DO NOT** touch the antenna when transmitting. **KEEP** the radio at least two inches (5cm) away from yourself and others when transmitting.

**DO NOT** operate with more than a duty cycle of 5% transmit, 5% receive and 90% standby. The radio is transmitting when the Talk button is pressed and the transmit information shows on the LCD screen.

**ALWAYS** use only Cobra authorized accessories.

**DO NOT** operate the radio in an explosive atmosphere, near blasting sites, or in any area where signs are posted prohibiting radio transmissions.

**NEVER** place the transceiver or microphone/speaker where they might interfere with operation of your vessel or cause injury.

**DO NOT** allow children or anyone unfamiliar with proper procedures to operate the radio without supervision.

Failure to observe any of these warnings may cause you to exceed FCC RF exposure limits or create other dangerous conditions.

Industry Canada Antenna Notice

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.

**Avis d’antenne du Canada d’industrie**

En vertu de la réglementation de l’industrie du Canada, cet émetteur de radio ne peut fonctionner à l’aide d’une antenne d’un type et un maximum (ou moins) Gain approuvé pour l’émetteur par Industrie Canada. Pour réduire le risque d’interférence aux autres utilisateurs, le type d’antenne et son gain doivent être choisis afin que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (PIRE) ne dépasse pas ce qui est nécessaire pour une communication réussie.
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NOTICE
Your radio is waterproof only when the batteries are properly installed.

AVOID using or storing the radio at temperatures below -4°F (-20°C)
or above 140°F (60°C).

KEEP your radio at least 3 ft (0.9 m) away from your vessel's magnetic
navigation compass.

DO NOT attempt to service any internal parts yourself. Have any necessary
service performed by a qualified technician.

This radio is supplied with NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride) rechargeable batteries.

- Use only the Cobra power cord to recharge NiMH batteries in the radio.
- Do not short circuit the batteries.
- When replacing the batteries, dispose of the old batteries properly. The NiMH
  batteries may explode if disposed of in a fire.
- Do not attempt to operate your radio while recharging the batteries.

Changes or modifications to your radio MAY VOID its compliance with FCC (Federal
Communications Commission) rules and make it illegal to use.

Recommendations for Marine Communication

The frequencies your radio uses are set aside to enhance safety afloat and for vessel
navigation and operational messages over a range suitable for nearshore voyages.

If the 3 watt maximum output of your radio is not sufficient for the distances you travel
from the coast, consider a higher powered handheld or installing a Cobra Marine fixed
mount radio with up to 25 watts of output power. (Visit www.cobra.com or your local
dealer for model availability.)

If traveling far offshore, you should consider adding even more powerful radio
equipment such as HF single side band or satellite radio for your vessel.

The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse cellular telephones as substitutes for marine
radios. They generally cannot communicate with rescue vessels and, if you make a
distress call on a mobile telephone, only the party you call will be able to hear you.
Additionally, mobile telephones may have limited coverage over water and can be
hard to locate. If you do not know where you are, the Coast Guard will have difficulty
finding you if you are using a mobile telephone.

However, cellular telephones can have a place on board where cellular coverage
is available — to allow social conversations and keep the marine frequencies
uncluttered and available for their intended uses.

FCC Licensing Information
Cobra Marine VHF radios comply with the FCC (Federal Communications Commission)
requirements that regulate the Maritime Radio Service.

The radio operates on all currently allocated marine channels and is switchable for use
according to U.S.A., International or Canadian regulations. It features instant access
to emergency Channel 16 and calling Channel 9 as well as NOAA (National Oceanic
and Atmospheric Administration) All Hazards Radio with Alert that can be accessed by
pressing one button.

Station License
An FCC ship station license is no longer required for any vessel traveling in U.S.A. waters
which uses a VHF marine radio, RADAR, or EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio
Beacon), and which is not required to carry radio equipment. However, any vessel required
to carry a marine radio on an international voyage, carrying an HF single side band
radiotelephone, or carrying a marine satellite terminal must obtain a station license.

FCC license forms and applications for ship and land stations can be downloaded from the
Internet at www.fcc.gov. Forms can also be obtained by calling the FCC at 888-225-5322.

International Station License
If your vessel will be entering the sovereign waters of a country other than the
U.S.A. or Canada, you should contact that country’s communications regulatory
authority for licensing information.

Radio Call Sign
Currently, the FCC does not require recreational boaters to have a license. The United
States Coast Guard recommends that the boat’s registration number and state of registry
(e.g., IL 1234 AB) be used as a call sign and be clearly visible on the vessel.
Canadian Ship Station License
You need a Radio Operator’s Certificate if your vessel is operated in Canadian waters. Radio Operator training and certification is available from the Canadian Power Squadron. Visit their website at http://www.cps-ecp.ca/.

User Responsibility and Operating Locations
All users are responsible for observing domestic and foreign government regulations and are subject to severe penalties for violations. The VHF frequencies on your radio are reserved for marine use and require a special license to operate from land, including when your boat is on its trailer.

NOTE
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules, and Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standards. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

FCC Warning: Replacement or substitution of transistors, regular diodes or other parts of a unique nature, with parts other than those recommended by Cobra may cause a violation of the technical regulations of part 80 of the FCC Rules, or violation of type acceptance requirements of part 2 of the rules.

Included in this Package
You should find all of the following items in the package with your Cobra Marine VHF radio.

- Radio
- Wrist Strap
- 12V Power Cord
- Operating Instruction Manual
- Spring-Loaded Belt Clip
- 6 Rechargeable NiMH Batteries

External Speaker/Microphone Jack
Your radio can be fitted with an optional External Speaker/Microphone (not included), freeing your hands for other tasks. Contact your local Cobra Marine® dealer or Cobra® directly for optional accessories.

To attach the external speaker/microphone:
1. Open the speaker/microphone tab on top of the radio.
2. Insert the plug into the speaker/microphone jack.
Batteries and Charging

The radio is shipped with five NiMH rechargeable batteries.

