

TABLE 161.12(c)-VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas		
Center MMSI¹ Call Sign	Designated frequency (Channel designation)-purpose²	Monitoring Area^{3,4}
Berwick Bay 003669950 <i>Berwick Traffic</i>	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11)	The waters south of 29°45' N., west of 91°10' W., north of 29°37' N., and east of 91°18' W.
Buzzards Bay <i>Buzzards Bay Control⁵</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The waters east and north of a line drawn from the southern tangent of Sakonnet Point, Rhode Island, in approximate position 41°27.2'N, 70°11.7'W to Buzzards Bay Entrance Light in approximate position 41°23.5'N, 71°02.0'W, and then to the southwestern tangent of Cuttyhunk Island, Massachusetts, at approximate position 41°24.6'N, 70°57.0'W, and including all of the Cape Cod Canal to its eastern entrance, except that the area of New Bedford harbor within the confines (north of) the hurricane barrier, and the passages through the Elizabeth Islands, is not considered to be "Buzzards Bay".
Houston-Galveston 003669954		The navigable waters north of 29° N., west of 94°20' W., south of 29°49' N., and east of 95°20' W.
<i>Houston Traffic</i>	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11) 156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A) - for sailing plans only	The navigable waters north of a line extending due west from the southern most end of Exxon Dock #1 (20°43.37' N., 95°01.27' W.)
<i>Houston Traffic</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) 156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A) - for sailing plans only	The navigable waters south of a line extending due west from the southern most end of Exxon Dock #1 (29°43.37' N., 95°01.27' W.)
Los Angeles/Long Beach: MMSI/To be determined <i>San Pedro Traffic</i>	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	Vessel Movement Reporting System Area: The navigable waters within a 25 nautical mile radius of Point Fermin Light (33°42.3' N., 118°17.6' W.)
Louisville: Not applicable <i>Louisville Traffic</i>	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)	The waters of the Ohio River between McAlpine Locks (Mile 606) and Twelve Mile Island (Mile 593), only when the McAlpine upper pool gauge is at approximately 13.0 feet or above.
Lower Mississippi River⁶ 003669952 <i>New Orleans Traffic</i>	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The navigable waters of the Lower Mississippi River below 30°38.7'N., 91°17.5'W. (Port Hudson Light at 255 miles Above Head of Passes (AHP)), the Southwest Pass, and, within a 12 nautical miles radius around 28°54.3'N., 89°25.7'W. (Southwest Pass Entrance Light at 19.9 miles Below Head of Passes).
<i>New Orleans Traffic</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	<i>New Orleans Sector.</i> The navigable waters of the Lower Mississippi River bounded on the north by a line drawn perpendicularly at 29°56.4'N., 90°08.36'W. and on the south by a line drawn perpendicularly at 29°56.24'N., 89°59.86'W. (88 and 106 miles AHP).

