

 **West Marine**[®]

VHF85

***Two-Way Marine Radio
Owner's Manual***

***Radio marino en dos vías
Manual del usuario***



Model 11954328

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Introduction

Features

The VHF85 provides the following key features:

- **Submersible design**
Complies with JIS8/IPX8 water-resistant standards, which means the radio can be submerged in 1.5 meters of water for 30 minutes without damage.
- **Memory scan mode**
Lets you save channels to memory and monitor them in quick succession.
- **Transmitter power level select**
Lets you boost the transmitter power from 1 Watt to 2.5 or 5 watts for added transmission distance..
- **Battery level display and low battery alert.**
- **Dual, Triple and Quad Watch operation**
These different watch modes let you monitor up to two Coast Guard Distress/Hailing channels and one weather channel along with one regular marine channel.
- **All marine VHF channels for the U.S., Canada, and international waters.**
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather channel watch**
Sounds a warning tone when a hazard alert is issued.

Getting Started

What's Included



VHF85 radio



Antenna
SKU 7830433



Lithium-Ion battery
SKU 12012506



Clip-on DC charger
SKU 12012514



AC adapter
SKU 12012522



Belt clip
SKU 7830458



Wrist strap
SKU 12012548

If any pieces are missing or damaged, contact West Marine (see back cover for contact information).

Parts of the VHF85

Front view



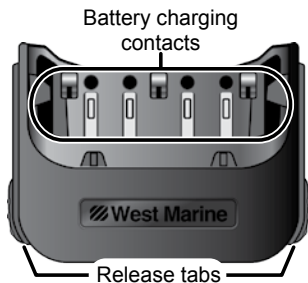
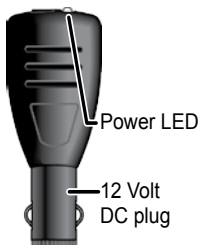
Rear view



Button	Press to...	Press & hold to...
PUSH TO TALK	stop scanning channels	transmit on a channel
16/9-TRI	go to channel 16. Press again to go to channel 9; press a third time to return to the starting channel.	turn Triple Watch on and off.
MEM	save a channel into memory or delete a channel from memory.	NA
UIC-LOCK	switch from US to canadian or international channels.	lock the keys; press & hold again to unlock.
CHANNEL UP	move up one channel at a time.	move quickly up the channels
CHANNEL DOWN	mode down one channel at a time.	move quickly down the channels.
WX-ALERT	listen to the weather channels.	turn Weather Alert Watch on and off.
SCAN-DUAL	strt scanning the channels saved in memory.	turn Dual. watch on and off.
1/5W-2.5W	switch the transmitter power between 1 Watt and 5 watts.	change the transmit power to 2.5 Watts.

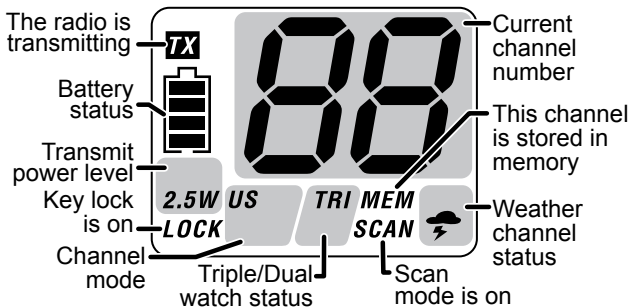
Knob	Turn clockwise to...	Turn counter-clockwise to...
Volume-Power	turn on the radio or increase the volume.	decrease the volume or turn off the radio.
Squelch	raise the squelch level to reduce channel noise.	lower the swuelch level to hear weaker signals.

Clip-on DC charger






Reading the Display

The display shows different information depending on what you're doing. This sample screen shows some of the information you might see. The shaded areas indicate where different icons appear; the table below shows all possible icons and what they mean.