**WARNING**
The 12V power cord supplied with this radio is only to be used with its rechargeable batteries. Do not attempt to charge any other type of batteries in the radio as fire, explosion or battery damage will occur. Rechargeable battery life will be prolonged if extreme ambient temperatures are avoided.

When your rechargeable batteries begin to discharge too quickly, it is time to install new batteries. Your radio will also operate with five (high-quality AAA alkaline batteries.

### Installing the Batteries
Install the AAA batteries in the slots in the battery compartment with the batteries oriented according to the polarity (+ & -) marks in the slots.

### Initial Charge
The Cobra-provided NiMH batteries may be charged in a car or boat using the appropriate 12V power cord.
1. Insert the power cord into the side of the radio.
2. Insert the other end of the power cord into a 12V power source.
3. Observe that the red light on the power cord glows to indicate that power is present.
4. Allow the batteries to charge for 12 to 14 hours before use.

**WARNING**
Only the rechargeable NiMH batteries can be recharged. You MUST use the charging device provided with this radio. Do not substitute any other type of charging adapter. Battery damage, fire or explosion may result. It is equally important to prevent the NiMH batteries from freezing to obtain best performance from them.

### To Remove Batteries from Radio
1. Loosen the 2 screws on the back of the battery door.
2. Pull the individual batteries out of the radio housing.

**NOTICE**
NiMH batteries are toxic. Please dispose of properly. Some marine suppliers accept old batteries for recycling and some municipal waste disposal agencies have special provisions for battery disposal.

### Maintaining the Battery Charge
As you use your radio, the battery power icon will show the battery power remaining. When the icon begins to flash, it is time to recharge or change the batteries.

**NOTICE**
Use only the 12V power cord provided by Cobra. Do not use the power cord with alkaline batteries; only the NiMH batteries are rechargeable. Spent alkaline batteries must be discarded and replaced.

It is a good idea to keep a set of fresh, high-quality AAA alkaline batteries with your radio. Should the rechargeable batteries become discharged and no electrical power source be available, you can insert fresh alkaline batteries and continue to use your radio.
Getting Started

Refer to the foldout at the front of this manual to identify the various controls and indicators on your radio. Throughout this manual you will be instructed to “Press” or to “Press and Hold” various buttons (except “Push to Talk”) on the radio.

“Press” means a momentary press of approximately one second. “Press and Hold” means to hold the button down for approximately three seconds.

Whenever you press any button except the Talk button on your radio, a brief tone (beep) will sound to confirm the button press. With all button presses, the appropriate icon will appear on the LCD and the backlight will turn On. The backlight will stay On for 10 seconds after the button is released.

At times, you will hear two other sounds. Two beeps will sound to confirm your setting changes and three beeps will sound to notify you of an error.

Common Radio Functions
The following procedures define common operating functions of the radio when in either Marine Standby or Weather (WX) Standby modes.

Power Button

Power On/Off Button
The On/Off Button control is located at the front left side of the radio. Pressing and holding the power On/Off button for 3 seconds will turn the radio On or Off.

Power Saver
Your radio has a unique circuit designed to extend battery life. If there are no transmissions, signals, or button presses for ten seconds, the radio will automatically switch to Power Save mode. Signal reception or any button press will take the radio out of Power Save mode.

Volume Control
Volume is controlled by the Up/Down volume buttons.
- To increase the volume, press the Volume + button.
- To decrease the volume, press the Volume - button.
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Backlight/Key Lock Button
The LCD will be illuminated by the backlight as long as any button is pressed and will remain On for 10 seconds after the button is released.

To Display the Backlight Momentarily:
Press the Backlight/Key Lock button. The backlight will remain On for 10 seconds. If the backlight is already On, a press of the Backlight/Key Lock button will turn it Off.

Key Lock
To prevent accidental changes to your settings, you can lock all of the buttons on the front of the radio along with the Squelch Defeat button.

To Lock or Unlock the Buttons:
Press and hold the Backlight/Key Lock button for two seconds. The Key Lock icon will appear or disappear in the LCD. When Key Lock is On, pressing any of the buttons on the front of the radio will result in a three beep error message.
Both the Backlight/Key Lock button and the Talk button are active — you can receive (Rx) or transmit (Tx) a message with Key Lock On, but you cannot change the channel.

Channel Up/Down Buttons
Your radio will receive (Rx) and transmit (Tx) VHF signals on the channel indicated on the LCD display. You can change the channel at any time using the Channel Up/Down buttons.

To Change Channels:
Press the Channel Up/Down buttons.
If you are on Channel 88, pressing the Channel Up button will advance to Channel 01. If you are on Channel 01, pressing the Channel Down button will advance to 4 digit channel.
You can press and hold the Channel Up/Down button for fast advance. The beep sound will occur only at the first press of the buttons and not during fast advance.
If the new channel selected is restricted to low power, the radio will automatically switch to Low Power mode and the Low Power icon will appear on the LCD.
If the radio is in the Key Lock mode, the channel will not change and the three beep error signal will sound.

SCAN Button
Press and hold the SCN button to scan all channels. The SCAN icon will display on the LCD display. Scanning begins at lower channels, and scans to higher channels. Press Channel Up/Down button to change the scan direction.
When a signal is received in SCAN mode, the radio will pause 10 seconds before resuming SCAN operation.
The scan will stop when the Talk button is pressed.

NOTE
Memory channels need to be saved to effectively enter the Memory Channel mode and scan all memory channels. See page 25.

High/Medium/Low (HI/MED/LO) Power Button
Your radio can transmit selectively at .5, 1 or 3 watts of power. Cobra suggests you maintain the low power setting for short-range communication. You will conserve battery life and avoid overpowering nearby stations by using a low power signal. Use the High Power setting for long-range communications or when you do not receive a response to a signal sent at .5 or 3 watt.

To Toggle Between Hi/Med/Lo Power Modes:
Press the Power Level/Weather button. The LCD will show which mode is in effect. Some channels are restricted for a maximum use of 1 watt. Your radio will automatically set the power to Low Power mode when you select those channels.

