

# **Ray49**

# **Marine VHF Radio**

## Owner's Handbook

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# About this Handbook

## Intended Use

This handbook describes the Ray49 fixed VHF marine radio. The Ray49 provides two-way communications on all US, Canadian and International marine channels and weather watch on ten weather channels. The Ray49 includes equipment for Class "D" Digital Selective Calling (DSC).

## Conventions Used

Throughout this handbook, the dedicated (labelled) keys are shown in bold capitals (for example: **MENU/DSC**). The LCD indicators and functions are shown in normal capitals (for example: TX).

## Technical Accuracy

To the best of our knowledge, the information in this handbook was correct as it went to press. However, our policy of continuous product improvement and updating may change specifications without prior notice. As a result, unavoidable differences between the product and handbook may occur from time to time. Raymarine cannot accept liability for inaccuracies or omissions it may contain.

For the latest handbook revisions and product information visit our web site:

[www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com)

## Warranty

To register your new Raymarine product, please take a few minutes to fill out the warranty registration card found at the end of this handbook. It is very important that you complete the owner information and return the card to the factory in order to receive full warranty benefits.

# Important Information

Raymarine radios comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Industry Canada requirements that regulate marine VHF radio usage for the US and Canada, respectively. Marine VHF radio users in the US must comply with all applicable FCC rules and regulations, some of which are described in this handbook.

This information was current at the time this handbook was printed. Up-to-date information, including licensing requirements, can be obtained on the FCC web site at:

[www.fcc.gov/wtb/marine](http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/marine)

Official FCC forms can be obtained on the FCC web site at:

[www.fcc.gov/formpage.html](http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html)

## FCC Notice

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two 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.

Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved in writing by Raymarine, Incorporated could violate compliance with FCC rules and void the operator's authority to operate the equipment.

## Station License

An FCC Ship Radio Station License and Call Sign are not required for most recreational vessels travelling in US waters. However, you must obtain a license if your vessel travels to foreign ports.

Ships that use MF/HF single side-band radio, satellite communications, or telegraphy must be licensed by the FCC. You can obtain a Station License by filing FCC Form 605, which is available from the FCC web site listed above.

## Operator License

An Operator License is not required to operate a VHF Marine Radio within US territorial waters. However, a license is required to operate the radio if you dock in a foreign port (including Canada and Mexico) or leave a foreign port to dock in a U.S. port. You can request a Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit from the FCC by filing Form 753.

## Industry Canada Notice

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003. To obtain Industry Canada information on RF exposure (RSS-102) and compliance, please refer to the Industry Canada web site:

[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)

## License

You do not need a license to operate this radio in a registered vessel within sovereign waters of Canada or the US. Owners of unregistered vessels should contact Industry Canada for advice. You will need a license to operate this radio outside of Canada or the US. To obtain Industry Canada licensing information or to locate the nearest field or regional office, refer to the Industry Canada web site:

[www.ic.gc.ca](http://www.ic.gc.ca)

The following information is required to complete the license application:

Industry Canada Certification Number: 4069A-RAY49 D

FCC Type Number: PJ5RAY49

FCC Type Accepted: Parts 15 and 80

Output Power: 1 watt (low) & 25 watts (high)

Modulation: FM (16K0G3E), DSC (16K0G2B)

Frequency Range: 156.025–157.425

## Outside the US and Canada

Outside the US and Canada, please check your national requirements for both operators and equipment licensing.

## Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)

The Ray49 includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC). A nine-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number is required to operate the DSC equipment.

You can request an MMSI number from the FCC when you apply for a Station License. If your vessel does not require a license, you may obtain an MMSI by contacting BoatUS ([www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)). Once obtained, you can program the MMSI number into your Ray49 as described in this handbook.

## Safety Notices

Your Raymarine VHF radio generates and radiates radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic energy (EME). This equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this handbook. Failure to do so can result in personal injury and/or product malfunction.

## Antenna Mounting and EME Exposure

For optimal radio performance and minimal human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy, make sure the antenna is:

- located at least 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the radio
- connected to the radio before transmitting

This system has a Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) Radius of 1.5 meters, assuming the maximum power of the radio and antennas with a maximum gain of 3dBi. Accounting for the height of an average adult (2 meters) the minimum height of the antenna above the deck to meet RF exposure compliance requirements is 3.5 meters. Antennas with more gain require a greater MPE radius. Do not transmit when anyone is within the MPE radius of the antenna, unless shielded from the antenna field by a grounded metallic barrier.

### **WARNING: Maximum Permissible Exposure**

**Failure to observe these guidelines may expose those within the maximum permissible exposure (MPE) radius to RF radiation absorption that exceeds the MPE limit. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that no one comes within this radius.**

### **WARNING: Microwave Radiation**

**Operators with cardiac pacemakers, electric-medical equipment and life support machines should not be exposed to microwave radiation.**

### **CAUTION: Antenna Connection**

**Never operate the radio unless it is connected to the antenna.**

## Safe Compass Distance

Safe Compass Distance is 1 meter for a common compass. To be sure, you should locate the radio as far as possible from the compass. Test your compass to verify proper operation while the radio is also operating.

## EMC Conformance

All Raymarine equipment and accessories are designed to the best industry standards for use in the recreational marine environment. Their design and manufacture conform to the appropriate Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standards but correct installation and use is required to ensure that performance is not compromised.

## Duty Cycle

The normal duty cycle of the Ray 49 is 5% transmit, 5% receive, and 90% standby.

# Chapter 1: Introduction

## 1.1 Ray49 Fixed Station VHF Radios

The Ray49 marine VHF radiotelephone is a microprocessor-controlled transceiver that provides reliable simplex (single frequency) and semi-duplex (two frequency) communications. This handbook describes the physical and functional characteristics of this radio.



The Ray49 provides two-way communications on all US, Canadian and International marine channels and ten weather channels. Refer to the Frequency Tables in Appendix D, which list all marine VHF channels available in your radio. You should familiarize yourself with these tables to ensure proper channel usage.

## 1.2 Features

The Ray49 is designed and manufactured to provide ease of operation with excellent reliability. The Ray49 has many enhanced features, including:

- Waterproof to IPX-7 standard
- Anti-glare 1.9" x 1.3" (48mm x 32mm) LCD
- 10 Weather Channel watch with 1050Hz Alert Tone detect
- Dedicated key for switching to Priority Channel 16
- Programmable Secondary Priority Channel key
- All Scan, Memory Scan and 2 Priority Scan functions
- Dual/Tri Watch Monitor modes

- Local Mode decreases noise in areas where RF interference is high
- Enhanced GPS Position Data gives Latitude and Longitude to 1/10,000 of a minute plus Time, SOG and COG data from any NMEA input
- Automatically distinguishes between calls made to Ship or Coast Stations
- Low and High Voltage detection with alert
- Editable Channel Name
- 10 Brightness and Contrast settings

## Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

The Ray49 includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC). DSC protocol is a globally applied system used to send and receive digital calls. DSC uses a unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number to direct DSC calls directly to your radio, much like a telephone number. Most importantly, DSC enables digital distress calls that automatically notify other ships and shore stations where you are and that you are in a distress situation.

**Note:** *An MMSI ID number is required to operate the DSC equipment in this radio. You can obtain an MMSI from BoatUS ([www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)). Once obtained, you can program the MMSI number yourself one time only using the menu operation described in “My MMSI ID” on page 82.*

The Ray49 includes the following DSC features:

- Separate receiver dedicated to handling DSC Calls on channel 70
- Position Request function sends GPS position data to or receives position data from other stations
- Phonebook for automatically making DSC calls
- Quick Call feature sends Individual Calls or Group Calls directly from the phonebook, just like the redial function on a telephone
- Three Group IDs for making DSC Calls only to stations in your group, such as a flotilla or fishing fleet

DSC functions are fully described in Chapter 5.

## Chapter 2: Installation

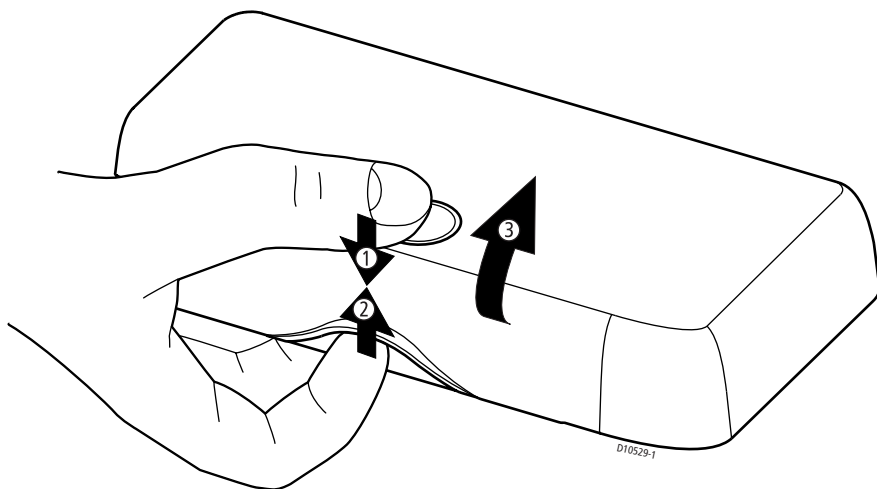
### 2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

Use care when unpacking the unit from the shipping carton to prevent damage to the contents. It is also good practice to save the carton and the interior packing material in the event you must return the unit to the factory.

#### Removing the Sun Cover

The Sun Cover was designed to remain on the radio, even in rough seas. To remove the Sun Cover:

1. Place your thumb in the dimple and push downward.
2. At the same time, pull up the lift tab with your index finger.
3. Pinch your fingers towards each other as you lift up.



## Equipment Supplied

The Ray49 comes in two colors: gray and white. The following is a list of materials supplied with each model.

### Ray49 Gray

<b>Part No</b>	<b>Description</b>
E43034	Ray49 (gray) VHF Radio
R49216	Sun Cover (gray) for Ray49
R49218	Mounting Bracket for Ray49
R49165	Bracket Knob for Ray218/Ray55/Ray49
R49166	Microphone Hanger for Ray218/Ray55
R49167	Power Cord for Ray218/Ray55/Ray49
81296	Handbook for Ray49
	Screws (x5) for Mounting Bracket/Microphone Hanger
	Screw/Lock Washer (x1) for Grounding
OPTIONAL:	
A46053	Rear Flush Mount Kit for Ray218/Ray55/Ray49
E46006	10W External Speaker

### Ray49 White

<b>Part No</b>	<b>Description</b>
E43038	Ray49 (white) VHF Radio
R49217	Sun Cover (white) for Ray49
R49218	Mounting Bracket for Ray49
R49165	Bracket Knob for Ray218/Ray55/Ray49
R49166	Microphone Hanger for Ray218/Ray55
R49167	Power Cord for Ray218/Ray55/Ray49
81296	Handbook for Ray49
	Screws (x5) for Mounting Bracket/Microphone Hanger
	Screw/Lock Washer (x1) for Grounding
OPTIONAL:	
A46053	Rear Flush Mount Kit for Ray218/Ray55/Ray49
E46006	10W External Speaker



## 2.2 Planning the Installation

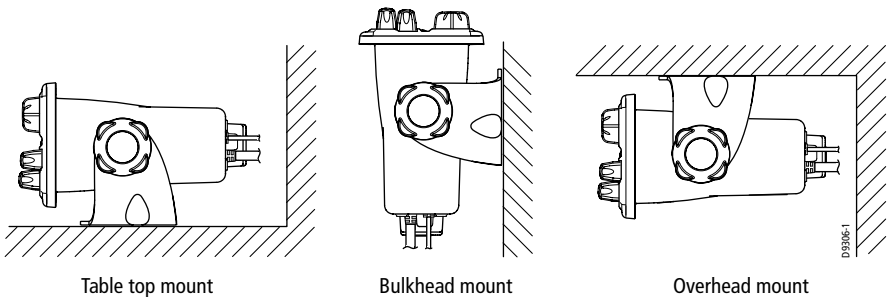
Mount the transceiver to allow easy access from the location where the boat is normally navigated. Select a location that is non-metallic, dry, protected, well-ventilated, and free from high operating temperatures and excessive vibration. Provide sufficient space behind the transceiver to allow for proper cable connections to the rear panel connectors. Locate the transceiver as near as possible to the power source yet as far apart as possible from any devices that may cause interference such as motors, generators, and other on board electronics. The radio should be protected from prolonged direct exposure to rain and salt spray.

The Ray49 is not designed to be mounted in engine compartments. Do not install the radio in a location where there may be flammable vapors (such as in an engine room or compartment, or in a fuel tank bay), water splash or spray from bilges or hatches, where it is at risk from physical damage from heavy items (such as hatch covers, tool boxes, etc.), or where it might be covered by other equipment.

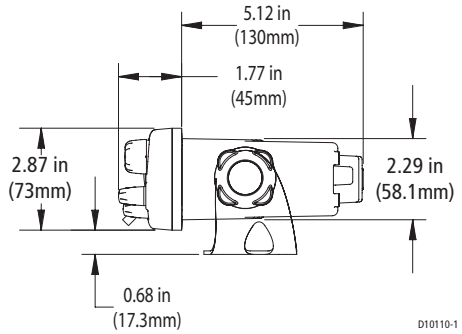
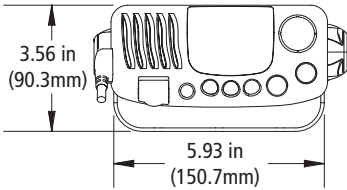
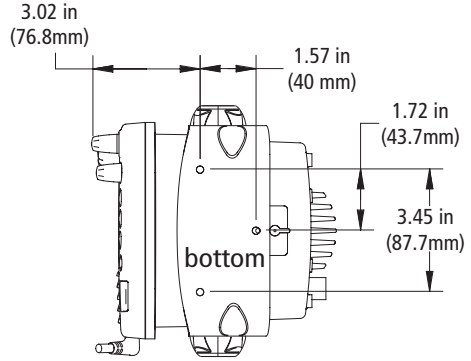
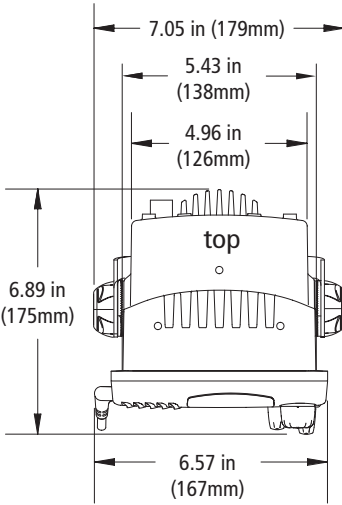
Locate the radio at least 1.5 meters from the antenna.

Safe Compass Distance is 1 meter for a common compass. To be sure, you should locate the radio as far as possible from the compass. Test your compass to verify proper operation while the radio is also operating.

The Ray49 can be conveniently mounted on a chart table, bulkhead, overhead, or any other desired location. Refer to the following figure for typical mounting methods.



The Ray49 may also be flush mounted using the optional A46053 Rear Flush Mount Kit, available from your Raymarine dealer. Instructions for installing the radio using the Flush Mount Kit are included with the kit.



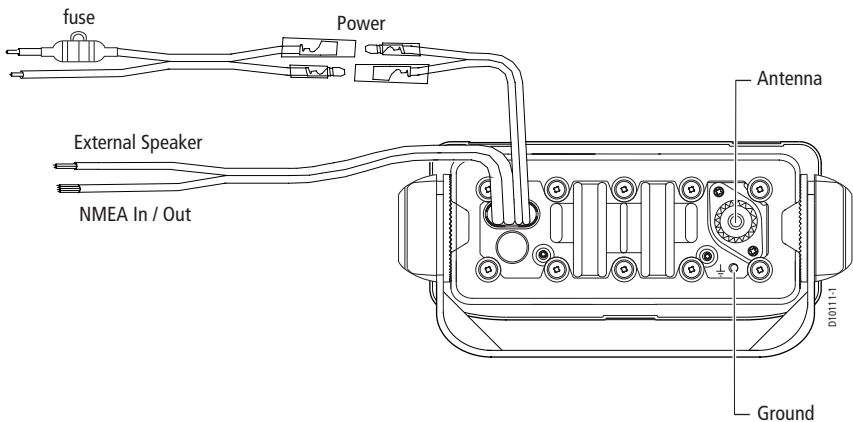
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## 2.3 Cable Connections

The radio has bullet connectors for power and cable connectors for attaching the optional Microphone Relocation Kit. The remaining wires are for attaching NMEA, and an optional external speaker or hailer horn. Connect the wires as shown in the following table. Other connections are discussed in the ensuing sections.

Color	Signal	Connects to
Gray	NMEA IN +	GPS
Purple	NMEA IN -	
Blue	NMEA OUT +	Chartplotter display unit (A Series, C Series, etc.)
Brown	NMEA OUT -	
Yellow	SPEAKER +	Optional remote speaker, Raymarine part no. E46006
Green	SPEAKER -	

Make cable connections as shown in the figures that follow.





The ends of the external speaker wires are clipped at the factory so that no bare metal is exposed. You must strip back the insulation before installation. If you are not connecting an external speaker, leave the wires insulated. If you have stripped back a wire that you will not be connecting, clip the bare wire down to the insulation.

## Power

The red and black Power Cord provides connection to DC power. Slide the bullet connectors on the cord into their mates (with the same colored wire) on the rear of the radio. Connect the stripped wires on the Power Cord to the nearest primary source of the boat's DC power. A suitable source would be a circuit breaker on the power panel or a fuse block near the unit, rated at 10 amps. Connect the red wire to the positive terminal of the power source and the black wire to the negative (ground) of the power source. The red (+) wire contains an in-line fuse rated at 10A, 250V, slow-blow. If the fuse ever needs to be replaced, be sure to use the same type and rating.

The power cord must be long enough to reach the DC power source. If additional wire length is required, the cable can be extended by adding more cable as necessary. However, for power cable runs longer than 15 feet, larger wire diameter size should be used to prevent voltage line loss. To ensure adequate current draw to the equipment, Raymarine recommends that you use lugs to connect the power cable to the DC supply and that the lug connections be both crimped and soldered.

The Ray49 is designed to be operated on a 12 volt (nominal) system. If battery voltage drops below 10.5 VDC,  BATTERY LOW appears on the LCD. Discontinue using the radio if a low voltage condition occurs as performance would be unreliable. If voltage increases to 15.8 VDC,  BATTERY HIGH appears.

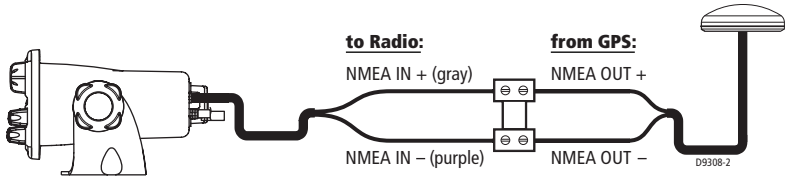
## External Speaker

Connect the yellow(+) wire and green (-) wire to the speaker observing polarity as it is marked on the speaker.

## NMEA Data

The Ray49 accepts NMEA 0183 (V3.01) data from a position determining device (GPS) to provide the Latitude and Longitude position information. This information appears on the radio's LCD display and is also transmitted during a DSC Distress Call. When a valid NMEA signal is detected, the "GPS" indicator appears on the LCD. When no NMEA signal is detected, the indicator shows "NO GPS".

Connect the NMEA OUT + and NMEA OUT - signals from the positioning device to the NMEA IN + (gray) and NMEA IN - (purple) wires, respectively, from the radio. An example of how to make the connections using a suitable connector block is shown in the following drawing. For specific instructions how to connect your particular GPS, please refer to the handbook that came with that device.



## NMEA Alarm

When no valid position data is available, the NMEA alarm sounds (provided that the MMSI number has been programmed): the GPS satellite icon flashes and NO POS DATA is displayed on the dot matrix display. The alert tone sounds for 5 seconds or until you acknowledge it by pressing any key. The alarm repeats every four hours, as long as the condition exists.

If desired, you can manually enter time and position data using the GPS/Time Setup feature, as described on page 47. The alert repeats every four hours as long as no position information has been entered manually. If position data is entered manually but has not been updated during the previous 23.5 hours, all the position (lat/lon) fields are set to all 9's, time field is set to all 8's, and the display reverts to NO POS DATA.

## Antenna

Raymarine recommends that you install a VHF Marine band antenna with a minimum height of 8 ft. and gain of at least 3 dBi.

The coaxial VHF antenna cable connects to the Ray49 antenna jack on the rear panel using a PL-259 VHF type connector. The antenna cable length can be critical to performance. If you are uncertain, contact a professional installer or call Raymarine Product Support. If a longer cable length is required, RG-8x (50 ohm) marine coaxial cable or equivalent cable can be used for runs up to a maximum of 50 feet. If the distance required is even greater, Raymarine recommends using low loss RG-213 or equivalent cable for the entire run to avoid excessive losses in power output.

If the antenna RF connector is likely to be exposed to the marine environment, a protective coating of silicon grease (Dow Corning DC-4 or similar) can be applied to the connector before connecting it to the radio. Any other extensions or adapters in the cable run should also be protected by grease and then wrapped with a waterproofing tape.

## Antenna Mounting Suggestions

Mounting the VHF antenna properly is very important because it will directly affect the performance of your VHF radio. Use a VHF antenna designed for marine vessels. Since VHF transmission is essentially line-of-sight, mount the antenna at a location on the vessel that is free of obstruction to obtain maximum range.

If you must extend the length of the coaxial cable between the antenna and the radio, use a coaxial cable designed for the least amount of power loss over the entire cable length.