Display icons and what they mean

Icon	What it means
	You are currently transmitting.
LOCK	The keys are locked.
	The battery is fully charged, mostly charged, half charged, nearly empty, or empty.
MEM	The current channel is stored in memory
Transmit power level: 1W 2.5W 5W	The transmit power is set to 1 Watt. The transmit power is set to 2.5 Watts. The transmit power is set to 5 Watts.
Channel mode : US CAN INT	The radio is using US channels. The radio is using Canadian channels. The radio is using International channels.
Triple/Dual watch status: TRI DUAL	Triple Watch is turned on. Dual Watch is turned on.
Weather channel status : SCAN WX	The radio is in Scan mode. The radio is in Weather mode.
	Weather Alert Watch is turned on.

How It Works

The VHF85 has three main operation modes: normal mode, scan mode, and weather mode.

Mode	What it does	To turn it on/off:
Normal	Monitors and allows transmission on a single marine channel so you can talk to another radio.	(default mode)
Scan	Monitors all the channels you save into memory so you can check a small group of regularly-used channels for traffic.	press SCAN-DUAL . (If you press PUSH TO TALK , the radio stops scanning.)
Weather	Monitors a single NOAA channel so you can hear current or forecasted weather.	press WX-ALERT .

In addition to the three operation modes, the VHF85 provides four different watch modes which you can activate during any operation mode. In the watch modes, the radio briefly checks for activity on a specific channel, then returns to its previous operation..

Mode	What it does	To turn it on/off
Weather Alert Watch	Checks the last-used weather channel for hazard alerts every 7 seconds.	Press & hold WX-ALERT for 2 seconds.
Dual Watch	Checks channel 16 every 2 seconds.	Press & hold SCAN-DUAL for 2 seconds.
Triple Watch	Checks channels 16 and 9 every 2 seconds.	Press & hold 16/9-TRI for 2 seconds.

Mode	What it does	To turn it on/off
Quad Watch	Checks channel 16 and 9 every 2 seconds and the last-used weather channel every 7 seconds.	Turn on Triple Watch, then turn on Weather Alert Watch.

NOTE: Private boats must monitor channel 16 whenever they are underway. Water-going vessels should have either Triple Watch or Dual Watch on at all times.

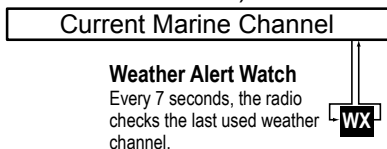
Normal Mode Operation

- ◆ To transmit, press & hold **PUSH-TO-TALK**. Release the button when you are finished talking.
- ◆ For the best sound quality, hold the microphone about 2 inches from your mouth while you're talking.
- ◆ Press **CHANNEL UP** to move up one channel at a time; press and hold the button to scroll quickly up the channels.
- ◆ Press **CHANNEL DOWN** to move down one channel at a time; press and hold the button to scroll quickly down the channels.
- ◆ To change the transmit power, press **1/5W-2.5**. The transmit power switches between 1 Watt and 5 Watts each time you press the button.
- ◆ To change the power to 2.5 Watts, press & hold **1/5W-2.5W**. Press & hold the button again to return to the previous transmit power (1 Watt or 5 Watts).

Normal mode with Weather Alert Watch

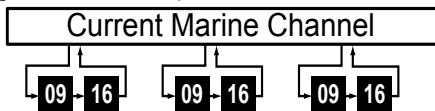
If you activate Weather Alert Watch while operating in normal mode, the radio checks the most recently used

weather channel every seven seconds. If it detects a weather or other hazard alert, it will switch to that weather channel. If you are actively transmitting, the radio waits until you finish your transmission before checking the weather channel.)



Normal mode with Triple Watch or Dual Watch

If you activate Triple Watch while operating in normal mode, the radio checks channels 16 and 9 every two seconds; with Dual watch turned on, the radio only checks channel 16. (If you are actively transmitting, the radio waits until you finish your transmission before checking the channels.)



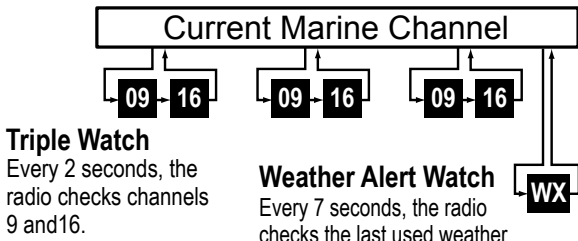
Triple Watch

Every 2 seconds, the radio checks channels 9 and 16.