NOTE
Some channels, frequency bands and countries of use might not be able to operate in High Power mode.
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Setup Mode Programming

The following series of procedures is designed to allow you to set the programmable features of your radio. Correctly following these steps results in a minimal amount of radio setup programming time.

**NOTE**

When in the Setup mode, if you stop programming for longer than 10 seconds, your entry will be saved and the radio will go back to the Marine Standby mode. Pressing any of the non-programming buttons (Talk, Dual-Watch/Scan, Power Level/Weather, Instant Channel 16/9) will also exit Setup mode and invoke the button function or return the radio to Marine Standby mode.

When you return to Setup mode and continue programming you will see the last “value” displayed. While in the Setup mode, you will not receive any signal reception.

**Marine (VHF) Mode Programming**

Programming these features will allow you to customize certain features of this radio to enhance your “On-Water” audio needs.

Start from Marine Standby mode to begin Marine (VHF) Setup programming. Press and hold the Enter/Setup button for three seconds to enter the programming mode.

U.S.A./International/Canada Channel Maps

Three sets of VHF Channel Maps have been established for marine use in the U.S.A., Canada, and the rest of the world (International). Most of the channels are the same for all three maps, but there are definite differences (see table in the Appendix). Your radio has all three maps built into it and will operate correctly in whichever area you choose.

To Set Channel Map Operating Area:

1. The Channel Map mode is the first mode that begins the Marine (VHF) Setup programming.
2. U, I and C will display, with the current setting (the U icon is the default) flashing.
3. Press Channel Up/Down buttons to select the U, I or C icon.
4. Press Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.

**NOTE**

One or two of the channel maps might have been disabled for sales of this radio in some countries.
Roger Beep Mode
In Roger Beep mode, your listener will hear an audible tone when you release the Talk button. This alerts your listener that you are finished talking and it is OK for them to speak.

To Set Roger Beep On or Off:
1. Press and hold the Setup button for 3 seconds.
2. Press Channel Up/Down buttons to select ON or OFF. ROG will be displayed when On.
3. Press Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode – Key Tone.

Key Tone Mode
In Key Tone mode, an audible tone will sound each time a button is pressed or you change a setting.

To Set Key Tone On or Off:
1. Press and hold the Setup button for 3 seconds.
2. Press Channel Up/Down buttons to select ON or OFF.
3. Press Enter/Setup button to save all entries.

You have now ended Marine (VHF) Setup programming mode and will enter Marine Standby mode.

Weather (WX) Alert Mode Programming
Programming these features will allow your radio to listen to all NOAA Hazard Alert radio signals and warnings (WX feature available in U.S. model only).

Start from WX Standby mode (see page 19) to begin WX Alert Setup programming. Press and hold the Enter/Setup button for three seconds to enter the programming mode.

To Set WX Alert On or Off:
1. WX Alert mode is the first mode that begins WX Alert Setup programming.
2. Display will show WX Alert icon and ON or OFF flashing.
3. Press Channel Up and Channel Down buttons to select ON or OFF.
4. Press Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.

To Set WX Auto Search (SCAN) On or Off:
1. Display will show WX Alert icon and SCAN, ON or OFF is flashing.
2. Press Channel Up and Channel Down buttons to select SCAN, ON or OFF.
3. Press the Enter/Setup button to save entry.

You have now ended the WX Alert Setup programming mode and will enter the WX Alert Standby mode.

When WX Alert is On and WX Auto Search (SCAN) is Off, the unit will continuously check the selected WX channel from Marine or WX Standby for the WX Alert tone. When the tone is detected, the radio will sound an alert tone and flash the WX Alert icon. The unit will remain on that WX channel until you switch back to Marine Standby mode.

When WX Auto Search (SCAN) is On, the unit will scan the weather channels for a stronger signal if the current weather channel signal falls below the squelch level.
Standby, Receive and Transmit

Marine Standby and Receive (Rx) Mode

Marine Standby mode is the default mode for the radio whenever it is turned On. From this mode, you can change current settings by becoming familiar with the different key functions that are active in Marine Standby mode. While in Marine Standby mode, the user will be able to transmit by pressing the Push to Talk (Talk) button. Users will hear signals on the selected channel(s) in Receive (RX) mode and can hear alerts broadcast by the Coast Guard and NOAA.

NOTE
Coast Guard alerts are broadcast on Channel 16 and you need to have the WX Alert turned On to receive NOAA weather alerts. While in Marine Standby mode, you will receive any messages sent on the channel to which you are tuned.

Transmit (Tx) Mode

Transmit (Tx) mode gives you the ability to interact with safety services, other vessels and shore stations. When you use this capability, be sure to follow the procedures and to observe the courtesies that govern its use so everyone benefits. See Appendix to help you select the proper channels.

To Transmit a Message:
1. Check to see that your radio is set to a proper channel for the type of message you plan to send.
2. Toggle to the Low Power setting for a nearby station.
3. With the microphone about 2 in. [51 mm] from your mouth, press and hold the Talk button and speak into the microphone. The Transmit icon will appear on the LCD.
4. Release the Talk button when you are finished speaking. Your radio can only operate in either Transmit (Tx) or Receive (Rx) mode at any given time. You will not hear the response to your message unless the Talk button is released. If the Battery Power icon begins blinking on the LCD when the Talk button is pressed, the radio will NOT transmit.

NOTE
If the Talk button is held down for five minutes, the radio will automatically sound a series of beeps and cease transmitting to prevent unwanted signal generation and battery drain. As soon as the Talk button is released, it can be pressed again to resume transmission.

NOAA Weather Channels

Monitoring the weather will probably be a frequent use of your radio. NOAA provides continuous, around-the-clock broadcasts of the latest weather information. Taped weather messages run every four to six minutes and are revised every two or three hours, or as needed. The Coast Guard also announces weather and other safety warnings on Channel 16. Smart boaters keep an eye on safety and an ear to the radio — and never let the weather catch them unaware.

