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# Our Thanks To You And Customer Assistance

Introduction

**Thank you for purchasing a CobraMarine™ VHF radio. Properly used, this Cobra® product will give you many years of reliable service.**

## **How Your CobraMarine™ VHF Radio Works**

This radio is a VHF transceiver for fixed mounting on your boat. It gives you 2-way vessel-to-vessel and vessel-to-shore station communications, primarily for safety and secondarily for navigation and operational purposes. With it, you can call for help, get information from other boaters, talk to lock or bridge tenders, and make radiotelephone calls to anywhere in the world through a marine operator.

Besides 2-way communications, in the U.S.A., the radio can provide quick access to receive all ten (10) NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) weather channels and alert you to weather emergencies with a tone on a weather channel you can select for your area.



Customer Assistance

## **Customer Assistance**

Should you encounter any problems with this product, or not understand its many features, please refer to this owner's manual. If you require further assistance after reading this manual, Cobra® Electronics offers the following customer assistance services:

### **For Assistance In The U.S.A.**

**Automated Help Desk** English only.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week 773-889-3087 (phone).

**Customer Assistance Operators** English and Spanish.

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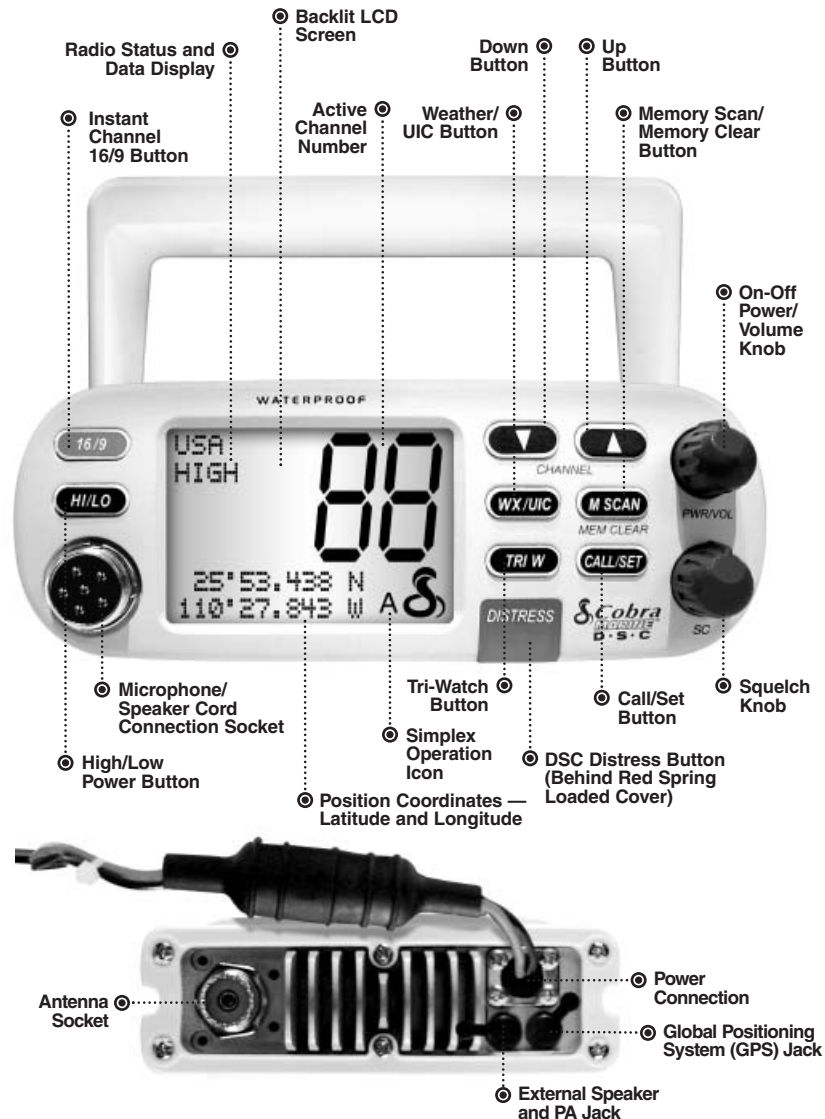
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# Transceiver Controls, Indicators And Connections

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# Microphone/Speaker And Product Features

Introduction

## Microphone/Speaker With Auxiliary Controls

**Up/Down Buttons**  
Can be used instead of those on the transceiver.

**Instant Channel 16/9 Button**  
Can be used instead of the one on the transceiver.

**Volume Up/Down Button**  
Can be used instead of the On-Off Power/Volume knob on the transceiver.



## Product Features

**Dual Power**  
Selectable to one (1) or 25 watts output power for near or distant calling.

**USA/International/Canada Channels**  
Allows operation on any of the three (3) different channel maps established for these areas.

**Ten (10) NOAA Weather Channels**  
Instant access to all of the National Weather Channels, 24 hours a day.

**Emergency Weather Alert**  
Can alert you with an audible tone and visual alarm if threatening weather is nearby.

**Instant Channel 16/9**  
Instant access to the priority Channel 16 and calling Channel 9.

**Digital Selective Calling (DSC)**  
Allows sending a distress message at the touch of a button as well as specific station-to-station calls.

**Memory Scan**  
Lets you scan through all selected memory channels to find conversations in progress.

**Tri-Watch**  
Lets you monitor three (3) channels at once — Channel 16, Channel 9, and one (1) user selectable channel.

**Noise Canceling Microphone/Speaker**  
Blocks background noise to let your voice be heard at the receiving station.

**Controls on the Microphone/Speaker**  
Handy control buttons on the microphone/speaker let you operate one (1) handed at a distance from the radio.

**Illuminated Buttons**  
Helps you quickly find the buttons you need in low light conditions.

**Mounting Kits Included**  
Radio can be mounted on, under, or in almost any flat surface using one (1) of the included brackets.

**Waterproof**  
Submersible to one (1) meter of water for 30 minutes — meets JIS7 Standards.

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## Important Safety Information

Before installing and using your CobraMarine™ VHF radio, please read these general precautions and warnings.

### Warning And Caution Statements

To make the most of this radio, it must be installed and used properly. Please read the installation and operating instructions carefully before installing and using it. Special attention must be paid to the **WARNING** and **CAUTION** statements in this manual.



#### WARNING

Statements identify conditions that could result in personal injury or loss of life.



#### CAUTION

Statements identify conditions that could cause damage to the radio or other equipment.

### Safety Training Information

This CobraMarine™ radio is designed for and classified as “Occupational Use Only.” It must only be used in the course of employment by individuals aware of both the hazards and the ways to minimize those hazards. This radio is NOT intended for use in an uncontrolled environment by the “General Population.”

This radio has been tested and complies with the FCC RF exposure limits for “Occupational Use Only.” This CobraMarine™ VHF radio also complies with the following guidelines and standards regarding RF energy and electromagnetic energy levels as well as evaluation of those levels for human exposure:

- FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 Supplement C, Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields.
- American National Standards Institute (C95.1-1992), IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- American National Standards Institute (C95.3-1992), IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields — RF and Microwave.

The following **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** will make you aware of RF exposure hazards and how to assure you operate the radio within the FCC RF exposure limits established for it.



#### WARNINGS

Your radio generates electromagnetic RF (radio frequency) energy when it is transmitting. To insure that you and those around you are not exposed to excessive amounts of that energy, **DO NOT** touch the antenna when transmitting and **KEEP** yourself and all others on your vessel the required distance away from the antenna while transmitting. SEE page 30 in the antenna requirements section for further information.

**DO NOT** operate the radio without a proper antenna or equivalent dummy load attached. Doing so may expose you to excessive RF energy and will damage the radio.

**DO NOT** transmit more than 50% of the time the radio is in use — 50% duty cycle. The radio is transmitting when the **Talk** button is pressed and the transmit information shows on the LCD screen.

**ALWAYS** use only Cobra® authorized accessories.

**DO NOT** operate the radio in an explosive atmosphere, near blasting sites, or in any area where signs are posted prohibiting radio transmissions.

**NEVER** connect the transceiver to AC power. It can be a fire hazard, may cause an electric shock, and may damage the transceiver.

**NEVER** mount the transceiver or microphone/speaker where they might interfere with operation of your vessel or cause injury.

**DO NOT** allow children or anyone unfamiliar with proper procedures to operate the radio without supervision.

Failure to observe any of these warnings may cause you to exceed FCC RF exposure limits or create other dangerous conditions.



## CAUTIONS

**AVOID** using or storing the radio at temperatures below -4°F (-20°C) or above 140°F (60°C).

**NEVER** connect the transceiver to DC power greater than 16 volts or to any DC source with reversed polarity. Doing so will damage the transceiver.

**DO NOT** cut the power cables attached to the transceiver. Improper reconnection with reversed polarity will damage the transceiver.

**POSITION** your radio, external speakers, and cables at least three (3) feet (0.9 m) away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass. CHECK your compass before and after installation to be sure that it has not introduced any deviation.

**DO NOT** attempt to service any internal parts yourself. Have any necessary service performed by a qualified technician.

**DO NOT** drop the transceiver or microphone/speaker. Doing so may crack the case or damage a waterproof seal. Once these items have been dropped, the original waterproofing cannot be guaranteed.

**DO NOT** use chemicals or solvents such as mineral spirits and alcohol to clean your radio. They may damage the case surfaces.

Changes or modifications to your radio MAY VOID its compliance with FCC rules and make it illegal to use.

## Recommendations For Marine Communication

The frequencies your radio uses are set aside to enhance safety afloat and for vessel navigation and operational messages over a range suitable for nearshore voyages. If the 25 watt maximum output of your radio isn't sufficient for the distances you travel from the coast, consider installing more powerful radio equipment such as HF single side band or satellite radio for your vessel.

The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse cellular telephones as substitutes for marine radios. They generally cannot communicate with rescue vessels and, if you make a distress call on a cellular telephone, only the party you call will be able to hear you. Additionally, cellular telephones may have limited coverage over water and can be hard to locate. If you don't know where you are, the Coast Guard will have difficulty finding you if you're using a cellular telephone.

However, cellular telephones can have a place on board where cellular coverage is available — to allow social conversations and keep the marine frequencies uncluttered and available for their intended uses.

## FCC LICENSING INFORMATION

CobraMarine™ VHF radios comply with the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) requirements that regulate the Maritime Radio Service.

This CobraMarine™ radio incorporates a VHF FM transceiver designed for use in the frequency range of 156.025 to 163.275 MHz. It requires 13.8 volts DC and has a switchable RF output power of one (1) or 25 watts.

The transceiver is capable of RTCM SC 101 DSC (Digital Selective Calling) operation.

The radio operates on all currently allocated marine channels and is switchable for use according to U.S.A., International, or Canadian regulations. It features instant access to emergency Channel 16 and calling Channel 9 as well as NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) All Hazards Radio with Alert that can be accessed by pressing one key.

### Station License

An FCC ship station license is no longer required for any vessel traveling in U.S.A. waters which uses a VHF marine radio, RADAR, or EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), and which is not required to carry radio equipment. However, any vessel required to carry a marine radio on an international voyage, carrying a HF single side band radiotelephone, or carrying a marine satellite terminal must obtain a station license.