<p>New York 003669951 <i>New York Traffic</i></p>	<p>156.550 MHz (Ch. 11) - For Sailing plans only 156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) - For vessels at anchor</p>	<p>The area consists of the navigable waters of the Lower New York Bay bounded on the east by a line drawn from Norton Point to Breezy Point; on the south by a line connecting the entrance buoys at the Ambrose Channel, Swash Channel, and Sandy Hook Channel to Sandy Hook Point; and on the southeast including the waters of Sandy Hook Bay south to a line drawn at 40° 25'N; then west in the Raritan Bay to the Raritan River Railroad Bridge, then north into waters of the Arthur Kill and Newark Bay to the Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge at 40° 41.9'N; and then east including the waters of the Kill Van Kull and the Upper New York Bay north to a line drawn east-west from the Holland Tunnel ventilator shaft at 40° 43.7'N, 74° 01.6'W, in the Hudson River; and then continuing east including the waters of the East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge, excluding the Harlem River.</p>
<p><i>New York Traffic</i></p>	<p>156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)</p>	<p>The navigable waters of the Lower New York Bay west of a line drawn from Norton Point to Breezy Point; and north of a line connecting the entrance buoys of Ambrose Channel, Swash Channel, and Sandy Hook Channel, to Sandy Hook Point; on the southeast including the waters of the Sandy Hook Bay south to a line drawn at latitude 40° 25'N; then west into the waters of Raritan Bay East Reach to a line drawn from Great Kills Light south through Raritan Bay East Reach LGB #14 to Comfort PT, NJ; then north including the waters of the Upper New York Bay south of 40° 42.40'N (Brooklyn Bridge) and 40° 43.70'N (Holland Tunnel Ventilator Shaft); west through the KVK into the Arthur Kill north of 40° 38.25'N (Arthur Kill Railroad Bridge); then north into the waters of the Newark Bay, south of 40° 41.95'N (Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge).</p>
<p><i>New York Traffic</i></p>	<p>156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)</p>	<p>The navigable waters of the Raritan Bay south to a line drawn at 40° 26'N; then west of a line drawn from Great Kills Light south through the Raritan Bay East Reach LGB #14 to Point Comfort, NJ; then west to the Raritan River Railroad Bridge; and north including the waters of the Arthur Kill to 40° 28.25'N. (Arthur Kill Railroad Bridge); including the waters of the East River north of 40° 42.40'N (Brooklyn Bridge) to the Throgs Neck Bridge, excluding the Harlem River.</p>
<p>Port Authur⁶ 003669955 <i>Sabine Traffic</i></p>	<p>(To be determined)</p>	<p>The navigable waters south of 30°10'N., east of 94°20'W., west of 93°22'W., and north of 29°10'N.</p>
<p>Prince William Sound 003669958 <i>Valdez Traffic</i></p>	<p>156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)</p>	<p>The navigable waters south of 61°05'N., east of 147°20'W., north of 60° N., and west of 146°30'W.; and, all navigable waters in Port Valdez.</p>
<p>Puget Sound⁷ <i>Seattle Traffic 003669957</i></p>	<p>156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)</p>	<p>The waters of Puget Sound, Hood Canal and adjacent waters south of a line connecting Marrowstone Point and Lagoon Point in Admiralty Inlet and south of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point on Whidbey Island to the shoreline.</p>
<p><i>Seattle Traffic 003669957</i></p>	<p>156.250 MHz (Ch. 5A)</p>	<p>The waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of 124°40'W. excluding the waters in the central portion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks; the navigable waters of the Strait of Georgia east of 122°52'W.; the San Juan Island Archipelago, Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay; Admiralty Inlet north of a line connecting Marrowstone Point and Lagoon Point and all waters east of Whidbey Island North of a line drawn due east from the southernmost tip of Possession Point on Whidbey Island to the shoreline.</p>
<p><i>Tofino Traffic 003160012</i></p>	<p>156.725 MHz (Ch. 74)</p>	<p>The waters west of 124°40'W. within 50 nautical miles of the coast of Vancouver Island including the waters north of 48° N., and east of 127° W.</p>

<i>Victoria Traffic</i> 003160010	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11)	The waters of the Strait of Georgia west of 122°52'W., the navigable waters of the central Strait of Juan de Fuca north and east of Race Rocks, including the Gulf Island Archipelago, Boundary Pass and Haro Strait.
San Francisco 003669956 <i>San Francisco Traffic</i>	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The navigable waters of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area, the navigable waters shoreward of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area east of 122°42.0'W. and north of 37°40.0'N. extending eastward through the Golden Gate, and the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay and as far east as the port of Stockton on the San Joaquin River, as far north as the port of Sacramento on the Sacramento River.
<i>San Francisco Traffic</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The navigable waters within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8'N., 122°34.6'W.) west of 122°42.0'W. and south of 37°40.0'N and excluding the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area.
St. Marys River 003669953 <i>Soo Traffic</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The waters of the St. Marys River between 45°57'N. (De Tour Reef Light) and 46°38.7'N. (Ile Parisienne Light), except the St. Marys Falls Canal and those navigable waters east of a line from 46°04.16'N. and 46°01.57'N. (La Pointe to Sims Point in Potagannissing Bay and Worsley Bay).

Notes:

¹ Maritime Mobile Service Identifier (MMSI) is a unique nine-digit number assigned that identifies ship stations, ship earth stations, coast stations, coast earth stations, and group calls for use by a digital selective calling (DSC) radio, an INMARSAT ship earth station or AIS. AIS requirements are set forth in §§161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter. The requirements set forth in §§161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter apply in those areas denoted with a MMSI number.