NOAA Emergency Weather Alert

In the event of a major storm or other weather condition requiring vessels at sea or on other bodies of water to be notified, NOAA broadcasts a 1050 Hz tone that receivers such as your Cobra Marine VHF radio can detect and warn you of a weather alert condition. When the Weather Alert mode on your radio is On, this signal will produce a loud tone from the speaker in the radio and will automatically switch to the alerting weather channel so the alert broadcast can be heard.

NOAA Test Alert System

To test this system, NOAA broadcasts the 1050 Hz signal every Wednesday sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in each local time zone. Any receiver that can detect the weather alert tone may use this service to verify that this system is functioning properly.

These signals will be received in Marine or Weather Standby modes as described below.

Weather (WX) Standby Mode

To enter the WX Standby mode, press and hold the Power Level/Weather button. All common operating functions of the radio will work the same in WX Standby mode as they do in the normal Marine Standby mode. The radio will be monitoring for all alerts in the background when in the WX Standby mode when WX Alert is set ON.
WX Alert Standby Mode
When your radio is in WX Alert Standby mode, the following items will be displayed on the LCD display:
- The WX icon (cloud/sun) will be displayed.
- The last used weather channel will be displayed.
- The bar graph will display received signal strength level.
- The WX Alert icon (safety triangle) will be displayed.

**NOTE**
Only one or two of the weather channels will be operating in any given location (only in Receive (Rx) mode). You will need to select the channel with the strongest signal in your location.

**NOTE**
When in the WX Alert mode, and NOAA sends the 1050Hz alert tone, the radio will sound a series of beeps.

WX Auto Search (SCAN) Mode Function:
The purpose of the WX Auto Search (SCAN) function is to enable the receiver to stay tuned to a strong weather channel at all times in both the Marine and Weather standby modes. This allows use of the communication functions of the radio without missing a Weather Alert when:
- WX Auto Search (SCAN) function is On.
- WX Alert is On.
- The radio is tuned to a Marine VHF channel and has entered Power Save mode (meaning there is no signal activity or user input for 10 seconds).
- The radio software has detected that the current WX channel signal level has dropped below a preset minimum level or is gone completely.

Under these conditions, the software will scan the WX channels looking for an active WX channel. When an active WX channel is found, it will stop the scan and use the new WX channel to look for the standard 1050Hz alert tone.

**Advanced Operation**
Several capabilities of your radio can add to its versatility and ease of use even though they are not needed for its basic operation.

**Channel 16/9 Mode**
Channel 16/9 mode gives you quick access to calling on Channel 16 and Channel 9 from any operational mode.

**To Switch to Channel 16 or Channel 9:**
1. Press the Channel 16/9 button to change to Channel 16.
2. Press the Channel 16/9 button again to change to Channel 9.
3. Press the Channel 16/9 button a third time and return to the last used Marine Standby channel.

**NOTE**
This key is labeled as “16” for maximum visibility.
Dual-Watch Mode

Dual-Watch mode gives you one button access to scan a total of two channels of most importance to you. Channel 16 is preprogrammed and will always be one of the scanned locations. The other channel can be any marine VHF channel of your choice.

Using Dual-Watch

1. In Marine Standby mode, select the desired channel for Dual-Watch scanning.
2. Press the Dual-Watch button. The DW icon will appear on the LCD display and the radio will scan channel 16 and the selected channel.
3. A signal on any one of the two channels will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen to the traffic on that location.

NOTE
After the Dual-Watch scan stops to monitor a channel, as long as you do not press any buttons within 10 seconds, your radio will automatically resume scanning the Dual-Watch channels.

4. Press the Channel Up or Channel Down buttons to resume scanning the Dual-Watch channels or to change the scan direction.
5. To EXIT the Dual-Watch scan, press the Dual-Watch button again. The DW icon will disappear from the LCD and the radio will return to Marine Standby mode.

NOTE
Dual-Watch also functions with a Memory channel.

Memory Location Mode

Your radio has ten memory locations (numbered 0 to 9) for your most frequently used channels. These memory locations can be selected individually or can be scanned.

To enter Memory mode, press Memory/Escape button. The display will show the MEM icon and the Memory Channel bank will be activated and displayed.

To Program Memory Locations:

1. Press and hold the Memory/Escape button for two seconds. The memory location number will start flashing.
2. Use the Channel Up and Channel Down buttons to advance to the memory location (0-9) you want to program.
3. Press the Memory/Escape button to select the memory location. The memory channel number will stop flashing and the channel number will start flashing.
4. Use the Channel Up and Channel Down buttons to change to the channel you want to store into the selected memory location.
5. Press the Memory/Escape button to program that channel. The memory location number will flash again.
6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 to program as many additional memory locations as you want [up to ten VHF memory channels].
7. Press and hold the Memory/Escape button again to return to Marine Standby mode.
To Recall a Stored Memory Location:
1. Press the Memory/Escape button. The MEM icon will be turned On.
2. Press the Channel Up or Channel Down button to select the memory location. If a memory location has been programmed, its associated channel will display on the LCD. Your radio is now in Marine Standby mode on the selected memory location.

To Exit Memory Location Mode:
Press the Memory/Escape button to return the radio to Marine Standby mode. The last channel used in Marine Standby mode will now be displayed on the LCD and the MEM icon will disappear.

To Erase Stored Memory Locations:
1. Press and hold the Memory/Escape button for two seconds. The memory location number will start flashing and the MEM icon will be turned On.
2. Use the Channel Up and Channel Down buttons to advance to the memory location you want to erase.
3. Press the Memory/Escape button to select the memory location. The memory channel number will stop flashing and the channel number will start flashing.
4. Use the Channel Up and Channel Down buttons to change the channel to read “--” at the selected memory location.
5. Press the Memory/Escape button to erase that memory location.

Repeat steps 2 through 5 to erase as many additional memory locations as you want.
6. Press and hold the Memory/Escape button for two seconds. This will return the radio to Memory mode.
7. Press and release the Memory/Escape button again to return to Marine Standby mode.

Memory Location Scan Mode
During Memory Location Scan mode, the radio will rapidly scan through all programmed memory channels. Whenever any activity is detected on a channel, the radio will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen briefly on that channel. It will then continue to scan unless you switch out of Memory Location Scan mode.

