

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

Center MMSI ¹ Call Sign	Designated frequency (Channel designation)—purpose ²	Monitoring area ^{3,4}
San Francisco—003669956 <i>San Francisco Traffic</i>	156.700 MHz (Ch. 14)	The navigable waters of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area, the navigable waters shoreward of the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area east of 122°42.0' W. and north of 37°40.0' N. extending eastward through the Golden Gate, and the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay and as far east as the port of Stockton on the San Joaquin River, as far north as the port of Sacramento on the Sacramento River.
<i>San Francisco Traffic</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The navigable waters within a 38 nautical mile radius of Mount Tamalpais (37°55.8' N., 122°34.6' W.) west of 122°42.0' W. and south of 37°40.0' N and excluding the San Francisco Offshore Precautionary Area.
St. Marys River—003669953 <i>Soo Traffic</i>	156.600 MHz (Ch. 12)	The waters of the St. Marys River between 45°57' N. (De Tour Reef Light) and 46°38.7' N. (Ile Parisienne Light), except the St. Marys Falls Canal and those navigable waters east of a line from 46°04.16' N. and 46°01.57' N. (La Pointe to Sims Point in Potagannissing Bay and Worsley Bay).

Notes:

¹ Maritime Mobile Service Identifier (MMSI) is a unique nine-digit number assigned that identifies ship stations, ship earth stations, coast stations, coast earth stations, and group calls for use by a digital selective calling (DSC) radio, an INMARSAT ship earth station or AIS. AIS requirements are set forth in §§ 161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter.

² In the event of a communication failure, difficulties or other safety factors, the Center may direct or permit a user to monitor and report on any other designated monitoring frequency or the bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13) or 156.375 MHz (Ch. 67), to the extent that doing so provides a level of safety beyond that provided by other means. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Ch. 13), is used in certain monitoring areas where the level of reporting does not warrant a designated frequency.

³ All geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) are expressed in North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

⁴ Some monitoring areas extend beyond navigable waters. Although not required, users are strongly encouraged to maintain a listening watch on the designated monitoring frequency in these areas. Otherwise, they are required to maintain watch as stated in 47 CFR 80.148.

⁵ Until rules regarding VTS Lower Mississippi River and VTS Port Arthur are published, vessels are exempted of all VTS and VMRS requirements set forth in 33 CFR part 161, except those set forth in §§ 161.21 and 164.46 of this subchapter.

⁶ A Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service was established by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. The appropriate Center administers the rules issued by both nations; however, enforces only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction. Note, the bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Ch. 13), is not so designated in Canadian waters, therefore users are encouraged and permitted to make passing arrangements on the designated monitoring frequencies.

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§ 161.15 [Amended]

■ 6. In § 161.15—

■ a. In paragraph (a), remove the word “manage” and add, in its place, the word “monitor”;

■ b. In paragraph (a), following the words “within a VTS”, add the words “or VMRS”;

■ c. In paragraph (a) following the words “directed by the”, remove the word “VTS” and add, in its place, the word “Center”;

■ d. In paragraph (b), remove the word “four” and add, in its place, the word “three”; and

■ e. In paragraph (b), following the word “position”, remove the words “sailing plan deviation”.

■ 7. In § 161.16, revise the introductory text to read as follows:

§ 161.16 Applicability.

Unless otherwise stated, the provisions of this subpart apply to the following vessels and VMRS Users:

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■ 8. Revise § 161.17 to read as follows:

§ 161.17 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

Center means a Vessel Traffic Center or Vessel Movement Center.

Published means available in a widely-distributed and publicly available medium (e.g., VTS User's Manual, ferry schedule, Notice to Mariners).

§ 161.18 [Amended]

■ 9. In § 161.18—

■ a. In paragraph (a), remove the word “VTS” and add, in its place “Center”;

■ b. In paragraphs (b) and (c), remove the words “Table 161.12(b) (VTS Call Signs, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas)” and add, in their place “Table 161.12(c) (VTS and VMRS Centers, Call Signs/MMSI, Designated Frequencies, and Monitoring Areas)”;

■ c. Redesignate paragraph (d) as paragraph (e); and

■ d. Add new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 161.18 Reporting requirements.

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(d) A vessel must report:

(1) Any significant deviation from its Sailing Plan, as defined in § 161.19, or

from previously reported information; or

(2) Any intention to deviate from a VTS issued measure or vessel traffic routing system.

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§ 161.20 [Amended]

■ 10. In § 161.20—

■ a. In paragraph (a), remove the word “VTS” and add, in its place, the word “VMRS”;

■ b. In paragraph (c), remove the word “VTC” and add, in its place, the word “Center”; and

■ c. Remove the note at the end of the section.

■ 11. Revise § 161.21 to read as follows:

§ 161.21 Automated reporting.

(a) Unless otherwise directed, vessels equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to make continuous, all stations, AIS broadcasts, in lieu of voice Position Reports, to those Centers denoted in Table 161.12(c) of this part.

(b) Should an AIS become non-operational, while or prior to navigating a VMRS area, it should be restored to