FCC license forms and applications for ship and land stations can be downloaded through the Internet at [www.fcc.gov/forms](http://www.fcc.gov/forms). Forms can also be obtained by calling the FCC at 888-225-5322.

### International Station License

If your vessel will be entering the sovereign waters of a country other than the U.S.A. or Canada, you should contact that country's communications regulatory authority for licensing information.

### Radio Call Sign

Currently, the FCC does not require recreational boaters to have a license. The United States Coast Guard recommends that the boat's registration number and state of registry (e.g., Illinois 1234 AB) be used as a call sign and be clearly visible on the vessel.

### Canadian Ship Station License

You need a Radio Operator's Certificate if your vessel is operated in Canadian waters. Radio Operator training and certification is available from the Canadian Power Squadron. Visit their website (<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/english/newradiocard.html>), contact the nearest field office or write: Industry of Canada, Radio Regulatory Branch, Attn: DOSP, 300 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0C8.





## User Responsibility And Operating Locations

All users are responsible for observing domestic and foreign government regulations and are subject to severe penalties for violations. The VHF frequencies on your radio are reserved for marine use and require a special license to operate from land, including when your boat is on its trailer.



### NOTE

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two (2) conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**FCC Warnings:** Replacement or substitution of transistors, regular diodes, or other parts of a unique nature, with parts other than those recommended by Cobra® may cause a violation of the technical regulations of part 80 of the FCC Rules, or violation of type acceptance requirements of part 2 of the rules.

## VHF Marine Radio Procedures

### Maintain Your Watch

Whenever your boat is underway, the radio must be turned **On** and be tuned to Channel 16 except when being used for messages.

### Power

Try one (1) watt first if the station being called is within a few miles. If there is no answer, switch to a higher power. This will conserve your battery and minimize interference to other users.

### Calling Coast Stations

Call a coast station on its assigned channel. You may use Channel 16 when you do not know the assigned channel.

### Calling Other Vessels

Call other vessels on Channel 16 or on Channel 9. (Channel 9 is preferred for recreational vessel use.) You may also call on ship-to-ship channels when you know that the vessel is listening on a ship-to-ship channel.



## Limits On Calling

You must not call the same station for more than 30 seconds at a time. If you do not get a reply, wait at least two (2) minutes before calling again. After three (3) calling periods, wait at least 15 minutes before calling again.

## Change Channels

After contacting another station on a calling channel, change immediately to a channel which is available for the type of message you want to send.

## Station Identification

Identify, in English, your station by your FCC call sign, ship name, the state registration number, or other official number at both the beginning and end of each message.

## Prohibited Communications

You **MUST NOT** transmit:

- False distress or emergency messages.
- Messages containing obscene, indecent, or profane words or meaning.
- General calls, signals, or messages (messages not addressed to a particular station) on Channel 16, except in an emergency or if you are testing your radio.
- When you are on land.

## Voice Calling

### To Call Another Vessel Or A Shore Installation Such As A Lock Or Bridge Tender:

- Make sure your radio is **On**.
- Select Channel 16 and listen to make sure it is not being used.



### NOTE

Channel 9 may be used by recreational vessels for general-purpose calling. This frequency should be used whenever possible to relieve congestion on Channel 16.

- When the channel is quiet, press the **Talk** button and call the ship you wish to call. (Hold the microphone/speaker a few inches from your face and speak directly into it in a normal tone of voice — clearly and distinctly.) Say “[name of station being called] THIS IS [your vessel’s name or call sign].”
- Once contact is made on the calling channel, you must switch to a proper working channel. See the channel listing on page 14 through 15.



## Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

### For Example

**The vessel Corsair calling the vessel Vagabond:**

**Corsair:** "Vagabond, this is Corsair."

**Vagabond:** "Corsair, this is Vagabond. Reply 72 (or any proper working channel)."

**Corsair:** "72" or "Roger"

- After communications are completed, each vessel must sign off with its call sign or vessel name and switch to Channel 16.



### NOTE

For best sound quality at the station you're calling, hold the microphone/speaker at least two (2) inches [five (5) cm] from your mouth and slightly off to one (1) side. Speak in a normal tone of voice.

## Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

Digital selective calling is a semi-automated system for establishing a radio call. It has been designed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as an international standard for VHF, MF, and HF calls and is part of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

DSC will eventually replace aural (listening) watches on distress frequencies and will be used to announce routine and urgent maritime safety information broadcasts. Until DSC is fully implemented, it is still necessary to maintain a listening watch on Channel 16.

The DSC system allows mariners to instantly send a distress call with GPS position coordinates (requires a GPS receiver to be connected to the radio) to the Coast Guard and other vessels within range of the transmission. DSC also allows mariners to initiate and receive distress, urgent, safety, routine, position request, position send, and group calls between vessels equipped with DSC capable radios.



## Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)

### Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)

An MMSI is a nine (9) digit number used on a marine radio capable of using digital selective calling (DSC). It is used to selectively call other vessels or shore stations and is similar to a telephone number.

For your CobraMarine™ radio to operate in the **DSC** mode, you must enter your maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) number. See page 51 for instructions on how to enter it.

#### The MMSI Number Is Available In The U.S.A. From Any Of Three (3) Sources:

- BoatU.S.: 1-800-563-1536 – [www.boatus.com/mmsi](http://www.boatus.com/mmsi)
- Maritel: 1-888-Maritel (1-888-627-4835)
- Sea Tow International: 1-631-765-3660 – [www.seatow.com](http://www.seatow.com)

#### In Canada, Contact:

- Industry Canada Spectrum Management Office (only available on the Internet): <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/vwGeneratedInterE/sf01742e.html>

#### To Obtain An MMSI Number Outside The U.S.A.:

Users can obtain an MMSI from their country's telecommunications authority or ship registry. This may involve amending or obtaining a ship station license.



### WARNING

This equipment is designed to generate a digital maritime distress and safety signal to facilitate search and rescue. To be effective as a safety device, this equipment must be used only within communication range of a shore-based VHF marine channel to distress and safety watch system. The range of the signal may vary, but under normal conditions should be approximately 20 nautical miles.



## Radiotelephone Calls

Boaters may make and receive radiotelephone calls to and from any number on the telephone network by using the services of public coast stations. Calls can be made — for a fee — between your radio and telephones on land, sea, and in the air. See pages 14 through 23 for the public correspondence (marine operator) channels.

If you plan to use these services, consider registering with the operator of the public coast station that you plan to work through. Those services can provide you with detailed information and procedures to follow.



### CAUTION

You may disclose privileged information during a radiotelephone call. Keep in mind that your transmission is **NOT** private, as it is on a regular telephone. Both sides of the conversation are being broadcast and can be heard by anyone who has a radio and tunes to the channel you are using.

## Emergency Messages And Distress Procedure

The ability to summon assistance in an emergency is the primary reason to have a VHF marine radio. The marine environment can be unforgiving, and what may initially be a minor problem can rapidly develop into a situation beyond your control.

The Coast Guard monitors Channel 16, responds to all distress calls, and coordinates all search and rescue efforts. Depending on the availability of other capable vessels or commercial assistance operators in your vicinity, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary craft may be dispatched.

In any event, do communicate with the Coast Guard as soon as you experience difficulties and before your situation becomes an emergency. Use the emergency message procedures only after your situation has become grave or you are faced with a sudden danger threatening life or property and requiring immediate help. If you are merely out of gas, do not send an emergency message. Drop your anchor and call a friend or marina to bring the fuel you need or give you a tow.



## Marine Emergency Signals

The three (3) spoken international emergency signals are:

### MAYDAY

The distress signal **MAYDAY** is used to indicate that a station is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance.

### PAN

The urgency signal **PAN** is used when the safety of the vessel or person is in jeopardy. (This signal is properly pronounced pahn.)

### SECURITE

The safety signal **SECURITE** is used for messages about the safety of navigation or important weather warnings. (This signal is properly pronounced see-cure-it-tay.)

When using an international emergency signal, the appropriate signal is to be spoken three (3) times prior to the message.

## If You Hear A Distress Call

You must give any message beginning with one (1) of these signals priority over any other messages. **ALL** stations **MUST** remain silent on Channel 16 for the duration of the emergency unless the message relates directly to the emergency.

If you hear a distress message from a vessel, stand by your radio. If it is not answered, **YOU** should answer. If the distressed vessel is not nearby, wait a short time for others who may be closer to acknowledge. Even if you cannot render direct assistance, you may be in a position to relay the message.





## Marine Distress Procedure

Speak slowly — clearly — calmly.

1. Make sure your radio is **On**.
2. Select VHF Channel 16.
3. **Press Talk button and say:**  
“MAYDAY — MAYDAY — MAYDAY.”  
(Or “PAN — PAN — PAN,”  
or “SECURITE — SECURITE — SECURITE.”)
4. **Say:**  
“THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign].”
5. **Say:**  
“MAYDAY (or “PAN” or “SECURITE”)  
[your vessel name or call sign].”
6. **Tell where you are:**  
(what navigational aids or landmarks are near).
7. State the nature of your distress.
8. State the kind of assistance needed.
9. Give number of persons aboard and conditions of any injured.
10. Estimate present seaworthiness of your vessel.
11. Briefly describe your vessel (length, type, color, hull).
12. **Say:**  
“I WILL BE LISTENING ON CHANNEL 16.”
13. **End message by saying:**  
“THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign] OVER.”
14. Release **Talk** button and listen. Someone should answer.  
If not, repeat the call, beginning at item 3 above.



Keep the radio nearby. Even after your message has been received, the Coast Guard can find you more quickly if you can transmit a signal for a rescue boat to hone in on.

### For Example

“Mayday — Mayday — Mayday”  
“This is Corsair — Corsair — Corsair” [or “Illinois 1234 AB” three (3) times]  
“Mayday Corsair (or Illinois 1234 AB)”  
“Navy Pier bears 220 degrees magnetic — distance five (5) miles”  
“Struck submerged object and flooding — need pump and tow”  
“Four adults, three children aboard — no one injured”  
“Estimate we will remain afloat one-half (½) hour”  
“Corsair (or Illinois 1234 AB) is 26 foot sloop with blue hull and tan deck house”  
“I will be listening on Channel 16”  
“This is Corsair (or Illinois 1234 AB)”  
“Over”

It is a good idea to write out a script of the message form and post it where you and others on your vessel can see it when an emergency message needs to be sent.

## Marine Distress Procedure – DSC

Once your radio is connected to a GPS device and is properly set-up with your MMSI, simply lifting the red spring-loaded door and pressing the button will automatically send a complete distress call on Channel 70. See the DSC operation section on pages 56 through 69 for further information and page 57 instruction on sending a manual DSC distress call.



## VHF Marine Channel Assignments

Three (3) sets of VHF channels have been established for marine use in the U.S.A., Canada, and the rest of the world (International). Most of the channels are the same for all three (3) maps, but there are definite differences (see table on the following pages). Your radio has all three (3) maps built into it and will operate correctly in whichever area you choose.