Normal Mode with Weather Alert and Triple/Dual Watch (Quad Watch)

You can activate Weather Alert Watch and Triple Watch at the same time to monitor four channels at once (Quad Watch). The radio performs the Triple

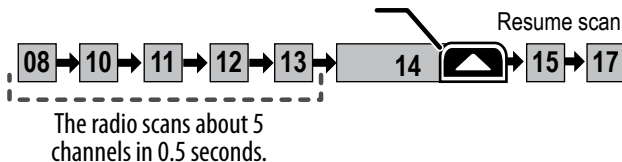
Watch and Weather Alert Watch checks at their scheduled time.



Scan Mode Operation

You can save channels into memory and then use scan mode to monitor those channels from lowest to highest. If the radio detects a signal on a channel, it stays on that channel as long as the signal is received; when the signal stops, the radio continues scanning.

When it detects a signal, the radio stays on the channel until the signal stops or you press CHANNEL UP.



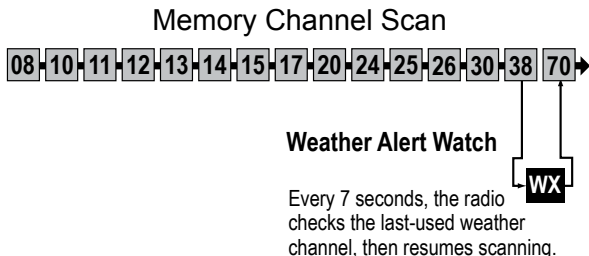
Using the radio in scan mode

- ◆ To activate scan mode, press SCAN-DUAL.

- ◆ You must have at least 2 channels in memory to start a scan.
- ◆ To save a channel into memory, select the channel then press **MEM**. The *Mem* icon shows on the display whenever you tune to that channel.
- ◆ To remove a channel from memory, set the radio to that channel, then press **MEM**. The *Mem* icon no longer shows on the display.
- ◆ When the radio stays on a channel, press **CHANNEL UP** to leave that channel and resume scanning.
- ◆ To end the scan, press **SCAN-DUAL** again; the radio remains on the last scanned channel.
- ◆ If you press **PUSH TO TALK** while in scan mode, the radio sounds a tone and remains on the last scanned channel. To transmit, press & hold **PUSH TO TALK**.

Scan mode with Weather Alert Watch

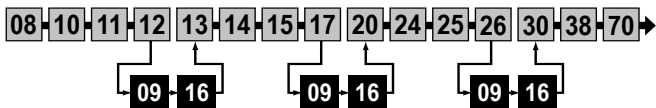
If you activate Weather Alert Watch while in scan mode, the radio checks the most recently-used weather channel every seven seconds, then continues scanning the next channel in memory.



Scan mode with Triple Watch or Dual Watch

If you activate Triple watch while in scan mode, the radio checks channels 16 and 9 every two seconds, then goes on to scan the next channel; with Dual Watch turned on, the radio only checks channel 16.

Memory Channel Scan



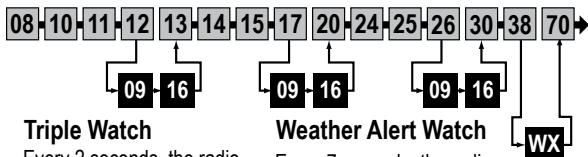
Triple Watch

Every 2 seconds, the radio checks channels 9 and 16, then resumes the scan.

Scan mode with Weather Alert and Triple/Dual Watch

You can activate Weather Alert Watch and Triple/Dual Watch at the same time. The radio performs both checks at their scheduled time.

Memory Channel Scan



Triple Watch

Every 2 seconds, the radio checks channels 9 and 16, then resumes the scan.

Weather Alert Watch

Every 7 seconds, the radio checks the last-used weather channel, then resumes scanning.

