

VHF RADIO CHANNELS

Channel 16 **Emergency**

For emergency and safety use only or hail a boat:
(Calling with a loud voice and away from the sailors, a boat or a ship, often using a voice carrier)

Channel 9 **Hailing**

To hail a boat, recreational boats only.
(Hail: Calling with a loud voice and by gesture away from the sailors, a boat, or a ship, often using a voice carrier)

Channel 13 **Bridges**

Use to request a bridge to open. Channel 67 is also used in some areas.

Channel 22 **Coast Guard**

Channel reserved for the Coast Guard, this channel is where the security broadcasts are made after they alerted you on channel 16 and asked you to switch to that channel.

Channel 70 **DSC CALLS**

Digital Selective Calling (DSC) channel: *(The DSC is an automated distress system that will also allow us to make digital telephone calls on our VHF in the near future).*

Channel 6 **SHIPS**

Channel reserved for safety communications between ships and authorities on land.

Channels 68-69-71-72 and 78A

Dedicated channels for recreational operations.

Channels 24,25,26,27,28,84,85,86 and 87

Dedicated channels for marine operators.
(Boaters are prohibited from using these channels).

Channels 1, 7A, 8, 10, 11, 18A, 19A, 63, 77, 79A, 80A and 88A

Commercial channels. *(Boaters are prohibited from using these canals).*

Channels 1, 5, 12, 14, 20, 63, 65A, 66A, 73, 74 and 77

For port operations. *(Many are used by pleasure craft in areas where there are no port operations.)*