For optimal radio performance and minimal human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy, make sure the antenna is:

- mounted as high as possible, but at least located at least 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the radio
- connected to the radio before transmitting

### **WARNING: Antenna Mounting and EME Exposure**

**Ensure that the antenna is mounted so that no one can enter the maximum permissible exposure radius for RF radiation. See the Safety Notice entitled "Antenna Mounting and EME Exposure" on page 12.**

## Grounding

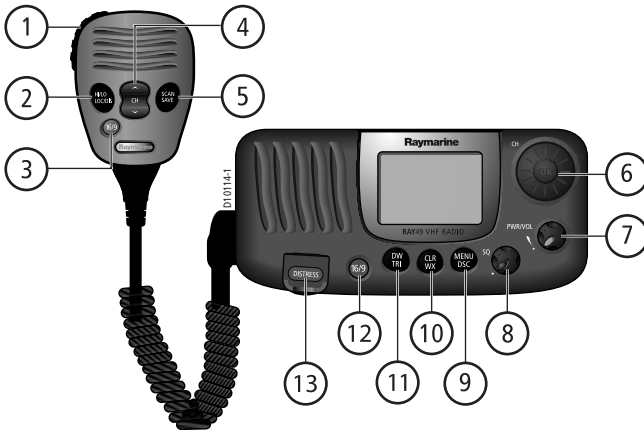
While special grounding is not generally required for VHF radiotelephone installations, it is good marine practice to properly ground all electronic equipment to the boat's earth ground system. The Ray49 can be connected to ground by installing the supplied screw and lock washer into the threaded hole labelled with the  $\frac{1}{4}$  icon, located on the transceiver's rear panel, adjacent to the antenna jack. Then attach a #10 AWG wire from this screw to the nearest ship's earth ground connection point.

**CAUTION: Do not connect this ground connection to the negative terminal of the battery.**

# Chapter 3: General Operations

## 3.1 Keypad and Rotary Knobs

Several of the keys on the front panel of the transceiver serve multiple purposes. For the most part, the function indicated on the first line of the key is accessed by pressing that key for fewer than 3 seconds and then releasing it. The function indicated on the second line of the key is accessed by pressing and holding the key for greater than 3 seconds.



### Microphone Keys



#### 1. PTT

Press this Push-to-Talk key to transmit.



#### 2. HILO / LOC DIST

Press and release to toggle the transmit power from HI to LO. Can also be used to select items in menu mode. Press and hold for to toggle between full receiver sensitivity (Distant mode) and attenuated receiver sensitivity (Local mode).



#### 3. 16/9

Use this key to switch to the priority channel or to change the value of the Secondary Priority Channel.



#### 4. UP/DOWN

Use the arrow keys to change the active channel number. Press and hold for rapid channel changing. Can also be used to scroll through selections in menu and programming modes.



#### 5. SCAN / SAVE

Press and release this key to access the Scan Mode menu, which is described on page 37. If Scan Mode is active, pressing this key terminates the scan. Press and hold for 3 seconds to enter a channel into the radio's memory. This function is described in "Saving Channels to Memory" on page 42.

### Transceiver Controls



#### 6. CH/OK

Rotate this knob to change the current channel number and to change values in Menu mode or during programming (CH). Press in to enter values selected in Menu mode or during programming (OK).



#### 7. PWR/VOL

Use this knob to turn the radio ON and OFF and to set the volume.



#### 8. SQ

Use this knob to set the squelch threshold, which cuts off the receiver when the signal is too weak for reception of anything but noise.

### Transceiver Push Keys



#### 9. MENU/DSC

Press and release this key to select Menu Mode, which is used to set up the radio. Menu operations are fully described in Chapter 4.

Press and hold for 3 seconds to enter DSC Call Mode, which is used for making DSC Calls and viewing the DSC Call Logs and the DSC Call Phonebook.

A Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number is required to operate the DSC equipment in this radio. This number directs DSC calls directly to your radio, much like a telephone number. You can program the MMSI number yourself one time only using the operation described in "My MMSI ID" on page 82. Otherwise, your Raymarine dealer can program or change the number for you.

Full details on DSC call operation are described in Chapter 5.





### 10. CLR/WX

Press and release to terminate a function and return to the last-used channel. Press and hold for 3 seconds to select the Weather mode.



### 11. DW/TRI

Press and release to initiate Dual Watch mode. Press and hold for 3 seconds to initiate Tri Watch mode.



### 12. 16/9

Use this key to switch to the priority channel or to change the value of the Secondary Priority Channel.

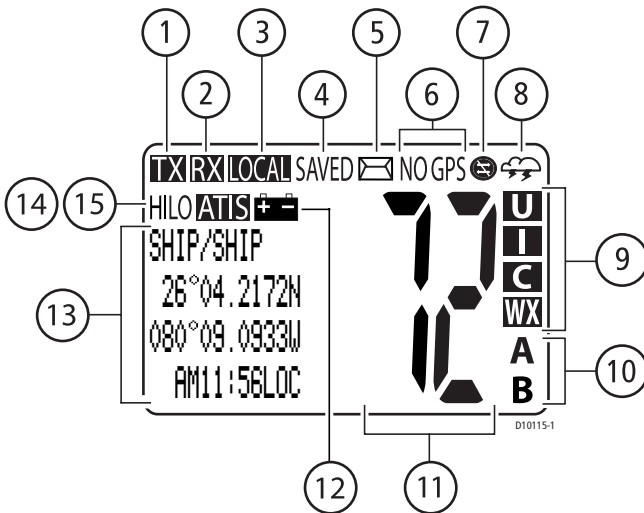


### 13. DISTRESS

Push up the spring-loaded cover and press this key to make a DSC Distress Call. Instructions for making a Distress Call are described in Section 5.2.

## 3.2 Transceiver LCD

The following describes the function of the characters on the radio's LCD.



## 1. (TX) Transmitting

Indicates the **PTT** key is being pressed and the radio is transmitting.

## 2. (RX) Receiving

Indicates that the radio is receiving a radio signal.

## 3. (LOCAL) Local/Distant Mode

Indicates the radio is in Local Reception mode, which decreases receiver sensitivity in high traffic areas to decrease unwanted reception.

## 3. (HI/LO) TX Power

Indicates whether transmit power is set for 25 watts (HI) or 1 watt (LO).

## 4. (SAVED) Memory Mode

Indicates the current channel has been saved in memory. Appears during Saved (Memory) Scan and Priority Saved Scan modes.

## 5. DSC Call

When flashing, indicates that the radio has received a DSC Call. Details of the call can be viewed in the associated log. See "Received Calls (Logs)" on page 79. The icon disappears when the call is accepted, the call is rejected, or the associated message is viewed in the log.

## 6. (NO) GPS

"GPS" indicates that positional data is available. "NO GPS" indicates that positional data is not available.

## 7. Automatic Channel Changing Blocked

Indicates that your radio will not automatically switch to the channel requested by an incoming DSC call but rather will prompt you to manually accept or decline the channel change request. Applies to Distress and All Ships Urgency calls only. This feature is controlled by the DSC Setup menu item AUTO CH CHG, described on page 84. By default, this icon is off, meaning that auto channel changing is active.

## 8. Weather Alert

Indicates that the radio is monitoring for weather alert broadcasts.

## 9. (U, I, C, WX) Channel Set

Indicates which channel set is selected: U (USA), I (International), C (Canadian), or WX (Weather).

## 10. (A, B) Channel Status

A subscript character following the channel number indicates special qualities.

### (A) Simplex Channel

The subscript **A** indicates that the currently-selected US or Canadian channel is simplex, although its International counterpart is semi-duplex (5A, for example). This channel uses the transmit frequency of the International channel for both transmitting and receiving. If a channel is simplex in all 3 channel sets (US, Canadian, and International—channel 6, for example), the **A** does not appear.

**Note:** *Simplex means that the radio transmits and receives on the same frequency for this channel. Semi-duplex channels use separate frequencies to transmit and receive.*

### (B) Receive-only Channel

The subscript **B** indicates that you cannot transmit on the currently-selected channel; it is receive-only. Used with Canadian channels only.

## 11. Channel Number

Displays the current active channel number.

## 12. Battery Voltage Alert

The Ray49E is designed to be operated on a 12 volt (nominal) system. If the boat's battery voltage drops below 10.5 VDC or increases above 15.8 VDC, the battery icon appears with the message BATTERY LOW or BATTERY HIGH, respectively.

## 13. Dot Matrix Display

Indicates radio functions, GPS position data or special conditions, depending on the situation. The screen is different when sending/receiving a DSC Call (see Chapter 5) or setting up a Menu item (see Chapter 4). The top line usually displays the current channel name. This field is editable.

## 14. (HI, LO) Transmit Power

Indicates whether radio transmissions are being made at 25 watts (HI) or 1 watt (LO).

### 15. ATIS Active

Indicates ATIS transmission is enabled. This feature is only available in the Ray49E European version of the radio.

### 3.3 Turning the Power ON and OFF



Turn the **PWR/VOL** knob clockwise until it clicks. When the unit powers up in standby mode it:

- Beeps, illuminates the backlight at full brightness, and displays a self-test.
- Recalls the last channel number, TX power settings and operation mode. If no last-used setting data exists, goes to channel 16 and high TX Power.
- When GPS Data is available, extended position data is displayed with the off-set time. This information will be displayed when display option for the position and time is enabled on the Menu. See Section 4.3.
- When the MMSI number is not programmed, you are prompted to enter the number as described on page 82. You must then press **CH/OK** to continue.

To turn the unit OFF, rotate the **PWR/VOL** knob completely counterclockwise until it clicks.

### 3.4 Setting the Volume



Adjust the **PWR/VOL** knob to control the loudspeaker volume level. Turn clockwise to increase the volume; counter clockwise to decrease the volume.

### 3.5 Setting the Squelch



The squelch circuit sets the threshold for cutting off the receiver when the signal is too weak for reception of anything but noise. To properly set the squelch, rotate the **SQ** knob counterclockwise until audio is heard. Then rotate clockwise until background noise disappears.

### 3.6 Tuning the Channel



#### ...on the Transceiver

Rotate the **CH/OK** knob clockwise to increase the channel number.

Rotate the **CH/OK** knob counterclockwise to decrease the channel number.



#### ...on the Microphone

Press and release the UP arrow to increase the channel number.

Press and release the DOWN arrow to decrease the channel.

Press and hold either key for rapid channel scrolling.

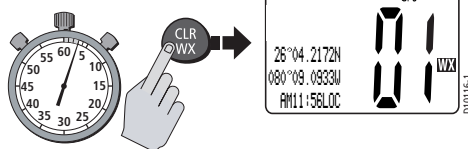
## 3.7 Selecting a Weather Channel



The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) broadcasts continuous weather reports and severe weather alerts, as needed. The Ray49 is programmed to receive 10 weather channels and sound an alarm if a weather alert is received.

To enter Weather mode, press and hold the **CLR/WX** key for 3 seconds on the transceiver.

PRESS and HOLD for 3 secs



The WX indicator appears in the channel set field. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver or use the channel up/down keys on the microphone to select from channels WX01 through WX10.

Press and release the **CLR/WX** key again to return to normal operation.

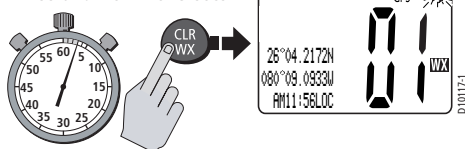
### Note:

1. WX broadcasts can only be heard in the US and Canada.
2. During Weather mode, the PTT, HI/LO, and SCAN/SAVE keys are disabled and an error beep sounds if pressed.

## Weather Alert Operation

NOAA also broadcasts continuous severe weather alerts as needed. You can set your Ray49 to notify you when such an alert is issued. Press and hold the **CLR/WX** key to enter weather mode. Then, press and hold the **CLR/WX** key again to enable weather alert. The cloud icon appears.

PRESS and HOLD for 3 secs



When the severe weather alert tone is detected, the message WX ALERT is displayed and an alarm sounds. The radio automatically tunes to the WX channel where the weather alert has been detected. The alert is detected in all modes of operation (Standby, Dual Watch, Tri Watch, Scan, etc.)

### 3.8 Selecting the Priority Channel

16/9

The Ray218/Ray55 provides you with a dedicated key for switching to the Priority Channel 16. Press and release the **16/9** key to switch to channel 16 at high power. The label 1ST PRIORITY appears. If already on channel 16, press and release **16/9** to return to the last-used working channel.

The **16/9** key also can be used to cancel all other modes and switch to channel 16.

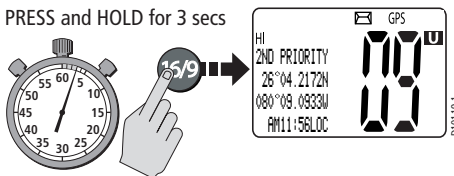


**Note:** When the priority channel is selected, the radio is always set to HIGH transmit power. You may reduce power if desired using the HI/LO power setting.

### 3.9 Selecting the Secondary Priority Channel

16/9

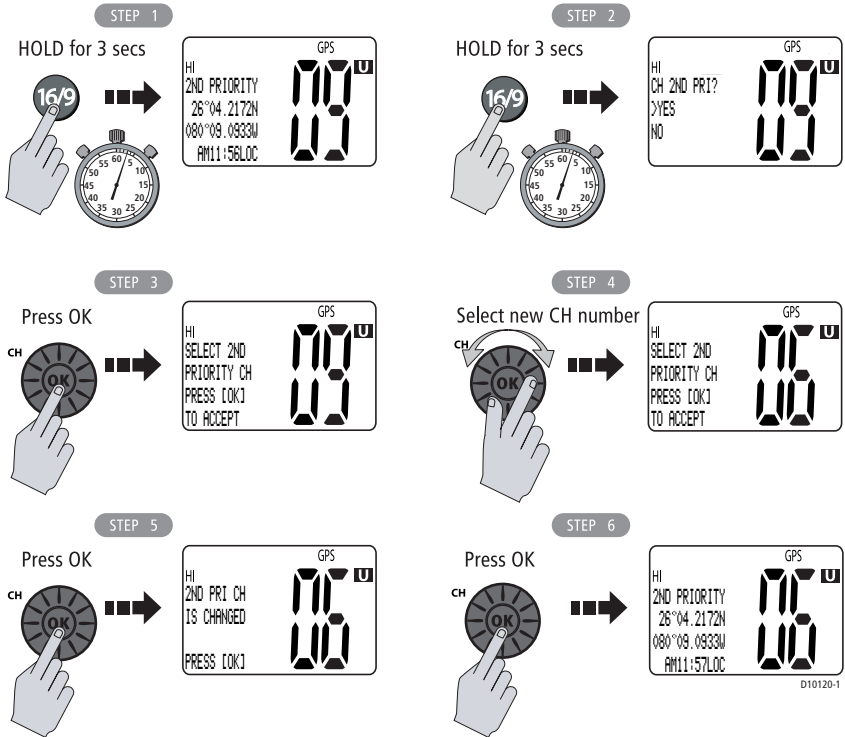
The Ray218/Ray55 enables you to program the **16/9** key to store a Secondary Priority Channel. The default is channel 9. If on primary Priority channel 16 or a working channel, press and hold the **16/9** for 3 seconds to switch to the Secondary Priority Channel at high power. The label 2ND PRIORITY appears. The default is channel 9.



If already tuned to the Secondary Priority Channel, press and release the **16/9** key to switch to Priority Channel 16 at high power.

## Reprogramming Secondary Priority Channel

1. Press and hold the **16/9** key for 3 seconds to switch to the current Secondary Priority Channel.
2. Press and hold the **16/9** key for 3 seconds again to switch to Reprogram mode. The message CHG 2ND PRI? appears with YES highlighted.
3. Press the **CH/OK** knob to accept. The confirmation message CHANGE 2ND PRIORITY CH appears.
4. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the desired new secondary channel is shown.
5. Press **CH/OK** to accept the new Secondary Priority selection.



## 3.10 Transmitting



Press and hold the Push-to-Talk (**PTT**) key on the microphone to transmit on the selected channel, and then release to receive. The TX indicator appears during transmission.

**Note:** *International regulations and good communications practice dictate that you not interfere with other communications. Before transmitting, listen to make sure the channel is clear.*

The radio is equipped with a timeout timer in the event of a stuck key. After **PTT** has been held continuously for 5 minutes, transmission is discontinued, the message TX TIMEOUT appears, and an alert tone sounds.

After the timeout, the alarm continues to sound until **PTT** is released. The TX time out timer is reset and the radio returns to receive mode once the **PTT** key is released.

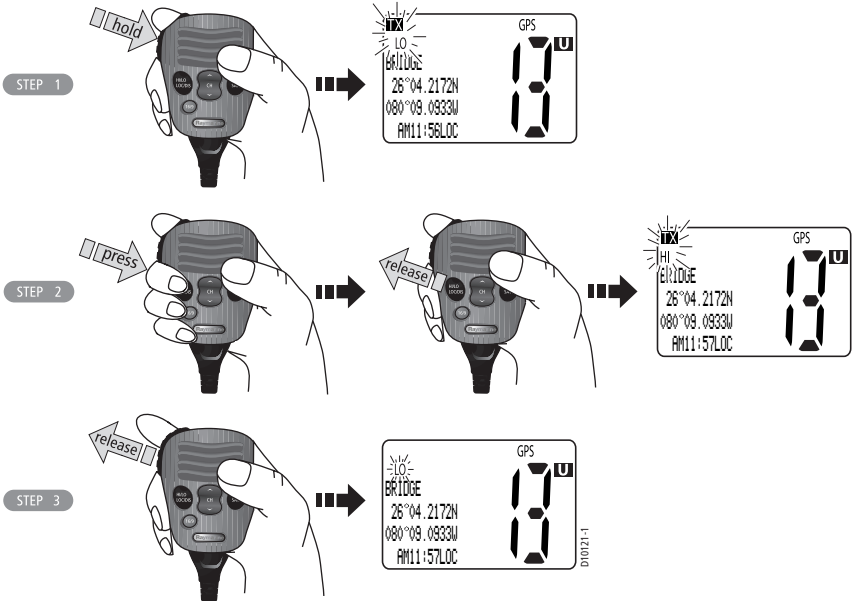
**Note:** *If the current channel is receive-only, an alert tone sounds when PTT is pressed, indicating such a transmission is not permitted.*

### Overriding the Low Output Power Restriction

In the US, channels 13 and 67 are restricted to transmit at low power. However, you can temporarily override this low power restriction. To override the LO power restriction on channels 13 or 67 and transmit at high power:

1. Press and hold **PTT**.
2. Press and release The **HI/LO** key on the microphone. TX power is set to HI power for as long as you hold down **PTT**.
3. When you release **PTT**, power returns to LO.





### 3.11 Menu Mode Operation



Press and release the **MENU/DSC** key while in standby mode to enter Menu Mode.

Menu mode is fully described in Chapter 4.

### 3.12 DSC Call Operation



Press and hold the **MENU/DSC** key for greater than 3 seconds while in standby operation mode to enter DSC Call Mode.

DSC Call mode is fully described in Chapter 5.



# Chapter 4: Menu Settings

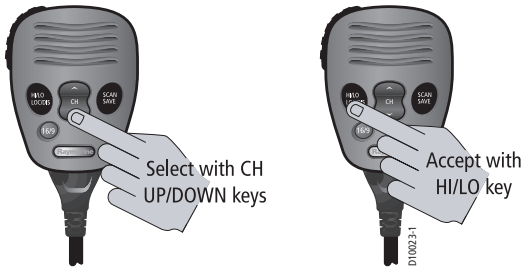
## 4.1 Menu Function

Most of the radio's functions reside in the Main Menu, which is accessed through the **MENU/DSC** key. A diagram of the menu structure can be found in Appendix C.

### Making Menu and Programming Selections

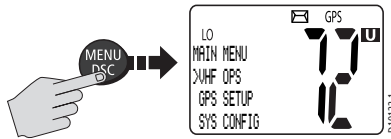
There are two ways to make menu and character selections in your radio:

1. Most examples in this chapter describe making selections using the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver.
2. However, you can also press the microphone up/down keys to make your selections and then press the microphone **HI/LO** key to accept.



#### To make Menu selections:

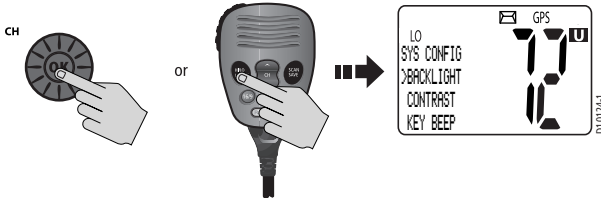
1. Press and release the **MENU/DSC** key to enter Menu mode. The list of available menu groups appears.



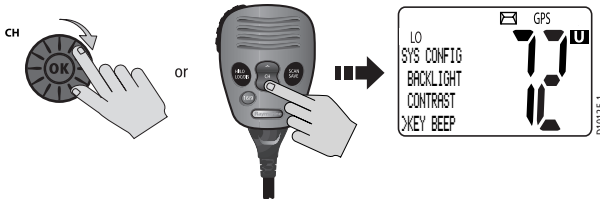
2. Use the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver or **CH** up/down key on the microphone to scroll through the list until the desired menu is highlighted.



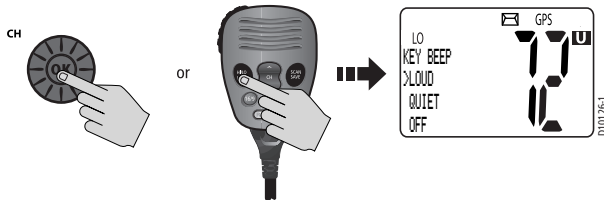
- 3. Press in the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver or **HI/LO** key on the microphone to accept. The sub-menu headings are displayed.



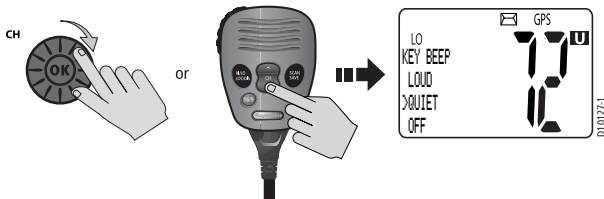
- 4. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver or press the **CH** up/down key on the microphone to highlight the desired sub-menu.