Weather Mode

The NOAA weather channels now cooperate with the FCC to alert you of other hazards besides weather (child abduction alerts, nuclear, biological, etc). In weather mode, the radio monitors one of the ten NOAA weather channels. If any type of alert is received, the radio sounds an alert tone and the display blinks.

Using the radio in weather mode

- ◆ You cannot transmit while in weather mode..
- ◆ To enter weather mode, press WX-ALERT.
- ◆ To turn off the radio's alert tone, press any button.
- ◆ To cancel weather mode and return to the previous marine channel, press WX-ALERT again.

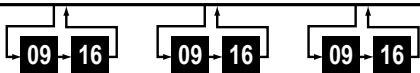
Weather mode with Weather Alert Watch

Because weather mode already monitors the weather channels, you don't need Weather Alert Watch to check the weather channel every seven seconds. If you activate Weather Alert Watch while operating in weather mode, it operates as a type of "sleep mode;" the radio stays on the weather channel and mutes the speaker. This mode is very useful when you are anchoring for the night but want to keep informed of hazards.

Weather mode with Triple Watch or Dual Watch

If you activate Triple Watch while operating in weather mode, the radio checks channels 16 and 9 every 2 seconds; with Dual watch turned on, the radio only checks channel 16.

Monitoring Weather Channel WX08



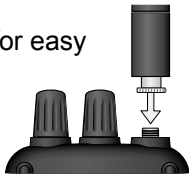
Triple Watch

Every 2 seconds, the radio checks channels 9 and 16.

Setting Up the Hardware

Attaching the Antenna

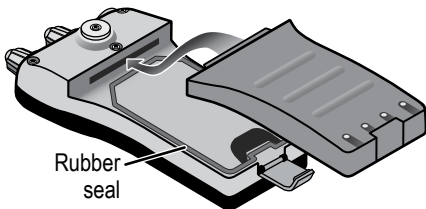
The antenna detaches from the radio for easy shipping or storage. To attach the antenna, screw it tightly onto the anchor post at the top of the radio.



Installing the Battery

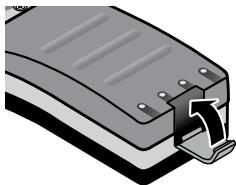
Your VHF85 comes with a rechargeable Lithium Ion battery; for shipping safely, the battery is not installed at the factory.

- 1) Insert the hook on the battery into the notch at the top of the battery compartment.



Note: Each time you remove the battery, check the rubber seal around the battery compartment. Make sure the seal is seated in the groove and there is no dirt or debris on it. If the seal looks worn or damaged, contact customer service to order a replacement.

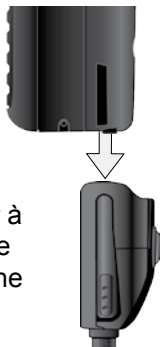
- 2) Lower the battery until it rests flat in the compartment.
- 3) Bring the battery latch up and snap it into place.



Charging the Battery

Connecting the clip-on DC Charger

- 1) Align the clip-on DC charger with the battery (on the rear side of the radio).
- 2) Slide the radio into the charger until it clicks into place.
- 3) Branchez l'autre extrémité du chargeur à une prise de courant de 12 volts CC. Le voyant à DEL situé au-dessus de la fiche doit être orange et demeurer allumé.



Caution!

- If the LED blinks, immediately disconnect the charger from the DC outlet. Reseat the radio in the charger before reconnecting the charger to power.
- Use only the battery and charger supplied with this radio. Using a different charger or battery can damage the radio and create a risk of fire or shock.
- ◆ Charge the battery fully before using the radio.
- ◆ When the battery is completely charged, the power LED turns green.
- ◆ Don't use the charger if the ambient temperature is below 32° F (0° C) or above 113° F (45° C).
- ◆ If the radio is powered down, the battery can charge in about three and half hours. (If the radio is powered on, the battery takes longer to charge.)
- ◆ If the battery is empty, the radio can't transmit, even if it's in the charger.
- ◆ When the charger is attached to the radio, don't move the cord or pick up the radio by the cord.