NOTE
If there are fewer than two memory locations programmed in the radio, the Memory Location Scan option will not be available. At least two memory locations need to be programmed to use the Scan button.

To Enter Memory Location Scan:
1. From Marine Standby mode, press the Memory/Escape button.
2. Press and hold the DUAL WATCH/SCAN button. The radio will immediately begin to scan all pre-assigned memory channels. The SCAN and MEM icons will show on the LCD.
3. A signal on any channel will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen to the traffic on that location.
4. Press the Channel Up or Channel Down button to resume scanning the Memory Location Scan channels or to change the scan direction.
5. To EXIT Memory Location Scan mode, press and hold the DUAL WATCH/SCAN button again. The SCAN and MEM icons will disappear from the LCD and the radio will return to Memory mode.
Channel Scan Mode

During Channel Scan mode, the radio will rapidly switch from channel to channel through ALL the channels. Whenever any activity is detected, the radio will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen briefly on that channel. The radio will then continue to scan unless you switch out of the Channel Scan mode.

To Enter Channel Scan:

1. From Marine Standby mode, press and hold the DUAL WATCH/SCAN button. The radio will immediately begin to scan the entire channel map selected in the active channel map. The SCAN icon will show on the LCD.

2. A signal on any channel will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen to the traffic on that location.

3. Press the Channel Up or Channel Down button to resume scanning the Channel Scan channels or to change the scan direction.

4. To EXIT Channel Scan mode, press and hold the DUAL WATCH/SCAN button again. The SCAN icon will disappear from the LCD and the radio will return to Marine Standby mode.
VHF Marine Radio Procedures

Maintain Your Watch
Whenever your boat is underway, the radio must be turned On and be tuned to Channel 16 except when being used for messages.

Power
Try 0.5 watts first, if the station being called is within a few miles. If there is no answer, switch to 1 watt and call again. You have the ability to go up to 3 watts of output power to increase your calling distance. Remember, the lower wattage outputs will conserve your battery and minimize interference to other users.

Calling Coast Stations
Call a coast station on its assigned channel. You may use Channel 16 when you do not know the assigned channel.

Calling Other Vessels
Call other vessels on Channel 16 or on Channel 9. (Channel 9 is preferred for recreational vessel use.) You may also call on ship-to-ship channels when you know that the vessel is listening on a ship-to-ship channel.

Initial Calling on Channel 16 or 9
The use of Channel 16 is permitted for making initial contact (hailing) another vessel. The limits on calling must be followed. Be reminded, Channel 16’s most important function is for Emergency Messages. If for some reason, Channel 16 is congested, the use of Channel 9, especially in U.S. waters, may be used as the initial contact (hailing) channel for non-emergency communication.

Limits on Calling
You must not call the same station for more than 30 seconds at a time. If you do not get a reply, wait at least two minutes before calling again. After three calling periods, wait at least 15 minutes before calling again.

Change Channels
After contacting another station on a calling channel, change immediately to a channel which is available for the type of message you want to send.

Station Identification
Identify, in English, your station by your FCC call sign (if available), vessel name and the state registration number, at both the beginning and at the end of the message.

Prohibited Communications
You MUST NOT transmit:

- False distress or emergency messages.
- Messages containing obscene, indecent or profane language.
- General calls, signals or messages (messages not addressed to a particular station) on Channel 16, except in an emergency or if you are testing your radio.
- When you are on land.
**Voice Calling**

You are required to listen to Channel 16 while standing by. Channel 16 is the distress and safety channel used for establishing initial contact with another station and for emergency communication. The Coast Guard also monitors Channel 16 for safety purposes for everyone on the water.

**NOTE**
Channel 9 may be used by recreational vessels for general-purpose calling. This frequency should be used whenever possible to help relieve congestion on Channel 16. The Coast Guard generally does not make urgent maritime information broadcasts or weather warnings on Channel 9. Boaters are still asked to “keep watch” on Channel 16 whenever the radio is turned on and not in use with another station.

To call another vessel or shore installation (e.g., lock or bridge tender):

- Make sure the radio is On.
- Make sure you are in standby listening mode on Channel 16. Make sure Channel 16 is not in use.
- When the channel is open (quiet), press the Talk button and call a vessel. Hold the radio or microphone several inches from your face and speak clearly and distinctly in a normal voice tone. Say “name or station being called,” “THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign].”
- Once contact is made, you must leave Channel 16 and go to another working channel. See channel listing in the appendix.

**For Example**

The vessel Corsair is calling the vessel Vagabond:

Corsair: “Vagabond, this is Corsair. Over.”
Vagabond: “Please switch and answer on Channel 68 (or any proper working channel). Over.”
Corsair: “Switching to Channel 68. Over.”

**Voice Calling & Radiotelephone Calls**

- If the other party does not respond, wait two minutes and repeat. You are permitted to attempt contact three times, two minutes apart. If you still have not made contact, wait 15 minutes before trying again.
- After communications are completed, each vessel must sign off with its call sign or vessel name and the word “out” and return to Channel 16.

**NOTE**
For best sound quality at the station you are calling, hold the microphone on the front of the radio at least 2 in. (51 mm) from your mouth and slightly off to one side. Speak in a normal tone of voice.

**NOTE**
“Over and Out”
The most commonly misused procedure words are “over and out” within the same transmission. “Over” means you expect a reply. “Out” means you are finished and do not expect a reply.

**Radiotelephone Calls**

Boaters may make and receive radiotelephone calls to and from any number on the telephone network by using the services of public coast stations. For a fee, calls can be made between your radio and telephones on land, sea, and in the air. See the appendix for the public correspondence (marine operator) channels. If you plan to use these services, consider registering with the operator of the public coast station that you plan to work through. These services can provide you with detailed information and procedures to follow.