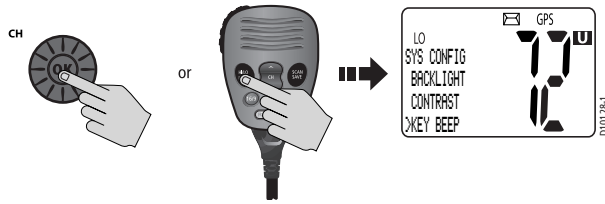
- 5. Press **CH/OK** on the transceiver or the **HI/LO** key on microphone to accept. The options under that sub-menu are displayed.



- 6. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver or press the **CH** up/down key on the microphone to highlight the desired option.



- 7. Press **CH/OK** on the transceiver or the **HI/LO** key on the microphone to accept. The setting is changed. Continue in the same manner to make any other setting changes.

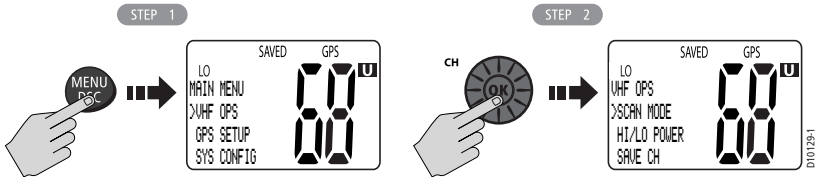


To return to the previous menu level, select the [BACK] menu option or press the **CLR/WX** key.

To exit the Menu mode, press the **CLR/WX** key again or else press the **16/9** key to switch to the priority channel in standby mode.

## 4.2 VHF Operations

This menu group controls basic radio functions. You access VHF Operations via the **MENU** key.



### Scan Mode

This function automatically searches through all channels in the set for any that are broadcasting. If a transmission is received, the scan stops on the receiving channel as long as it is present. If the signal is lost for five seconds, the radio resumes scanning.

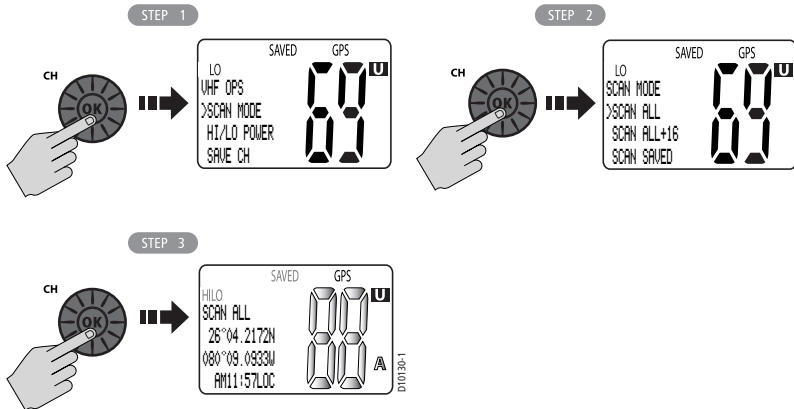


You can directly access the Scan Mode menu by pressing and releasing the **SCAN/SAVE** key on the microphone. When a Scan Mode is active, you can terminate the scan and return the radio to standby mode by pressing and releasing the key again.

While scanning, press the microphone **CH** up/down keys or rotate the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver to change the scan direction. UP (key)/clockwise (**CH** knob) increases the channel while DOWN (key) /counter-clockwise (**CH** knob) decreases it.

Your Ray49 is equipped with four types of scan options: All Scan, Saved (Memory) Scan, Priority All Scan and Priority Saved Scan. The following illustration demonstrates how to initiate All Scan but the procedure is the same for all scan mode options.

**Note:** Whenever Weather Alert is activated, the WX Alert channel is also monitored during the Scan Modes. If the WX Alert tone is detected, the scan is halted to receive the Weather Alert broadcast.

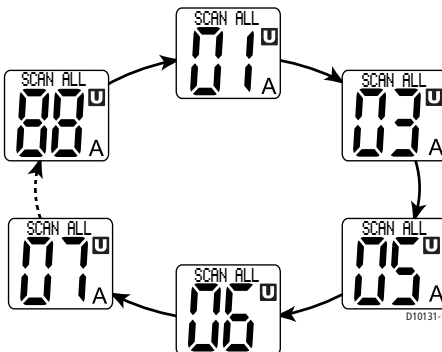


To terminate the SCAN mode and return to standby mode, press:

- **SCAN/SAVE** key on the microphone
- **CLR/WX** key on the transceiver

### All Scan

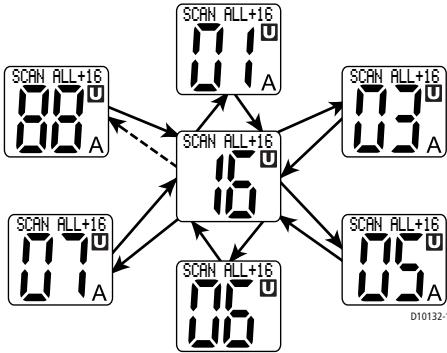
In All Scan mode, all channels in the channel set are scanned in sequence. After the last channel number has been scanned, the cycle repeats. When active, SCAN ALL appears on the display.



### Priority All Scan

Priority All Scan searches for activity on all channels but alternates scanning the Priority Channel 16 after each channel.

When active, SCAN ALL+16 appears on the display.



### Saved (Memory) Scan

In Saved Scan mode, only the channels that have been saved in memory are scanned in sequence. After the last saved channel number has been scanned, the cycle repeats.

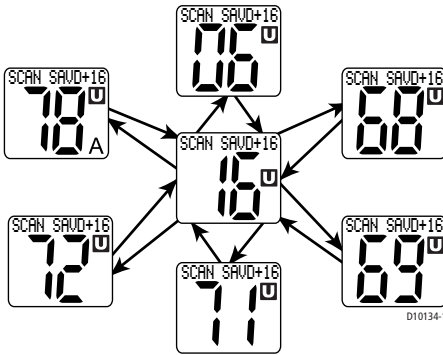
When active, SCAN SAVED appears on the display. If no channels have been saved into memory when you select this feature, an error tone sounds.

### Priority Saved Scan

Priority Saved Scan is much like Priority Scan except that the radio alternates searching for activity on the Priority Channel 16 and the channels stored in memory.

When active, SCAN SAVD + 16 appears on the display.

**Note:** *If no channels have been saved into memory when you select this feature, an error tone sounds.*

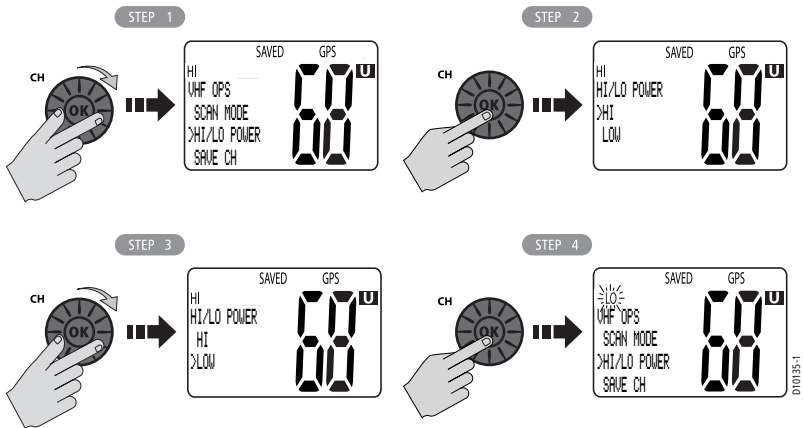


### Setting the Power Output (HI/LO)

The choice of power output is dependent upon the distance of transmission and transmitting conditions. As a part of FCC procedures and marine communications courtesy, initial contact should always be attempted using low power. You should switch to high power only when contact can not be made on low power or in emergency situations. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob to toggle the TX power from LOW (1 watt) to HIGH (25 watts). The corresponding LO or HI indicator appears.



You can also press and release the **HI/LO-LOC/DIS** key on the microphone to toggle the TX power.



Some channels are limited by regulation to be low power only. If the HILO operation request is denied, an error tone beeps.

Channels restricted to low transmit power are as follows:

- Canadian channel set: 13, 15, 17, 77



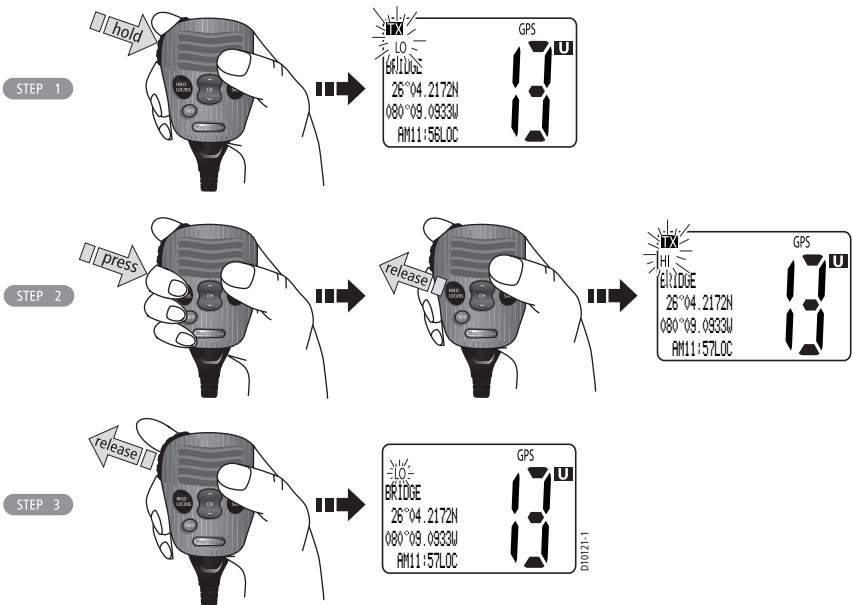
- International channel set: 15, 17, 75, 76
- US channel set: 13, 17, 67, 77

### Overriding the Low Output Power Restriction

In the US, channels 13 and 67 are restricted to transmit at low power. However, you can temporarily override this low power restriction.

To override the LO power restriction on channels 13 or 67 and transmit at high power:

1. Press and hold **PTT**.
2. While holding **PTT**, press and release the **HI/LO** microphone key  
The TX power is set to HI power for as long as you hold down **PTT**.  
When you release **PTT**, power returns to LO.



### Saving Channels to Memory

The Ray49 can store any channel (except WX channels) into memory. The stored channels are the ones scanned in the Saved (Memory) Scan mode (see page 39). Any number of channels can be saved as memory channels.

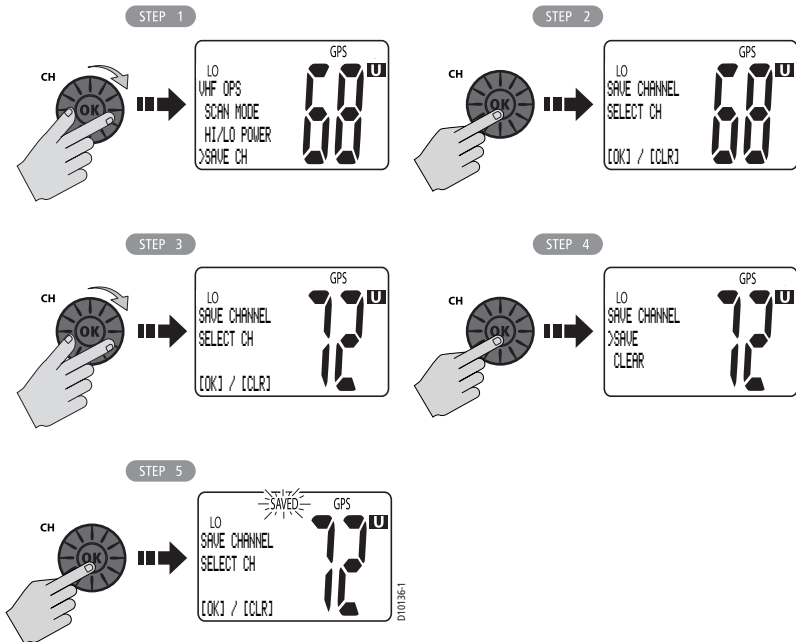
Separate memory channel groups exist for USA, International, and Canadian frequency sets.

To add or remove a channel to/from memory:

1. Navigate to SAVE CH in the VHF OPS menu.
2. Press **CH/OK** to select SAVE CH.
3. Rotate **CH/OK** to select channel to be added to /removed from memory.
4. Press **CH/OK** to confirm (or **CLR/WX** to cancel).
5. To add the selected channel to memory, ensure that the arrow is pointing to SAVE, and then press **CH/OK**.

To remove the selected channel from memory, navigate to CLEAR and then press **CH/OK**.

The SAVED icon either appears to indicate that the current channel has been saved in memory or disappears to indicate that it has been removed from memory.



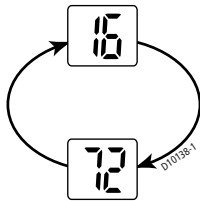
You can also add the current channel to memory by pressing and holding the **SCAN/SAVE** key on the microphone. If the channel is already saved, pressing and holding the key removes the channel from memory.

## Using the Watch Modes

The Watch Modes monitor the programmed Priority Channel and other user-selected channel(s). The watch is halted when activity is detected on a monitored channel. The Ray49 is equipped with 2 types of monitor operations: Dual Watch and Tri Watch.

**Note:** *Whenever Weather Alert is activated, the WX Alert channel is also monitored during Dual Watch and Tri Watch.*

### Dual Watch

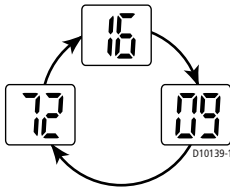


Dual Watch monitors the current working channel and Channel 16 in cycle.

DUAL 16 appears on the top line of the display.

Dual Watch is demonstrated in the figure to the left; the sample working channel is channel 72.

### Tri Watch



Tri Watch monitors in cycle channel 16, the current working channel and the channel you have set as the Secondary Priority Channel.

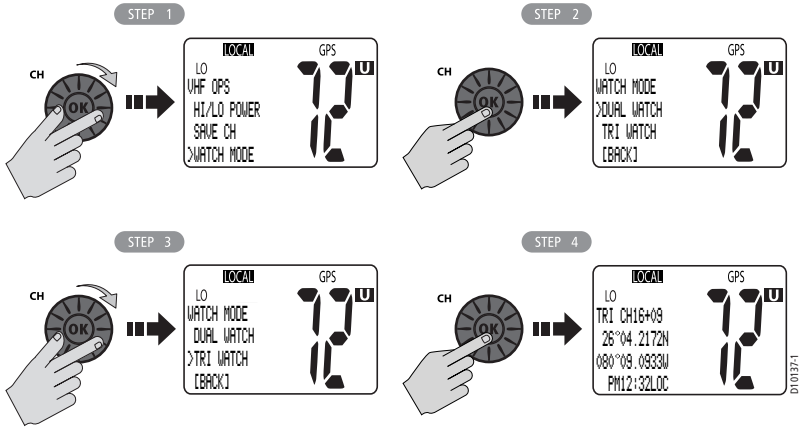
TRI 16+09 appears on the top line of the display.

Tri Watch is demonstrated in the figure to the left; the sample working channel is channel 72.

Press and release the **16/9** key to terminate Watch mode and switch to the Priority Channel.

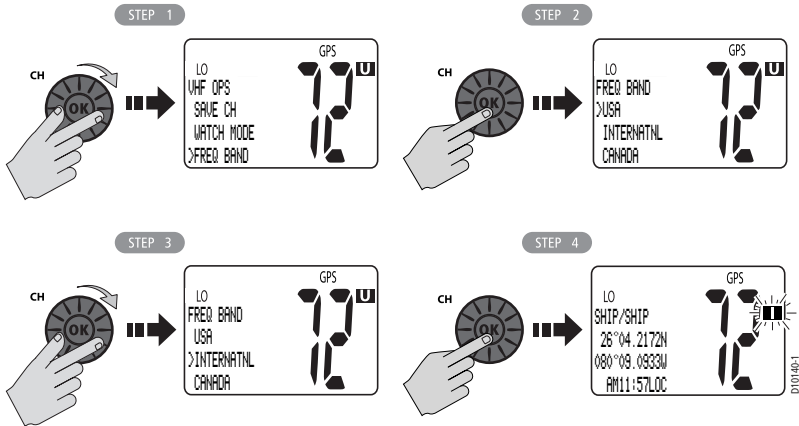
Press and release the **CLR/WX** key to terminate Watch mode and return to the last-used channel.

**Note:** *During Tri Watch Mode, the WX and CH keys are inactive and an error beep sounds if pressed.*



### Frequency Band

The Ray49 can transmit and receive all USA, International and Canadian frequencies. This setting determines which channel set is being used. The appropriate indicator is illuminated in the LCD: **U** for USA, **I** for International, or **C** for Canadian channel sets.



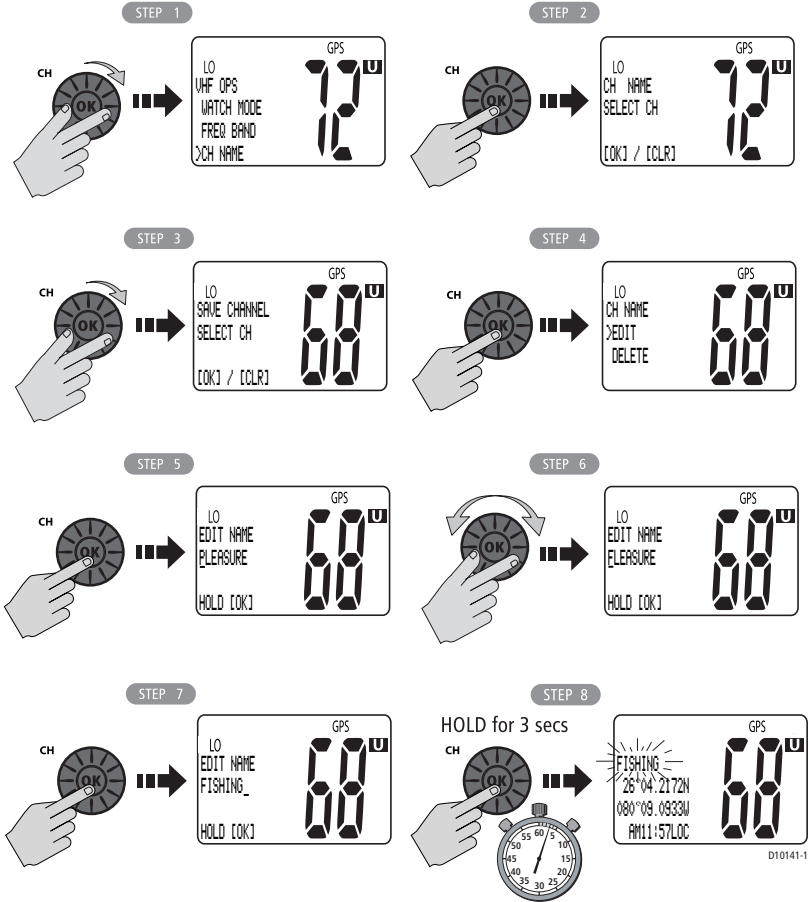
### Channel Name

The Ray49 displays a descriptive name of up to 9 characters in the top line of the dot matrix display, to the left of the channel number. This option modifies the name for the currently-selected channel from its default.

To change the Channel Name from the default:

1. From the VHF OPS menu, navigate to CH NAME.
2. Press the **CH/OK** knob to select.
3. Rotate **CH/OK** to display the channel whose name you want to edit.
4. Press **CH/OK** to select. Two options are presented: edit and delete.
5. Press **CH/OK** again to select EDIT. The name for the currently-selected channel appears. The first character is underlined and blinking, indicating that it is ready to be edited.
6. Use the **CH/OK** knob to modify the first character in the NAME field using the same technique described in "Adding a new Entry" on page 64.
7. Press **CH/OK** to accept and advance to the next character position.
8. Press and hold **CH/OK** for 3 seconds when completed. The new name appears for the channel.

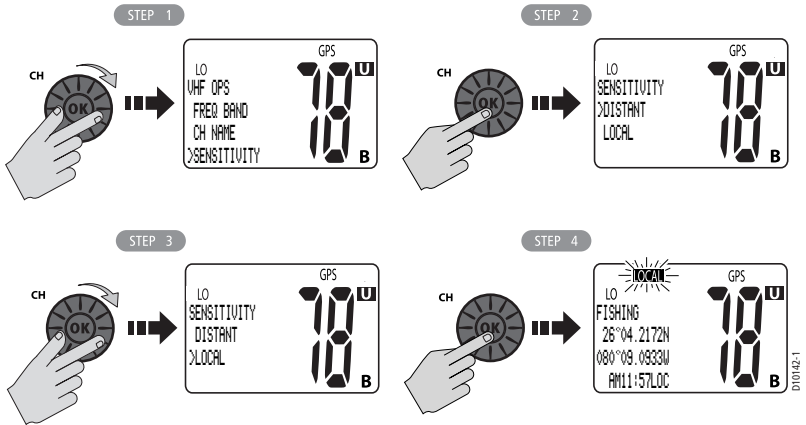
To completely remove the Channel Name, rotate the **CH/OK** knob to choose DELETE in step 5 above, instead, and then press **CH/OK** to select. After the name is deleted, no name is displayed for this channel.