Disconnecting the charger

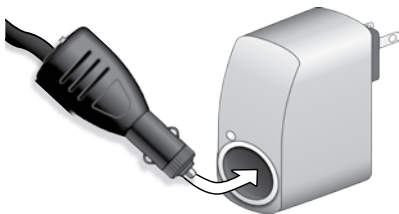
Squeeze in on the release tabs at the base of the charger, and slide the radio out.



Using the AC Power Adapter

1) Connect the charger to the radio (see page F-17).

2) Insert the round end of the charger into the hole on the back of the adapter.



3) Plug the adapter into a standard 120 volt AC power outlet. The LEDs on both the adapter and the charger should turn on.

If the charger LED blinks or doesn't turn on, unplug the adapter from the power outlet and remove the charger. Reseat the radio in the charger and try again.

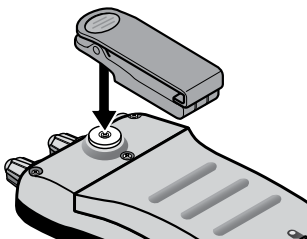
CAUTION:

- **Unplug the adapter before removing the charger. Do not plug in the adapter without the charger attached.**
- **Unplug the adapter when not in use.**
- **The adapter is NOT waterproof. DO NOT use the adapter near water or expose it to rain or moisture.**

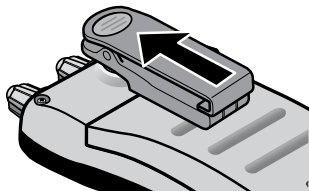
Attaching the Belt Clip

To attach the belt clip:

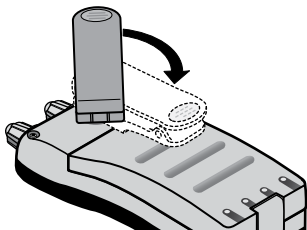
1) Rotate the belt clip so that the finger indentation is towards the top of the radio.



2) Align the center of the clip with the anchor post.



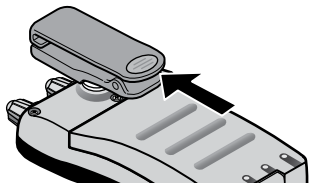
3) Place the clip on the post and slide the clip upwards until it clicks into place.



To remove the clip:

1) Rotate the clip so that the finger indentation is towards the bottom of the radio.

2) Slide the clip up until it comes free of the anchor post.



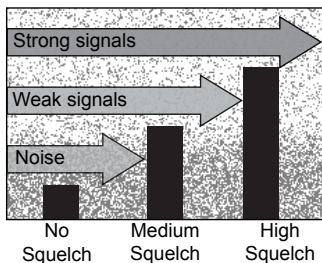
Using Your Radio

Changing the Volume

To increase the speaker volume, turn the VOLUME-POWER knob clockwise; turn it counter-clockwise to decrease the volume.

Setting the Squelch Level

The squelch feature reduces static on the speaker by filtering out any background channel noise. At the lowest squelch level, the speaker plays all signals, including any channel noise. Setting the squelch level higher filters out noise and lets only actual radio transmissions through.



While listening to a channel, adjust the SQUELCH knob until the noise is filtered and you can hear only the transmission. If you switch to a channel with a lot of noise or a weak transmission, you may need to readjust the squelch level.

Note: Setting the squelch level too high may prevent you from hearing weaker transmissions. If you are having difficulty hearing a transmission, try setting the squelch level lower.

Changing the Channel

Press CHANNEL UP or CHANNEL DOWN briefly to scroll through the channels one at a time. Press and hold CHANNEL UP or CHANNEL DOWN to quickly scroll through the channels.

Making a Transmission

Select the channel you want to transmit on, then press & hold PUSH TO TALK on the side of the radio. Release PUSH TO TALK when you're finished talking to let the other party respond.

- ◆ To prevent stuck microphone problems or situations where the PUSH TO TALK button is pushed accidentally, the radio limits your talk time to 5 minutes on a single transmission.
- ◆ For the best sound quality, hold the microphone about two inches away from your mouth.
- ◆ See the channel lists starting on page F-30 for a list of receive-only channels.