² In the event of a communication failure, difficulties or other safety factors, the Center may direct or permit a user to monitor and report on any other designated monitoring frequency or the bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13) or 156.375 MHz (Ch. 67), to the extent that doing so provides a level of safety beyond that provided by other means. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Ch. 13), is used in certain monitoring areas where the level of reporting does not warrant a designated frequency.

³ All geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) are expressed in North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

⁴ Some monitoring areas extend beyond navigable waters. Although not required, users are strongly encouraged to maintain a listening watch on the designated monitoring frequency in these areas. Otherwise, they are required to maintain watch as stated in 47 CFR 80.148.

⁵ In addition to the vessels denoted in Section 161.16 of this chapter, requirements set forth in subpart B of this chapter also apply to any vessel transiting VMRS Buzzards Bay when equipped with a bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone as defined in part 26 of this chapter.

⁶ Until rules regarding VTS Lower Mississippi River and VTS Port Arthur are published, vessels are exempted of all VTS and VMRS requirements set forth in 33 CFR part 161, except those set forth in §§161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter.

⁷ A Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service was established by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. The appropriate Center administers the rules issued by both nations; however, enforces only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction. Note, the bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Ch. 13), is not so designated in Canadian waters, therefore users are encouraged and permitted to make passing arrangements on the designated monitoring frequencies.

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Page 131—Paragraph 2208, lines 2 to 6; read:

Except as provided in paragraph (d)(1)(iii) and paragraph 5 of this section, each single hull tank barge, unless being towed by a primary towing vessel with twin-screw propulsion and with a separate system for power to each screw, must be accompanied by an escort tug of sufficient ...

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Page 131—Paragraph 2215; read:

(G) Any other time a vessel may be operating in a Hazardous Vessel Operating Condition as defined in §161.2 of this

Chapter.

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Page 132—Paragraph 2262; insert after:

(5) *Special Buzzards Bay Regulations.* (i) For the purposes of this section, “Buzzards Bay” is the body of water east and north of a line drawn from the southern tangent of Sakonnet Point, Rhode Island, in approximate position 41°27.2'N., 70°11.7'W., to the Buzzards Bay Entrance Light in approximate position 41°23.5'N., 71°02.0'W., and then to the southwestern tangent of Cuttyhunk Island, Massachusetts, at

approximate position 41°24.6'N., 70°57.0'W., and including all of the Cape Cod Canal to its eastern entrance, except that the area of New Bedford harbor within the confines (north) of the hurricane barrier, and the passages through the Elizabeth Islands, is not considered to be “Buzzards Bay”.

(ii) *Additional Positive Control for Barges.* Except as provided in paragraph (d)(1)(iii) of this section, each single hull tank barge transiting Buzzards Bay and carrying 5,000 or more barrels of oil or other hazardous material must, in addition to its primary tug, be accompanied by an escort tug of sufficient capability to promptly push or tow the tank barge away from danger of grounding or collision in the event of—

- (A) A propulsion failure;
- (B) A parted tow line;
- (C) A loss of tow;
- (D) A fire;
- (E) Grounding;
- (F) A loss of steering; or

(G) Any other time a vessel may be operating in a Hazardous Vessel Operating Condition as defined in §161.2 of this subchapter.

(iii) *Federal Pilotage.* Each single hull tank barge transiting Buzzards Bay and carrying 5,000 or more barrels of oil or other hazardous material must be under the direction and control of a pilot, who is not a member of the crew, operating under a valid, appropriately endorsed, Federal first class pilot’s license issued by the Coast Guard (“federally licensed pilot”). Pilots are required to embark, direct, and control from the primary tug during transits of Buzzards Bay.

(iv) *Vessel Movement Reporting System.* In addition to the vessels denoted in §161.16 of this chapter, requirements set forth in subpart B of this part also apply to any vessel transiting VMRS Buzzards Bay when equipped with a bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone as defined in part 26 of this chapter.

