

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

| CITY | STATION | FREQUENCY | BROADCAST TIMES |
|----------------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Boston, MA | KHB-35 | 162.475 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Concord, NH | WXJ-40 | 162.40 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Dresden, ME | WXM-60 | 162.475 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Ellsworth, ME | KEC-93 | 162.40 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Falmouth, MA | KEC-73 | 162.55 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| New London, CT | KHB-47 | 162.55 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Portland, ME | KDO-95 | 162.55 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Providence, RI | WXJ-39 | 162.40 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |
| Worcester, MA | WXL-93 | 162.55 MHz | Continuously, 24 hrs a day |

These VHF-FM radio stations, locations shown on the map, are managed by the National Weather Service. Information is updated every 3 to 6 hours and amended as required. Broadcast contents vary, but in general contain the following types of information.

- 1. Descriptions of the weather patterns affecting the eastern United States and coastal waters.
- 2. Regional and state forecasts with outlook for the third day.
- 3. Marine forecasts and warnings for coastal waters.
- 4. Weather observations from selected National Weather Service and Coast Guard stations.
- 5. Radar summaries and reports.
- 6. Local weather observations and forecasts.
- 7. Watches, warnings, statements and bulletins concerning adverse and severe weather.

STATION CARRIER FREQUENCY (kHz) BROADCAST TIMES/UTC

Tide reports.

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BROADCASTS OF MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS AND WARNINGS BY MARINE RADIOTELEPHONE STATIONS

| | , | VHF CH NO. | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Southwest Harbor, ME (USCG) | NMF-44 | °#2670 ~Ch. 22A | 1135, 2335 |
| Portland, ME (USCG) | | °#2670 Ch. 22A | 1105, 2305 |
| Boston, MA (USCG) | NMF | °#2670 ~Ch. 22A | 1035, 2235 |
| Moriches, NY (USCG) | NMY-41 | °#2670 ~Ch. 22A | 0010, 1210 |
| Woods Hole, MA (USCG) | | °#2670 ~Ch. 22A | 0440, 1640 1005, 2205 |
| Long Island Sound (USCG) | | ~Ch. 22A | 1120, 2320 |
| Activities, NY (USCG) | | ~Ch. 22A | 1050, 2250 |

HIGH SEAS AND OFFSHORE RADIOTELEPHONE (USB)

WEATHER BROADCASTS FOR ATLANTIC

CARRIER FREQUENCY (kHz)

4426.0

6501.0

8764.0

13089.0

17314.0

BROADCAST TIMES/UTC

0330*, 0500, 0930*, 1130

1600*, 2200*, 2330

1600*, 1730, 2200*, 2330

1130, 1600*, 1730, 2200*, 2330

0330*, 0500, 0930*, 1130

0330*, 0500, 0930*

1730

USCG VHF broadcasts normally contain coastal forecasts. HF broadcasts normally contain offshore forecasts. Marine warnings are broadcast upon receipt.

- * Broadcast 1 hour later during Daylight Savings Time.
- Preceded by announcement on 2182 kHz.
- ~ Preceded by announcement on Ch. 16.
- # Single Sideband, Suppressed carrier, carrier frequency.

STATION

WEATHER RULES FOR SAFE BOATING

Before setting out:

Obtain the latest avaliable weather forecast for the boating area. The NOAA Weather Radio continuous broadcasts (VHF-FM) are the best way to keep informed of expedited weather and sea conditions. If you hear on the radio that warnings are in effect, don't venture out on the water unless you are confident your boat can be navigated safely under forecast conditions of wind and sea.

While afloat:

- Keep a life jacket on and keep a weather eye out for: the approach of dark, threatening clouds, which may foretell a squall or thunderstorm; any steady increase in wind or sea; any increase in wind velocity opposite in direction to a strong tidal current. A dangerous rip tide condition may form steep waves capable of broaching a boat.
- 2. Check radio weather broadcasts for latest forecasts and warnings.
- Heavy static on your AM radio may be an indication of nearby thunderstorm activity.
- If a thunderstorm catches you while afloat, you should remember that not only gusty winds but also lightning poses a threat to safety.
- stay below deck if possible.
- keep away from metal objects that are not grounded to the boat's protection system.
- don't touch more than one grounded object at the same time (or you may become a shortcut for electrical surges passing through the protection system).
- Prepare for rough sea conditions.

DIAL-A-BUOY

Mariners can obtain the latest coastal and offshore weather observations through a telephone service called Dial-A-Buoy. This service provides wind and wave measurements taken within the last hour at stations located in the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico, and Great Lakes.

To access Dial-A-Buoy, dial 228/688-1948 using a touch tone or cellular phone. Enter the five-digit station identifier when prompted. The Dial A Buoy menu tree has a selection for the caller to receive a map of buoy station identifiers via return call fax. Station identifiers can also be obtained at the following web site: http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov.

