

## PART 26—VESSEL BRIDGE-TO-BRIDGE RADIOTELEPHONE REGULATIONS

- 1. Revise the authority for part 26 to read as follows:

**Authority:** 14 U.S.C. 2; 33 U.S.C. 1201–1208; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170; Rule 1, International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

- 2. In § 26.03, in paragraph (f), remove the words, “Table 26.03(f) (VTS Call Signs, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).”, and add, in their place, the words “Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).”, and delete Table 26.03(f).

## PART 161—VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- 3. Revise the authority for part 161 to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1223, 1231; 46 U.S.C. 70114, 70117; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

- 4. In § 161.2—

■ a. Revise the definitions for “Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS)”, “Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) User”; and

■ b. Add the definitions for “navigable waters” and “Vessel Movement Center

(VMC)”, in alphabetical order, to read as follows:

### § 161.2 Definitions.

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*Navigable waters* means all navigable waters of the United States including the territorial sea of the United States, extending to 12 nautical miles from United States baselines, as described in Presidential Proclamation No. 5928 of December 27, 1988.

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*Vessel Movement Center (VMC)* means the shore-based facility that operates the vessel tracking system for a Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) area or sector within such an area. The VMC does not necessarily have the capability or qualified personnel to interact with marine traffic, nor does it necessarily respond to traffic situations developing in the area, as does a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS).

*Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS)* means a mandatory reporting system used to monitor and track vessel movements. This is accomplished by a vessel providing information under established procedures as set forth in this part in the areas defined in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas).

*Vessel Movement Reporting System (VMRS) User* means a vessel, or an

owner, operator, charterer, Master, or person directing the movement of a vessel that is required to participate in a VMRS.

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- 5. In § 161.12—

■ a. Redesignate paragraphs (a)(1), (b), Table 161.12(b), and paragraph (c) as (b), (c), Table 161.12(c), and (d), respectively;

■ b. Revise newly designated paragraph (c) and newly designated Table 161.12(c) to read as follows:

### § 161.12 Vessel operating requirements.

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(c) When not exchanging voice communications, a VTS User must maintain a listening watch as required by § 26.04(e) of this chapter on the VTS frequency designated in Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas). In addition, the VTS User must respond promptly when hailed and communicate in the English language.

**Note to § 161.12(c):** As stated in 47 CFR 80.148(b), a very high frequency watch on Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is not required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act and participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

TABLE 161.12(c).—VTS AND VMRS CENTERS, CALL SIGNS/MMSI, DESIGNATED FREQUENCIES, AND MONITORING AREAS

Center MMSI <sup>1</sup> Call Sign	Designated frequency (Channel designation)—purpose <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring area <sup>3,4</sup>
Berwick Bay 003669950— <i>Berwick Traffic</i> .....	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11) .....	The waters south of 29°45' N., west of 91°10' W., north of 29°37' N., and east of 91°18' W.
Houston-Galveston—003669954 ...	.....	The navigable waters north of 29° N., west of 94°20' W., south of 29°49' N., and east of 95°20' W.
<i>Houston Traffic</i> .....	156.550 MHz (Ch. 11) .....	The navigable waters north of a line extending due west from the southern most end of Exxon Dock #1 (20°43.37' N., 95°01.27' W.).
<i>Houston Traffic</i> .....	156.250 Mhz (Ch. 5A) —For Sailing Plans only	
<i>Houston Traffic</i> .....	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12) .....	The navigable waters south of a line extending due west from the southern most end of Exxon Dock #1 (29°43.37' N., 95°01.27' W.)
<i>Houston Traffic</i> .....	156.250 Mhz (Ch. 5A) —For Sailing Plans only	
Los Angeles/Long Beach: MMSI/To be determined		
<i>San Pedro Traffic</i> .....	156.700 MHz (Ch.14) .....	<i>Vessel Movement Reporting System Area:</i> The navigable waters within a 25 nautical mile radius of Point Fermin Light (33°42.3' N., 118°17.6' W.).
Louisville: Not applicable		
<i>Louisville Traffic</i> .....	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13)	The waters of the Ohio River between McAlpine Locks (Mile 606) and Twelve Mile Island (Mile 593), only when the McAlpine upper pool gauge is at approximately 13.0 feet or above.
Lower Mississippi River <sup>5</sup> — 0036699952		
<i>New Orleans Traffic</i> .....	156.700 MHz (Ch.14) .....	The navigable waters of the Lower Mississippi River below 30°38.7' N., 91°17.5' W. (Port Hudson Light at 255 miles Above Head of Passes (AHP)), the Southwest Pass, and, within a 12 nautical miles radius around 28°54.3' N., 89°25.7' W. (Southwest Pass Entrance Light at 19.9 miles Below Head of Passes).