## Sensitivity

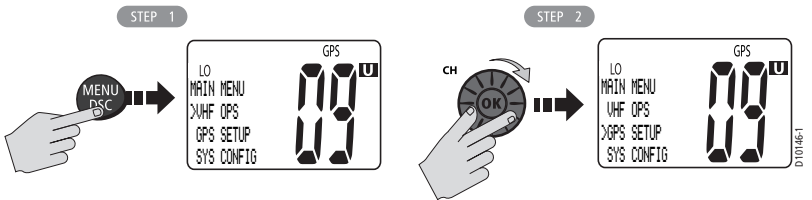
Use this setting to switch the transmit power from high to low. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob to toggle between full receiver sensitivity (Distant mode) and attenuated

receiver sensitivity (Local mode). The LOCAL icon appears while in Local mode and then is removed in Distant mode.



### 4.3 GPS/Time Setup

By default, the Ray49 auto-detects NMEA 0183 strings and decodes appropriate latitude/longitude position and time or COG/SOG. When position data is available, the "GPS" icon appears on the top line of the LCD. If the GPS navigation receiver is not connected or is not functional, a manual latitude/longitude position and UTC time can be entered and used in the DSC distress transmitted message.



### Manual Position

If no GPS data is available and the MMSI number has been programmed, the "NO GPS" icon does not appear, and POS DATA REQ is displayed on the dot matrix display, followed by NO POS DATA. An alarm sounds for 5 seconds or until you acknowledge by pressing any key.

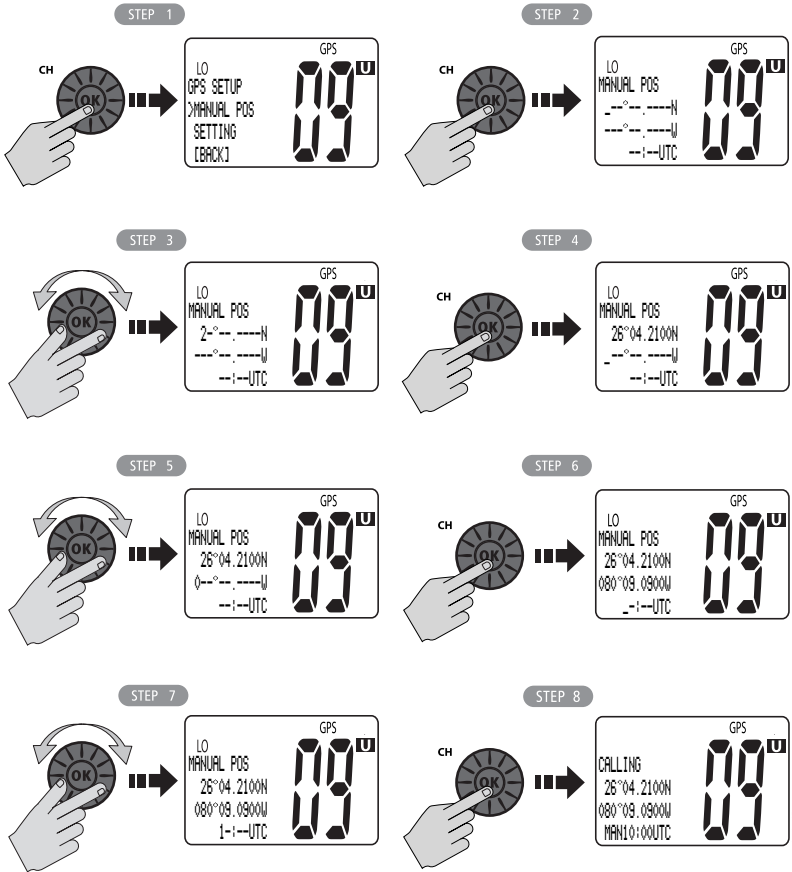
The alert repeats every four hours as long as no position information has been entered manually. If position data is entered manually but has not been updated during the previous 23.5 hours, all the position (lat/lon) fields are set to all 9's, time field is set to all 8's, and the display reverts to NO POS DATA.

**Note:** *The Manual Lat/Lon function is valid only when your radio is not connected to a GPS receiver.*

**To manually set the GPS position and time settings:**

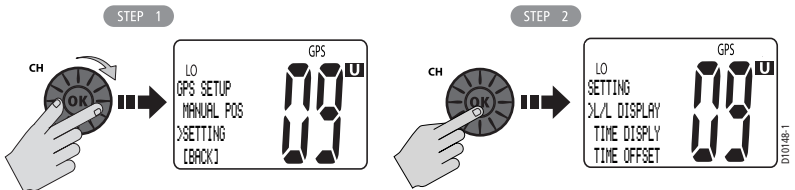
1. Under the GPS SETUP menu, point the arrow to MANUAL POS.
2. Press in **CH/OK** to accept. The Manual Position screen appears. The first character space in the latitude field is highlighted with a flashing underline. A more detailed description of manual character entry can be found in "Adding a new Entry" on page 64.
3. Using the **CH/OK** knob, scroll through available characters.
4. When the desired character appears, press **CH/OK** to accept it. The next character to be filled in sequence is underlined ( ).
  - Continue this process until all latitude data has been selected.
  - When the direction character is flashing, rotate the **CH/OK** knob to toggle between N and S, if necessary.
  - When complete, the first character in the longitude field is underlined and flashing.
5. Using the **CH/OK** knob, scroll through available characters.
6. When the desired character appears, press **CH/OK** to accept it. The next character to be filled in sequence is underlined ( ).
  - Continue this process until all longitude data has been selected.
  - When the direction character is flashing, rotate the **CH/OK** knob to toggle between E and W, if necessary.
  - When complete, the first character in the time field is underlined and flashing.
7. Using the **CH/OK** knob, scroll through available characters.
8. When the desired character appears, press **CH/OK** to accept it. The next character to be filled in sequence is underlined ( ).
  - Continue this process until all time data been selected.
  - When time data is entered manually, the MAN indicator appears in front of the time, which is displayed in UTC.
  - When complete, the radio displays the manual lat/lon and time data.





## Settings

You can also set how some time and position information is displayed on the screen. Make your selection from the options on the list.



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## Latitude/Longitude Display

The L/L DISPLAY setting indicates whether Latitude and Longitude position data are displayed on the screen in standby mode.

## Time Display

The TIME DISPLAY setting indicates whether time information is displayed on the screen in standby mode. When manual time is used, it is always displayed as UTC time, even if you have entered an offset.

**Note:** *If TIME DISPLAY is set ON, COG/SOG is automatically set to OFF. Because they occupy the same line on the LCD, only one of these two settings can be displayed at a time.*

## Time Offset

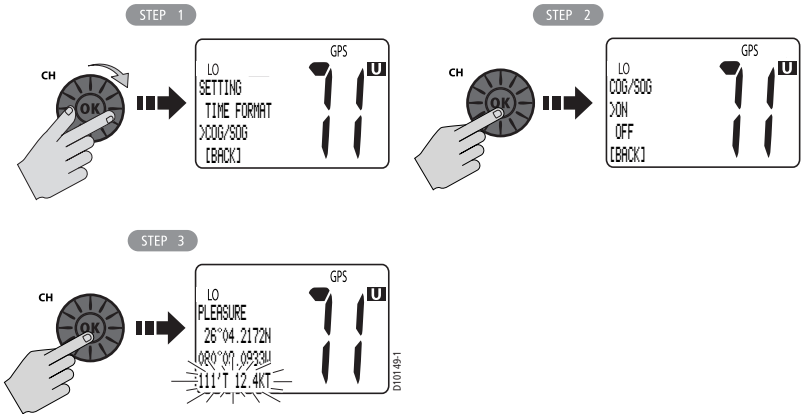
The TIME OFFSET setting indicates the amount of time to add or subtract from UTC time to equal your local time. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob to select a value from between +13 to -13 hours of UTC and then press ACCEPT to confirm. After setting up Time Offset, "LOC" is displayed to the right of the Time field to indicate local time.

## Time Format

The TIME FORMAT setting indicates whether the time is displayed in 12 hour or 24 hour format.

## COG/SOG Display

This setting determines whether Course Over Ground and Speed Over Ground (COG/SOG) data from the GPS is displayed on the bottom line of the dot matrix display instead of the time of day. The menu setting "Bearing Mode" on page 53 determines whether the True or Magnetic heading is displayed for COG. The Speed Unit setting determines whether knots, MPH or KPH is used for SOG.



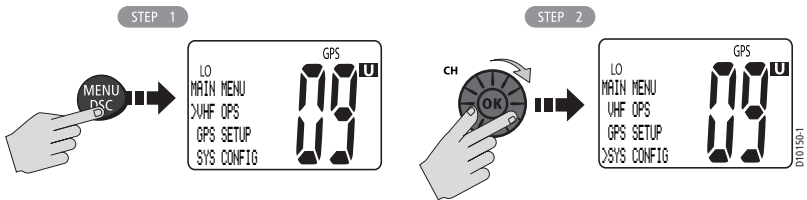
**Note:** If COG/SOG is set ON, TIME DISPLAY is automatically set to OFF. Because they occupy the same line on the LCD, only one of these two settings can be displayed at a time.

### NMEA Output

When Distress Call and Position (lat/lon) information is received from other stations, your Ray49 has the capability of forwarding this data to your display unit over the NMEA port so that it can be displayed on the screen. You can specify whether this option is ON or OFF.

## 4.4 System Configuration

Use these menu items for selecting general system-wide settings.

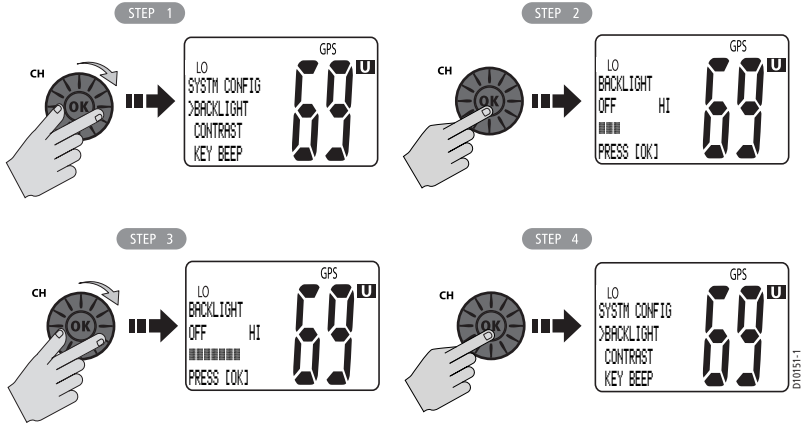


### Backlight Adjustment

This setting adjusts the backlight brightness for the LCD, microphone keypad and transceiver keypad. Choose from 10 brightness settings or OFF.

Rotate the **CH/OK** knob or use the microphone up/down arrow keys to select the desired backlight level. The number of blocks illuminated in the bar indicates the level, one through ten. For HI all 10 are illuminated; for OFF none are illuminated.

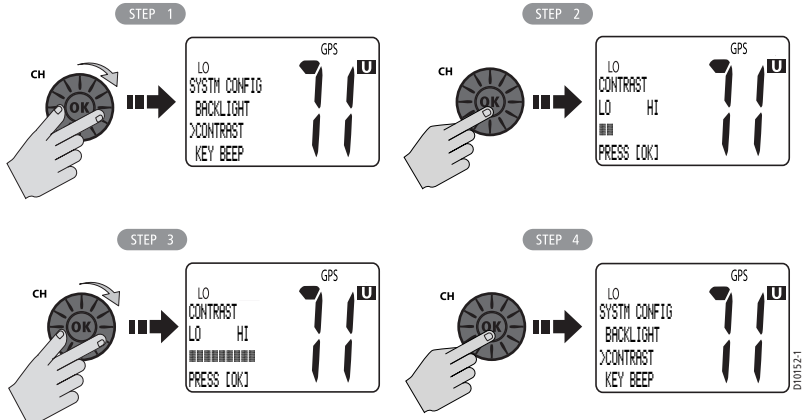
Press the transceiver **CH/OK** knob or microphone **HI/LO** key to accept.



### Contrast Adjustment

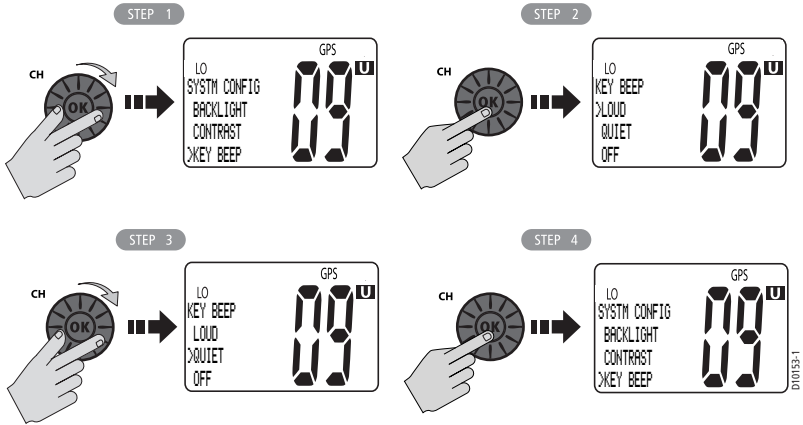
This setting adjusts the levels of LCD contrast. Choose from 10 settings.

Rotate the **CH/OK** knob to select the desired contrast level. The number of blocks illuminated in the bar indicate the level. A larger number of blocks indicate a darker LCD. For HI, all 10 blocks are illuminated; for LO none are illuminated.



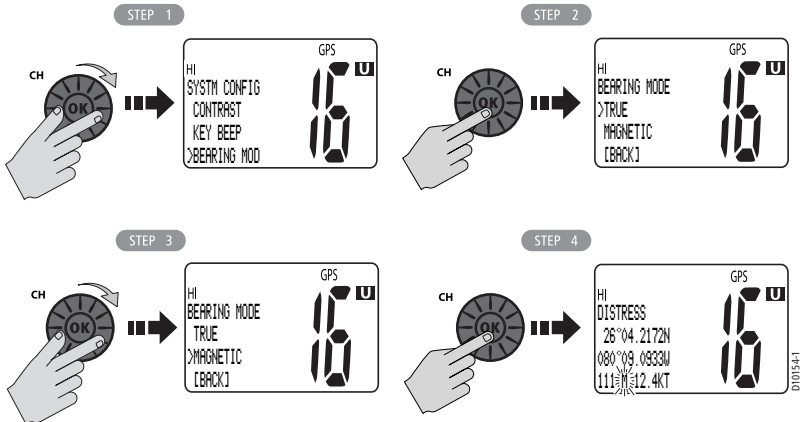
## Key Beep

This setting is used to set the volume of the beep that sounds when a key is pressed. Select LOUD, QUIET or OFF.



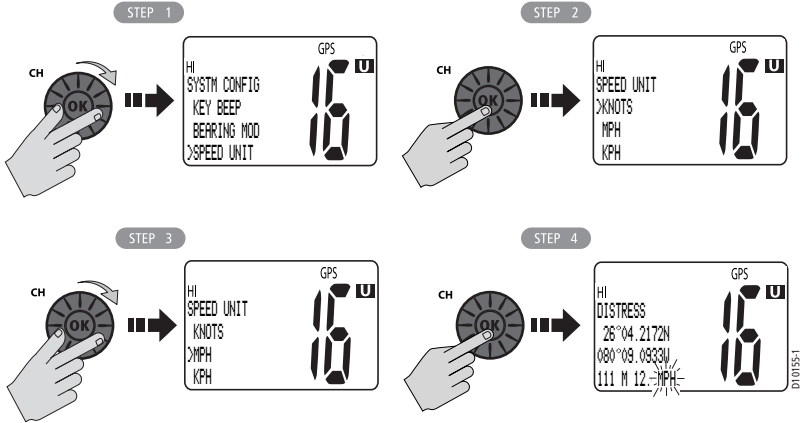
## Bearing Mode

This setting is used to determine how heading data are displayed when COG/SOG is displayed (see page 50). Select MAGNETIC or TRUE. If you select MAGNETIC, an "M" appears. If TRUE is selected, a "T" appears.



# Speed Unit

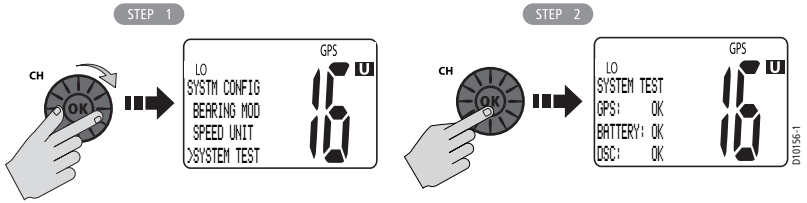
This parameter sets the unit for Speed that is used to display all data, including information received from other instruments on the system. The speed unit appears on the LCD when COG/SOG is displayed (see page 50).



# System Test

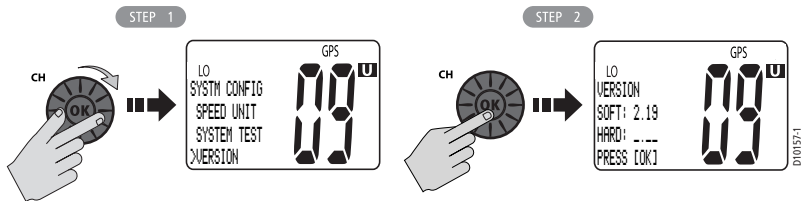
This menu item displays status of three separate conditions:

Item	Status	Meaning
GPS	OK	Valid NMEA signal received
	NO	NMEA signal not received
BATTERY	OK	Battery voltage within nominal limits (10.5–15.8 VDC)
	NO	Battery is below 10.5 VDC or above 15.8VDC
DSC	OK	DSC processor is operating properly.
	NO	DSC processor is not operating properly.



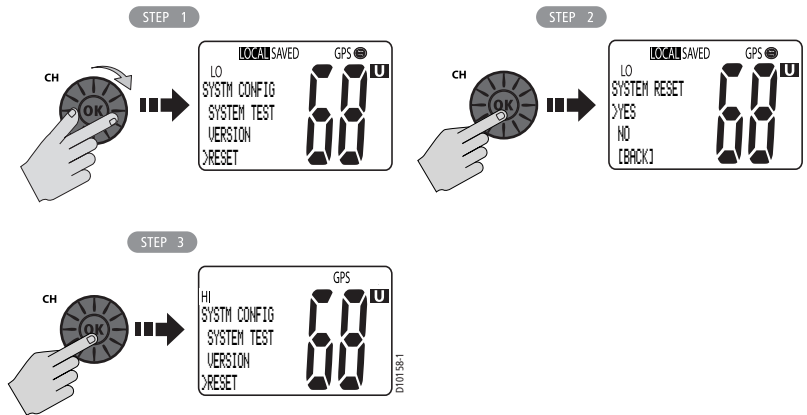
## Version Number

This menu item displays the hardware and software versions of your radio.



## Reset

Use this menu item to return your radio to the default factory settings. The following items are reset. All other settings are unaffected.



## **VHF OPS**

- **HI/LO POWER**  
Set to HI.
- **SAVE CH**  
The Saved Channel list is cleared.
- **SENSITIVITY**  
Set to DISTANT.

## **GPS SETUP**

- **SETTING**  
L/L DISPLAY is set ON.  
TIME DISPLY is set ON.  
TIME OFFSET is set to 0.  
TIME FORMAT is set to 12 HR.  
COG/SOG is set OFF.

## **SYSTEM CONFIG**

- **KEY BEEP**  
Set to QUIET.
- **BEARING MODE**  
Set to MAGNETIC.
- **SPEED UNIT**  
Set to KNOTS.

## **DSC MENU**

- **RECV'D CALLS**  
All logs are cleared.
- **DSC SETUP**  
AUTO CH CHG is set AUTO.



# Chapter 5: Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

The Ray49 includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC). DSC protocol is a globally applied system used to send and receive digital calls. DSC uses a unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number to direct DSC calls directly to your radio, much like a telephone number.

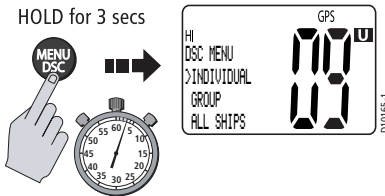
**Note:** An MMSI number is required to operate the DSC equipment in this radio. You can obtain an MMSI from BoatUS ([www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)). Once obtained, you can program the MMSI number yourself one time only using the operation described in “My MMSI ID” on page 82. Otherwise, your Raymarine dealer can program or change the number for you.

The Ray49 includes a separate dedicated receiver just for DSC communications on channel 70. When a DSC call is received, the radio automatically responds based on the type of call. When receiving a DSC call from another vessel or a coast station, an alert sounds and DSC data appears in the LCD—such as time of a call, the caller and the type and priority of a call.

## 5.1 DSC Call Menu

You access DSC functions via the DSC menu. Press and hold the MENU/DSC key for 3 seconds to enter DSC call mode.

**Note:** Distress calls are made using the DISTRESS key.



The Ray49 can make the following type of DSC calls:

DSC Call Type	Description
DISTRESS	Sends out your MMSI number and nature of your Distress along with the position and time information from the input NMEA data. This digital information lets other ships and shore stations equipped with appropriate DSC equipment know where you are and that you are in a Distress situation. Distress Calls are made using the DISTRESS key.
INDIVIDUAL	Makes a ROUTINE DSC call to a specific station identified by its MMSI number.

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<b>DSC Call Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
GROUP	Sends transmissions that are only received by radios sharing a common Group MMSI number. Up to 3 Group MMSI numbers can be stored and called.
ALL SHIPS	Sends out a message to all stations within range that you have important information but the situation is not serious enough for a Distress Call. All Ships calls should only be used if hailing for assistance on channel 16 fails. There are two types of All Ships Calls: SAFETY for advisory alerts and URGENCY for assistance when life is not in immediate danger.
POSITION REQUEST	This option enables you to request GPS position information from any vessel for which an MMSI number is known. You can specify the target vessel either by selecting it from your MMSI phonebook or by manually entering its MMSI number. You can also be requested to send out your position to someone else.
RECEIVED CALLS	Three separate logs listing all received DSC Call types by number and time of call. Entries are separated into the following: Distress Log, Call Log for all other types of DSC Calls, and Position Log. NOTE: You can place a call directly from a log to the station that is currently displayed. You can also add the displayed station to the DSC Phonebook.