The following is a brief outline of the channel assignments in the U.S.A. Channel Map.

### Distress, Safety, And Calling

#### Channel 16

Getting the attention of another station (calling) or in emergencies (distress and safety).

#### Calling

##### Channel 9

General purpose (non-emergency) calling by non-commercial vessels. Recreational boaters are urged to use this channel to reduce congestion on Channel 16.

### Intership Safety

#### Channel 6

Ship-to-ship safety messages and for search and rescue messages to Coast Guard ships and aircraft.

### Coast Guard Liaison

#### Channel 22A

To talk to the Coast Guard (non-emergency) after making contact on Channel 16.

### Non-Commercial

#### Channels 68\*, 69, 71, 72, 78A, 79A\*, 80A\*

Working channels for small vessels. Messages must be about needs of the vessel, such as fishing reports, berthing, and rendezvous. Use Channel 72 only for ship-to-ship messages.

### Commercial

#### Channels 1A, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18A, 19A, 63A, 67, 72, 79A, 80A, 88A\*

Working channels for working ships only. Messages must be about business or needs of the ship. Use Channels 8, 67, 72, and 88A only for ship-to-ship messages.



## Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)

### Channels 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 84, 84A, 85, 85A, 86, 86A, 87, 87A, 88\*

For calls to marine operators at public coast stations. You can make and receive telephone calls through these stations.

## Port Operations

### Channels 1A\*, 5A\*, 12\*, 14\*, 20A, 63A\*, 65A, 66A, 73, 74, 77\*

Used for directing the movement of ships in or near ports, locks, or waterways. Messages must be about operational handling, movement, and safety of ships.

## Navigational

### Channels 13, 67

Channels are available to all vessels. Messages must be about navigation, including passing or meeting other vessels. These are also the main working channels for most locks and drawbridges. You must keep your messages short and power output at no more than one (1) watt.

## Maritime Control

### Channel 17

For talking to vessels and coast stations operated by state or local governments. Messages must be about regulation and control, boating activities, or assistance.

## Digital Selective Calling

### Channel 70

This channel is set aside for distress, safety, and general calling using only digital selective calling techniques. Voice communication is prohibited; your radio cannot transmit voice messages on this channel.

## Weather

### Channels Wx 1 Thru 10

Receive-only channels for NOAA weather broadcasts. You cannot transmit on them.



#### NOTE

\* These channels are restricted to the listed uses in certain parts of the country or for certain types of users only. Consult FCC rules or a knowledgeable radio operator before using them.



# VHF Marine Channel Assignments

VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel Number	Channel Map			Frequency		Power Limits
	USA	Int'l	Canada	Transmit	Receive	
01		•	•	156.050	160.650	
01A	•			156.050	156.050	
02		•	•	156.100	160.700	
03		•	•	156.150	160.750	
03A	•			156.150	156.150	
04		•		156.200	160.800	
04A			•	156.200	156.200	
05		•		156.250	160.850	
05A	•		•	156.250	156.250	
06	•	•	•	156.300	156.300	
07		•		156.350	160.950	
07A	•		•	156.350	156.350	
08	•	•	•	156.400	156.400	
09	•	•	•	156.450	156.450	
10	•	•	•	156.500	156.500	
11	•	•	•	156.550	156.550	
12	•	•	•	156.600	156.600	
13	•	•	•	156.650	156.650	1 Watt USA and CAN
14	•	•	•	156.700	156.700	
15	•			Rx Only	156.750	
15		•	•	156.750	156.750	1 Watt CAN and INT
16	•	•	•	156.800	156.800	
17	•	•	•	156.850	156.850	1 Watt CAN



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VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel	Use
01	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
01A	Port Operations and Commercial, VTS in selected areas
02	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
03	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
<b>03A</b>	<b>Government Only</b>
04	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
<b>04A</b>	<b>West Coast (Coast Guard Only); East Coast (Commercial Fishing)</b>
05	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
05A	Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
06	Intership Safety
07	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
07A	Commercial
08	Commercial (Intership Only)
09	Boater Calling Channel, Non-Commercial (Recreational)
10	Commercial
11	Commercial, VTS in selected areas
12	Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
13	Intership Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-Bridge). In U.S. waters, large vessels maintain a listening watch on this channel.
14	Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
15	Environmental (Receive Only). Used by class C EPIRB's.
15	Canada (EPIRB Buoys Only); International (On-Board Communication)
<b>16</b>	<b>International Distress, Safety and Calling</b>
17	State Controlled (U.S.A. Only)



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Channel Number	Channel Map			Frequency		Power Limits
	USA	Int'l	Canada	Transmit	Receive	
18		•		156.900	161.500	
18A	•		•	156.900	156.900	
19		•		156.950	161.550	
19A	•		•	156.950	156.950	
20	•	•	•	157.000	161.600	1 Watt CAN
20A	•			157.000	157.000	
21		•	•	157.050	161.650	
21A	•		•	157.050	157.050	
22		•		157.100	161.700	
22A	•		•	157.100	157.100	
23		•	•	157.150	161.750	
23A	•			157.150	157.150	
24	•	•	•	157.200	161.800	
25	•	•	•	157.250	161.850	
26	•	•	•	157.300	161.900	
27	•	•	•	157.350	161.950	
28	•	•	•	157.400	162.000	
60		•	•	156.025	160.625	
61		•		156.075	160.675	
61A	•		•	156.075	156.075	
62		•		156.125	160.725	
62A			•	156.125	156.125	



# VHF Marine Channel Assignments

VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel	Use
18	Port Operations, Ship Movement
18A	Commercial
19	Port Operations, Ship Movement
19A	Commercial
<b>20</b>	<b>Canada (Coast Guard Only);</b> International (Port Operations, Ship Movement)
20A	Port Operations
21	Port Operations, Ship Movement
<b>21A</b>	<b>U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Coast Guard Only)</b>
22	Port Operations, Ship Movement
22A	U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Safety Information Broadcasts that are announced on Channel 16
23	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
<b>23A</b>	<b>Government Only</b>
24	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
25	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
26	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
27	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
28	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
60	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
61	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operation, Ship Movement
<b>61A</b>	<b>U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Coast Guard Only); West Coast (Coast Guard Only); East Coast (Commercial Fishing)</b>
62	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
<b>62A</b>	<b>West Coast (Coast Guard Only); East Coast (Commercial Fishing)</b>



# VHF Marine Channel Assignments

VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel Number	Channel Map			Frequency		Power Limits
	USA	Int'l	Canada	Transmit	Receive	
63		•		156.175	160.775	
63A	•			156.175	156.175	
64		•	•	156.225	160.825	
64A	•		•	156.225	156.225	
65		•		156.275	160.875	
65A	•	•	•	156.275	156.275	
66		•		156.325	160.925	
66A	•	•	•	156.325	156.325	1 Watt CAN
67	•	•	•	156.375	156.375	1 Watt USA
68	•	•	•	156.425	156.425	
69	•	•	•	156.475	156.475	
70	•	•	•	RX only	156.525	
71	•	•	•	156.575	156.575	
72	•	•	•	156.625	156.625	
73	•	•	•	156.675	156.675	
74	•	•	•	156.725	156.725	
77	•	•	•	156.875	156.875	1 Watt CAN



# VHF Marine Channel Assignments

VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel	Use
63	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
63A	Port Operations and Commercial, VTS in selected areas
64	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
<b>64A</b>	<b>U.S. (Government Only);</b> Canada (Commercial Fishing)
65	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
65A	Port Operations
66	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
66A	Port Operations
67	U.S. (Commercial). Used for bridge-to-bridge communications in lower Mississippi River (Intership Only); Canada (Commercial Fishing), S&R
68	Non-Commercial (Recreational)
69	U.S. (Non-Commercial, Recreational); Canada (Commercial Fishing Only); International (Intership, Port Operations, Ship Movement)
<b>70</b>	<b>Digital Selective Calling (Voice communications not allowed)</b>
71	U.S. and Canada (Non-Commercial, Recreational); International (Port Operations, Ship Movement)
72	Non-Commercial (Intership Only)
73	U.S. (Port Operations); Canada (Commercial Fishing Only); International (Intership, Port Operations, Ship Movement)
74	U.S. (Port Operations); Canada (Commercial Fishing Only); International (Intership, Port Operations, Ship Movement)
77	Port Operations (Intership only). Restricted to communications with pilots for movement and docking of ships.





# VHF Marine Channel Assignments

VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel Number	Channel Map			Frequency		Power Limits
	USA	Int'l	Canada	Transmit	Receive	
78		•		156.925	161.525	
78A	•		•	156.925	156.925	
79		•		156.975	161.575	
79A	•		•	156.975	156.975	
80		•		157.025	161.625	
80A	•		•	157.025	157.025	
81		•		157.075	161.675	
81A	•		•	157.075	157.075	
82		•		157.125	161.725	
82A	•		•	157.125	157.125	
83		•	•	157.175	161.775	
83A	•		•	157.175	157.175	
84	•	•	•	157.225	161.825	
84A	•			157.225	157.225	
85	•	•	•	157.275	161.875	
85A	•			157.275	157.275	
86	•	•	•	157.325	161.925	
86A	•			157.325	157.325	
87	•	•	•	157.375	161.975	
87A	•			157.375	157.375	
88	•	•	•	157.425	162.025	
88A	•			157.425	157.425	



## NOTE

Many of the plain numbered channels, such as 01, 02, and 03, transmit and receive on different frequencies. This is termed duplex operation. The rest of the plain numbered channels and all of the A channels, such as 01A, 03A, and 04A, transmit and receive on a single frequency, which is termed simplex operation. Your radio automatically adjusts to these conditions. When in simplex operation, the A icon will appear on the LCD (see illustration on page A2).



# VHF Marine Channel Assignments

VHF Marine Radio Protocols

Channel	Use
78	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
78A	Non-Commercial (Recreational)
79	Port Operations, Ship Movement
79A	Commercial (Also Non-Commercial only in Great Lakes)
80	Port Operations, Ship Movement
80A	Commercial (Also Non-Commercial only in Great Lakes)
81	Port Operations, Ship Movement
<b>81A</b>	<b>U.S. (Government Only; Environmental Protection Operations)</b>
82	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operation, Ship Movement
<b>82A</b>	<b>U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Coast Guard Only)</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>Canada (Coast Guard Only)</b>
<b>83A</b>	<b>U.S. (Government Only); Canada (Coast Guard Only)</b>
84	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
84A	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
85	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
85A	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
86	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
86A	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
87	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
87A	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
88	Public Correspondence (Ship to Coast). In U.S. only within 75 miles of Canadian Border.
88A	Commercial Intership only



## NOTE

All channels are pre-programmed at the factory according to international regulations and those of the FCC (U.S.A.) and Industry Canada (Canada). They cannot be altered by the user nor can modes of operation be changed between simplex and duplex.