Boosting the transmission power

In most situations, the 1 Watt transmission power is all you need. If you find yourself far away from other stations and have trouble getting a response, you may need to boost the transmission power from 1 Watt to 2.5 Watts or 5 Watts:

- ◆ Press 1/5W-2.5W to switch from 1 Watt to 5 Watts. Press the button again to switch back to 1 Watt.
- ◆ To switch to 2.5 Watts, press & hold 1/5W-2.5W for about 2 seconds. Press & hold the button again to

switch back to 1 Watt or 5 Watts (whichever you were on when you switched to 2.5 Watts).

- ◆ The transmit power remains at the new setting until you change it again. The transmit power icon always shows the current transmission power.

Note: Don't forget to change the transmission setting back to 1 Watt when you move close to other stations.

- ◆ Some channels (for example, channels 13 and 67) limit the transmission power to 1 Watt. When you tune to a limited-power channel, the radio automatically switches to 1 Watt. See the channel lists starting on page F-30 for a list of power-restricted channels.

Setting the U/I/C Channel Mode (US/CAN/INT)

The radio comes preset to use the channels assigned for the US. If your current area uses Canadian or international channel assignments, press UIC-LOC to rotate through the US, Canadian, and international channels.

Troubleshooting

- ◆ If the antenna has been damaged, do not transmit except in an emergency situation. Transmitting with a defective antenna may damage the radio further.
- ◆ You are responsible for continued FCC compliance of your radio.

Common Questions

Problem	Things to Try
The radio won't turn on.	Charge the battery.
The power LED on the charger doesn't turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Replace the fuse inside the charger. Contact customer service for a new fuse and replacement instructions.– Replace the battery.
I can't hear anything on the speaker.	Adjust the squelch level; it is probably too high.
There is always noise coming from the speaker.	Adjust the squelch level; it is probably too low.
I'm not getting hazard alerts.	Make sure Weather Alert Watch is turned on.
The display flashes all the time.	The channel number on the display will flash when the radio is in scan mode or a watch mode. Try turning off scanning, Weather Alert Watch, Triple Watch, or Dual Watch (see page F-10).

Problem	Things to Try
I can transmit, but no one can hear me.	Check your UIC channel settings; does the area you are in use different channel assignments?
The radio won't transmit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make sure you are not in weather or scan mode. – Make sure you are not trying to transmit at the wrong power level for the channel or on a receive-only channel (see the channel lists starting on page F-30). – Check the battery power level; if it's too low, charge the battery before transmitting. – Make sure the duration of each transmission is less than 5 minutes.
Where can I find the serial number?	The serial number is on a plate inside the battery compartment.

Specifications

General	
Channels	All US/International/Canada marine channels 10 Weather channels
Frequency control	PLL
Frequency tolerance	TX: 1.5 PPM (77° F / 25° C) RX: 15 PPM (77° F / 25° C)
Operating temp.	-4°F (-20°C) à +122°F (+50°C)
Antenna	Flexible Whip
Microphone	Built-in Electret type
Display	Liquid Crystal display
Speaker	8Ω 0.5 Watt

Power Source	Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Battery 7.4 V 1040 mAh
Size (without antenna)	4.57 (H) x 2.49 (W) x 1.53 (D) inch 116.2 (H) x 63.3 (W) x 39 (D) mm
Weight	10.2 oz (290 g) (w/battery and antenna)
Transmitter	
Frequency range	156~158 MHz
Frequency stability	±10 PPM
Power output	1,0 W, 2,5 W et 5 W
Spurious emissions	70 dBc
Current drain	1400 mA (5 W)
Receiver	
Type	Double Conversion Super Heterodyne Phase Locked Loop system for Local Oscillator
Frequency range	156~164 MHz
Sensitivity	0.2 µV for 12 dB SINAD
Squelch sensitivity	Threshold 0,12 µV
Audio frequency response	+5 dB @ 500 Hz; -6 dB @ 2000 Hz
Adjacent channel selectivity	75 dB @ ±25 kHz
Audio output power	0,4 W @10% DHT
Current drain	55 mA squelched; 210 mA maximum audio

Regulatory Information

Warning! Read this information before using the radio!