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## Making DSC Menu and Programming Selections

There are two ways to make DSC menu and character selections in your radio:

1. Most examples in this chapter describe making selections using the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver.
2. However, you can also press the microphone up/down keys to make your selections and then press the microphone **HI/LO** key to accept.



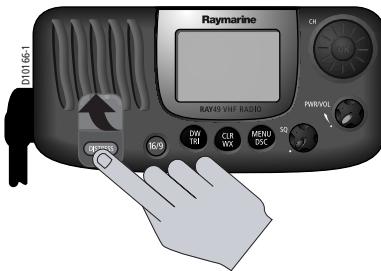
## 5.2 Distress Calls

For a Distress Call transmission, the Ray49 takes the position and time information from the input NMEA data along with your MMSI and converts it into a digital "packet". When transmitted, this digital information lets other ships and shore stations equipped with appropriate DSC equipment know where you are and that you are in a Distress situation.

Your call can specify the nature of the Distress (designated call) or not (undesignated call).

### Sending a Distress Call

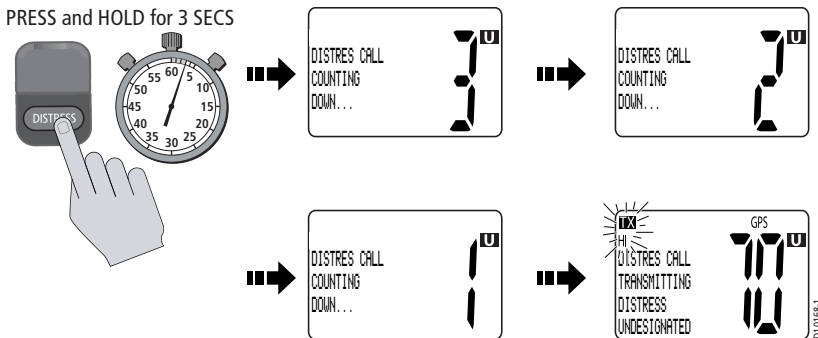
Lift the spring-loaded door on the front panel of the transceiver.



### Undesignated (Quick) Distress Call

To send a distress call without specifying its nature:

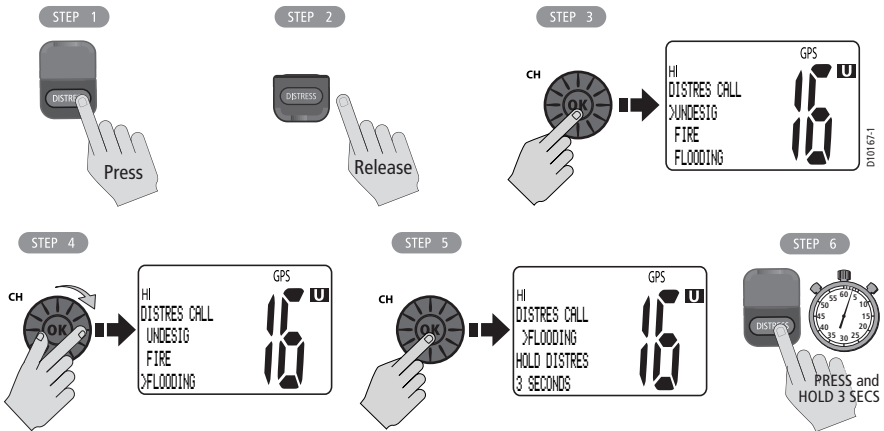
- Press and hold the red **DISTRESS** key for 3 seconds to initiate the call. During this time, the radio beeps, the display flashes and a timer counts down 03...02...01.



## Designated Distress Call

To send a distress call and specify its nature:

1. Press the red **DISTRESS** key.
2. Release the **DISTRESS** key.  
The Distress Call screen appears.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the type of Distress you wish to designate is highlighted:
  - UNDESIG(NATED)
  - FIRE
  - FLOODING
  - COLLISION
  - GROUNDING
  - LISTING
  - SINKING
  - ADRIFT
  - ABANDONING
  - PIRACY
  - MANOVERBD
  - EXIT
4. Press SELECT to choose that type of Distress.
5. Press and hold the **DISTRESS** key for 3 seconds to initiate the call. During this time, the radio beeps, the display flashes and a timer counts down 03...02...01... , just as with the Undesignated Distress Call illustrated above.



## Transmitting

After the Distress transmission, the radio is automatically set to channel 16 at high power to listen for and respond to voice replies from Coast Guard or other vessels that may have received your Distress Call.

### To mute the alarm:

Press **CLR/WX**.

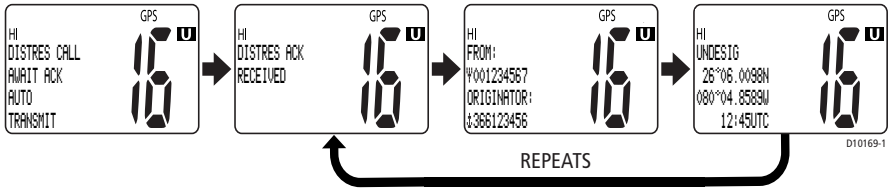
### To manually cancel the automatic Distress resend:

Press **CLR/WX** a second time.

The Distress Call is resent randomly every 3.5 – 4.5 minutes until an acknowledgement is received or the call is manually cancelled.

## Receiving Acknowledgement

After the call is sent, the radio waits for acknowledgement. The display stops flashing and the alarm sounds continuously until muted or an ACK is received.



## Canceling a Distress Call Made in Error

If the countdown has not been completed, release the DISTRESS key before the countdown has completed.

If the countdown has completed and the distress call has been sent in error, you should make an announcement as soon as possible that the distress situation does not exist.

1. Immediately press **CLR/WX** two times to cancel the Distress Call. The radio returns to the state before the Distress Call.
2. Press the **16/9** key. The radio switches to the Priority Channel.
3. Make a broadcast to all stations giving your ship's name, call sign and MMSI number and cancel the false distress alert. For example:

"All Stations, All Stations, All Stations. This is NAME, CALL SIGN, MMSI ID, POSITION. Cancel my distress alert of DATE, TIME, NAME, CALL SIGN."

## Receiving a Distress Call

The Ray49 receives distress messages sent by another vessel and/or acknowledgments (ACK) sent by a coast station to another vessel in distress. The radio also receives distress relays.

**Note:** *Class "D" DSC radios such as the Ray49 are forbidden by law from automatically acknowledging or relaying DSC distress calls. Upon receiving a distress call, you may hail the vessel in distress on channel 16 and standby to lend assistance if requested.*

When a Distress Call is received, the Ray49 automatically tunes to channel 16 and sounds the Distress Alarm Tone. (If you have disabled automatic channel changing, as described on page 84, you are first prompted whether to accept the call.)

Two alternating screens appear in the display. When position data and time is included within the signal, it is displayed on the first screen in the text area of the LCD. The second screen shows the nature of the distress and time it was sent.

The 2 alternating pages of data are recorded in the Distress Log. The envelope icon (✉) blinks until you accept the call, reject the call, or open the resulting unread message stored in the Log. See page "Received Calls (Logs)" on page 79.

### To mute the alert tone:

Press **CLR/WX**.

### To ignore the Distress Call:

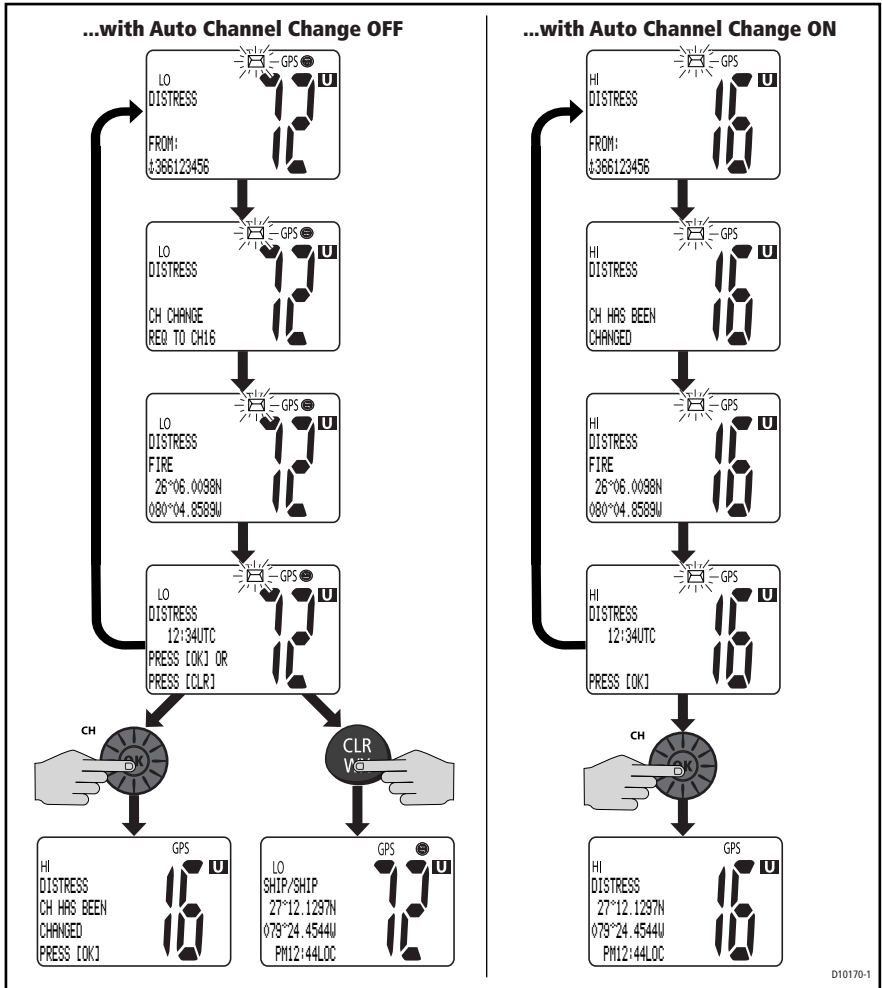
Press **CLR/WX** a second time. The envelope icon disappears, the call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the LCD.

### To accept a Distress Call when Auto Channel Change is OFF

1. Press the **CH/OK** knob. The alert tone is muted, the envelope icon disappears and the radio switches to channel 16.
2. Press **CH/OK** again to confirm the channel change. The radio returns to standby mode. Press **PTT** to communicate on channel 16.

### To accept a Distress Call when Auto Channel Change is ON

Press **CH/OK**. The alert tone is muted, the envelope icon disappears and the radio automatically switches to channel 16. Press **PTT** to communicate.



**Note:** The AUTO CH CHG option determines whether you want your radio automatically switched to channel 16 to receive the call or instead to be prompted to manually receive or decline the channel change. See page 84.

## Receiving a Distress Relay Sent by Another Station

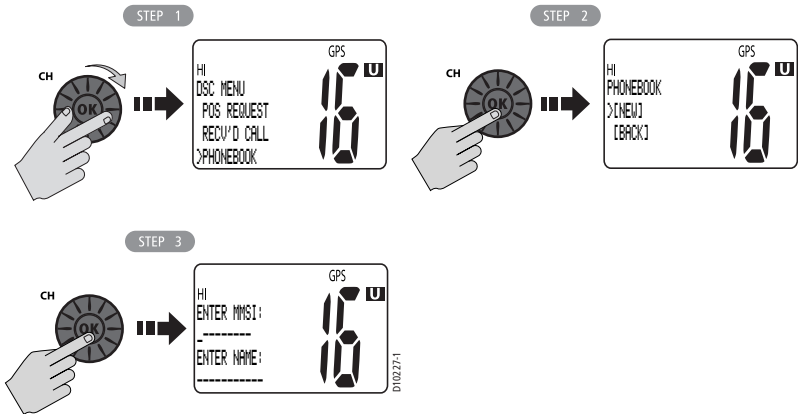
When a Distress Relay is received, an alarm sounds, the envelope icon blinks and the LCD displays two alternating screens. Page 1 displays the Name/MMSI ID of the station sending the message. Page 2 displays the Name/MMSI ID of the vessel in distress and its lat/lon position. The radio does not resend distress relay messages.

### 5.3 DSC Phonebook

The Phonebook stores up to 30 preprogrammed MMSI numbers that you can select for making an Individual Call. The numbers are stored by name and contain the station’s MMSI number. You can add, edit and delete entries from the Phonebook, much as you would on a cellular telephone. The NAME field can be up to 11 alpha-numeric characters (all capitals) in length. 13 symbols are also available. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob to make an item appear on the dot matrix display and then press in **CH/OK** to select that item.

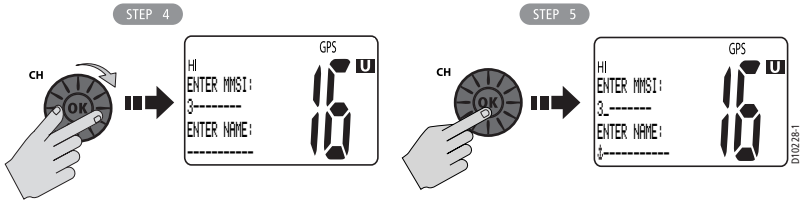
#### Adding a new Entry

1. From the DSC menu, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to PHONEBOOK.
2. Press in the **CH/OK** knob to select.  
The list of Phonebook entries appears. The arrow is pointing to <NEW>. If no entries have yet been entered, this is your only choice.
3. Press the **CH/OK** knob again to select. You are prompted to enter the MMSI number for the new entry. The first character space to be modified is highlighted with a flashing underline.

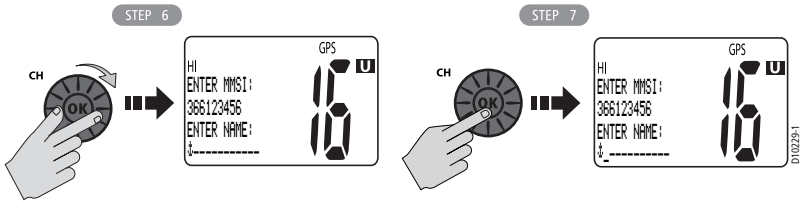


4. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob. The flashing underline is replaced with a numeric character. Continue rotating the knob to scroll through the selections.
5. When the appropriate number appears, press the **CH/OK** knob to accept. The next character to be filled in sequence is then underlined.





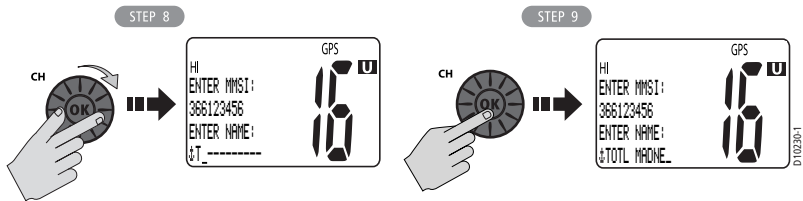
- 6. Continue this process until all MMSI digits have been entered.
- 7. When you press **CH/OK** to accept the final MSSI ID digit, the cursor moves on to the NAME field. The first character in this line is a symbol assigned by the radio, based on the MMSI number you entered.



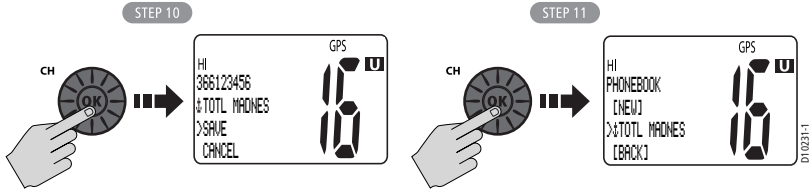
Coast Stations are identified by "00" at the beginning of the station name. If you enter 00 as the leading digits of the MMSI ID, the radio recognizes this as a coast station and automatically enters a tower symbol ( $\psi$ ).

If you enter a number other than 0 in the initial position of the MMSI ID, an anchor symbol ( $\downarrow$ ) is entered as a prefix to the name, identifying this as a Ship Station.

- 8. The first character space to be modified is highlighted with a flashing underline. Using the same procedure as above, rotate the **CH/OK** knob to select the NAME characters. All alpha and numeric characters are available, as well as 13 symbols: ! # % ' ( ) : ? / . , + -
- 9. Press **CH/OK** to accept. Continue this process until all NAME characters have been entered.



- 10. When complete, press **CH/OK** to accept.
- 11. Press **CH/OK** again to SAVE. The new entry appears in the list.



### Editing an Existing Entry

1. From the Phonebook, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow is pointing to the entry you wish to edit.
2. Press **CH/OK**. The list of options appear.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow is pointing to EDIT
4. Press **CH/OK** to select.
5. Make your changes to the NAME and MMSI ID, using **CH/OK**.
6. When finished, press **CH/OK** to save your changes. The revised name or MMSI number appears in the list.

### Deleting an Existing Entry

1. From the Phonebook, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow is pointing to the entry you wish to edit.
2. Press **CH/OK**. The list of options appear.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow is pointing to DELETE.
4. Press **CH/OK** to confirm your selection. The entry is removed from the list.

## 5.4 Individual Calls

The Ray49 can make Individual Routine calls.

### Making DSC Calls to Coast Stations

The examples in this handbook illustrate making DSC calls to Ship Stations. However, the procedures for making Individual Calls to a Coast Station are different. Calls to a Ship Station require that you enter a subsequent working channel chosen from a pre-programmed list offered to you by the Ray49. Calls to a Coast Station remove this step from the operating procedures. The Coast Station controls and indicates the subsequent working channel within its acknowledgement.

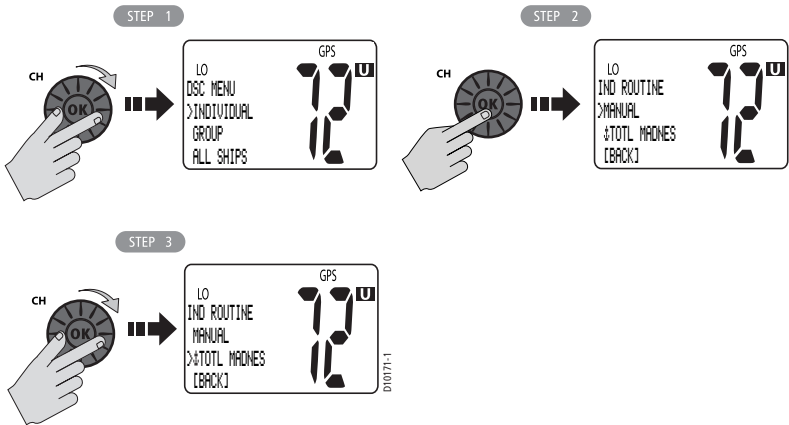
The Ray49 automatically detects the correct procedures for you based on the type of MMSI number you enter manually or with or the phonebook. If "00" is detected as the first two characters of the MMSI, Coast Station procedures are implemented automatically.

**Note:** *When making a call to a coast station, you will not be asked to select a working channel because that will be provided by the coast station.*

## Transmitting an Individual Call

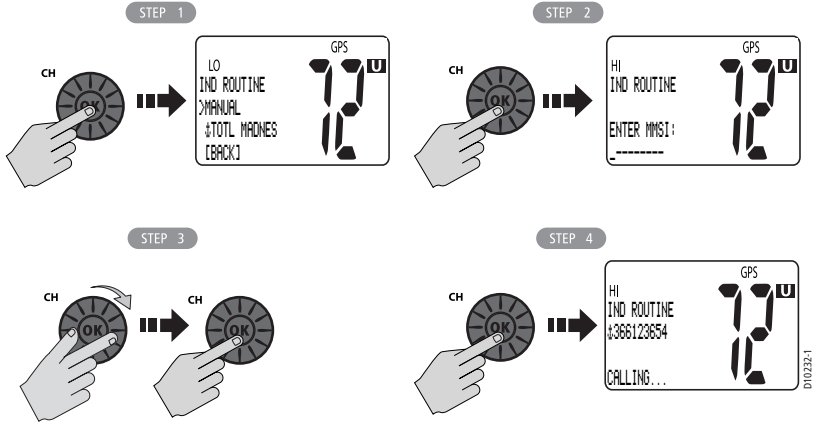
To make an Individual Call to a ship or coast station, you must select the specific MMSI number to contact and the working channel to be used for the call. The MMSI ID can be entered manually or selected from a Phonebook list of preprogrammed numbers specified using the MENU function, as follows:

1. From the DSC menu, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to INDIVIDUAL.
2. Press **CH/OK**. The Individual Routine menu appears, which displays any Phonebook entries you have saved and <MANUAL> for manual number entry.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to the desired individual name.

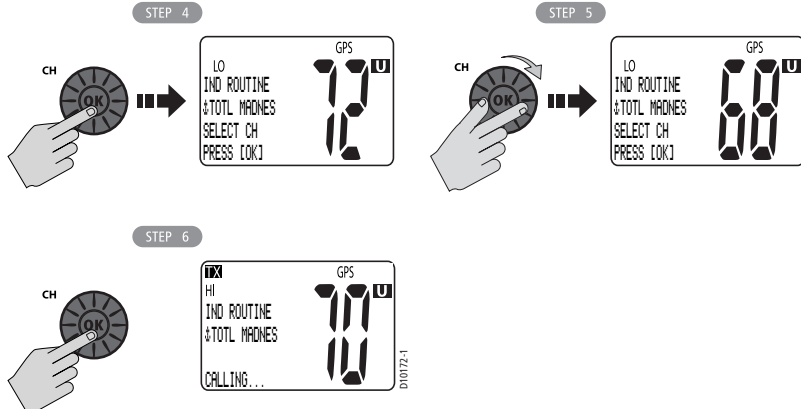


### If using MANUAL MMSI ID entry:

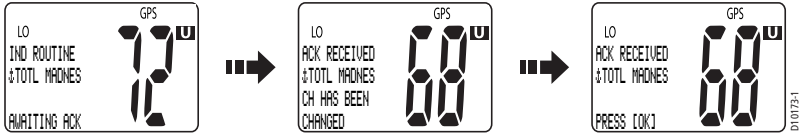
Enter the MMSI number using the **CH/OK** knob. Rotate **CH/OK** to select each character and then press in to accept. The next position to be modified is indicated by a blinking underline. A more-detailed description of manual character entry can be found in "Adding a new Entry" on page 64.