## World City Time Zones

Longitudinal Zone	Offset	City
E172.50 to W172.50	-12	IDLW (International Date Line West)
W172.50 to W157.50	-11	Nome
W157.50 to W142.50	-10	Honolulu
W142.50 to W127.50	-9	Yukon STD
W127.50 to W112.50	-8	Los Angeles
W112.50 to W097.50	-7	Denver
W097.50 to W082.50	-6	Chicago
W082.50 to W067.50	-5	New York
W067.50 to W052.50	-4	Caracas
W052.50 to W037.50	-3	Rio de Janeiro
W037.50 to W022.50	-2	Fernando de Noronha
W022.50 to W007.50	-1	Azores Islands
W007.50 to E007.50 GMT	+ 0	London
E007.50 to E022.50	+1	Rome
E022.50 to E037.50	+2	Cairo
E037.50 to E052.50	+3	Moscow
E052.50 to E067.50	+4	Abu Dhabi
E067.50 to E082.50	+5	Maldives
E082.50 to E097.50	+6	Dhuburi
E097.50 to E112.50	+7	Bangkok
E112.50 to E127.50	+8	Hong Kong
E127.50 to E142.50	+9	Tokyo
E142.50 to E157.50	+10	Sydney
E157.50 to E172.50	+11	Solomon Islands
E172.50 to W172.50	+12	Auckland



## NOAA Weather Channels And Alert

Monitoring the weather will probably be a frequent use of your radio. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides continuous, around-the-clock broadcasts of the latest weather information. Taped weather messages run every four (4) to six (6) minutes and are revised every two (2) or three (3) hours, or as needed. The Coast Guard also announces weather and other safety warnings on Channel 16 and DSC Channel 70. Smart boaters keep an eye on safety and an ear to the radio — and never let the weather catch them unaware.

### NOAA Emergency Weather Alert

In the event of a major storm or other weather condition requiring vessels at sea or on other bodies of water to be notified, NOAA broadcasts a 1050 Hz tone that receivers such as your CobraMarine™ VHF radio can detect and warn you of a weather alert condition. When the **Weather Alert** mode on your radio is **On**, this signal will produce the weather alert alarm tone from the speaker and a “weather alert” message on the LCD to signal that a weather alert is being broadcast. The radio will automatically switch to **Weather Radio** mode.

### Test

To test this system, NOAA broadcasts the 1050 Hz signal every Wednesday sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in each local time zone. Any receiver that can detect the weather alert tone may use this feature to verify that this feature is functioning properly.

### Weather Frequency

Channel	RX Frequency MHz
1	162.550
2	162.400
3	162.475
4	162.425
5	162.450
6	162.500
7	162.525
8	161.650
9	161.775
10	163.275

## Included In This Package

Installation And Start-Up

### Included In This Package

You should find all of the following items in the package with your CobraMarine™ VHF radio:

Transceiver\*



Transceiver Flush Mount Kit



Transceiver Surface Mount Kit



Microphone/Speaker



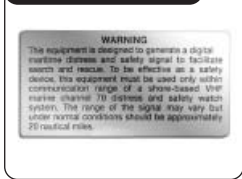
Mic/Sprk Mounting Kit



Operating Instruction Manual



Warning Sticker



GPS Interface Cable



\* The term transceiver will be used to identify the main unit containing the LCD screen and controls. Radio will be used to identify the entire equipment including transceiver, microphone/speaker, antenna, and any attached external speakers.

## Mounting And Powering The Radio

Installation And Start-Up

### Mounting And Powering The Radio

Before using your CobraMarine™ VHF radio, it must be installed on your vessel.

#### Installing Your Radio

Choose a location for your radio where it will be conveniently accessible with the following factors in mind:

- The leads to the battery and the antenna are best kept as short as possible.
- The antenna must be mounted at least three (3) feet from the transceiver.
- The radio and all speakers need to be far enough from any magnetic compass to avoid deviation due to the speaker magnet.
- There needs to be free air flow around the heat-sink fins on the back of the transceiver.

#### Surface Mount

A **Surface Mounting** kit is included with your CobraMarine™ VHF radio to allow its installation on almost any flat surface.

Surface Mounting Kit



#### To Mount The Transceiver On Almost Any Flat Surface:

1. Use the mounting bracket as a template to drill holes for the mounting screws.
2. Attach the mounting bracket to the chosen surface.
3. Attach the transceiver to the mounting bracket with the locking knobs.
4. Tilt the transceiver to a convenient angle and tighten the locking knobs.

Tilt Lock Knobs



## Mounting And Powering The Radio

Installation And Start-Up

### Microphone/Speaker Bracket



### Microphone/Speaker Bracket

#### To Install The Microphone/Speaker Bracket:

1. Install the microphone/speaker bracket on a vertical surface near the transceiver using the supplied stainless steel screws.

### Flush Mount

A **Flush Mounting** kit is included with your CobraMarine™ VHF radio to allow its installation in almost any flat surface.

#### To Mount The Transceiver Flush In Almost Any Flat Surface:

1. Use the supplied template to mark and cut an opening in the flat surface. See page 75 for template.



#### CAUTION

Before cutting, be sure the area behind the flat surface is clear of any instruments or wires that might be damaged in the process.

2. Insert the transceiver into the opening.

3. Attach the mounting brackets to the sides of the transceiver with the adjusting screw flanges facing the back of the flat surface.
4. Tighten the adjusting screws against the back of the flat surface until the flange on the front of the transceiver is tight against the flat surface.

### Use Supplied Template

See page 75 for template.

### Insert Transceiver



### Attach Mounting Brackets



### Adjust Screws



## Mounting And Powering The Radio

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### Warning Sticker



### Warning Sticker

FCC regulations require that the **Warning Sticker** supplied with this radio be applied to a spot where it is easily seen by the radio operator. Be sure the location is clean and dry before applying the sticker.

### Power Connection Cables



### Electrical Power Connection

Your CobraMarine™ VHF radio is powered from the vessel's 13.8 volt negative ground direct current electrical system (12 volt nominal). A fused power connection lead is provided at the back of the transceiver.

#### To Connect To A Power Source:

1. Attach the black power wire to a negative ground.
2. Attach the fused red power wire to the positive side of the power system.



#### CAUTION

A reverse polarity connection will damage the radio.

## Antenna Requirements And Attachment

### Antenna Requirements

Your CobraMarine™ VHF radio requires an external marine antenna to send signals into the air and to receive them. The radio is arranged to use any of the popular marine VHF antennas, but it is up to you to choose which antenna to use.

Since it represents the link between your radio and the outside world, Cobra® suggests you purchase the best quality antenna, coaxial cable, and connectors you can. This is best accomplished with the advice and guidance of a knowledgeable dealer who can assess the variables involved with your particular boat and preferences.



#### WARNING

Compliance with FCC requirements for Radio Frequency Exposure is the responsibility of both the antenna installer and the radio operator.

#### Safe Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) Radius

To avoid health hazards from excessive exposure to RF energy, FCC OET Bulletin 65 establishes an MPE radius of 10' (3 m) for the maximum power of your radio with an antenna having a maximum power gain of 9 dBi. This means that all persons must be at least 10' (3 m) away from the antenna when the radio is transmitting.

#### Installation Requirements

- A) An omnidirectional antenna with a gain not greater than 9 dBi must be mounted at least 16.4' (5 m) above the highest deck where people may be during radio transmissions, measured vertically from the lowest point of the antenna. This provides the minimum separation distance to comply with RF exposure requirements and is based on the MPE radius of 10' (3 m) plus the 6.6' (2 m) height of an adult.
- B) For vessels without structure to mount the antenna as described in A, it must be mounted as follows AND all persons must be outside the 10' (3 m) MPE radius during radio transmissions. The antenna must be mounted so that its lowest point is at least 3.3' (1 m) vertically above the heads of all persons during radio transmissions.



#### Radio Operator Requirements

Do not transmit when anyone is within the MPE radius of the antenna unless that person or persons are shielded from the antenna by a grounded metallic barrier. This is especially important on vessels with antennas mounted as described in B where no one may be within 9' (2.8 m) horizontally from the base of the antenna during transmissions.

**FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE ABOVE LIMITS MAY EXPOSE THOSE WITHIN THE MPE RADIUS TO RF ENERGY ABSORPTION IN EXCESS OF THE FCC MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE. IT IS THE RADIO OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THAT MPE LIMITS ARE HEEDED AND THAT NO ONE IS WITHIN THE MPE RADIUS DURING TRANSMISSIONS.**



Coaxial Cable Socket

#### Antenna Lead Attachment

Once the antenna is installed, the **Coaxial Cable Lead** can be attached to the socket at the back of the transceiver.



#### CAUTION

Attempting to transmit without an antenna attached will damage your CobraMarine™ VHF radio.



## External Devices And Connections

Your CobraMarine™ VHF radio is set up to connect auxiliary devices for navigation, convenience, and added versatility. As is the case with the antenna, choosing these devices is best done with the advice and guidance of a knowledgeable dealer. Standard connectors are provided on the front and back of the transceiver.



### Microphone/Speaker Attachment

Connect the **Microphone/Speaker** to the cord socket located at the left side of the front of the transceiver.

#### To Connect The Microphone/Speaker Attachment:

1. Align the connector and push it firmly into the socket.
2. Tighten the captive nut to hold the connector in place.
3. Slide the waterproof sleeve over the nut until it seats in the recess around the socket.



### External Speaker (Not Included)

An **External Speaker** can provide greater volume to hear messages than the speaker incorporated in the CobraMarine™ microphone/speaker.

#### To Install An External Speaker:

1. Connect the speaker lead to the standard jack on the back of the transceiver.



### Public Address Speaker (Hailer) (Not Included)

At times, it may be handy to hail other boats or give instructions to line handlers on the dock. Your CobraMarine™ VHF radio can be switched to operate in the **Public Address** mode through an attached PA speaker.

#### To Install A Public Address Speaker:

1. Connect the PA speaker lead to the standard jack on the back of the transceiver.

## Global Positioning System (GPS) Device (Not Included)

Cobra® strongly recommends that you obtain and connect a **GPS** device to your CobraMarine™ VHF radio. By having a **GPS** connected, your position will be continuously indicated on the LCD and, most importantly, it will be included automatically in any DSC distress message you may need to send. That will take the “search” out of “search and rescue.”



#### To Install A GPS Device:

1. Install the GPS device in a convenient location according to its manufacturer's directions.
2. Bond the NMEA out negative wire to the black wire of the GPS interface cable.
3. Bond the NMEA out positive wire to the red wire of the GPS interface cable.



#### NOTE

When bonding the wires, make sure connections are secure and properly insulated.



#### NOTE

Satellite acquisition time is dependent on the GPS device.



## Getting Started

Refer to the foldout on the front cover of this manual to identify the various controls and indicators on your radio.

Throughout this manual you will be instructed to press or to press and hold buttons on the transceiver or on the microphone/speaker. Press means a momentary press, then release; press and hold means to hold the button down.

### Tones And Alarms

When your CobraMarine™ VHF radio is **On**, you can expect to hear the following tones and alarms. The volume of these sounds is controlled by the circuitry in the radio and is not affected by the volume set with the **On-Off Power/Volume** knob or **Volume Up/Down** buttons.