**NOTICE**
You may disclose privileged information during a radiotelephone call. Keep in mind that your transmission is NOT private, as it is on a regular telephone. Both sides of the conversation are being broadcast and can be heard by anyone who has a radio and tunes to the channel you are using.
**Emergency Messages and Distress Procedure**

The ability to summon assistance in an emergency is the primary reason to have a VHF marine radio. The marine environment can be unforgiving, and what may initially be a minor problem can rapidly develop into a situation beyond your control.

The Coast Guard monitors Channel 16, responds to all distress calls, and coordinates all search and rescue efforts. Depending on the availability of other capable vessels or commercial assistance operators in your vicinity, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary craft may be dispatched.

In any event, communicate with the Coast Guard as soon as you experience difficulties and before your situation becomes an emergency. Use the emergency message procedures only after your situation has become grave or you are faced with a sudden danger threatening life or property and requiring immediate help. Use Channel 16 to communicate your emergency message. Make sure you transmit on high power.

If you are merely out of gas, do not send an emergency message. Drop your anchor and call a friend or marina to bring the fuel you need or to give you a tow.

**Marine Emergency Signals**

The three spoken international emergency signals are:

- **MAYDAY**
  - The distress signal MAYDAY is used to indicate that a station is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance.

- **PAN PAN**
  - The urgency signal PAN PAN is used when the safety of the vessel or person is in jeopardy. (This signal is properly pronounced pahn pahn.)

- **SECURITE**
  - The safety signal SECURITE is used for messages about the safety of navigation or important weather warnings. (This signal is properly pronounced see-cure-ee-tay.)

When using an international emergency signal, the appropriate signal is to be spoken three times prior to the message.

**If You Hear a Distress Call**

You must give any message beginning with one of these signals priority over any other messages. ALL stations MUST remain silent on Channel 16 for the duration of the emergency unless the message relates directly to the emergency.

If you hear a distress message from a vessel, stand by your radio. If it is not answered, YOU should answer. If the distressed vessel is not nearby, wait a short time for others who may be closer to acknowledge. Even if you cannot render direct assistance, you may be in a position to relay the message.

**Marine Distress Procedure**

Speak slowly — clearly — calmly.

1. Make sure your radio is On.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press Talk button and say:
   "MAYDAY — MAYDAY — MAYDAY."
   (Or “PAN PAN— PAN PAN— PAN PAN,”
   or “SECURITE — SECURITE — SECURITE.”)
4. Say:
   “THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign].” repeated three (3) times.
5. Say:
   “MAYDAY (or “PAN PAN” or “SECURITE”) [your vessel name or call sign].
6. Tell where you are:
   (what navigational aids or landmarks are nearby).
7. State the nature of your distress.
8. State the kind of assistance needed.
9. Give number of persons aboard and conditions of any injured.
10. Estimate present seaworthiness of your vessel.
11. Briefly describe your vessel (length, type, color, hull).
12. Say:
   “I WILL BE LISTENING ON CHANNEL 16.”
13. End message by saying:
   “THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign]. OVER.”
14. Release Talk button and listen. Someone should answer.
   If not, repeat the call, beginning at step 3 above.

Keep the radio nearby. Even after your message has been received, the Coast Guard can find you more quickly if you can transmit a signal for a rescue boat to hone in on.
Emergency Messages and Distress Procedure

For Example

“Mayday — Mayday — Mayday”
“This is Corsair — Corsair — Corsair” [or “IL 1234 AB,” repeated three times]
“Mayday Corsair (or IL 1234 AB)”
“Navy Pier bears 220 degrees magnetic — distance 5 miles”
“Struck submerged object and flooding — need pump and tow”
“Four (4) adults, three children aboard — no one injured”
“Estimate we will remain afloat one-half hour”
“Corsair (or IL 1234 AB) is 26 ft sloop with blue hull and tan deck house”
“I will be listening on Channel 16”
“This is Corsair (or IL 1234 AB)”
“Over”

It is a good idea to write out a script of the message form and post it where you and others on your vessel can see it when an emergency message needs to be sent.

Warranty Terms:
Cobra warrants your product against all defects in materials and workmanship for a period of three (3) years from the date of original purchase.

Cobra, at our sole discretion, will repair or replace your product (with the same or comparable product) free of charge.

Cobra will not pay shipping charges that you incur for sending your product to us. Products received COD will be refused.

To make a warranty claim, we will require proof or purchase in the form of an invoice or receipt. No proof of purchase is required for factory direct purchases.

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General Warranty Information
Each product we manufacture is covered by our factory warranty. While each product may have unique components and policy, the general guideline below will apply to most Cobra products.

All Cobra products purchased factory-direct or from our Authorized Resellers will come with a full one to three (1-3) year warranty from the date of the original retail purchase (see policy statement above for full warranty details and exclusions).

Standard accessories packaged with each model will have a one-year factory warranty.

Accessory items have a one-year factory warranty.

Shipping to our facility is not covered in our warranty. Return shipping is included within the US. This warranty is non-transferrable.

For the sake of clarity, ‘repair or replace the Product or its defective part’ does not include removal or installation work, costs or expenses which include but are not limited to labor costs or expenses.

Cobra will not be responsible for lost packages.
VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Introduction

If you have any questions about operation or installing your new Cobra product, PLEASE CONTACT COBRA FIRST...do not return this product to any retail store.

The contact information for Cobra will vary depending on the country in which you purchased and utilize the product. For the latest contact information, please go to www.cobra.com/support

For products purchased in the U.S.A. you may call 800-543-1608.

For products purchased in the U.S.A., if your product should require factory service, please please go to www.cobra.com/support and follow the instructions for returning your product to the Cobra Factory Service Department for service.

Should there be any problems with this product or further information is needed on its features please visit www.cobra.com for support, frequently asked questions, Declarations of Conformity, and full manuals.

For Products Purchased Outside the U.S.A. or Canada
Please contact your local dealer for product service information.

For Products Used in Canada

Industry Canada Notice

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
(1) this device may not cause interference, and
(2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d’Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L’exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:
(1) l’appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
(2) l’utilisateur de l’appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d’en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Disposal of Old Electrical or Electronics Equipment

This product may contain hazardous substances that could impact health and the environment if not disposed of properly.