Maritime Radio Services Operation

Warning! This transmitter will operate on channels/frequencies that have restricted use in the United States. The channel assignments include frequencies assigned for exclusive use of the U.S. Coast Guard, use in Canada, and use in international waters. Operation on these frequencies without proper authorization is strictly forbidden. See pages E-23 through E-29 for tables of the available channels and their uses. If you are still not certain which channels to use, see the FCC maritime radio page at the FCC website (<http://wireless.fcc.gov/marine/>) or contact the FCC Call Center at 1-888-CALL-FCC. For individuals requiring a license, such as commercial users, you should obtain a license application from your nearest FCC field office (for US users) or Industry Canada (for Canadian users).

Basic Radio Guidelines

You should familiarize yourself with the rules on marine radios and be aware of which rules apply to your boat. Complete guidelines for all ship and marine radio types can be found at the US Coast Guard website under the topic Radio Info for Boaters (the direct link is <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/boater.htm>). Here are a few guidelines that affect nearly all boaters.

- If you have a VHF radio on your boat, you must maintain a watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) whenever the radio is not being used to communicate. Starting in 2004, if a radio is carried, it must be on and set to channel 16 whenever your boat is underway.
- If you hear a distress call, wait a few minutes to let a shore station or Coast Guard vessel respond. If no other station has responded after 5 minutes, you must respond to the distress call.
- Do not make false mayday or distress calls as a prank or to test your radio. (This is essentially like making a false 9-1-1 call; you may be subject to fines.)

FCC/Industry Canada Information

- ◆ Certification: FCC Part 80 or RSS-182
- ◆ Output Power: 5W
- ◆ Emission: 16K0F3E
- ◆ Transmitter Frequency Range: 156.025-157.425 MHz

This device complies with Part 80 of the FCC rules, as well as Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

Unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment may void compliance with the FCC Rules.

FCC RF Exposure Information

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The Product should be shipped freight prepaid, by traceable means, or delivered, to warrantor at:

West Marine Electronic Repair Center
2395 Bert Court
Hollister, CA 95023
(831) 761-4205

Channels and Frequencies

US marine channel assignment

US Marine Channels				
CH	RX freq	TX freq	Status	Name
1A	156.050	156.050	Simplex	Vessel traffic system/commercial
5A	156.250	156.250	Simplex	Vessel traffic system/commercial
6	156.300	156.300	Simplex	Inter-ship safety
7A	156.350	156.350	Simplex	Commercial
8	156.400	156.400	Simplex	Commercial
9	156.450	156.450	Simplex	Non commercial
10	156.500	156.500	Simplex	Commercial
11	156.550	156.550	Simplex	Vessel traffic system/commercial
12	156.600	156.600	Simplex	Vessel traffic system
13	156.650	156.650	Simplex, 1W	Bridge to bridge
14	156.700	156.700	Simplex	Vessel traffic system
15	156.750	Inhibit	Receive only	Environmental

US Marine Channels				
CH	RX freq	TX freq	Status	Name
16	156.800	156.800	Simplex	Distress, safety, and calling
17	156.850	156.850	Simplex, 1W	Govt maritime control
18A	156.900	156.900	Simplex	Commercial
19A	156.950	156.950	Simplex	Commercial
20	161.600	157.000	Duplex	Port operation
20A	157.000	157.000	Simplex	Port operation
21A	157.050	157.050	Simplex	Coast guard only
22A	157.100	157.100	Simplex	Coast guard
23A	157.150	157.150	Simplex	Coast guard only
24	161.800	157.200	Duplex	Marine operator
25	161.850	157.250	Duplex	Marine operator
26	161.900	157.300	Duplex	Marine operator
27	161.950	157.350	Duplex	Marine operator
28	162.000	157.400	Duplex	Marine operator
63A	156.175	156.175	Simplex	Vessel traffic system
65A	156.275	156.275	Simplex	Port operation
66A	156.325	156.325	Simplex	Port operation
67	156.375	156.375	Simplex, 1W	Bridge To Bridge
68	156.425	156.425	Simplex	Non Commercial
69	156.475	156.475	Simplex	Non Commercial
70	156.525	Inhibé	Réception seulement	Digital Selective Calling
71	156.575	156.575	Simplex	Non Commercial
72	156.625	156.625	Simplex	Non Commercial (Ship-Ship)
73	156.675	156.675	Simplex	Port Operation
74	156.725	156.725	Simplex	Port Operation
75	156.775	156.775	Simplex, 1W	Port Operation
76	156.825	156.825	Simplex, 1W	Port Operation