4. When the desired name is highlighted, press SELECT.
  5. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob to select the working channel to be used for the Individual Call and then press in **CH/OK** to accept. Select from 06, 08, 09, 10, 13, 16, 17, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73 or 77.
- Note:** Individual Calls to a Coast Station remove this step from the operating procedures. The Coast Station controls and indicates the working channel within its ACK.
6. Press **CH/OK** to transmit the call. The Individual Call is transmitted on channel 70, the radio tunes to the original channel and waits for acknowledgement. During this period you are still able to receive calls.



7. When the acknowledgement is received, the radio automatically switches to the selected working channel and sounds a DSC Call alert ring. Press **CH/OK** to confirm.

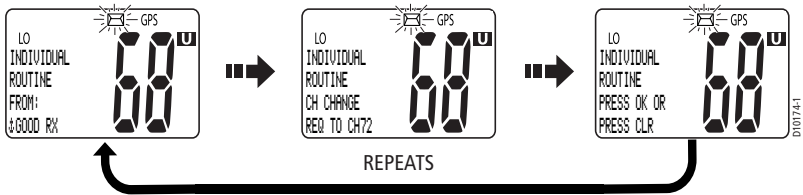


Press **PTT** to communicate on the specified channel. Pressing PTT at any time before an ACK is received cancels the Individual Call

## Receiving Individual Calls

When an Individual Call is received, an alert tone sounds, the envelope icon blinks and the LCD alternates among 3 screens displaying the name (or MMSI ID) of the station initiating the call and that a request for a change of working channels is being made. The channel does not change until you accept.

The 3 alternating pages of data are recorded in the Call Log. The envelope icon (✉) blinks until you accept the call, reject the call, or open the resulting unread message stored in the Log. See page “Received Calls (Logs)” on page 79.



### To mute the alert tone:

Press **CLR/WX**. Automatic cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

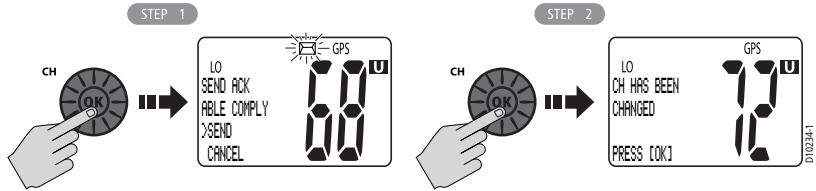
### To ignore the Individual Call:

Press **CLR/WX** a second time. The envelope icon disappears, the call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the LCD.

### To accept an Individual Call:

1. Press **CH/OK** to change channels to the one designated by the caller. The alert tone is muted and the envelope icon disappears.
2. If the caller requests an acknowledgement, press **CH/OK** to send.
3. When the caller responds to the ACK, press **CH/OK** to return to standby mode. Establish voice communications on the designated channel by pressing **PTT**.

If the caller requests that you change to an unsupported working channel the message **INVALID CHANNEL** appears on the LCD. If an acknowledgement is sent, the originating station is sent the message **UNABLE TO COMPLY**, indicating that your radio could not make the requested channel change.



## 5.5 Group Calls

The Group Call feature sends transmissions that are only received by radios sharing a common Group MMSI number, such as a flotilla or racing fleet. The Ray49 sends Group Routine calls.

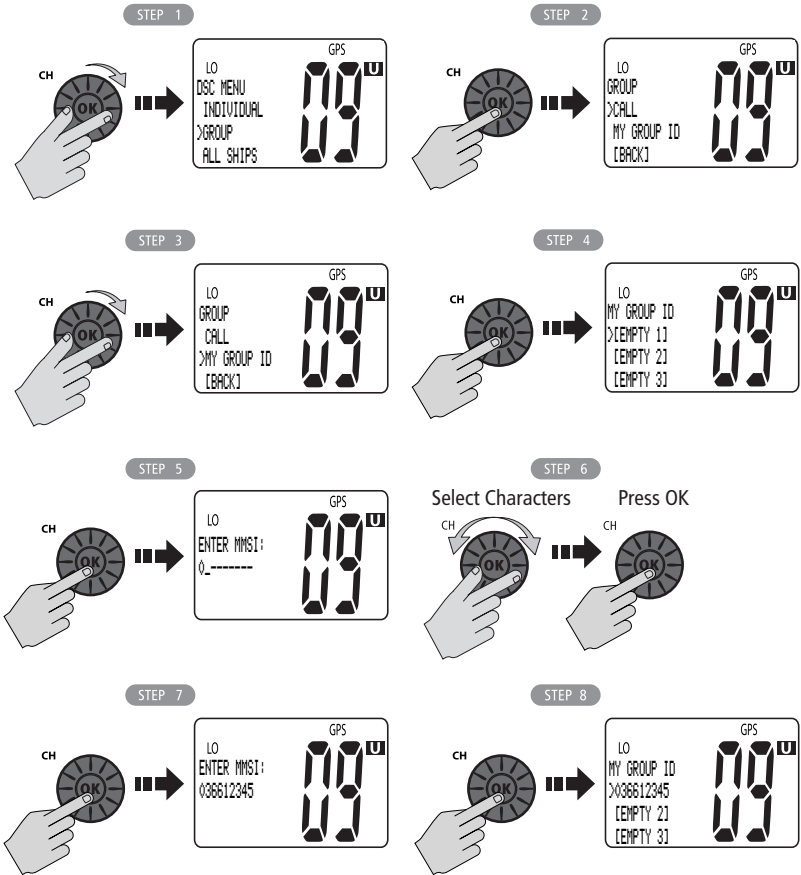
### Group MMSI Setup

You can program up to three Group MMSI ID numbers. Group MMSI ID numbers always begin with a zero (0). You only enter the last 8 digits of the Group ID number; the initial "0" is automatically entered for you.

#### Adding a New Group

1. From the DSC menu, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to GROUP.
2. Press **CH/OK** to select. Group options appear, with the arrow pointing to CALL.
3. Rotate **CH/OK** until the arrow points to MY GROUP ID.
4. Press **CH/OK** to select. If existing Group MMSI ID numbers are already stored, those values appear. If blank, <EMPTY 1>, <EMPTY 2>, etc. are shown to indicate that the Group IDs have not yet been programmed. Select the first available empty group location.
5. Press **CH/OK** to select. The GROUP MMSI field appears. The initial "0" is automatically entered for you, indicating that this is a Group MMSI ID. The first character space that you can modify is highlighted with a flashing underline.
6. Fill in the GROUP MMSI fields one number at a time, using the **CH/OK** knob:
  - Rotate to **CH/OK** display the desired character.
  - Press in **CH/OK** to accept and move on to the next character space. Repeat this process to fill in all MMSI numbers. (A more-detailed description of manual character entry can be found in "Adding a new Entry" on page 64.)
7. Press **CH/OK** to accept.
8. When complete, press **CH/OK** to confirm. The new entry appears in the list.

Use the same procedure to edit an existing entry in the list.

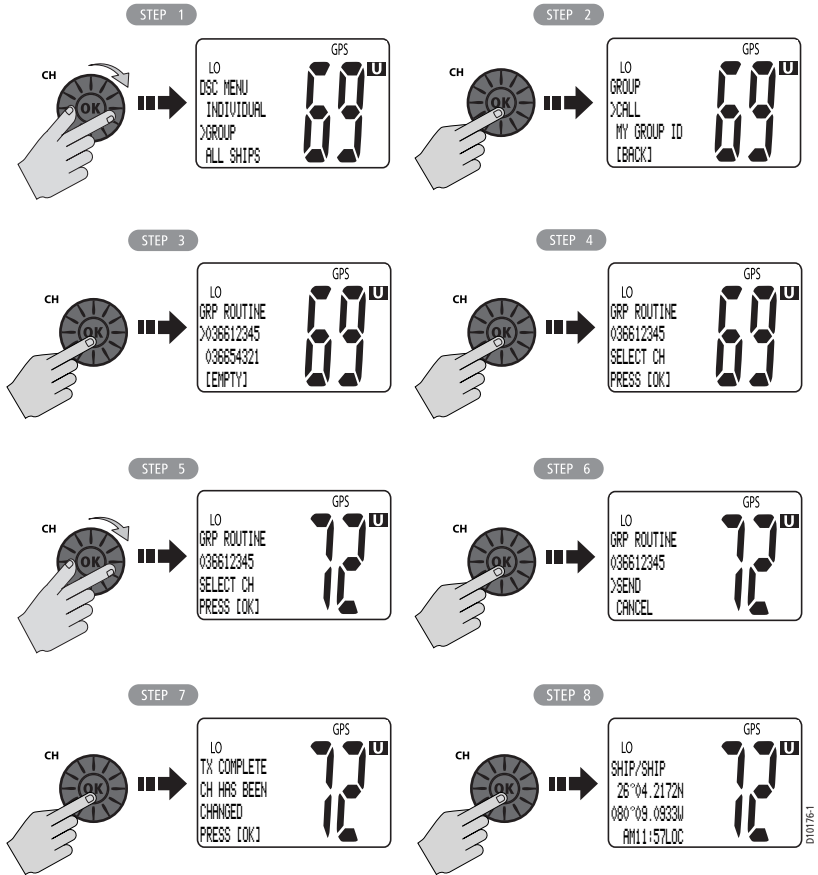


## Transmitting a Group Call

To call another vessel in the group, select the Group Name to contact from the list of numbers described in the preceding section and the working channel to be used for the Group Call.

1. From the DSC menu, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to **GROUP**.
2. Press **CH/OK** to select. Group options appear, with the arrow pointing to **CALL**.
3. Press the **CH/OK** knob to select **CALL**. The group entries that you have saved appear. Point to the group name you wish to call.
4. Press **CH/OK** to select.

5. Rotate **CH/OK** to select the working channel to be used for the call.
6. Press **CH/OK** to select. You are prompted to send the call or cancel the call.
7. Press **CH/OK** to transmit the Group Call.  
The Group Call is transmitted on channel 70, and the radio tunes to the designated working channel to be used for the Group Call.
8. Press **CH/OK** to confirm and converse on the designated channel.



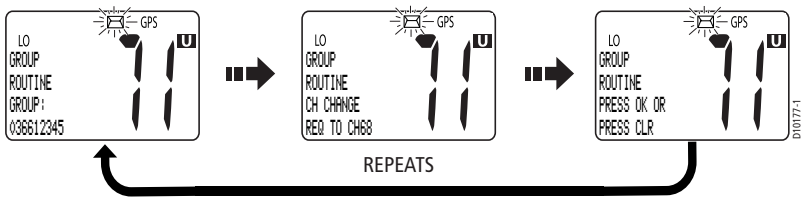


## Receiving Group Calls

The Ray49 can receive Group Routine Calls from anyone in your prearranged group.

When a Group Call is received, the LCD alternates among 3 screens displaying the or MMSI ID of the station in the group initiating the call and that a request for a change of working channels is being made.

The 3 alternating pages of data are recorded in the Call Log. The envelope icon (✉) blinks until you accept the call, reject the call, or open the resulting unread message stored in the Log. See page "Received Calls (Logs)" on page 79.



### To mute the alert tone:

Press **CLR/WX**. Automatic cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

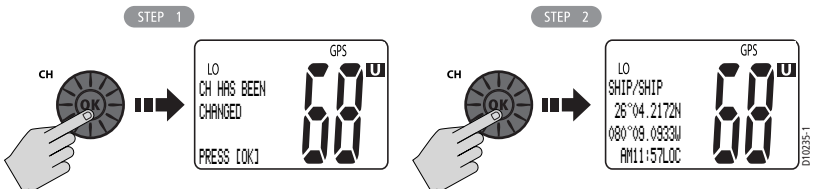
### To ignore the Group Call:

Press **CLR/WX** a second time. The envelope icon disappears, the call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the LCD.

### To accept the Group Call:

1. Press **CH/OK** to change channels to the one designated by the caller. The alert tone is muted and the envelope icon disappears.
2. Press **CH/OK** to return to the standby mode. Establish voice communications on the designated channel by pressing **PTT**.

If the caller requests that you change to an unsupported working channel the message **INVALID CHANNEL** appears on the LCD. If an acknowledgement is sent, the originating station is sent the message **UNABLE TO COMPLY**, indicating that your radio could not make the requested channel change.

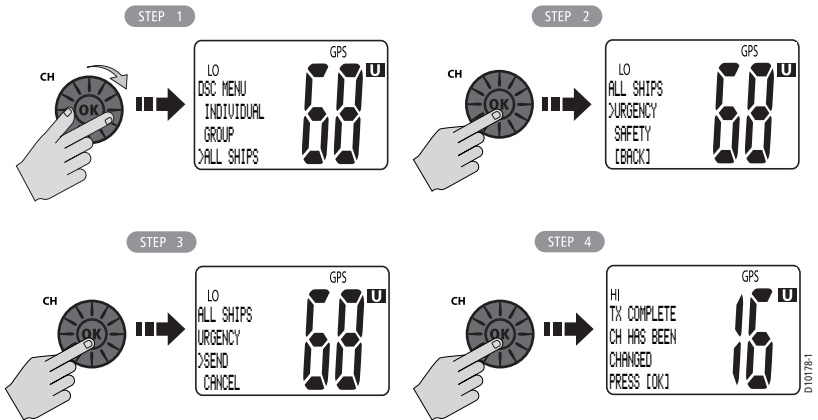


## 5.6 All Ships Calls

An All Ships Call sends out a message to all stations within range. The Ray49 can make All Ships Safety Calls for advisory alerts and Urgency Calls when assistance is required but life is not in danger. For example, you might send a Safety Call to warn others there is a large floating object that may be a hazard to navigation. A sample Urgency Call might be that you have an illness or an accident on board. The All Ships Call is made on channel 70, and then the radio automatically switches to channel 16 at high power for voice communications.

### Transmitting an All Ships Call

1. From the DSC menu, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to ALL SHIPS.
2. Press **CH/OK** to select. Choose the type of call you wish to make: URGENCY or SAFETY.
3. Press **CH/OK** again to transmit the call. The call is transmitted on channel 70, and then the radio tunes to channel 16 at high power.
4. Press **CH/OK** to reconfirm the All Ships Call. The radio returns to standby mode.  
Press **PTT** to communicate on channel 16.



### Receiving an All Ships Call

How the radio processes an incoming All Ships Call depends upon the call's priority. Routine and Safety calls have a lower priority than All Ships Urgency and Distress calls.

### All Ships Routine or Safety

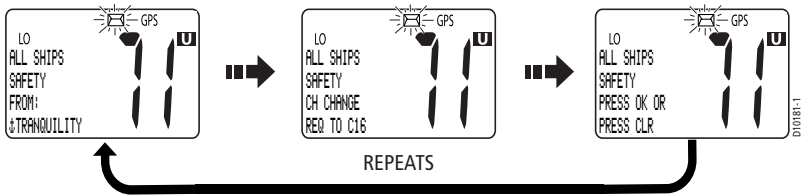
When an All Ships Routine or Safety Call is received, the LCD alternates among 3 screens displaying the name (or MMSI ID) of the station initiating the call and that a change of channels has been made. The 3 alternating pages of data are recorded in the Call Log. The envelope icon (✉) blinks until you accept the call, reject the call, or open the resulting unread message stored in the log. See page "Received Calls (Logs)" on page 79.

#### To mute the alert tone:

Press **CLR/WX**. Automatic cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

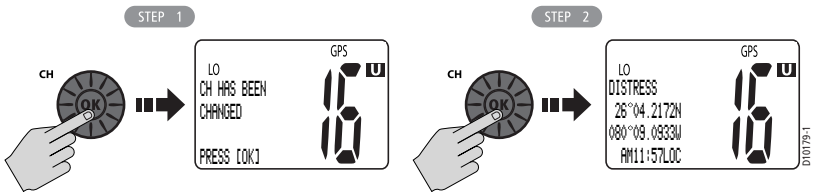
#### To ignore the All Ships Call:

Press **CLR/WX** a second time. The envelope icon disappears, the call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the LCD.




#### To accept an All Ships Routine or Safety Call:

1. Press the **CH/OK** knob. The alert tone is muted, the envelope icon disappears and the radio switches to channel 16.
2. Press **CH/OK** again to confirm the channel change. The radio returns to standby mode. Press **PTT** to communicate on channel 16.



#### All Ships Urgency or Distress Call

For an Urgency or Distress Call, the Automatic Channel Change option (see page 84) determines how the call is handled. If set ON, the radio automatically switches to Priority Channel 16 for voice communications. If OFF, you are prompted to manually accept or decline the call and channel change by pressing **CH/OK** or **CLR/WX**, respectively. When set OFF, the  icon appears.



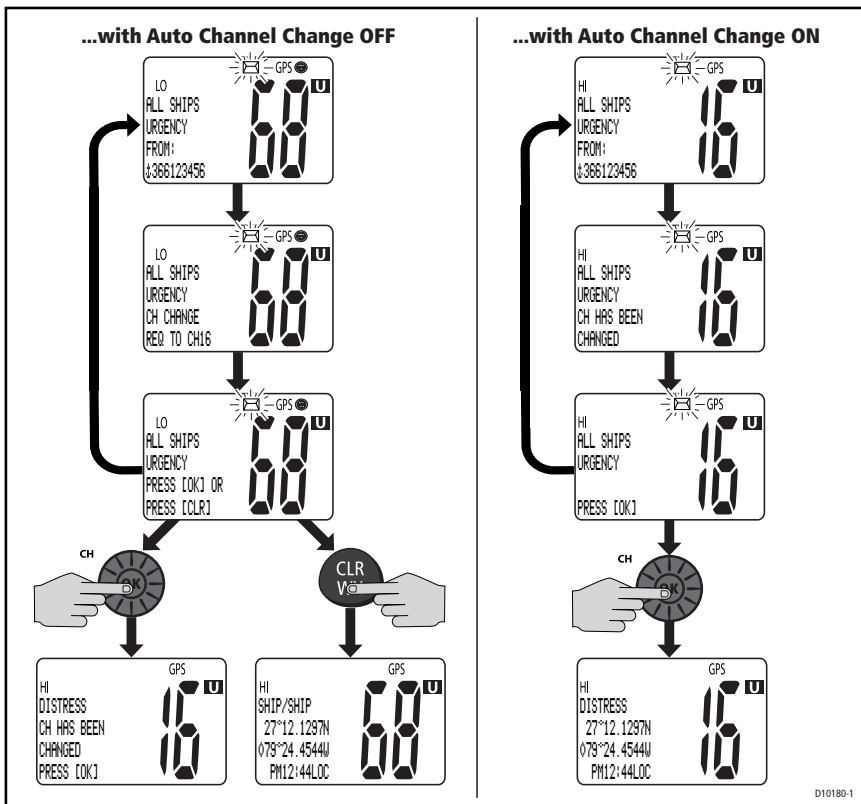
### To accept an All Ships Urgency or Distress Call when Auto Channel Change is OFF

1. Press **CH/OK**. The alert tone is muted, the envelope icon disappears and the radio switches to channel 16.
2. Press **CH/OK** again to confirm the channel change. The radio returns to standby mode. Press **PTT** to communicate on channel 16.

### To accept an All Ships Urgency or Distress Call when Auto Channel Change is ON

Press the **CH/OK** knob. The alert tone is muted, the envelope icon disappears and the radio automatically switches to channel 16. Press **PTT** to communicate.

If the caller requests that you change to an unsupported working channel the message INVALID CHANNEL appears on the LCD. If an acknowledgement is sent, the originating station is sent the message UNABLE TO COMPLY, indicating that your radio could not make the requested channel change.

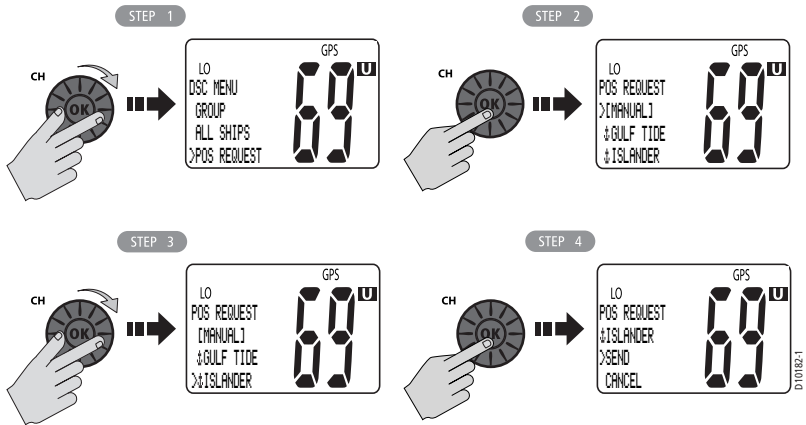


## 5.7 Position Request

With this option you can request GPS position information from any station capable of responding to this type of call and for which an MMSI number is known. You can specify the target station either by selecting it from your MMSI phonebook or by manually entering its MMSI number.

### Specifying the Target Vessel

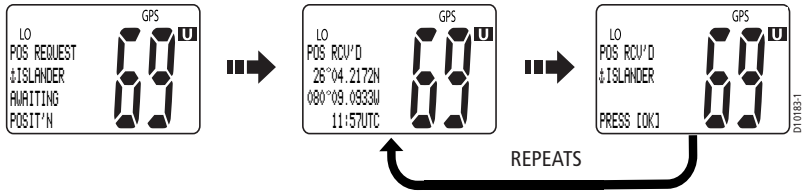
1. Select POS REQUEST from the DSC menu.
2. Select the target station name from the phonebook.  
—or—  
Select <MANUAL> and enter the target station’s MMSI number, as described in “Adding a new Entry” on page 64.
3. Press SEND to transmit the Position Request Call.  
The call is transmitted on channel 70, and then the radio tunes to the original channel and waits for acknowledgement. During this period you are still able to receive calls.