#### Confirmation Tone

Single high-pitched beep confirms all button presses except the **Talk** button. It can be turned **On** or **Off**. See set-up routines on page 40.

#### Error Tone

Single low-pitched beep indicates an invalid button press.

#### DSC Distress Alarm

Loud, continuous, low-pitched series of closely spaced, three (3) beep groups. Press any button to turn it **Off**. This alarm sounds for:

- Distress call send, receive, and acknowledgement
- Distress relay call received
- All ships call received



#### NOTE

This alarm sounds only for DSC distress calls on Channel 70. It does not sound for voice calls on Channel 16 — you still must listen for those.

#### DSC Geographical Alarm

Loud, continuous, medium-pitched, high-low tones (warble) — sounds when a geographical call is received. Press any button to turn it **Off**.



### DSC Position Request Alarm

Medium-loud, continuous, low-pitched series of closely spaced, four (4) beeps [three (3) short – one (1) long] groups — sounds when a position request call is received. Press any button to turn it **Off**.

### DSC Individual Alarm

Medium-loud, continuous, medium-pitched, two (2) beep groups — sounds when an Individual call is received. Press any button to turn it **Off**.

### Weather Alarm

Medium-loud, continuous, medium-pitched series of one-half (½) second beeps spaced one-half (½) second apart — sounds when weather alert is turned **On** and NOAA sends a 1050 Hz weather alert tone on the selected weather channel. Press any button to turn it **Off**.

### Power On-Off

Transceiver power can be turned **On** or **Off** by the **On-Off Power/Volume** knob on the transceiver.



#### To Turn Your Radio On Or Off:

1. Press and hold the **On-Off Power/Volume** knob on the transceiver.

When the radio is powered **On**, the confirmation tone will sound.

The radio will return to the settings in effect when it was last powered **Off**, the LCD will show the corresponding information, and all controls will be operative. The radio will then be in **Standby** mode.



#### Volume

The **On-Off Power/Volume** knob on the transceiver and the **Volume Up/Down** buttons on the microphone/speaker control the speaker volume. The volume adjustment applies only to what you hear from the speaker and does not affect the volume of your outgoing messages. That is controlled by the circuitry of your radio.

## Getting Started

Operating Your Radio

On-Off Power/  
Volume Knob or Volume  
Up/Down Buttons



**To Increase The Volume You Can Choose One Of The Following:**

- Turn the **On-Off Power/Volume** knob clockwise.
- Press and release the **Volume Up** button on the microphone/speaker.

**To Decrease The Volume You Can Choose One Of The Following:**

- Turn the **On-Off Power/Volume** knob counter-clockwise.
- Press and release the **Volume Down** button on the microphone/speaker.

When adjusting the volume while using the microphone/speaker, press and hold the **Volume Up** or **Volume Down** buttons for rapid advance.

## Squelch

**Squelch** control filters weak signals and radio frequency noise so that you can more clearly hear the signals you want. You can think of it as a variable barrier that blocks what you don't want to hear.

Squelch Knob



**To Squelch Your Radio:**

- With the **Squelch** knob turned fully counter-clockwise, turn the **On-Off/Volume** knob clockwise until you hear a hissing (noise) sound.



### NOTE

The **Volume Up/Down** buttons on the microphone/speaker cannot be used in the squelch process. You must use the **On-Off Power/Volume** knob.

Turn Till Hissing  
Sound Starts



- Turn the **Squelch** knob clockwise until the hissing sound stops.

Turn Till Hissing  
Sound Stops



Turning the **Squelch** knob further clockwise (higher bearer) will filter weak and medium strength signals until only the strongest signal can get through at the highest squelch setting.

Lower Bearer



**To Receive Weaker Signals:**

- Turn the **Squelch** knob counterclockwise (lower bearer). If the squelch is set so that you can hear a continuous hissing sound, the memory scan and tri-watch functions will be blocked.

## Getting Started

Operating Your Radio

## Standby And Receive

**Standby** mode is the usual mode for the radio whenever it is turned **On**.



**From Standby Mode, You Can:**

- Change your radio's settings using set-up routines.
- Receive messages on the current channel as well as DSC messages.
- Receive NOAA alerts if **Weather Alert** mode is turned **On**.
- Switch to **Transmit** mode using the **Talk** button.

While the radio is in **Standby** mode, the **Receive** mode is entered whenever a strong enough signal to break squelch is sent to the radio. You will hear the message through whichever speakers are connected to the radio.

**To Change The Channel You Are Listening To, You Can Choose One Of The Following:**

- Press the **Up/Down** buttons. This will take you to the next higher or lower VHF channel. For rapid advance, press and hold the **Up** or **Down** button.
- Press the **Channel 16/9** button. This will take you to Channel 16 with one (1) press and to Channel 9 with a second press. Additional presses will toggle between Channels 16 and 9.
- Press the **Weather/UIC** button. This will toggle the radio between **Standby** mode and **Weather Radio** mode. When in **Weather Radio** mode, the **Up/Down** buttons will change the weather channel.

Up/Down Buttons



Channel 16/9 Button



Weather/UIC Button



## Set-Up Routines

### Settings Menu

The **Settings** menu in the CobraMarine™ VHF radio allows you to turn **On** and **Off** many of its features, to adjust other features to suit your preferences, and to enter your user MMSI number.



#### To Enter The Settings Menu:

1. Press and hold the **Call/Set** button.  
The **Settings** menu will appear on the LCD.

After entering the **Settings** menu, you can scroll through it to make as many entries as you like. Whenever the setting selection arrow appears in a feature portion of the menu, it will point to the setting that was in effect when you entered the menu.

When you are finished with changes, you can exit the **Settings** menu and return to **Standby** mode.



#### To Exit The Settings Menu:

1. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll down to **EXIT** at the bottom of the menu.
2. With the arrow pointing to **EXIT**, press the **Call/Set** button to return the radio to **Standby** mode.



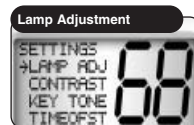
#### NOTE

Basic set-up routines are described here. For set-up routines that apply specifically to a particular function, they are included in the section for that function.



## LCD Backlight

The LCD has a **Backlight** lamp to make it visible in the dark. This lamp can be adjusted for brightness or turned **Off**.



#### To Adjust The Backlight Level:

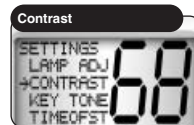
1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **LAMP ADJ** (lamp adjustment) with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current backlight setting — **HIGH**, **MEDIUM**, **LOW** or **OFF**.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to switch to the setting you want.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the backlight setting.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **EXIT**.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.



When the backlight is turned **On** to any intensity, the lamp will be lit whenever the radio is **On**.

## LCD Contrast

The LCD backlight will not be visible in daylight, but the **LCD Contrast** can be adjusted to make it easier to read in different light conditions.



#### To Change The Contrast:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **CONTRAST** with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current contrast setting — a number between one (1) and 16.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to change the number up or down.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select a contrast level.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **EXIT**.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.



### Confirmation Tone

The **Confirmation Tone** sounds when your CobraMarine™ VHF radio is turned **On** and to confirm all button presses except for the **Talk** button. If you would prefer not to hear the **Confirmation Tone**, you can turn it **Off** and **On** as you choose.



#### To Turn The Confirmation Tone On Or Off:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **KEY TONE** with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current confirmation tone setting — **ON** or **OFF**.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to switch to the setting you want.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the setting.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **EXIT**.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.

### Time Offset

All VHF, DSC, and GPS activities use a 24-hour clock and Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) which was formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). **Time Offset** uses your connected GPS to gather time inputs. For time inputs to be converted to local time, you need to enter the hour offset of your local time zone from Greenwich. (See world city time zone chart on page 24.)



#### To Change The Time Offset:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **TIMEOFST** (time offset) with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current setting.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to change to the setting for your local time zone.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the setting.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **EXIT**.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.



#### NOTE

If you leave the time offset at zero, the LCD will show the time as UTC. If you enter the hour offset for your time zone, the LCD will show the local time. In either event, DSC messages will always be based on UTC.

### U.S.A./International/Canada Channel Maps

Three (3) sets of VHF **Channel Maps** have been established for marine use in the U.S.A., Canada, and the rest of the world (International). Most of the channels are the same for all three (3) maps, but there are definite differences (see table on pages 14 through 23). Your radio has all three (3) maps built into it and will operate correctly in whichever area you choose.



#### To Set Your Radio For The Area In Which You Will Be Using It:

1. From **Standby** mode, press and hold the **Weather/UIC** button. The radio will shift one (1) channel map and the active channel map will show on the top line of the LCD.
2. Repeat step 1 to shift to the next channel map(s) in the sequence **USA**, **INT** (International), **CAN** (Canada) then back to **USA**.

The radio will return to **Standby** mode each time the button is released.





## Voice Transmission

**Transmit** mode gives you the ability to communicate with safety services, other vessels, and shore stations. When you use this capability, be sure to follow the procedures and to observe the courtesies that govern its use so everyone benefits. (The tables on pages 14 through 23 will help you select the proper channels.)

Before pressing the **Talk** button to transmit a message, you should select the appropriate channel and transmit power output.

### Channels

You can transmit voice messages on most VHF **Channels**. Refer to the VHF marine channel assignments on pages 14 through 23 to select a channel according to the type of message you are going to send.



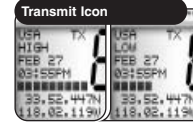
### To Change The Channel You Can Choose From One (1) Of The Following:

- Press the **Up/Down** buttons. This will take you to the next higher or lower VHF channel. (When on Channel 88A, the next higher channel is Channel 1 and vice versa.) For rapid advance, press and hold the **Up** or **Down** buttons. (The confirmation tone will sound only for each button press, not during rapid advance.)
- Press the **Channel 16/9** button. This will take you to Channel 16 with one (1) press and to Channel 9 with a second press. Additional presses will toggle between Channel 16 and Channel 9. Press and hold the **Channel 16/9** button to return to **Standby** mode.



## Transmit Power Output

Your radio can **Transmit** selectively at one (1) or 25 watts of power. Cobra® suggests you maintain the low power setting for short-range communications and to avoid overpowering nearby stations with your signal. Use the high power setting for long-range communications or when you do not receive a response to a signal sent at one (1) watt.



### To Toggle Between The High And Low Power Modes:

- Press the **High/Low Power** button.  
The LCD will show which mode is in effect.

Some channels are restricted to use at a maximum of one (1) watt. Your radio will automatically set the power to **Low Power** mode when you select those channels.

While using the U.S.A. channel map, if, in an emergency, you need to increase the output power on Channel 13 and Channel 67 for your signal to be heard, you can override the **Low Power** mode by pressing and holding the **High/Low Power** button.

### Transmit A Message

#### To Transmit A Message:

- Check to see that your unit is set to a proper channel for the type of message you plan to send.
- Toggle to the low power setting.
- With the microphone/speaker about two (2) inches [five (5) cm] from your mouth, press and hold the **Talk** button and speak into the microphone/speaker. Transmit will be indicated on the LCD.
- Release the **Talk** button when you are finished speaking. Your unit can only operate in either the **Transmit** or the **Receive** mode at any given time. You will not hear the response to your message unless the **Talk** button is released.