US Marine Channels				
CH	RX freq	TX freq	Status	Name
77	156.875	156.875	Simplex, 1W	Port Operation (Ship-Ship)
78A	156.925	156.925	Simplex	Non Commercial
79A	156.975	156.975	Simplex	Commercial
80A	157.025	157.025	Simplex	Commercial
81A	157.075	157.075	Simplex	Coast Guard
82A	157.125	157.125	Simplex	Coast Guard
83A	157.175	157.175	Simplex	Government
84	161.825	157.225	Duplex	Marine Operator
85	161.875	157.275	Duplex	Marine Operator
86	161.925	157.325	Duplex	Marine Operator
87A	157.375	157.375	Simplex	Marine Operator
88A	157.425	157.425	Simplex	Commercial (Ship-Ship)

Canadian channel frequencies and names

Canadian Marine Channels				
CH	RX freq	TX freq	Status	Name
1	160.650	156.050	Duplex	Marine Operator
2	160.700	156.100	Duplex	Marine Operator
3	160.750	156.150	Duplex	Marine Operator
4A	156.200	156.200	Simplex	Canadian Coast Guard
5A	156.250	156.250	Simplex	Vessel Traffic System
6	156.300	156.300	Simplex	Inter-Ship Safety
7A	156.350	156.350	Simplex	Commercial
8	156.400	156.400	Simplex	Commercial
9	156.450	156.450	Simplex	Boater Calling Channel
10	156.500	156.500	Simplex	Commercial
11	156.550	156.550	Simplex	Vessel Traffic System
12	156.600	156.600	Simplex	Vessel Traffic System
13	156.650	156.650	Simplex, 1W	Bridge To Bridge
14	156.700	156.700	Simplex	Vessel Traffic System

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15	156.750	156.750	Simplex, 1W	Environmental
16	156.800	156.800	Simplex	Distress, safety, calling
17	156.850	156.850	Simplex, 1W	State Control
18A	156.900	156.900	Simplex	Commercial
19A	156.950	156.950	Simplex	Canadian Coast Guard
20	161.600	157.000	Duplex, 1W	Port Operation
21A	157.050	157.050	Simplex	Canadian Coast Guard
22A	157.100	157.100	Simplex	Canadian Coast Guard
23	161.750	157.150	Duplex	Canadian Coast Guard
24	161.800	157.200	Duplex	Marine Operator
25	161.850	157.250	Duplex	Marine Operator
26	161.900	157.300	Duplex	Marine Operator
27	161.950	157.350	Duplex	Marine Operator
28	162.000	157.400	Duplex	Marine Operator
60	160.625	156.025	Duplex	Marine Operator
61A	156.075	156.075	Simplex	Canadian Coast Guard
62A	156.125	156.125	Simplex	Canadian Coast Guard
63A	156.175	156.175	Simplex	Port Operation
64	160.825	156.225	Duplex	Marine Operator
64A	156.225	156.225	Simplex	Port Operation
65A	156.275	156.275	Simplex	Port Operation
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69	156.475	156.475	Simplex	Non Commercial
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71	156.575	156.575	Simplex	Non Commercial
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74	156.725	156.725	Simplex	Port Operation
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77	156.875	156.875	Simplex, 1W	Port Operation
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6	156.300	156.300	Simplex	Inter-ship safety
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Channel	RX
WX01	162.5500
WX02	162.4000
WX03	162.4750
WX04	162.4250
WX05	162.4500

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WX06	162.5000
WX07	162.5250
WX08	161.6500
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Regulations and Safety Warnings

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Maritime Radio Services Operation

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FCC/Industry Canada Information

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