#### When the Position Request is accepted by the receiving station:

When the position request is received, the Ray49 shows that the call has been accepted by the requested station. The radio sounds a Call Alert tone. Press any key to mute the alert tone. It shuts off automatically after two minutes.

Press **CLR/WX** to exit to normal radio operation. You can retrieve the position information later using DSC MENU > RECV'D CALLS > POSIT'N LOG.



### Retrieving the Last Received Position Data

1. From the DSC Menu, select RECV'D CALLS.
2. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob or press the up down arrow keys to select POSIT'N LOG.
3. Press **CH/OK**. The last received position request data (LAST CALL) is displayed.

**Note:** Only the last position is saved. The next received position will overwrite the existing position data.

Press BACK or the **CLR/WX** key to exit.

### Receiving a Position Request From Another Station

If you receive a position request from another station, how the Ray49 responds depends on the option you have set in the Position Reply menu item (see page 85). OFF will not send position data under any circumstances. AUTO sends out your vessel's position data as soon as it is requested. MANUAL sends out the data only after you respond to the request.

The 2 alternating pages of data are recorded in the Posit'n Log. The envelope icon (✉) blinks until automatically accepted or you manually accept the call, reject the call, or open the resulting unread message stored in the Log. See page "Received Calls (Logs)" on page 79.

When a Manual Position Reply is received, the requesting station's MMSI number or station name (if entered in the Phonebook) is displayed. Press **CH/OK** to accept the request to send your position data. Decline the request by pressing the **CLR/WX** key.



## 5.8 Received Calls (Logs)

The radio maintains lists of the last received DSC call types by number and time of call. Separate logs are maintained for the following:

1. Distress (up to 10 entries, per log)
  - Distress Log
  - Distress ACK Log
  - Distress Relay Log
2. Call Log (up to 30 total entries)
  - Individual Calls
  - All Ship Calls
  - Group Calls
3. Position Log
  - Last call received

If the calling vessel or station is listed in your DSC Phonebook, the vessel or station name appears in the display as it is listed. If the caller is not listed in your directory, the caller’s MMSI ID number appears in the display.



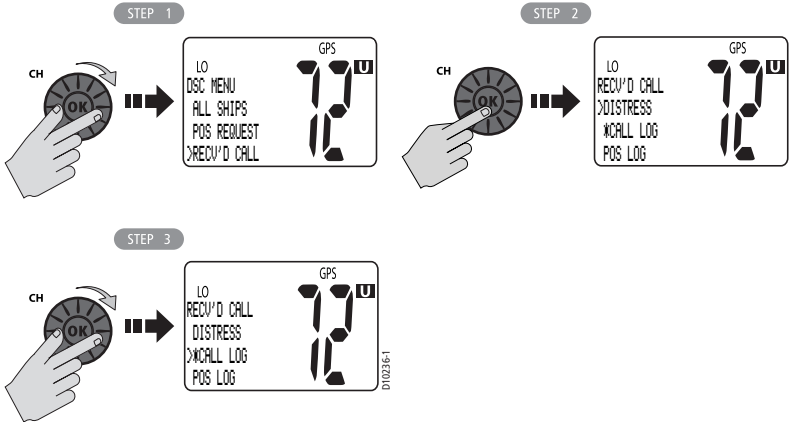
When a DSC Call is received, the envelope icon blinks on the LCD and an asterisk (\*) appears to the left of the appropriate log. The envelope icon and arrow symbol disappear when the log is opened.

Coast Stations are identified by MMSI ID numbers beginning with “00”. If you have assigned a name for a Coast Station in the phonebook, a tower symbol (⚓) precedes the name field in the log to identify it as such. Similarly, Group Stations have a single “0” in the initial MMSI number position. If the MMSI ID begins with any number other than “0”, an anchor symbol (⚓) is entered as a prefix to the name, identifying this as a Ship Station.

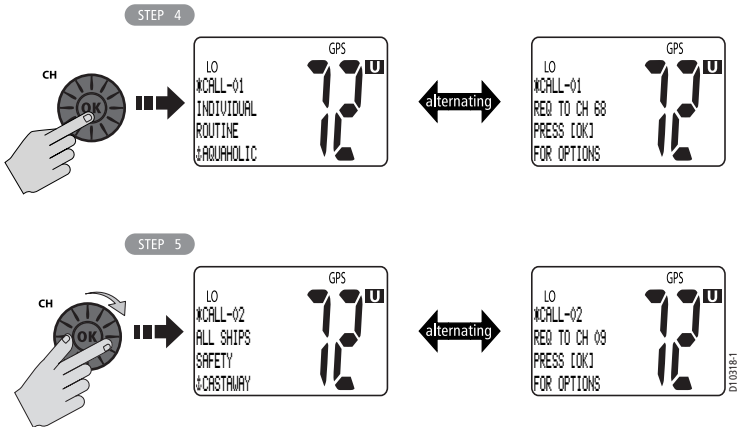
Station Type	MMSI ID Layout	Phonebook/ Log Symbol
Ship	xxxxxxxx	⚓
Group	0xxxxxxxx	none
Coast	00xxxxxxxx	⚓

**To view the Received Call Logs:**

1. From the DSC menu, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to **RECV'D CALL**.
2. Press **CH/OK**. Three log categories appear: **DISTRESS**, **CALL LOG** and **POSIT'N LOG**. If any of these logs contain an unread item, an asterisk (\*) appears to the left of the log name.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to the desired log.



4. Press **CH/OK** to select. Entry 01 appears first with call type and time of the last call. This is the most recent call.
5. Using the **CH/OK** knob on the transceiver or **CH** up/down arrows on the microphone, scroll down the list of up to 30 entries.

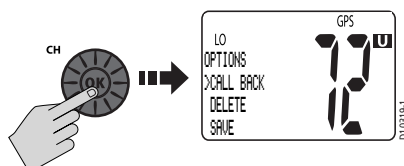




If the caller had requested a change to an unsupported working channel (channel 75, for example), Unable to Comply appears, indicating the radio could not comply with the channel change request.

## Log Entry Options

The DSC Call Logs provide additional options for each entry. When the prompt appears PRESS [OK] FOR MORE OPTIONS, press the **CH/OK** knob. Select from the following:



- Call Back. Makes a routine Individual Call to the caller listed in the entry.
- Delete. Remove this entry from the log.
- Save. Stores any undefined MMSI number into the Phonebook and enables you to assign a corresponding name to it. If a name is already assigned for this MMSI number in the phonebook, you are prompted to edit the name.

## 5.9 DSC Setup

The DSC Setup menu item is used to determine the following functions:

- the radio's MMSI ID number
- how your radio responds to a Position Reply request
- whether your radio automatically changes channels for incoming Distress and All Ships Urgency Calls

### To adjust the DSC settings:

1. Press and hold the **MENU/DSC** key for 3 seconds to enter DSC Menu mode.
2. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to DSC SETUP.
3. Press **CH/OK** to accept. The DSC Setup screen appears.

Make your selection from the following options:

- MY MMSI ID
- AUTO CH CHG
- POS REPLY

## My MMSI ID

This operation stores the MMSI number required for DSC communications, including Distress Calls. If you try to access a DSC function before entering the MMSI number, an error message appears and you are prompted to enter the MMSI ID.

**Note:** *You can obtain an MMSI number from BoatUS ([www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)).*

This is a one time operation. After the MMSI number is programmed:

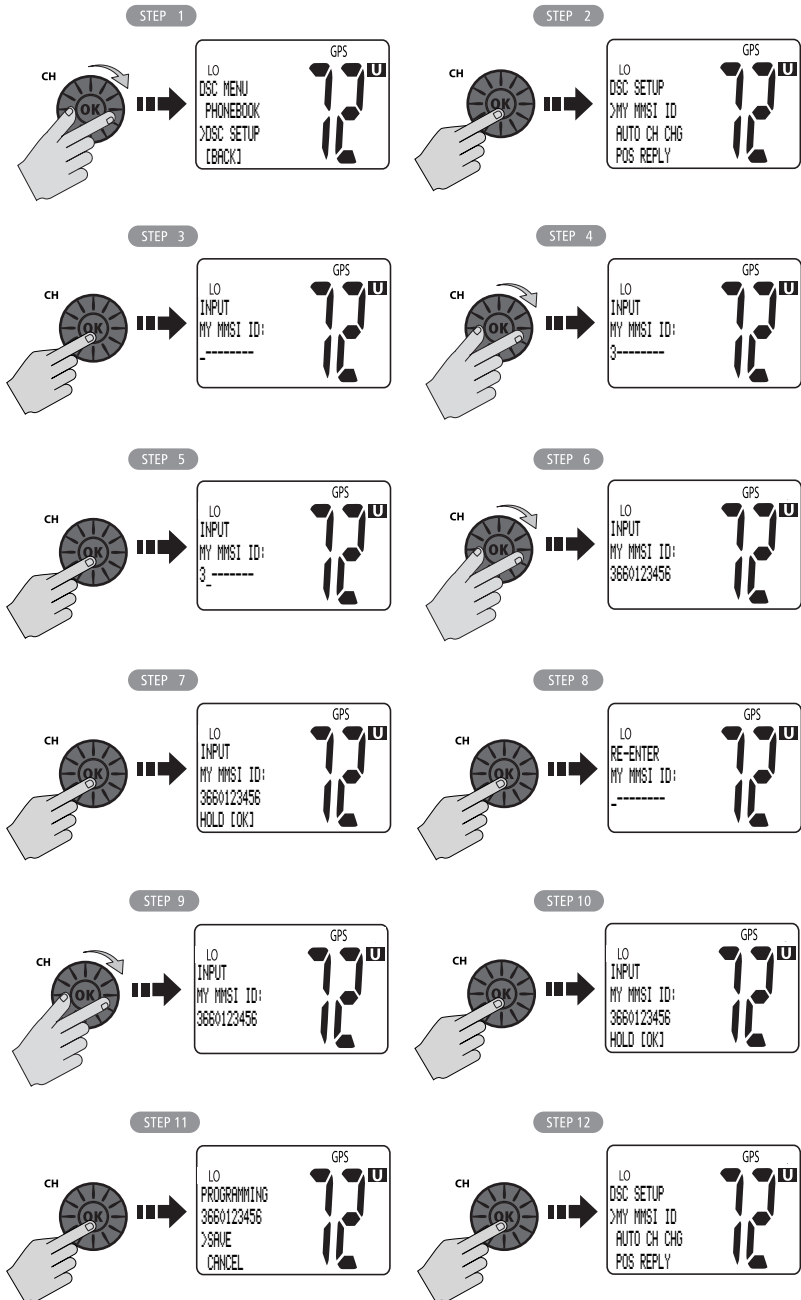
- you will not be able to change it
- only your dealer/distributor can change it
- after entering your MMSI ID, accessing this menu item will merely display the programmed number

### To enter or view the MMSI ID number:

1. From DSC MENU, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to DSC SETUP.
2. Press the **CH/OK** knob to accept. The DSC SETUP menu items appear.
3. Press **CH/OK** to select MY MMSI ID.  
If an existing MMSI ID is stored, the value appears. If the MMSI ID is blank, dashes appear, indicating that one has yet to be entered. The first character space to be modified is highlighted with a flashing underline.
4. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob. The flashing underline is replaced with a numeric character. Continue rotating the knob to scroll through the selections.
5. When the appropriate number appears, press **CH/OK** to accept.  
The next character to be filled in sequence is then underlined.
6. Continue this process until all MMSI characters have been entered.
7. When all digits have been selected, press **CH/OK** to accept.
8. Press and hold the **CH/OK** knob. You are prompted to re-enter the MMSI number.
9. Using the **CH/OK** knob, re-enter all nine MMSI digits to confirm.
10. Press **CH/OK** to accept your selections.  
If the second entry does not match the first entry, a warning message is displayed and you are prompted to retry.
11. When complete, press and hold **CH/OK** to accept.
12. Press **CH/OK** one last time to SAVE the MMSI ID number and return to the DSC SETUP screen.


### Note:

- You cannot begin the MMSI ID number with "0" (single zero), as this prefix indicates a GROUP ID.
- You cannot begin the MMSI ID number with "00" (double zero), as this prefix indicates a COAST STATION.



## Automatic Channel Changing for Incoming Calls


For incoming Distress and All Ships Urgency Calls, this option determines whether your radio automatically switches to Priority Channel 16 to receive the call or prompts you to manually accept or decline the channel change.

The default setting is to ENABLE the auto channel change. If set OFF, the  icon appears on the LCD.

This feature is useful for preventing your radio from automatically switching channels while you are maintaining a continuous watch on a certain channel (for example, in a VTS controlled area) or working with other vessels (for example, for towage).

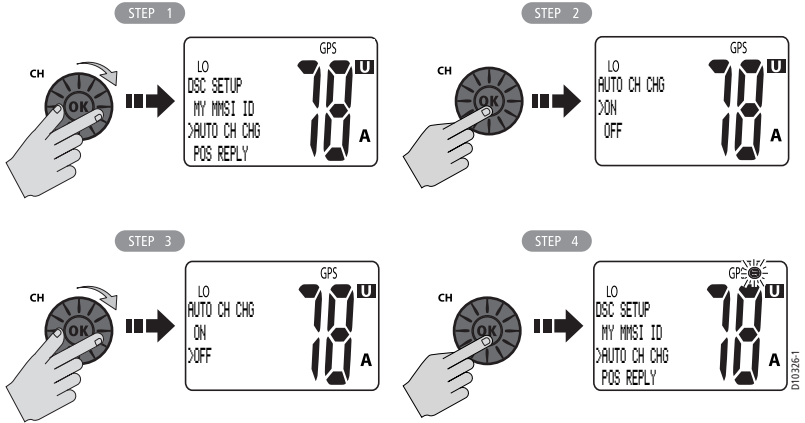
**Note:** *This feature can disable automatic channel switching for incoming DSC Distress and All Ships Urgency Calls. If enabled, you are responsible for determining whether manually declining the call is appropriate.*

### To enable/disable automatic channel change:

1. From DSC SETUP, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to AUTO CH CHG.
2. Press the **CH/OK** knob to accept.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to your selection:
  - If you accept ON (the default), your Ray49 automatically changes to channel 16 when a Distress or All Ships Urgency Call is received.
  - If you accept OFF, on receipt of a Distress or All Ships Urgency Call you are presented with brief details of the call and advised that a change to channel 16 has been requested. You can either accept the channel change or decline, thereby continuing to monitor your current channel. When set OFF, the  icon appears on the LCD.

If you accept the request, the call is received, a tone sounds and the radio is changed to channel 16. Pressing any key disables the alarm. If you ignore the call, after 5 minutes the radio declines the call, records the call in the Call Log and maintains normal operation.

4. Press **CH/OK** to accept.



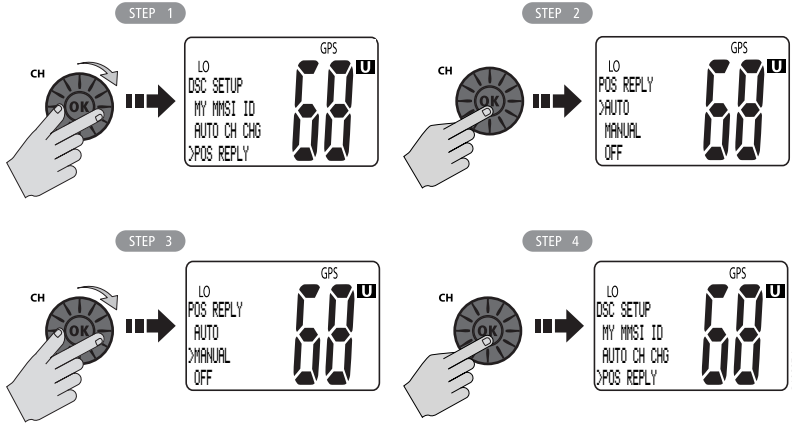
## Position Reply

This option enables you to determine how your radio responds to a request for your GPS position information (lat/lon) from another station.

### To enable/disable Position Reply:

1. From DSC SETUP, rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to POS REPLY.
2. Press the **CH/OK** knob to accept.
3. Rotate the **CH/OK** knob until the arrow points to your selection:
  - AUTO sends out your vessel’s position data as soon as it is requested.
  - MANUAL sends out the data only after you respond to the request.
  - OFF will not send position data under any circumstances, nor notify you that the request has been made.
4. Press **CH/OK** to accept.

The default setting is MANUAL, which is described in “Position Request” on page 77.



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# Chapter 6: Customer Service

This chapter provides information on service for your Ray49.

## 6.1 How to Contact Raymarine

### On the Internet

Visit the Raymarine World Wide Web site for the latest information on Raymarine electronic equipment and systems at:

[www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com)

### Customer Support

Navigate to the Customer Support page for links for:

- Finding Factory Service locations and Authorized Dealers near you
- Registering your Raymarine products
- Accessing handbooks in Adobe Acrobat format
- Downloading RayTech software updates
- Accessing the Raymarine solution database

Clicking the Find Answers link routes you to our solution database. Search questions and answers by product, category, keywords, or phrases. If the answer you are seeking is not available, click the Ask Raymarine tab to submit your own question to our technical support staff, who will reply to you by e-mail.

### Product Repair and Service

In the unlikely event your Raymarine unit should develop a problem, please contact your authorized Raymarine dealer/distributor for assistance. The dealer is best equipped to handle your service requirements and can offer timesaving help in getting the equipment back into normal operation.

In the event that repairs can not be obtained conveniently, product service may also be obtained by returning the unit to:

Raymarine, Inc.  
Product Repair Center  
21 Manchester Street  
Merrimack, NH 03054-4801

The Product Repair Center is open Monday through Friday 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All products returned to the Repair Center are registered upon receipt. Should you wish to inquire about the repair status of your unit, contact the Product Repair Center at:

603-881-5200 ext. 2118

Please have the product reference number, or unit serial number, ready when you call. We will do everything possible to repair and return your unit quickly.

## **Accessories and Parts**

Many Raymarine accessory items and parts can be obtained directly from your authorized Raymarine dealer.

However, if you are in need of an item not available from the retailer, please contact Raymarine Technical Services at:

603-881-5200 ext. 2333

Please have the Raymarine item or part number ready when calling if placing an order. If you are not sure which item is appropriate for your unit, you should first contact the Technical Support Department to verify your requirements.

## **Technical Support**

For technical support, call:

603-881-5200 ext. 2444

Our Technical Support Specialists are available to answer questions about installing, operating and trouble-shooting all Raymarine products. Technical Service is available Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Eastern Time.

Questions can be sent directly to our Technical Support Department via the Internet. Point your browser to [www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com) and click on the Customer Support link. From there, select Find Answers and click the Ask Raymarine tab.



# Appendix A: Specifications

## General

Mounting	Bracket or flush mount	
Size (H x W x D): Ray49		
Flush Mounted	2.87 x 6.57 x 6.89in (73 x 167 x 175mm)	
Bracket Mounted	3.56 x 7.05 x 6.89in (90.3 x 179 x 175mm)	
Weight, Ray49: Transceiver & Microphone	2.5 lbs (1.13 kg)	
Power	12 VDC system (13.6 VDC, typical)	
Environmental:	Waterproof to IPX7	
Operating Range	-10°C to +50°C	
Storage Range	-20°C to +70°C	
Humidity	up to 95%	
Frequency Range:		
Transmit:	156.050 to 157.425 MHz	
Receive	156.050 to 163.275 MHz	
Oscillate Mode	PLL	
Modulation	FM (16K0G3E) DSC (16K0G2B)	
Channel Spacing	25 kHz Increments	
Frequency Stability	+/- 10 PPM (+/- 0.001%)	
Audio Output Power	3.5 watts, typical (at 10% distortion with 4 ohm load), 5 watts peak.	
Antenna Port Impedance	50 ohms, typical	
NMEA Port Impedance	100 ohms	
External Speaker Impedance	4 ohms	
NMEA IN Sentences supported (NMEA 0183 ver. 3.01):	GLL	Geographic position, Latitude/Longitude
	GGA	GPS fix data
	RMA	Recommended minimum data for LORAN
	RMC	Recommended minimum data for GPS
	GNS	GNSS fix data
NMEA OUT Sentences (NMEA 0183 ver. 3.01):	DSC	DSC data
	DSE	Extended DSC data

## Transmitter

Frequency Error	10 ppm
RF Power (at 13.6 VDC):	
Hi Mode	25 W
Lo Mode	1 W
Maximum Deviation	± 5 KHz
FM Hum and Noise Level	less than -40 dB below audio level
Audio Distortion	less than 10%
Adjacent Channel Power	more than 70 dB
Spurious/Harmonic Emissions	less than -70 dBc
Current Drain:	
Hi Power at 13.6V DC	less than 6 A

## Receiver

Sensitivity @ 12db SINAD	0.28 $\mu$ V, typical
Hum and Noise	less than -40 dB below audio level
Audio Distortion	less than 10%
Adjacent Channel Rejection	more than 70 dB, typical
Intermodulation Rejection Ratio	more than 68 dB, typical
Spurious Image Rejection	more than 70 dB, typical
Squelch Sensitivity @ 12db SINAD	
at tight	less than 1 $\mu$ V,
at threshold	less than 0.28 $\mu$ V

## Appendix B: Radio Controls

This section is a quick reference to your radio's controls.