- (A) A VMRS Buzzards Bay user must:
- (1) Not enter or get underway in the area without first notifying the VMRS Center;
 - (2) Not enter VMRS Buzzards Bay if a Hazardous Vessel Operating Condition or circumstance per §161.2 of this Subchapter exists;
 - (3) If towing astern, do so with as short a hawser

as safety and good seamanship permits;

(4) Not meet, cross, or overtake any other VMRS user in the area without first notifying the VMRS center;

(5) Before meeting, crossing, or overtaking any other VMRS user in the area, communicate on the designated vessel bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone frequency, intended navigation movements, and any other information necessary in order to make safe passing arrangements. This requirement does not relieve a vessel of any duty prescribed by the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1602(c)) or the Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2005).

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COAST PILOT 2 37 Ed 2008 Change No. 2
Page 78—Paragraph 1032; read:

§117.217 Norwalk River.

(a) The draw of the Washington Street S136 Bridge, mile 0.0, at Norwalk, shall operate as follows:

(1) The draw shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels that draw less than 14 feet of water.

(2) The draw need not open for the passage of vessel traffic, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., on the first Saturday in December, to facilitate the running of the annual Norwalk River Fun Run. Should inclement weather force the postponement of the race the above bridge closure shall be implemented the next day, the first Sunday after the first Saturday in December, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(3) The bridge opening signal is three short blasts. Vessels drawing 14 feet of water or more shall add one prolonged blast after the three short blasts.

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Page 87—Paragraph 1254; insert after:

(c) The draw of the Beach Channel railroad bridge shall open on signal; except that, the draw need not open for the passage of vessel traffic, 6:45 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(FR 9/5/07)

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COAST PILOT 2 37 Ed 2008 Change No. 3
Page 264—Paragraph 39, lines 4 to 7; read:

Island Southeast Light. In May 2007, the controlling depths were 7.2 feet (13.2 feet at midchannel) in the entrance

channel, thence 12.1 to 15 feet in the anchorage basin, with lesser depths along the edges. Depths of 11.3 to 15 feet were available ...
(CL 1249/07; BP 191717) 47/07

Page 287—Paragraph 6, line 11; read:
harbor of refuge.

No-Discharge Zone

The State of Connecticut, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Eastern Long Island Sound. The area covered extends from the western border of Greenwich at Byram Point, southeastward following the boundary between Connecticut and New York to a point in Long Island Sound, thence easterly following the boundary between Connecticut and New York to a point due south of Hoadley Point at the eastern border of Branford, thence due north to Hoadley Point at the eastern border of Branford. This portion of Long Island Sound includes: Greenwich Harbor, Captain Harbor, Stamford Harbor, Norwalk Harbor, Bridgeport Harbor, Black Rock Harbor, Housatonic River, New Haven Harbor and Branford Harbor. (See charts 12363 and 12354 for limits).

Within the NDZ, discharge of sewage, whether treated or untreated, from all vessels is prohibited. Outside the NDZ, discharge of sewage is regulated by **40 CFR 140** (see chapter 2).
(CL 844/07; 38/07 CG1) 47/07

Page 319—Paragraph 5, line 13; read:
coasters.

No-Discharge Zone

The State of Connecticut, with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, has established a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) in Western Long Island Sound. The area covered extends from the western border of Greenwich at Byram Point, southeastward following the boundary between Connecticut and New York to a point in Long Island Sound, thence easterly following the boundary between Connecticut and New York to a point south of Hoadley Point at the eastern border of Branford, thence due north to Hoadley Point at the eastern border of Branford. This portion of Long Island Sound includes: Greenwich Harbor, Captain Harbor, Stamford Harbor, Norwalk Harbor, Bridgeport Harbor, Black Rock Harbor, Housatonic River, New Haven Harbor and Branford Harbor. (See charts 12363 and 12354 for limits).

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discharge of sewage is regulated by **40 CFR 140** (see chapter 2).
(CL 844/07; 38/07 CG1) 47/07

Page 388—Paragraph 256, lines 6 to 10; read:
above the mouth. In July 2007, the midchannel controlling depth was 7.8 feet to the turn in the channel at 40°26'02"N., 74°04'47"W., thence 4.3 feet to the head of the project. The entrance channel is marked by lighted and unlighted buoys. A passenger ferry ...
(CL 1250/07; BPs 191718-20; LL/07) 47/07

Page 399—Paragraph 10, line 4; read:
bridge clearance of 134 feet at the Mid-Hudson Bridge ...
(CL 29/99) 47/07