

# Australian VHF Frequency Usage

Channel Number	Ship TX MHz	Ship RX MHz	Simplex	Duplex	Use	Notes/Restrictions
01	156.050	160.650		X	Public Correspondence	
02	156.100	160.700		X	Public Correspondence	
03	156.150	160.750		X	Public Correspondence	
04	156.200	156.800		X	Public Correspondence	
05	156.250	156.850		X	Public Correspondence	
06	156.300	156.300	X		Safety, Commercial, & Port Operations	Coordinated Search and Rescue. Commercial & Port Operations. Ship Stations - Calling and working. May be used for search and rescue communications between ships and aircraft.
2006	160.900	160.900	X		<b>Restricted</b>	This channel is restricted for experimental use only and not available for general use.
07	156.350	160.950		X		
08	156.400	156.400	X		Commercial & Port Operations	Tug & Pilot Boat Services. Port Operations. Ship Stations - Calling and Working.
09	156.450	156.450	X		Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations. Calling and Working.
10	156.500	156.500	X		Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations. Calling and Working.
11	156.550	156.550	X		Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
12	156.600	156.600	X		Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
13	156.650	156.650	X		Intership Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-bridge)	International Navigation Safety Channel. May also be used for ship movement and port operations. Limited Coast Stations Calling and Working
14	156.700	156.700	X		Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
15	156.750	156.750	X		Environmental	Spills, Shipping Accidents, and Ocean Environment Protection.
<b>16</b>	<b>156.800</b>	<b>156.800</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>International Distress, Safety, and Calling</b>	
17	156.850	156.850	X		State Control	Inland Waterways Control.
18	156.900	161.500		X	Special Use	Where Authorized

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19	156.950	161.550		X		
1019	156.950	156.950	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
2019	161.550	161.550	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
20	157.000	161.600		X		Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
1020	157.000	157.000	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
2020	161.600	161.600	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
21	157.050	161.650		X	Safety	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations via repeaters. Vessel movements and safety of vessels and persons. BOM WX.
22	157.100	161.700		X	Safety	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations via repeaters. Vessel movements and safety of vessels and persons.
23	157.150	161.750		X	Public Correspondence	
24	157.200	161.800		X	Public Correspondence	
25	157.250	161.850		X	Public Correspondence	
26	157.300	161.900		X	Public Correspondence	
27	157.350	161.950		X	Public Correspondence	
28	157.400	162.000		X	Public Correspondence	
60	156.025	160.625		X	Public Correspondence	
61	156.075	160.675		X	Public Correspondence	
62	156.125	160.725		X	Public Correspondence	
63	156.175	160.775		X	Public Correspondence	
64	156.225	160.825		X	Public Correspondence	
65	156.275	160.875		X	Public Correspondence	
66	156.325	160.925		X	Public Correspondence	
67	156.375	156.375	X		Distress and Calling (Supplementary to Channel 16)	Distress, Urgency, safety and routine calling Supplements Channel 16. Limited Coast & Ship Stations.
68	156.425	156.425	X		Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
69	156.475	156.475	X		Australian Navy	Australian Naval Operations
70	156.525	156.525	X		DSC for Distress, Urgency, Safety and Calling. (Voice Communications Prohibited)	

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71	156.575	156.575	X		Fishing	Professional Fishing Vessels. Limited Coast and Ship Stations.
72	156.625	156.625	X		Fishing, Commercial, Port Operations, & Non-Commercial	Professional Fishing Vessels, Commercial Vessels, Yachts and Pleasure Vessels. Ship stations, Calling and Working. BOM WX.
73	156.675	156.675	X		Non-Commercial	Limited Coast and Ship Stations. Yachts and Pleasure Vessels. Calling and Working. BOM WX.
74	156.725	156.725	X		Commercial	Limited Coast and Ship Stations. Calling and Working.
75	156.775	156.775	X		Intership	Ship To Ship Navigation Communications Only. (1 watt)
76	156.825	156.825	X		Intership	Ship To Ship Navigation Communications Only. (1 watt)
77	156.875	156.875	X		Fishing & Non-Commercial	Professional Fishing Vessels, Yachts and Pleasure Vessels. Ship Stations Calling and Working.
78	156.925	161.525		X	Commercial	Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
1078	156.925	156.925	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
2078	161.525	161.525	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
79	156.975	161.575		X	Port Operations	Limited Coast Stations. Calling and Working.
1079	156.975	156.975	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
2079	161.575	161.575	X		Port Operations and Ship Movements	
80	157.025	161.625		X	Safety	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations via repeaters. Vessel Movements and Safety of Vessels and Persons. BOM WX.
81	157.075	161.675		X	Safety	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations via repeaters. Vessel Movements and Safety of Vessels and Persons. BOM WX.
82	157.125	161.725		X	Safety	Limited Coast Stations and Ship Stations via repeaters. Vessel Movements and Safety of Vessels and Persons. BOM WX.
83	157.175	161.775		X	Public Correspondence	
84	157.225	161.825		X	Public Correspondence	
85	157.275	161.875		X	Public Correspondence	
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87	157.375	157.375	X	
88	157.425	157.425	X	
AIS 1	161.975	161.975	X	Automatic Ship Identification and Surveillance System.
AIS 2	162.025	162.025	X	Automatic Ship Identification and Surveillance System.