### Microphone Keys

Key Name	Press & Release	Press & Hold 3 seconds
1. PTT	Push-to-Talk	Push-to-Talk
2. HI/LO LOC/DIS	TX Power High/Low and ACCEPT key for menu item selections	Toggles between full receiver sensitivity (Distant mode) and attenuated receiver sensitivity (Local mode).
3. 16/9	Switch between the Priority and Working Channels	Switch to Secondary Priority CH (9); If already tuned to secondary channel, program a new secondary Priority Channel.
4. UP/DOWN	Channel changing and navigating menu item selections	Rapid channel change and navigating menu item selections
5. SCAN/SAVE	Initiate Priority Saved Scan mode or terminate any active scan.	SAVE/DELETE channel to/from memory

## Transceiver Controls

Key Name	Function
6. CH/OK	Rotate to change channels or navigate menu items. Press to accept menu item selections.
7. PWR/VOL	Power radio ON / OFF and adjust volume level
8. SQ	Adjust squelch threshold level

## Transceiver Push Keys

Key Name	Press & Release	Press & Hold 3 seconds
9. MENU/DSC	Activate Menu functions	Activate DSC functions
10. CLR/WX	Cancel function	Weather Channel Mode
11. DW/TRI	Activate Dual Watch	Activate Tri Watch
12. 16/9	Switch between the Priority and Working Channels	Switch to secondary Priority CH (9); If already tuned to secondary channel, program a new secondary Priority Channel.
13. DISTRESS	Designate Distress Type	Make Distress Call

# Appendix C: Menu Structure

Following is the structure of the menu that appears when the **MENU/DSC** key is pressed and then immediately released.

## MENU

### VHF OPERATIONS

- Scan Mode
  - All Scan
  - Priority All Scan
  - Saved Scan
  - Priority Saved Scan
- HI/LO Power
  - High (25W)
  - Low (1 W)
- Save Channel
  - Save
  - Clear
- Watch Mode
  - Dual Watch
  - Tri Watch
- Frequency Band
  - USA
  - International
  - Canada
- Channel Name
  - Edit
  - Clear
- Sensitivity
  - Local
  - Distant

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## MENU (continued)

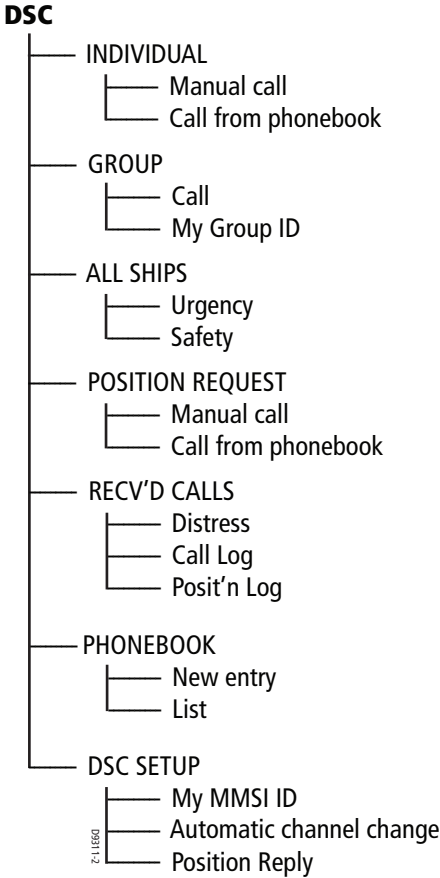
### GPS SETUP

- Manual Position Setting
  - Lat/Lon
  - Time Display
  - Time Offset
  - Time Format
  - COG/SOG
- NMEA Output
  - On
  - Off

### SYSTEM CONFIG

- Backlight
- Contrast
- Key Beep
- Signal Bar
- Bearing Mode
  - True
  - Magnetic
- Speed Unit
  - Knots
  - MPH
  - KPH
- System Test
- Version Number
- Reset

Following is the structure of the menu that appears when the **MENU/DSC** key is pressed and held for 3 seconds.



# Appendix D: Channel List

## U.S. Marine VHF Channels and Frequencies

CH. No	XMIT Freq	RCV Freq	Single Freq	Use
01A	156.050	156.050	x	Port Operations and Commercial, VTS. Available only in New Orleans / Lower Mississippi area. <sup>1</sup>
03A	156.150	156.150	x	U.S. Government only
05A	156.250	156.250	x	Port Operations or VTS in the Houston, New Orleans and Seattle areas.
06	156.300	156.300	x	Intership Safety
07A	156.350	156.350	x	Commercial
08	156.400	156.400	x	Commercial (Intership only)
09	156.450	156.450	x	Boater Calling. Commercial and Non-Commercial.
10	156.500	156.500	x	Commercial
11	156.550	156.550	x	Commercial. VTS in selected areas.
12	156.600	156.600	x	Port Operations. VTS in selected areas.
13	156.650	156.650	x	Intership Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-bridge). Ships >20meters in length maintain a listening watch on this channel in US waters. <sup>2, 6</sup>
14	156.700	156.700	x	Port Operations. VTS in selected areas.
15	–	156.750	x	Environmental (Receive only). Used by Class 'C' EPIRBs. <sup>3</sup>
16	156.800	156.800	x	International Distress, Safety and Calling. Ships required to carry radio, USCG, and most coast stations maintain a listening watch on this channel. <sup>4</sup>
17	156.850	156.850	x	State Control <sup>5</sup>
18A	156.900	156.900	x	Commercial
19A	156.950	156.950	x	Commercial
20	157.000	161.600		Port Operations (duplex)
20A	157.000	157.000	x	Port Operations

<b>CH. No</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Single Freq</b>	<b>Use</b>
21A	157.050	157.050	x	U.S. Coast Guard only
22A	157.100	157.100	x	Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Safety Information Broadcasts. Broadcasts announced on channel 16.
23A	157.150	157.150	x	U.S. Coast Guard only
24	157.200	161.800		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
25	157.250	161.850		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
26	157.300	161.900		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
27	157.350	161.950		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
28	157.400	162.000		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
61A	156.075	156.075	x	U.S. Government only
63A	156.175	156.175	x	Port Operations and Commercial, VTS. Available only in New Orleans / Lower Mississippi area.
64A	156.225	156.225	x	U.S. Coast Guard only
65A	156.275	156.275	x	Port Operations
66A	156.325	156.325	x	Port Operations
67	156.375	156.375	x	Commercial. Used for Bridge-to-bridge communications in lower Mississippi River. Intership only. <sup>6</sup>
68	156.425	156.425	x	Non-Commercial
69	156.475	156.475	x	Non-Commercial
71	156.575	156.575	x	Non-Commercial
72	156.625	156.625	x	Non-Commercial (Intership only)
73	156.675	156.675	x	Port Operations
74	156.725	156.725	x	Port Operations
77	156.875	156.875	x	Port Operations (Intership only) <sup>5</sup>
78A	156.925	156.925	x	Non-Commercial
79A	156.975	156.975	x	Commercial. Non-Commercial in Great Lakes only.



<b>CH. No</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Single Freq</b>	<b>Use</b>
80A	157.025	157.025	x	Commercial. Non-Commercial in Great Lakes only
81A	157.075	157.075	x	U.S. Government only – Environmental protection operations.
82A	157.125	157.125	x	U.S. Government only
83A	157.175	157.175	x	U.S. Coast Guard only
84	157.225	161.825		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
85	157.275	161.875		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
86	157.325	161.925		Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
87	157.375	161.975		Public Correspondence Marine Operator)
88	157.425	162.025		Public Correspondence only near Canadian border
88A	157.425	157.425	x	Commercial, Internship only

- Recreational boaters normally use channels listed as Non-Commercial: 68, 69, 71, 72, 78A.
- Channel 70 is used exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is not available for regular voice communications.
- Channels 75 and 76 are reserved as guard bands for Channel 16 and are not available for regular voice communications.

### Notes:

1. The letter "A" following a channel number indicates simplex use of the ship station transmit side of an international semi-duplex channel. Operations are different from that of international operations on that channel.
2. Channel 13 should be used to contact a ship when there is danger of collision. All ships of length 20 meters or greater are required to guard VHF channel 13, in addition to VHF channel 16, when operating within U.S. territorial waters.
3. Channel is Receive Only.
4. Channel 16 is used for calling other stations or for distress alerting.
5. Output power is fixed at 1 watt only.
6. Output power is initially set to 1 watt. User can temporarily override this restriction to transmit at high power.

## Canadian Marine VHF Channels and Frequencies

<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Area of Operation</b>	<b>Use</b>
01	156.050	160.650	PC	Public Correspondence
02	156.100	160.700	PC	Public Correspondence
03	156.150	160.750	PC	Public Correspondence
04A	156.200	156.200	PC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Safety: Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue <sup>1</sup>
04A	156.200	156.200	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only
05A	156.250	156.250		Ship Movement
06	156.300	156.300	All areas	Intership, Commercial, Non-commercial and Safety: May be used for search and rescue communications between ships and aircraft.
07A	156.350	156.350	All areas	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial
08	156.400	156.400	WC, EC	Intership, Commercial and Safety: Also assigned for operations in the Lake Winnipeg area.
09	156.450	156.450	AC	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: May be used to communicate with aircraft and helicopters in predominantly maritime support operations.
10	156.500	156.500	AC, GL	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial, Safety and Ship Movement: May also be used for communications with aircraft engaged in coordinated search and rescue and antipollution operations.
11	156.550	156.550	PC, AC, GL	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: Also used for pilotage purposes.
12	156.600	156.600	WC, AC, GL	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: Port operations and pilot information and messages.
13	156.650	156.650	All areas	Intership, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: Exclusively for bridge-to-bridge navigational traffic. Limited to 1-watt maximum power.

<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Area of Operation</b>	<b>Use</b>
14	156.700	156.700	AC, GL	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: Port operations and pilot information and messages.
15	156.750	156.750	All areas	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: All operations limited to 1-watt maximum power. May also be used for on-board communications.
16	156.800	156.800	All areas	International Distress, Safety and Calling <sup>2</sup>
17	156.850	156.850	All areas	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement: All operations limited to 1-watt maximum power. May also be used for on-board communications.
18A	156.900	156.900	All areas	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Towing on the Pacific Coast.
19A	156.950	156.950	All areas except PC	Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard only.
19A	156.950	156.950	PC	Intership and Ship/Shore: Various Government departments.
20	157.000	161.600	All areas	Ship/Shore, Safety and Ship Movement: Port operations only with 1-watt maximum power.
21A	157.050	157.050	All areas	Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard only.
21B	-	161.650	All areas	Safety: Continuous Marine Broadcast (CMB) service. <sup>3</sup>
22A	157.100	157.100	All areas	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial and Non-commercial: For communications between Canadian Coast Guard and non-Canadian Coast Guard stations only.
23	157.150	161.750	PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence: Also in the inland waters of British Columbia and the Yukon.
24	157.200	161.800	All areas	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
25	157.250	161.850	PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence: Also assigned for operations in the Lake Winnipeg area.
25B	-	161.850	AC	Safety: Continuous Marine Broadcast (CMB) service.
26	157.300	161.900	All areas	Ship/Shore, Safety and Public Correspondence

<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Area of Operation</b>	<b>Use</b>
27	157.350	161.950	AC, GL, PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
28	157.400	162.000	PC	Ship/Shore, Safety and Public Correspondence
28B	-	162.000	AC	Safety: Continuous Marine Broadcast (CMB) service.
60	156.025	160.625	PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
61A	156.075	156.075	PC	Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard only.
61A	156.075	156.075	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only.
62A	156.125	156.125	PC	Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard only.
62A	156.125	156.125	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only.
64	156.225	160.825	PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
64A	156.225	156.225	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only.
65A	156.275	156.275		Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial, Safety: Search & rescue and antipollution operations on the Great Lakes. Towing on the Pacific Coast. Port operations only in the St. Lawrence River areas with 1W maximum power. Pleasure craft in the inland waters of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba (excluding Lake Winnipeg and the Red River).
66A	156.325	156.325		Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial, Safety and Ship Movement: Port operations only in the St. Lawrence River/Great Lakes Areas with 1-watt maximum power.
67	156.375	156.375	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only.
67	156.375	156.375	All areas except EC	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial, Safety: May also be used for communications with aircraft engaged in coordinated search and rescue and antipollution operations.

<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Area of Operation</b>	<b>Use</b>
68	156.425	156.425	All areas	Intership, Ship/Shore and Non-commercial: For marinas and yacht clubs.
69	156.475	156.475	All areas except EC	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial and Non-commercial
69	156.475	156.475	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only.
71	156.575	156.575	PC	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial, Safety and Ship Movement
71	156.575	156.575		Intership, Ship/Shore and Non-commercial: For marinas and yacht clubs on the East Coast and on Lake Winnipeg.
72	156.625	156.625	EC, PC	Intership, Commercial and Non-commercial: May be used to communicate with aircraft and helicopters in predominantly maritime support operations.
73	156.675	156.675	EC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial: Commercial fishing only
73	156.675	156.675	All areas except EC	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial, Safety: May also be used for communications with aircraft engaged in coordinated search and rescue and antipollution operations.
74	156.725	156.725	EC, PC	Intership, Ship/Shore, Commercial, Non-commercial and Ship Movement.
77	156.875	156.875		Intership, Ship/Shore, Safety and Ship Movement: Pilotage on Pacific Coast. Port operations only in the St. Lawrence River/Great Lakes areas with 1W maximum power.
78A	156.925	156.925	EC, PC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial
79A	156.975	156.975	EC, PC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial
80A	157.025	157.025	EC, PC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Commercial
81A	157.075	157.075		Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard use only in the St. Lawrence River/Great Lakes areas.
81A	157.075	157.075	PC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Safety: Canadian Coast Guard antipollution.

<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Area of Operation</b>	<b>Use</b>
82A	157.125	157.125	PC	Intership, Ship/Shore and Safety: Canadian Coast Guard use only.
82A	157.125	157.125		Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard use only in the St. Lawrence River/Great Lakes areas.
83	157.175	161.775	PC	Ship/Shore and Safety: Canadian Coast Guard use only.
83A	157.175	157.175	EC	Intership and Ship/Shore: Canadian Coast Guard and other Government agencies.
83B	-	161.775	AC, GL	Safety: Continuous Marine Broadcast (CMB) Service.
84	157.225	161.825	PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
85	157.275	161.875	AC, GL, NL	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
86	157.325	161.925	PC	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
87	157.375	161.975	AC, GL, NL	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence
88	157.425	162.025	AC, GL, NL	Ship/Shore and Public Correspondence

## Area of Operation

AC: Atlantic Coast, Gulf and St. Lawrence River up to and including Montreal

EC (East Coast): includes NL, AC, GL and Eastern Arctic areas

GL: Great Lakes (including St. Lawrence above Montreal)

NL: Newfoundland and Labrador

PC: Pacific Coast

WC (West Coast): Pacific Coast, Western Arctic and Athabasca-Mackenzie Watershed areas

All areas: includes East and West Coast areas

## Notes:

1. An "A" following a channel number indicates simplex use of the ship station transmit side of an international duplex channel. Operations are different from that of international operations on that channel.
2. Channel 16 is used for calling other stations or for distress alerting.
3. The letter "B" following a channel number indicates simplex use of the coast station transmit side of an international duplex channel. That is, the channel is Receive Only.
4. Channel 70 is used exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is not available for regular voice communications.
5. Channels 75 and 76 are reserved as guard bands for Channel 16 and are not available for regular voice communications.

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<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Single Freq</b>	<b>Use</b>
01	156.050	160.650		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
02	156.100	160.700		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
03	156.150	160.750		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
04	156.200	160.800		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
05	156.250	160.850		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
06	156.300	156.300	x	Intership <sup>1</sup>
07	156.350	160.950		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
08	156.400	156.400	x	Intership
09	156.450	156.450	x	Intership, Port Operations and Ship Movement
10	156.500	156.500	x	Intership, Port Operations and Ship Movement <sup>2</sup>
11	156.550	156.550	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement
12	156.600	156.600	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement
13	156.650	156.650	x	Intership Safety, Port Operations and Ship Movement <sup>3</sup>
14	156.700	156.700	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement
15	156.750	156.750	x	Intership and On-board Communications at 1W only <sup>4</sup>
16	156.800	156.800	x	Distress, Safety and Calling
17	156.850	156.850	x	Intership and On-board Communications at 1W only <sup>4</sup>
18	156.900	161.500		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
19	156.950	161.550		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
20	157.000	161.600		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
21	157.050	161.650		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
22	157.100	161.700		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
23	157.150	161.750		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
24	157.200	161.800		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement

<b>CH No.</b>	<b>XMIT Freq</b>	<b>RCV Freq</b>	<b>Single Freq</b>	<b>Use</b>
25	157.250	161.850		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
26	157.300	161.900		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
27	157.350	161.950		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
28	157.400	162.000		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
60	156.025	160.625		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
61	156.075	160.675		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
62	156.125	160.725		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
63	156.175	160.775		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
64	156.225	160.825		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
65	156.275	160.875		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
66	156.325	160.925		Public Correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
67	156.375	156.375	x	Intership, Port Operations and Ship Movement <sup>2</sup>
68	156.425	156.425	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement
69	156.475	156.475	x	Intership, Port Operations and Ship Movement
71	156.575	156.575	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement
72	156.625	156.625	x	Intership
73	156.675	156.675	x	Intership <sup>2</sup>
74	156.725	156.725	x	Port operations and Ship movement
75	156.775	156.775	x	See Note 5
76	156.825	156.825	x	See Note 5
77	156.875	156.875	x	Intership
78	156.925	161.525		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
79	156.975	161.575		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
80	157.025	161.625		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
81	157.075	161.675		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement



CH No.	XMIT Freq	RCV Freq	Single Freq	Use
82	157.125	161.725		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
83	157.175	161.775		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
84	157.225	161.825		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
85	157.275	161.875		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
86	157.325	161.925		Public correspondence, Port Operations and Ship Movement
87	157.375	157.375	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement
88	157.425	157.425	x	Port Operations and Ship Movement

- Intership channels are for communications between ship stations. Intership communications should be restricted to Channels 6, 8, 72 and 77. If these are not available, the other channels marked for Intership may be used.
- Channel 70 is used exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is not available for regular voice communications.

#### Notes:

1. Channel 06 may also be used for communications between ship stations and aircraft engaged in coordinated search and rescue operations. Ship stations should avoid harmful interference to such communications on channel 06 as well as to communications between aircraft stations, ice breakers and assisted ships during ice seasons.
2. Within the European Maritime Area and in Canada, channels 10, 67 and 73 may also be used by the individual administrations concerned for communication between ship stations, aircraft stations and participating land stations engaged in coordinated search and rescue and anti-pollution operations in local areas. Channels 10 or 73 (depending on location) are also used for the broadcast of Marine Safety Information by the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency in the UK only.
3. Channel 13 is designated for use on a worldwide basis as a navigation safety communication channel, primarily for intership navigation safety communications.
4. Channels 15 and 17 may also be used for on-board communications provided the effective radiated power does not exceed 1 Watt.
5. The use of Channels 75 and 76 should be restricted to navigation related communication only and all precautions should be taken to avoid harmful interference to channel 16. Transmit power is limited to 1 Watt.

## **WX Channels (North America only)**

<b>Weather Channel</b>	<b>Frequency in MHz</b>
WX 1	162.550
WX 2	162.400
WX 3	162.475
WX 4	162.425
WX 5	162.450
WX 6	162.500
WX 7	162.525
WX 8	161.650
WX 9	161.775
WX 10	163.275

## Appendix E: Glossary

<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
All Scan	A feature that scans all channels in the channel set.
All Ships Call	A DSC call that sends out a message to all vessels within range. The Ray49 can make two different types of All Ships calls: Safety Calls for advisory alerts or Urgency Calls when assistance is required but there is no imminent danger to the vessel.
Canadian Channels	Channel designations as defined by Industry Canada.
CH	Channel selection key
COG	Course Over Ground
Distress Call	A DSC call notifying other ships and shore stations that your vessel is in imminent danger, sending your position and time information, along with (optionally) the nature of your distress situation.
DSC	Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is a system used to send digital messages to stations identified by a unique MMSI number. Contained within the message is the working channel on which voice communications are to be made. DSC enables you to make digital Distress Calls and to specify the stations that you wish to contact: an Individual station, all stations within a specified Group, or All Ship stations within range.
Dual Watch	A feature that monitors the Priority Channel 16 and one other channel that you choose.
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (US)
Global Positioning System	A navigational system that uses satellite signals to determine the latitude and longitude of a receiver on Earth.
GPS	Global Positioning System
Group Call	A DSC call that sends transmissions only received by radios sharing a common Group MMSI number, such as a flotilla or racing fleet.
Individual Call	A DSC Call made to a specific station identified by its MMSI number.
International Channels	Channel designations as defined by the ITU
ITU	International Telecommunications Union (EU)

<b>Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
MMSI	Maritime Mobile Service Identity; a number issued by each country to identify maritime stations, much like a telephone number.
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (US)
Position Request	A DSC call requesting GPS position information from any station for which an MMSI number is known. You can also send out your position to other stations.
Priority Channel	Channel 16 or 9
Priority Scan	A feature that alternates monitoring the Priority Channel 16 with each of the regular channels.
PTT switch	Microphone push-to-talk switch
RF	Radio Frequency
RX	Receive
SAR	Search And Rescue
Saved Scan	Scans only user-selected memory channels
Semi-duplex	Channels using separate frequencies to transmit and receive.
Simplex	Channels transmitting and receiving on the same frequency.
SOG	Speed Over Ground
Squelch	A circuit that sets the threshold for cutting off the receiver when the signal is too weak for reception of anything but noise.
TX	Transmit
Tri Watch	A function that monitors the Priority Channel (16), the Secondary Priority Channel, and one other channel that you choose.
USA Channels	Channel designations as defined by the FCC
VOL	Volume key
VHF	Very High Frequency (30MHz to 300MHz)
Weather (WX) Channels	Channels for routine and emergency weather information broadcast by NOAA (USA)
WX	Weather Band key
Working Channel	The currently-selected (non-priority, non-WX) channel

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