The crossed out wheeled bin symbol indicates that the product should not be disposed of along with household waste. It should be handed over to an applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical equipment. By ensuring that this product is disposed of correctly you will help/prevent potential negative impact on the environment.

If you need more information on the collection, reuse and recycling systems, please contact your local civic office or the shop where it was originally purchased.

Specifications

Specifications (Typical)

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AF Output 250 mW @ 8 Ohms

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VHF Marine Channel Assignments

Three sets of VHF channels have been established for marine use in the U.S.A., Canada and the rest of the world (international). Most of the channels are the same for all three maps, but there are definite differences (see table on the following pages). Your radio has all three maps built into it and will operate correctly in whichever area you choose.

The following is a brief outline of the channel assignments in the U.S.A. Channel Map.

Distress, Safety, and Calling
Channel 16
Getting the attention of another station (calling) or in emergencies (distress and safety).

Calling
Channel 9
General-purpose (non-emergency) calling by non-commercial vessels. Recreational boaters are urged to use this channel to reduce congestion on Channel 16.

Intership Safety
Channel 6
Ship-to-ship safety messages and for search and rescue messages to Coast Guard ships and aircraft.

Coast Guard Liaison
Channel 22A
To talk to the Coast Guard, Canadian Coast Guard (non-emergency) after making contact on Channel 16.

Non-Commercial
Channels 67*, 68*, 69, 71, 72, 78A, 79A*, 80A*
Working channels for small vessels. Messages must be about needs of the vessel, such as fishing reports, berthing and rendezvous. Use Channel 72 only for ship-to-ship messages.

Commercial
Channels 1A, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18A, 19A, 63A, 67, 72, 79A, 80A, 88A*
Working channels for working ships only. Messages must be about business or needs of the ship. Use Channels 67, 72 and 88A only for ship-to-ship messages.

English/Español

Asignación de canales de VHF para radiocomunicación marítima

Existen tres mapas de canales VHF para uso marítimo en los EE.UU., Canadá y el resto del mundo (internacional). La mayoría de los canales coinciden en los tres mapas, pero sin duda existen diferencias (consulte las tablas en las páginas siguientes). El radio incorpora los tres mapas y funcionará correctamente en cualquiera de las tres áreas.

A continuación presentamos en forma resumida las asignaciones de canales del Mapa de canales para EE.UU.

Auxilio, seguridad y llamadas
Canal 16
Para ser oídos por otra estación (llamadas) o en casos de emergencia (auxilio y seguridad).

Llamadas
Canal 9
Llamadas de carácter general (excepto casos de emergencia) para embarcaciones no comerciales. Se le pide encarecidamente a la tripulación de las embarcaciones recreativas usar este canal para reducir la congestión del canal 16.

Seguridad entre embarcaciones
Canal 6
Para mensajes de seguridad entre embarcaciones y para mensajes de búsqueda y rescate enviados a barcos y aviones de la guardia costera.

Enlace con la guardia costera
Canal 22A
Para hablar con las guardias costeras estadounidenses y canadienses (excepto casos de emergencia) tras haber establecido contacto por el canal 16.

No comerciales
Canales 67*, 68*, 69, 71, 72, 78A, 79A*, 80A*
Canales activos para pequeñas embarcaciones. Los mensajes deberán estar relacionados con necesidades de las embarcaciones, como por ejemplo, informes de pesca, atraques y agrupamientos. Use el canal 72 solamente para mensajes entre embarcaciones.

Comerciales
Canales 1A, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18A, 19A, 63A, 67, 72, 79A, 80A, 88A*
Canales activos para embarcaciones activas solamente. Los mensajes deben estar relacionados con la actividad comercial o las necesidades de la embarcación. Use los canales 8, 67, 72 y 88A solamente para mensajes entre embarcaciones.
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<td>Channels 84, 85, 86, 87, 87A, 88*</td>
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<td>For calls to marine operators at public coast stations. You can make and receive telephone calls through these stations.</td>
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<td>Used for directing the movement of ships in or near ports, locks or waterways. Messages must be about operational handling, movement and safety of ships.</td>
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<td>Channels are available to all vessels. Messages must be about navigation, including passing or meeting other vessels. These are also the main working channels for most locks and drawbridges. You must keep your messages short and power output at no more than 1 watt.</td>
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<td>Receive-only channels for NOAA and Canadian weather broadcasts. You cannot transmit on these channels.</td>
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### Asignaciones de canales (Español)

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<td>Usados para dirigir el movimiento de las embarcaciones dentro de áreas portuarias, esclusas o canales. Los mensajes deberán estar relacionados con maniobras operacionales, movimientos y seguridad de las embarcaciones.</td>
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NOTE: These channels are restricted to the listed uses in certain parts of the country or for certain types of users only. Consult FCC rules or a knowledgeable radio operator before using them.

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**Comments:**

- **Channel Use (English):**
  - Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
  - Environmental (Receive Only)
  - Canada (EPIRB Buys Only); International (On-Board Communication)
  - International Distress, Safety and Calling
  - State Controlled (U.S.A. Only)
  - Commercial
  - Port Operations, Ship Movement
  - U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Coast Guard Only)
  - Coast Guard Only – Weather Broadcasts
  - U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Safety Information Broadcasts that are announced on Channel 16
  - Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)

- **Uso de canales (Español):**
  - Operaciones portuarias; VTS en áreas selectas
  - Medioambiental (recepción solamente). Usado por radiobalizas de localización de siniestros (EPIRB) clase C
  - Canadá (boya de EPIRB solamente); Internacional (comunicación de a bordo)
  - Llamadas, seguridad y solicitud de auxilio internacional
  - Controlado a nivel estatal (EE.UU. solamente)
  - Operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones
  - Operaciones portuarias
  - Enlace entre las guardias costeras estadounidenses y canadienses, y difusión de información sobre seguridad marítima anunciada por el canal 16
  - Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo)
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### Channel Use (English)

