

Solent VHF Channels

Channel	Dup*	Usage and <i>"Call signs"</i>
Solent Coastguard		
16		Distress... MayDay, pan-pan and securité
67		HMCG routine traffic (Solent area only) <i>"Solent Coastguard"</i>
62,63,64	yes	Marine Safety Information (MSI) Broadcasts by HMCG
National Coastwatch		
65	yes	call direct for radio checks, local conditions and info, etc. <i>"Gosport NCI", "Lee NCI", "Calshot NCI", "Stone Point NCI", "Needles NCI", "Hengistbury Head NCI", "Swanage NCI"</i>
Boat to Boat		
16		Initial calling channel – switch immediately to a working channel
06,72,77		Boat to Boat working channels
08		working channel (but reserved for tugs within Southampton Port)
Marinas		
80	yes	calling nearby marina (N.B. duplex)
Port Operations		
11		Queens Harbour Master, Portsmouth <i>"QHM"</i>
12		Southampton port: <i>"Southampton VTS", "Southampton Patrol"</i> also emergency collision avoidance within Southampton Port
09,10,71,74		Ship to Ship (NOT to be used by leisure craft)
Harbour Masters		
66		<i>"Lymington Harbour"</i>
68		<i>"Hamble Harbour Radio", "Hamble Patrol", "Yarmouth Harbour", "Beaulieu River Radio", Beaulieu River Patrol"</i>
69		<i>"Cowes Harbour Radio"</i>

* N.B. for duplex channels your radio must be correctly set to International channels ("INT") to receive calls. Radios on North American settings ("US") will not hear stations on duplex channels