

DSC Frequencies - Distress, Safety, and Routine

DSC Distress Alert & Associated Voice Distress Frequencies

DSC Distress, Urgency, & Safety Frequency	Associated Voice Frequency
VHF	
Channel 70 (156.525 MHz)	Channel 16 (156.800 MHz)
MF/HF-SSB	
*2187.5 kHz	*2182.0 kHz
4207.5 kHz	4125.0 kHz
6312.0 kHz	6215.0 kHz
8414.5 kHz	8291.0 kHz
12577.0 kHz	12290.0 kHz
16804.5 kHz	16420.0 kHz
NOTE: *Many countries worldwide, including the U.S., no longer guard 2182.0 kHz or 2187.5 kHz as a distress frequency.	

DSC Routine Traffic Alert Frequencies

International		Atlantic Ocean / Gulf of Mexico / Caribbean		All Other Areas	
Ship Tx	Ship Rx	Ship Tx	Ship Rx	Ship Tx	Ship Rx
VHF		VHF		VHF	
156.525 MHz	156.525 MHz	*****	*****	*****	*****
MF/HF-SSB		MF/HF-SSB		MF/HF-SSB	
458.5 kHz	455.5 kHz	*****	*****	*****	*****
2189.5 kHz	2177.0 ¹ kHz	*****	*****	*****	*****
4208.0 kHz	4219.5 kHz	4208.5 kHz	4220.0 kHz	4209.0 kHz	4220.5 kHz
6312.5 kHz	6331.0 kHz	6313.0 kHz	6331.5 kHz	6313.5 kHz	6332.0 kHz
8415.0 kHz	8436.5 kHz	8415.5 kHz	8437.0 kHz	8416.0 kHz	8437.5 kHz
12577.5 kHz	12657.0 kHz	12578.0 kHz	12657.5 kHz	12578.5 kHz	12658.0 kHz
16805.0 kHz	16903.0 kHz	16805.5 kHz	16903.5 kHz	16806.0 kHz	16904.0 kHz
18898.5 kHz	19703.5 kHz	18899.0 kHz	19704.0 kHz	18899.5 kHz	19704.5 kHz
22374.5 kHz	22444.0 kHz	22375.0 kHz	22444.5 kHz	22375.5 kHz	22445.0 kHz
25208.5 kHz	26121.0 kHz	25209.0 kHz	26121.5 kHz	25209.5 kHz	26122.0 kHz
NOTE: ¹2177.0 kHz is also available to ship stations for intership calling and acknowledgement of such calls only.					