OTHER MARINE WEATHER SERVICES CHARTS AVAILABLE

| MSC-1 | Eastport, ME to Montauk Point, NY | MSC-8 | Mexican Border to Point Conception, CA |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| MSC-2 | Montauk Point, NY to Manasquan, NJ | MSC-9 | Point Conception, CA to Point St. George, CA |
| MSC-3 | Manasquan, NJ to Cape Hatteras, NC | MSC-10 | Point St. George, CA to Canadian Border |
| MSC-4 | Cape Hatteras, NC to Savannah, GA | MSC-11/12 | Great Lakes |
| MSC-5 | Savannah, GA to Apalachicola, FL | MSC-13 | Hawaiian Waters |
| MSC-6 | Apalachicola, FL to Morgan City, LA | MSC-14 | Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands |
| MSC-7 | Morgan City, LA to Brownsville, TX | MSC-15 | Alaskan Waters |
| | | MSC-16 | Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands |

Nautical charts for navigation purposes for these coastal areas are available from local marinas, marine supply stores, and this address.

Copies of these charts are available for \$1.25 each from:
FAA Distribution Division. AVN-530
National Aeronautical Charting Office
Riverdale, MD 20737-1199
Telephone: 1-(800)-638-8972
http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov
or can be viewed on the following web site:
http://www.nvs.noaa.gov/om/marine/pub.htm

RADIO WWV/WWVH STORM INFORMATION BROADCASTS

HIGH SEAS STORM INFORMATION for the North Atlantic and North Pacific is provided mariners through a cooperative program of two Department of Commerce agencies: the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Bulletins are compiled by the National Weather Service and broadcast every hour by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Frequency and Time Broadcast Services Radio Stations — WWV, Fort Collins, Colorado and WWVH, Kauai, Hawaii. These are the radio stations that sailors and others listen to for daily time checks.

WWV (FORT COLLINS, CO)

FREQUENCIES: 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20 MHz

The weather broadcast is in 45-second segments separated by a 15-second interval.

TIMES OF BROADCAST

8 minutes past the hour Atlantic High Seas Warnings, 9 minutes past the hour Atlantic High Seas Warnings

THE ATLANTIC RADIOFACSIMILE BROADCAST SCHEDULE IS POSTED AT: HTTP://WWW.MPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/ Then click Atlantic FAX.

Comments on the schedule or quality of charts Email: Timothy.Rulon@noaa.gov

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| CITY | STATION | CARRIER FREQUENCY (kHz) | BROADCAST TIMES/LOCAL |
| Boston, MA | NMF | 6314 | 0030*, 0140 |
| (USCG) | | 8416.5 | 0030*, 0140, 1218*, 1630 |
| | | 12579 | 0030*, 0140, 1218*, 1630 |
| | | 16806.5 | 1218*, 1630 |
| *Ice (Seasonal) | | | |

INTERNET ADDRESSES

National Weather Service Current Weather Data
http://www.nws.noaa.gov
National Weather Service Marine Dissemination
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home.htm
National Data Buoy Center
http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov

http://www.navcen.uscg.gov National Weather Service Eastern Region Headquarters

http://www.noaa.gov/er/hq/index.html
National Weather Service Caribou, ME

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/er/car

U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center

National Weather Service Portland/Gray, ME http://www.nws.noaa.gov/er/gyx

National Weather Service Boston/Tauton, MA
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/er/box

National Weather Service New York/Upton, NY http://www.nws.noaa.gov/er/okx

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PRODUCTS AND TEXT FORECASTS AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL (FTPMAIL)

National Weather Service radiofax charts and text forecasts are available via E-mail. The FTPMAIL server is intended to allow Internet access for mariners and other users who do not have direct access to the World Wide Web but who are equipped with an e-mail system. Turnaround is generally in under three hours, however, performance may vary widely and receipt cannot be guaranteed. To get started in using the NWS FTPMAIL service, follow these simple directions to the FTPMAIL "help" file (7 bytes).

Address: ftpmail@weather.noaa.gov Subject: (not required)

Body: help

Direct any questions to 301-713-1677, extension 128, or 301-713-0882, extension 122.

CANADIAN WEATHER BROADCASTS

Forecasts issued by Meteorological Service of Canada for the Maritime areas.

 CITY
 FREQUENCY (kHz)
 BROADCAST TIMES/UTC

 Halifax,
 2749
 0110, 0810, 1540, 2010

 Nova Scotia
 Seven Days a Week

 Sydney,
 2749
 0040, 0740, 1440, 2110

Nova Scotia Seven Days a Week

 St. John,
 2749
 0140, 1040, 1640, 2040

 New Brunswick
 Seven Days a Week

Also, the marine forecasts bulletins are broadcast via Weather Radio Canada on the following frequencies at 162.4 MHZ, 162.475 MHZ, and 162.55 MHZ.

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Chesapeake, VA

(USCG)

* offshore