

# VHF Radiotelephone and VHF/MF Broadcast Services

## Making a call

### Use the right channel

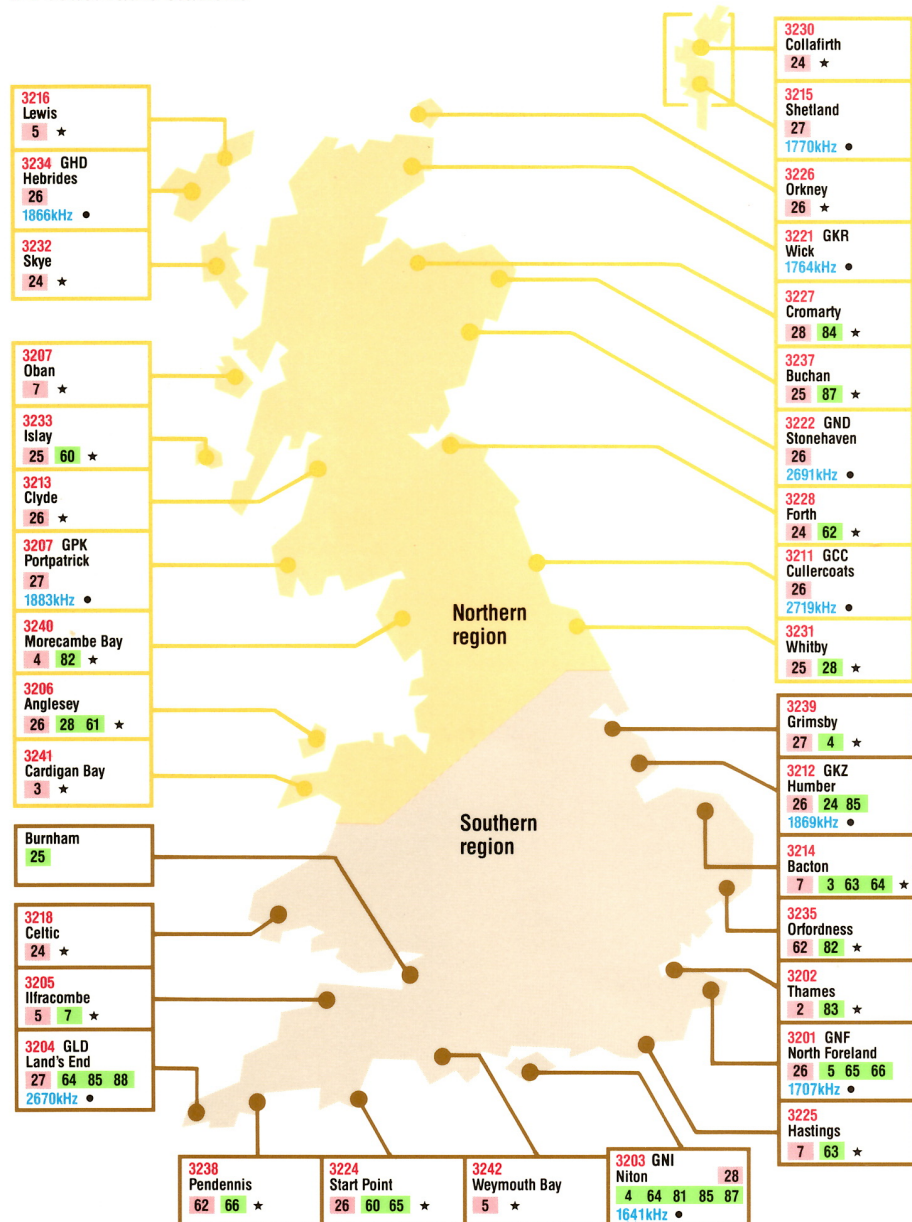
If you are making a telephone or data call, contact the nearest BT coast station by first listening to each of its working channels as shown on the map.

Do not use Channel 16.

You should avoid using the broadcast channel around the scheduled broadcast times.

If you are making a distress call, use only Channel 16 and not the working channels.

## BT coast radio stations



Navtex broadcasts are conducted on 518 kHz from Cullercoats, Niton and Portpatrick. Contact BT's Portishead Radio for more information.

## Key

GHD	Station callsign	1641kHz	MF broadcast frequency
3203	Station Selcall identification	★	VHF only stations
28	VHF broadcast channel	●	VHF/MF stations
87	Normal working channel		

## Listen first

If a channel is being used, you will hear either someone talking or a series of pips. Please wait until the channel is clear.

If you hear nothing, go ahead with your call.

Always give precedence to distress and other urgent calls. Otherwise, use the ship-to-shore channels as you would your telephone at home.

## Calling procedure

First, operate your transmitter for at least eight seconds. If you are successful, you will then hear the pips, followed by the voice of the coast station radio officer who will ask who is calling.

Now give the following information:

- 1 The call sign of your vessel
- 2 The name of your vessel
- 3 AAI code
- 4 The type and quantity of calls, e.g. YTD, BT Chargecard, personal, transfer charge, ADC, data call
- 5 The first telephone number you want to call.
- 6 The billing details, e.g. YTD (+ billing number), BT Chargecard number.

## Broadcast schedule

Traffic lists will be broadcast together with navigation warnings, weather forecasts and gale warnings at each of the following times, GMT.

Gale warnings are broadcast on receipt and at the next scheduled time (shown below) or, if the first broadcast is at a scheduled time, the warning is repeated at the end of the next silence period.

### Northern region

GMT	Type of broadcast
0203	GPK/GHD navigation warnings
0233	GCC/GND/GKR navigation warnings
0303	Gale warning
0603	GPK/GHD navigation warnings
0633	GCC/GND/GKR navigation warnings
0703	Weather bulletin
0903	Gale warning
1003	GPK/GHD navigation warnings
1033	GCC/GND/GKR navigation warnings
1403	GPK/GHD navigation warnings
1433	GCC/GND/GKR navigation warnings
1503	Gale warning
1803	GPK/GHD navigation warnings
1833	GCC/GND/GKR navigation warnings
1903	Weather bulletin
2103	Gale warning
2203	GPK/GHD navigation warnings
2233	GCC/GND/GKR navigation warnings

### Southern region

0133	GNF/GKZ navigation warnings
0233	GLD/GNI navigation warnings
0303	Gale warning
0533	GNF/GKZ navigation warnings
0633	GLD/GNI navigation warnings
0733	Weather bulletin
0903	Gale warning
0933	GNF/GKZ navigation warnings
1033	GLD/GNI navigation warnings
1333	GNF/GKZ navigation warnings
1433	GLD/GNI navigation warnings
1503	Gale warning
1733	GNF/GKZ navigation warnings
1833	GLD/GNI navigation warnings
1933	Weather bulletin
2103	Gale warning
2133	GNF/GKZ navigation warnings
2233	GLD/GNI navigation warnings

## Directional aeriels

In the following areas use:

Brighton Marina	4
Scillies	64
River Severn	7
River Mersey	28
Morecambe Bay Gas Field	61
The Wash	85