#### NOTE

If the **Talk** button is held down for five (5) minutes, the radio will automatically cease transmitting to prevent unwanted signal generation. As soon as the **Talk** button is released, it can be pressed again to resume transmission.

## Public Address

Another form of voice transmission is available on your radio. It can be used in **Public Address (PA)** mode to hail other vessels or people near the shore if you have mounted and connected an optional PA speaker.



### To Switch The Radio From RF Transmit To PA Mode:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to PA MODE with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current setting — ON or OFF.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to change to the setting.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the setting.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.

### To Broadcast On The PA Speaker:

1. Switch to the **PA** mode.
2. Press the **Talk** button and speak into the microphone/speaker.



### NOTE

While in the **PA** mode:

- When the **Talk** button is pressed, the output is directed to the PA speaker and not transmitted as a radio signal through the antenna.
- Received radio messages will be directed to the PA speaker unless the **Talk** button is pressed.

## NOAA All Hazards/Weather Radio And Alert

NOAA broadcasts **Weather** information as described in the NOAA Weather Channels section on page 25 of this manual. You can listen to one (1) or two (2) of these ten (10) receive-only channels at any time.



### NOTE

Usually only one (1) or two (2) of the weather channels will be operating in any given location. You will need to select the channel with the strongest signal in your location. This is the channel the radio will scan for the weather alert signal.



### To Listen To The Weather Channels:

1. From **Standby** mode, press the **Weather/UIC** button. The unit will enter the **Weather** mode and show it on the LCD.
2. Press the **Up/Down** buttons to change the weather channels — hold the button for fast advance.

To exit the **Weather** mode and return to **Standby** mode, press the **Weather/UIC** button again.

## Weather Alert Set-Up

You must have **Weather Alert** mode turned **On** to benefit from the **Weather Alert** condition signal described in the NOAA weather channels section on page 25.



### To Turn Weather Alert On:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to WX ALERT (weather alert) with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current setting — ON or OFF.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to change to the setting.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the setting.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.

## Weather Alert Signal

When NOAA broadcasts a **Weather Alert Signal** and your radio is in the **Weather Alert** mode, you will hear a continuous audible tone and the radio will automatically switch to **Weather Radio** mode. The alert indicators will sound regardless of what channel you are operating on as soon as a NOAA alert signal is received.

### When You Hear The Alert:

1. Press any key to turn **Off** the alert alarm and LCD indicator.

## Advanced Operation

Cobra® has incorporated several features in your CobraMarine™ VHF radio to give you quick access to the voice calling channels and to let you monitor more than one (1) channel at once.

### Channel 16/9

This function gives you quick access to calling **Channel 16** or **Channel 9** from any operational mode.

#### Channel 16/9 Buttons



#### To Switch To Channel 16 Or Channel 9:

1. Press the **Channel 16/9** button to change to Channel 16.
2. Press the **Channel 16/9** button again to change to Channel 9.

Additional presses of the **Channel 16/9** button will toggle back and forth between the two (2) channels.

To exit the **Channel 16/9** mode and return to the previous channel, press and hold the **Channel 16/9** button.

#### Channel 16/9 Toggle



While at Channel 16 or Channel 9 in the **Channel 16/9** mode, you can also press the **Up/Down** buttons to change to other channels. In that event, another press of the **Channel 16/9** button will switch your radio to Channel 16 and the sequence will start over at step 1.

## Tri-Watch

**Tri-Watch** gives you one (1) button access to scan the three (3) locations of most importance to you. Channel 16 and Channel 9 will always be included as scanned locations. The remaining location will be the VHF channel in effect when you enter **Tri-Watch** mode.



### NOTE

The radio must be squelched for tri-watch to function. See page 36 for squelch procedure.



### To Enter Tri-Watch Mode:

1. In **Standby** mode, use the **Up/Down** buttons to go to the channel you want to add as the third location to be scanned.
2. Press the **Tri-Watch** button.

Tri-watch will be indicated on the LCD and the radio will scan among Channel 16, Channel 9, and the third tri-watch location you selected. A signal on any one (1) of the three (3) channels will stop the scan to allow you to listen to the traffic on the channel. The channel number will be displayed on the LCD.

### To Exit Tri-Watch Mode:

1. Press the **Tri-Watch** button. The radio will return to **Standby** mode.

### During Tri-Watch (while receiving an incoming transmission), You Can Choose From The Following:

- a. Press the **Talk** button to remain on that tri-watch location and return to **Standby** mode.
- b. Press the **Up/Down** buttons to resume scanning tri-watch locations.

If you do not press any buttons, your radio will automatically resume scanning tri-watch locations when the incoming transmission is complete.

### During Tri-Watch (while not receiving a transmission):

- a. Press the **Talk** button to communicate on the last tri-watch location scanned and return to **Standby** mode.



## Memory Channels

You can program (or tag) any or all channels to be scanned in the **Memory Scan** mode.



### To Program Memory Channels:

1. From **Standby** mode, select a channel to be tagged using the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press and hold the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button for three (3) seconds. The channel will be tagged for scanning and **MEM** (memory channel) will appear on the LCD whenever that channel is selected.

The radio will return to **Standby** mode as soon as the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button is released.

Repeat steps 1 through 2 to tag as many channels as you wish.

### To Clear Memory Channels:

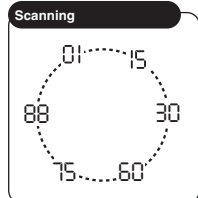
1. From **Standby** mode, select a channel to be cleared from a memory tagging using the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press and hold the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button for three (3) seconds. The channel will be untagged and **MEM** (memory channel) will no longer appear on the LCD whenever that channel is selected.

The radio will return to **Standby** mode as soon as the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button is released.

Repeat steps 1 through 2 to clear additional channels from memory locations.

## Memory Scan

During **Memory Scan**, the radio will rapidly switch from tagged channel to tagged channel. Whenever any activity is detected, the radio will stop the scan for ten (10) seconds to allow you to listen briefly on that channel. It will then continue to scan unless you switch out of the **Memory Scan** mode.



### NOTE

If there are fewer than two (2) channels tagged, the **Memory Scan** mode will not be available. [See page 48 under program memory channels to tag at least two (2) channels.]



### NOTE

The radio must be squelched for the **Memory Scan** mode to function. See page 36 for squelch procedure.



### To Enter Memory Scan:

1. From **Standby** mode, press the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button.

The radio will immediately begin to scan the channels you tagged. **MEM SCAN** (memory scan) will show on the LCD.

### To Exit Memory Scan:

1. From **Memory Scan** mode, press the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button.

This will return the radio to **Standby** mode on the last scanned memory location.

### During Memory Scan (while receiving an incoming transmission), You Can Choose From The Following:

- a. Press the **Talk** button to remain on that memory location and end scanning. This will return the radio to **Standby** mode.
- b. Press the **Up/Down** buttons to resume scanning. If you do not press any buttons within ten (10) seconds, your radio will automatically resume scanning.

### During Memory Scan (while not receiving a transmission):

- a. Press the **Talk** button to communicate on the last channel scanned and return to **Standby** mode.



## DSC Set-Up

Digital selective calling — **DSC** — employs digital RF signals which tend to carry further and be less susceptible to distortion from noise and atmospheric conditions than analog ones. The result is greater range and more reliable message delivery per watt of output power.

But, that is not the only advantage of DSC equipped radios. Those radios are set up to interface with GPS and to automate many of the operations involved in sending and receiving messages. That results in more compact and accurate messages and less congestion of the airwaves.

The price of these benefits to the user is the time it takes to do the required set-up to make the DSC features work. A little time spent when your radio is new will pay dividends over its life.

These procedures use the **Settings** menu. Refer to page 38 for information on entering and exiting the **Settings** menu.

### User MMSI Number

This nine (9) digit number is similar to a telephone number in that it is a unique identifier for you and your vessel. DSC uses this number in every message it sends and receives. That is why your radio will not operate in the **DSC** mode until you enter your **MMSI Number**. You should enter it as soon as you receive it from one of the issuing agencies listed on page 9.



### To Enter Your MMSI Number:

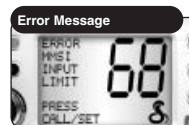
1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **USERMMSI** with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and the blinking cursor will appear at the first digit under **USER MMSI ID ENTRY**.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll through the number list to that digit of your number.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the digit and the blinking cursor will move to the next digit of the number.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all nine (9) digits of your **MMSI** number are entered.



### NOTE

Press the **High/Low Power** button to backspace and erase the last selected number.

6. Check that you have entered the number correctly.
7. Press and hold the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.



### If You Incorrectly Enter Your MMSI Number

You can repeat steps 1 through 7 to correct it. **HOWEVER, YOU CAN DO THIS ONLY ONCE!** A third attempt to enter an **MMSI** number will result in an error message as shown.

Pressing the **Call/Set** button from the error message will return the radio to the **Settings** menu.

Once the error message appears, the radio will still operate in all non-DSC modes. But you will have to return the radio to Cobra® Electronics (see product service on page 73 for details) for reset before you can enter your **MMSI** number and use the radio in **DSC** mode.

Because the **MMSI** number is so important to DSC operation, this limitation is imposed on all DSC capable radios to prevent constant changes and the potential introduction of errors in the process. If, for any reason, it is necessary to change the **MMSI** number in the radio more than once, you can return it to Cobra® Electronics for reset.





## If You Transfer Your Radio To A Different Vessel

Contact the MMSI issuing agency from which you obtained your number and change the information associated with your number to correspond to vessel in which it will be mounted.

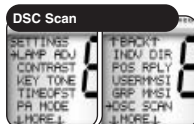


### To View Your MMSI Number At Any Time:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **USERMMSI** with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and the blinking cursor will appear at the first digit of your already entered number under **USERMMSI ID ENTRY**.
3. Press and hold the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.

## DSC Scanning

If you choose not to have your radio scan Channel 70, you can turn **DSC Scanning Off**. If you do so, you can still send DSC messages, but will not hear DSC alarms nor receive DSC messages except when you are tuned to Channel 70 or you have sent a distress message. The acknowledgement to the distress message will be received whether **DSC Scanning** is **On** or **Off**.



### To Turn DSC Scanning On Or Off:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **DSC SCAN** with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current setting — **ON** or **OFF**.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select the setting that you want.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.



## Group MMSI Number

Nautical organizations such as yacht clubs and the organizers of events such as regattas can establish **Group MMSIs**. These allow a message to be sent automatically to all members of the group without having to call each one individually.

Each member of the group must enter the group MMSI number in his radio in order to receive group messages.



### To Enter A Group MMSI Number:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to **GRP MMSI** (group MMSI) with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and the blinking cursor will appear at the first digit under **GRP MMSI ID ENTRY**.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll through the number list to that digit of your number.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the digit and the blinking cursor will move to the next digit of the number.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all nine (9) digits of the group MMSI number are entered.



### NOTE

Press the **High/Low Power** button to backspace and erase the last selected number.