- **Coast Guard Only**
- **Coast Guard Only – Weather Broadcasts**
- **Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)**
- **Port Operation, Ship Movement**
- **Canada (Coast Guard Only); West Coast (Coast Guard Only); East Coast (Commercial Fishing)**
- **Port Operations and Commercial, VTS in selected areas, Canada Tow Boats-BCC**
- **Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement**
- **U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Commercial Fishing)**
- **Port Operations**

### Uso de canales (Español)

- **Solamente Guardacostas**
- **Solamente Guardacostas – Transmisiones Meteorológicas**
- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo)**
- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo), operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
- **Canadá (guardia costera solamente); Costa occidental (guardia costera solamente); Costa oriental (pesca comercial)**
- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo), operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
- **Costa occidental (guardia costera solamente); Costa oriental (pesca comercial)**
- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo), operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
- **Operaciones portuarias y comerciales; VTS en áreas selectas, Barcos-BCC de la remolque de Canadá**
- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo), operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
- **EE.UU. (entidades gubernamentales solamente); Canadá (pesca comercial)**
- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo), operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
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**Channel Use (English)**

- Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
- Port Operations
- U.S. (Commercial), Used for bridge-to-bridge communications in lower Mississippi River (Intership Only); Canada (Commercial Fishing), S&R
- Non-Commercial (Recreational); Canada (Commercial Fishing Only); International (Intership, Port Operations, Ship Movement)
- Digital Selective Calling (Voice communications not allowed)
- U.S. and Canada (Non-Commercial, Recreational); International (Port Operations, Ship Movement)
- U.S. (Port Operations); Canada (Commercial Fishing Only); International (Intership, Port Operations, Ship Movement)
- U.S. (Port Operations); Canada (Commercial Fishing Only); International (Intership, Port Operations, Ship Movement)
- Port Operations (Intership Only)
- Port Operations (Intership Only)
- Port Operations (Intership only), Restricted to communications with pilots for movement and docking of ships.

**Uso de canales (Español)**

- Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo), operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones
- Operaciones portuarias
- EE.UU. (comercial). Usado para comunicaciones de puente de mando a puente de mando en la parte baja del Río Misisipí (entre embarcaciones solamente); Canadá (pesca comercial) (transmisión y recepción)
- No comercial (recreativo)
- EE.UU. (no comercial, recreativo); Canadá (pesca comercial solamente); Internacional (comunicaciones entre embarcaciones, operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones)
- Llamadas selectivas digitales (las comunicaciones verbales están prohibidas)
- EE.UU. y Canadá (no comercial, recreativo); Internacional (operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones)
- No comercial (entre embarcaciones solamente)
- EE.UU. (operaciones portuarias); Canadá (pesca comercial solamente); Internacional (comunicaciones entre embarcaciones, operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones)
- EE.UU. (operaciones portuarias); Canadá (pesca comercial solamente); Internacional (comunicaciones entre embarcaciones, operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones)
- Operaciones portuarias (entre embarcaciones solamente)
- Operaciones portuarias (entre embarcaciones solamente)
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**Channel Use (English)**

- **Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)**
- **Non-Commercial (Recreational)**
- **Port Operations**
- **Port Operations, Ship Movement**
- **Commercial (Also Non-Commercial only in Great Lakes)**
- **Port Operations, Ship Movement**
- **U.S. (Government Only); Environmental Protection Operations**
- **U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Coast Guard Only)**
- **(Coast Guard Only) – Weather Broadcasts**
- **U.S. (Commercial), Port Operations and VTS (International & Canada)**
- **Commercial Internship only**

**Uso de canales (Español)**

- **Correspondencia pública (operador marítimo)**
- **No comercial (recreativo)**
- **Operaciones portuarias**
- **Operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
- **Comercial (en los Grandes Lagos también no comercial)**
- **Operaciones portuarias, movimiento de embarcaciones**
- **EE.UU. (entidades gubernamentales solamente; operaciones de protección medioambiental)**
- **EE.UU. (entidades gubernamentales solamente); Canadá (guardia costera solamente)**
- **Canadá (guardia costera solamente)**
- **Solamente Guardacostas – Transmisiones Meteorológicas**
- **EE.UU. (comercial). Operaciones Portuarias y VTS (Internacional y Canadá).**
- **Comercial entre embarcaciones solamente**
## VHF Marine Channel Assignments

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**VHF Marine Channel Assignments (English)**

**NOTE**
Many of the plain-numbered channels, such as 01, 02 and 03, transmit and receive on different frequencies. This is termed duplex operation. Some other plain-numbered channels (including 4 digit channels) and all of the A channels, such as 01A, 03A and 04A, transmit and receive on a single frequency, which is termed simplex operation. Your radio automatically adjusts to these conditions. This radio includes new four digit channels to be compliant with the latest and future regulations.

**NOTE**
All channels are preprogrammed at the factory according to international regulations and those of the FCC (U.S.A.) and Industry Canada (Canada). They cannot be altered by the user nor can modes of operation be changed between simplex and duplex.

**Asignación de canales de VHF para radiocomunicación marítima (Español)**

**NOTA**
Muchos de los canales de números simples, como 01, 02 y 03, transmiten y reciben en diferentes frecuencias. A esto se le llama operación dúplex. El resto de los canales de números simples (incluyendo canales de 4 dígitos) y todos los canales A, como 01A, 03A y 04A, transmiten y reciben en una sola frecuencia, a la que se le llama operación simple (simplex). Su radio se ajusta automáticamente a estas condiciones. Cuando esté en operación simple, el ícono A aparecerá en la pantalla de cristal líquido (vea la ilustración de la página A2). Esta radio incluye nuevos canales de cuatro dígitos para cumplir con las regulaciones más recientes.

**NOTA**
Todos los canales vienen programados previamente de fábrica conforme a los reglamentos internacionales y a los de la FCC (EE. UU) e Industry Canada (Canadá). No pueden ser alterados por el usuario, así como tampoco pueden cambiarse los modos de operación entre simple y dúplex.

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