

Marine VHF Channel Allocation (Update September 2017)

Channel Number	Simplex (single frequency) or Duplex (two frequencies)	Use
01	Duplex	Not used*
02	Duplex	Not used*
03	Duplex	Not used*
04	Duplex	Not used*
05	Duplex	Not used*
06	Simplex	Primary – Ship to Ship
07	Duplex	Not used*
08	Simplex	Recommended – Ship to Ship
09	Simplex	Pilots
10	Simplex	HM Coastguard / Pollution
11	Simplex	Port Operations
12	Simplex	Port Operations
13	Simplex	Bridge to Bridge – Safety of Navigation
14	Simplex	Port Operations
15	Simplex	On Board Working (1 Watt)
16	Simplex	Distress, Safety and Calling
17	Simplex	On Board Working (1 Watt)
18	Duplex	Not used*
19	Duplex	Not used*
20	Duplex	Not used*
21	Duplex	Not used*
22	Duplex	Not used*
23	Duplex	Not used*
24	Duplex	Not used*
25	Duplex	Not used*
26	Duplex	Not used*
27	Duplex	Not used*
28	Duplex	Not used*
60	Duplex	Not used*
61	Duplex	Not used*
62	Duplex	HMCG – Weather & Navigation Warnings
63	Duplex	HMCG – Weather & Navigation Warnings
64	Duplex	HMCG – Weather & Navigation Warnings
65	Duplex	National Coastwatch
66	Duplex	Not used*
67	Simplex	UK Small Ship Safety Channel
68	Simplex	
69	Simplex	Port Operations
70	Digital Selective Calling Alerts sent on this channel: NOT TO BE USED FOR VOICE	
71	Simplex	
72	Simplex	Recommended – Ship to Ship
73	Simplex	HM Coastguard
74	Simplex	
75	Simplex	On Board Working (1 Watt)
76	Simplex	On Board Working (1 Watt)
77	Simplex	Recommended – Ship to Ship
78	Duplex	Not used*
79	Duplex	Not used*
80	Duplex	UK Marina Channel
81	Duplex	Not used*
82	Duplex	Not used*
83	Duplex	Not used*
84	Duplex	Not used*
85	Duplex	Not used*
86	Duplex	Not used*
87	Simplex	Port Operations
88	Simplex	Port Operations
M1 (37)	Simplex	Yacht Clubs (UK only)
M2	Simplex	Race Control (UK only)

*Not currently used in the UK