6. Check that you have entered the number correctly.
7. Press and hold the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.

The group MMSI is established by modifying the MMSI assigned to one (1) of the group members. The last digit of that member's MMSI number is dropped and a zero (0) is inserted at the beginning. For example, member MMSI number 366123456 becomes group MMSI number 036612345.

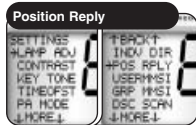
Group MMSIs can be entered and changed any number of times without encountering the need to have your radio reset.



## Position Request Reply Type

The ability to send your position to another station is an added feature of DSC radios that have GPS attached. It is handy for rendezvous and rescue situations.

Your CobraMarine™ VHF radio allows you to choose whether to have the radio automatically respond to all **Position Requests** it receives or to alert you to a **Position Request** and allow you to choose whether to respond or not — manual reply.



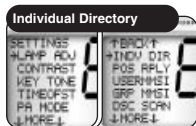
### To Set The Position Request Reply Type:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to POS RPLY (position reply) with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button and observe the current setting — AUTO or MANUAL.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to change the setting.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the setting.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Settings** menu.



## Individual Directory

DSC calling allows you to call another vessel or station directly if you know its MMSI number. Your CobraMarine™ VHF radio allows you to store up to ten (10) names and their associated MMSI numbers for quick access.



### To Enter Or Edit Names And MMSI Numbers In The Directory:

1. Enter the **Settings** menu and scroll to INDV DIR (individual directory) with the **Up/Down** buttons.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter a memory location (1-10).
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll through the memory locations to one you want to select.



4. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the memory location. The cursor will begin to blink at the first character under NAME.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll through the character list.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to select a character. This will also move the blinking cursor to the next character under NAME.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 to enter additional characters — up to a maximum of nine (9) — for the name.



### NOTE

Press the **High/Low Power** button to backspace and erase the last selected character.

8. After entering the name, press and hold the **Call/Set** button to move the blinking cursor to the first character under MMSI.
9. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll through the number list.
10. Press the **Call/Set** button to select the number and move the cursor to the next character under MMSI.
11. Repeat steps 9 and 10 until the nine (9) digit MMSI is entered.
12. Press and hold the **Call/Set** button to move to the next memory location or exit.
13. Select **NEXT** or **EXIT** with the **Call/Set** buttons.

If **NEXT** is selected, pressing the **Call/Set** button will move to the next memory location where another name can be entered by repeating steps 3 through 11.

If **EXIT** is selected, pressing the **Call/Set** button will return you to the **Settings** menu.

You can enter a total of ten (10) names and MMSI numbers in the directory.



## DSC Operation

Sending DSC calls is done from menus similar to the **Settings** menu. Whereas entering the **Settings** menu required a press and hold of the **Call/Set** button, the sending menus appear with a press of the **Distress** button.

All received DSC calls will sound one (1) or another of the alarms to alert you to them. See pages 34 through 35 for descriptions of the different alarms. Pressing any button will turn **Off** the alarm while maintaining the received call information on the LCD.

## Sending Distress Calls

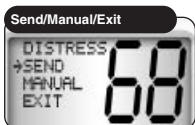
The ability to send and receive distress calls and their acknowledgements on Channel 70 can literally be a lifesaver for you or another mariner.

### NOTE

The DSC call will:

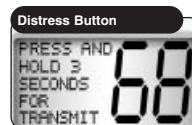
- Sound the distress alarm at all receiving stations.
- Inform receiving stations of your identity (MMSI).
- Inform receiving stations of your position if you have a GPS device connected or you have manually entered your position.

It will not provide the receiving stations with other distress information such as the nature of your problem, number of persons aboard, injuries, or the like. For that, you will have to communicate by voice on Channel 16 with the station that acknowledges your DSC distress call.



### To Begin Sending A DSC Distress Call:

1. From **Standby** mode, lift the spring-loaded red door on the transceiver and press the **Distress** button under it. This will open the **Distress** menu with the arrow pointing to **SEND**. You will have three (3) choices:
  - Send the distress call automatically with either no position information if a GPS is not connected or with the position provided by a connected GPS.
  - Manually enter your position, then send the distress call.
  - Abort the distress call process and return to **Standby** mode.



2. Choose one (1) of the following:
  - a. **To Send An Automatic Distress Call:**
    - 1) Press and hold the **Distress** button.
  - b. **To Send A Manual Distress Call:**
    - 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to move the arrow to **MANUAL**.
    - 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to go to the position entry screen.
    - 3) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to manually set the position of your vessel.
    - 4) Press the **Call/Set** button to send the message.
    - 5) Press and hold the **Distress** button.
  - c. **To Abort The Distress Call Process:**

If you pressed the **Distress** button by mistake or if you have not received an acknowledgement and want to discontinue the automatic resending of your distress message:

    - 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to move the arrow to **EXIT**.
    - 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode.

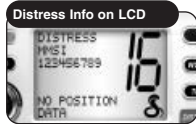
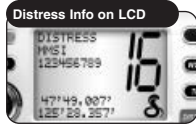
The distress alarm will sound to let you know that the message is being sent. At the end of the transmission, the radio will maintain a watch on Channels 16 and Channel 70 for an acknowledgement. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm and return to **Standby** mode.

If an acknowledgement is received, the distress alarm will sound again and the responding party's MMSI number will show on the LCD.

If no acknowledgement is received, the radio will resend the message at approximately four (4) minute intervals until an acknowledgement is received or you abort the distress call.

## Receiving Distress Calls

If your vessel is within range of a DSC **Distress** call, the radio will receive the call, sound the distress alarm, and switch to Channel 16.



### When A Distress Call Is Heard:

1. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm and return to **Standby** mode.
2. Read and write down the distress information on the LCD (there may or may not be position data shown), then determine whether you should answer the call.
3. Respond, if appropriate, by pressing and holding the **Talk** button to transmit on Channel 16.



### NOTE

Your radio will automatically switch to Channel 16 upon receiving a DSC distress call.

## Regarding Distress Relay Calls

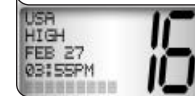
Your radio cannot send **Distress Relay** calls. Only large ships and shore stations with specially equipped radios can send these calls.

## Receiving Distress Relay Calls

Your radio will respond to a received **Distress Relay** call in the same way as it will to a distress call.

## Sending An All Ships Calls

A DSC **All Ships** call is used for the same urgency and safety purposes as the Pan and Securite voice calls as well as to send routine messages to all stations at once. It will reach all stations within range of your radio. If you have an urgent, but not life-threatening, situation or a safety warning to broadcast to all vessels in your area, this is the type of call to use. It should be used judiciously for routine calls.



### To Send An All Ships Call:

1. In **Standby** mode, select a channel on which you want to communicate for a routine call. (The radio will use Channel 16 for urgent and safety calls.)
2. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to ALLSHIPS.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to move to the message type menu.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select a message type — URGENCY, SAFETY or ROUTINE.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to send the message.
7. Depending on the type of message you chose, the radio will automatically switch to a voice channel.
  - a. After urgency and safety calls, the radio will switch to Channel 16 and wait for you to press the **Talk** button to send the urgent or safety message by voice.
  - b. After a routine call, the radio will switch to the channel you selected in step 1 and wait for you to press the **Talk** button to send the routine message by voice.

DSC equipped radios that receive your message will be automatically switched to Channel 16 or the channel you selected to hear your voice message.

To return to **Standby** mode without sending a message, use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT and press the **Call/Set** button.

## Receiving An All Ships Call

All Ships calls sent by stations within range of your radio will sound the distress alarm on your radio and switch your radio to Channel 16.



### When An All Ships Call Is Heard:

1. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm and return to **Standby** mode.
2. Read and write down the MMSI of the vessel sending the call as well as the date and time of the call in case you will want to respond.
3. Listen to the voice message sent on the channel your radio was switched to by the incoming all ships call.

## Sending A Geographical Call

Your radio cannot send **Geographical** calls. Only large ships and shore stations with specially equipped radios can send these calls.

## Receiving A Geographical Call

**Geographical** calls are sent by specially equipped radios to all stations in a particular geographical area to alert only those stations of the call and not stations in unaffected areas. If you are in an area to which a **Geographical** call is made, it will sound the geographical alarm on your radio and switch your radio to the channel chosen by the sending station.



### When A Geographical Call Is Heard:

1. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm.
2. Read and write down the MMSI of the vessel sending the call as well as the date and time of the call in case you will want to respond.
3. Listen to the voice message sent on the channel your radio was switched to by the incoming geographical call.
4. Press one (1) of the following three (3) buttons to switch from geographical call receive to **Standby** mode: **Call/Set** button, **Channel 16/9** button, or **Talk** button.

## Sending An Individual Call

The DSC **Individual** call feature allows you to notify one (1), and only one (1), station that you want to communicate with that station. It does not alert all other stations within range that you will be sending a message as a voice call on Channel 16 or Channel 9 would.



### To Send An Individual Call:

1. In **Standby** mode, select a channel on which you want to communicate.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **INDIV** (Individual).
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to move to the individual directory.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select the name you want to call from the directory.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to send the message or return to **Standby** mode if **EXIT** was chosen.

If the radio you are calling sends back an automatic DSC response of "able to comply," the individual alarm will sound. Wait for a voice message from the called station.

If the called radio does not send an "able to comply" response, your radio will wait eight (8) seconds and resend the message.

If an "unable to comply" response or no reply is received, your radio will go to the **Unavailable** menu.

At the **Unavailable** menu, you can choose **SEND** or **EXIT** with the **Up/Down** buttons. If you choose **SEND**, your radio will restart the individual call. If you choose **EXIT** you will be returned to the individual location on the **Call Send** menu.

### Caller Identified



## Receiving An Individual Call

When another station makes an **Individual** call to your radio, the individual alarm will sound, the caller will be identified on the LCD, and your radio will be switched to the channel selected by the caller. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm.

### To Receive An Individual Call:

1. Press the **Talk** button and greet the caller — almost as if you were answering the telephone.

## Sending A Group Call

Sending a **Group** call is very similar to sending an individual call, except that the group MMSI is used and the resend and DSC responses do not apply.

### Standby Mode



### To Send A Group Call:

1. In **Standby** mode, select a channel on which you want to communicate.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **GROUP**.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to move to the send or exit menu.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select **SEND** or **EXIT**.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to send the message or return to the **Call Send** menu if **EXIT** was chosen.

### Group



### Send/Exit



All radios will be switched to the channel selected in step 1. Press and hold the **Talk** button to send your voice message to everyone in the group.

Anyone in the group can now also transmit on that channel.

### Group Waiting



## Receiving A Group Call

When another station makes a **Group** call to your radio, the individual alarm will sound, the caller will be identified on the LCD, and your radio will be switched to the channel selected by the caller, just as for an individual call. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm.

### Caller Identified



### To Receive A Group Call:

1. Listen for the group voice message.
2. Press the **Talk** button and respond only if appropriate.

## Sending A Position Request

**Position Request** mode enables a DSC radio to obtain the position (latitude and longitude) of a station that has a GPS device connected to the DSC radio at that station.

### Standby Mode



### To Request The Position Of Another Station:

1. In **Standby** mode, select a channel on which you want to communicate.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **POSREQST** (position request) on the menu.
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Individual Directory** menu.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to the name of the station whose position you want to request.

### Position Request



### Individual Directory





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### 6. Press the **Call/Set** button.

Your radio will send the position request and there will be one (1) of three (3) possible responses:

- You will receive the position.
- You will receive a no position data response, meaning the station you queried is not connected to a GPS device and cannot send its position.
- You will receive a no reply response, meaning the operator of that station has chosen not to reply to your request.

Choose one (1) of the following:

#### a. If You Receive A Position:

The requested position with the station name and MMSI will show on your screen.

- 1) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode after you have noted the station's position.

#### b. If The Station You Called Cannot Send Its Position:

NO POS. DATA (no position data) will show on your screen.

- 1) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Individual Directory** menu.
- 2) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
- 3) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Call Send** menu.
- 4) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
- 5) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode.



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### c. If The Station You Called Chose Not To Reply:

NO REPLY will show on your screen.

You will have two (2) choices:

- RESEND the request.
  - EXIT the **Position Request** mode.
- a. To **Resend Your Position Request**:
    - 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to RESEND.
    - 2) Press the **Call/Set** button.
  - b. To **Exit The Position Request Mode**:
    - 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
    - 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Individual Directory** menu.
    - 3) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
    - 4) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Call Send** menu.
    - 5) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to EXIT.
    - 6) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode.



## Receiving A Position Request

When you went through the DSC set-up process, you set a position request reply type. (See page 54 to change your setting.) Depending on the setting you chose, when a **Position Request** message is received, your radio will enter either:

- The **Auto Reply** mode.
- The **Manual Reply** mode.



### When The Radio Is In Auto Reply Mode:

A position request will sound the position request alarm and show the name of the requesting station on the LCD. Your radio will automatically respond. It will send your position, if you have a GPS connected to your radio, or NO POS. DATA (no position data), if you do not have a GPS device connected.

1. Press any button to silence the alarm and exit the display.



### When The Radio Is In The Manual Reply Mode:

A position request message will sound the position request alarm and show the name of the requesting station. You can choose to:

- Reply and send your position.
- Exit without sending your position.

#### a. If You Choose To Reply With Your Position:

- 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select **REPLY**.
- 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to send your position.
- 3) Press any button to return to **Standby** mode.

#### b. If You Choose Not To Reply:

- 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select **EXIT**.
- 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode without sending your position.



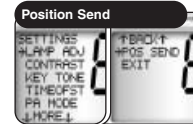
## Sending A Position Send

**Position Send** uses your connected GPS in similar fashion to the position request function, except that you initiate the activity to let another station know where you are.



### To Send A Position Send Message:

1. In **Standby** mode, select a channel on which you want to communicate.
2. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
3. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **POS SEND** (position send).
4. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the individual directory.
5. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select the station to which you want to send your position.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to send your position.



After your position is sent, the LCD will show **POS SEND** (position send). You will have two (2) choices.

- Resend your position to the same station.
- Exit from **Position Send** mode.



#### a. To Resend Your Position:

- 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select **SEND**.
- 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to resend your position.



#### b. To Exit From The Position Send Mode:

- 1) Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select **EXIT**.
- 2) Press the **Call/Set** button to return to the **Call Send** menu.





## Receiving A Position Send

When another station sends you its position in **Position Send** mode, the individual alarm will sound and the station's name and position will be shown on the LCD. Press any button to turn **Off** the alarm and return to **Standby** mode.

## Standby Mode Signal

If you will be away from your radio or otherwise unable to answer calls, you can put the radio into DSC **Standby** mode. When in DSC **Standby** mode, your radio will log all calls received into its call waiting memory and respond automatically to individual calls with an UNATTENDED message. You will then be able to retrieve those calls from the call waiting memory.



### NOTE

The call waiting memory can retain up to twenty (20) calls. See the following section for information on call waiting.



### To Enter Standby Mode:

1. From **Standby** mode, press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
2. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select **STANDBY**.
3. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter DSC **Standby** mode.



The radio will then remain in DSC **Standby** mode until you exit from that mode.

### To Exit DSC Standby Mode:

1. From DSC **Standby** mode, press the **Call/Set** button to return the radio to **Standby** mode.



## Call Waiting

**Call Waiting** functions similarly to the caller ID function on your telephone. It will capture the caller's MMSI identification number and any other data included in a DSC message.



### NOTE

The call waiting memory can hold up to 20 messages. Once the memory becomes full, each new call will erase the oldest call information on a first-in first-out basis.



### To Review Call Waiting Messages Received While In DSC Standby Mode:

1. From **Standby** mode, press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
2. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **CALLWAIT** (call waiting).
3. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Waiting** mode.



### NOTE

The fourth line will show the type of message.



4. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to move from message to message in the call waiting memory.
5. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode.

### To Clear Messages From The Call Waiting Memory:

1. From **Standby** mode, press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Send** menu.
2. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to scroll to **CALLWAIT** (call waiting).
3. Press the **Call/Set** button to enter the **Call Waiting** mode.



### NOTE

The fourth line will show the type of message.

4. Use the **Up/Down** buttons to select the message you want to delete.
  5. Press and hold the **Memory Scan/Memory Clear** button for one (1) second or more.
- Repeat steps 4 through 5 to delete additional messages.
6. Press the **Call/Set** button to return to **Standby** mode.



## Maintenance

Very little maintenance is required to keep your CobraMarine™ VHF radio in good operating condition.

- Keep the radio clean by wiping with a soft cloth and mild detergent. Rinse with fresh water. Do not use solvents or harsh or abrasive cleaners, which could damage the case or scratch the LCD screen.
- If the radio is exposed to salt water, rinse it in fresh water at least once a day to prevent build-up of salt deposits, which could interfere with button operation.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause(s)	Solution(s)
No display on LCD when radio is turned <b>On</b>	Improper power connection	Insure power connections are proper and secure
Will transmit at one (1) watt, but not at 25 watts	Selected channel is limited to one (1) watt	Switch to another channel
Will not transmit	Selected channel is limited to receive only	Switch to another channel
No sound from speaker	Volume level is too low or squelch level is too deep	Readjust volume and squelch
No answer to calls	Out of range of other station  Signal is blocked by terrain	Switch to high power (25 watts) or move closer  Move until you have a "line-of-sight" to the other station
DSC distress cannot be sent	MMSI (DSC self-identification) number is not entered	Enter your MMSI number



## Specifications

General	
Number of Channels	All U.S.A., Canadian, and International 10 NOAA Weather Channels
Channel Spacing	25 kHz
Modulation	5 kHz Max.
Input Voltage	13.8 VDC
Current Drain:	
Stand-by	20 mA
Receive	200 mA
Transmit	5A @ High power    1A @ Low
Temperature Range	-20° C to 60° C
Unit Dimensions	6.25" x 2.25" x 7.125" (15.9 cm x 5.7 cm x 18 cm)
Unit Weight	2 lbs., 6.8 oz. (1100 g)
Receiver	
Frequency Range	156.050 to 163.275 MHz
Receiver Type	Double Conversion Super-Heterodyne
Sensitivity:	
20 dB Quieting	0.35 uV
12 dB Sinad	0.30 uV
Adjacent Channel Selectivity	-60 dB
Intermodulation and Rejection	-60 dB
Spurious and Image Rejection	-60 dB
AF Output	4 Watts @ 8 Ohms
Transmitter	
Frequency Range: TX	156.025 to 157.425 MHz
RF Output Power	1 and 25 Watts
Spurious Emissions	-60 dB High -55 dB Low
Microphone Type	Electret
Frequency Stability	+/-10 ppm
FM Hum and Noise	40 dB



### Limited 3-Year Warranty

#### For Products Purchased In the U.S.A.

Cobra® Electronics Corporation warrants that its CobraMarine™ VHF radio, and the component parts thereof, will be free of defects in workmanship and materials for a period of three (3) years from the date of first consumer purchase. This warranty may be enforced by the first consumer purchaser, provided that the product is utilized within the U.S.A.

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1. To any product damaged by accident.
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#### For Products Purchased Outside the U.S.A.

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### Product Service

#### If you have any questions about operation or installing your new CobraMarine™ VHF product, or if you are missing parts...

**Please call Cobra® first! DO NOT RETURN THIS PRODUCT TO THE STORE!  
See customer assistance on page A1.**

If your product should require factory service, please call Cobra® first before sending your radio. This will ensure the fastest turn-around time on your repair. You may be asked to send your radio to the Cobra® factory. It will be necessary to furnish the following to have the product serviced and returned:

1. For warranty repair include some form of proof-of-purchase, such as a mechanical reproduction or carbon of a sales receipt. If you send the original receipt, it cannot be returned.
2. Send the entire product.
3. Enclose a description of what is happening with the radio. Include a typed or clearly printed name and address of where the radio is to be returned.
4. Pack radio securely to prevent damage in transit. If possible, use the original packing material.
5. Ship prepaid and insured by way of a traceable carrier such as United Parcel Service (UPS) or Priority Mail to avoid loss in transit to: Cobra® Factory Service, Cobra® Electronics Corporation, 6500 West Cortland Street, Chicago, Illinois 60707 U.S.A.
6. If the radio is in warranty, upon receipt of your radio it will either be repaired or exchanged depending on the model. Please allow approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks before contacting Cobra® for status. If the radio is out of warranty, a letter will automatically be sent informing you of the repair charge or replacement charge.

**If you have any questions, please call 773-889-3087 for assistance.**



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## Order Form

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## Optional Accessories

You can find quality Cobra® products and accessories at your local Cobra® dealer, or in the U.S.A., you can order directly from Cobra®.

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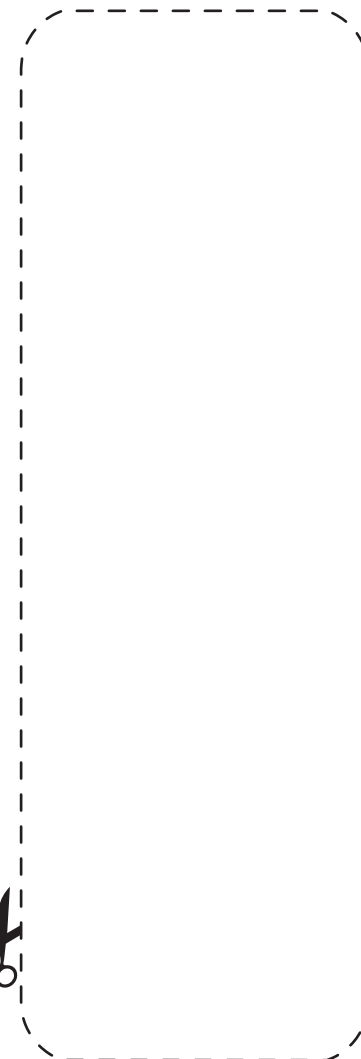
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## Flush Mount Template

Use the supplied template to mark and cut an opening in the flat surface.

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