

Federal Communications Commission

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§ 80.357 Morse code working frequencies.

This section describes the working frequencies assignable to maritime stations for A1A or J2A radiotelegraphy.

(a) *Ship station frequencies*—(1) *Frequencies in the 100–160 kHz band.* The following table describes the working carrier frequencies in the 100–160 kHz band which are assignable to ship stations. A ship station may also transmit on a radiotelegraphy working channel of a coast station within the 100–160 kHz band when directed to do so by the coast station provided interference is not caused to any land, fixed, broadcast, or radiolocation station.

100–160 (kHz)
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(2) *Frequencies in the 405–525 kHz band.* The following table describes the working carrier frequencies in the 405–525 kHz band which are assignable to ship stations. A ship station may transmit on a radiotelegraphy working channel

of a coast station in the 415–490 kHz band when directed to do so by the coast station.

405–525 (kHz)
<sup>1</sup> 410
425
454
468
480
<sup>2</sup> 512
<sup>3</sup> 518

<sup>1</sup>The frequency 410 kHz may be used on a secondary basis for the transmission of radiodetermination information and for transmitting by radiotelegraph radiodetermination related messages to direction-finding stations.

<sup>2</sup>The frequency 512 kHz may be used as a supplementary calling frequency when 500 kHz is used for distress, safety and urgency communications. The use of the 512 kHz as a working frequency is prohibited in areas where it is used as a supplementary calling frequency when 500 kHz is used for distress, safety, and urgency communications.

<sup>3</sup>The frequency 518 kHz is a receive only frequency by ship stations. It is used by U.S. Coast Guard coast stations for NB–DP transmissions of meteorological and navigational warnings to ships.

(3) *Frequencies in the 2000–27500 kHz band.* This paragraph describes the working frequencies and Channel Series in the 2000–27500 kHz band which are assignable to ship stations.

(i) Two Channel Series will be assigned for routine use to each ship station. Frequencies from any other Channel Series may be used if the frequencies in the assigned Channel Series are not adequate for communications.

SHIP MORSE WORKING FREQUENCIES (kHz)

Channel Series:							
W1	4187.0	6285.0	8342.0 8343.5	12422.0 12453.0	16619.0 16650.0 16681.0	22242.0 22273.0	25161.5
W2	4187.5	6285.5	8342.5 8344.0	12422.5 12453.5	16619.5 16650.5 16681.5	22242.5 22273.5	25162.0
W3	4188.0	6286.0	8343.0 8344.5	12423.0 12454.0	16620.0 16651.0 16682.0	22243.0 22274.0	25162.5
W4	4188.5	6286.5	8343.5 8345.0	12423.5 12454.5	16620.5 16651.5 16682.5	22243.5 22274.5	25163.0
W5	4189.0	6287.0	8344.0 8345.5	12424.0 12455.0	16621.0 16652.0 16683.0	22244.0 22275.0	25163.5
W6	4189.5	6287.5	8344.5 8346.0	12424.5 12455.5	16621.5 16652.5 16619.0	22244.5 22275.5	25164.0
W7	4190.0	6288.0	8345.0 8346.5	12425.0 12456.0	16622.0 16653.0 16619.5	22245.0 22276.0	25164.5
W8	4190.5	6288.5	8345.5 8347.0	12425.5 12456.5	16622.5 16653.5 16620.0	22245.5 22276.5	25165.0
W9	4191.0	6289.0	8346.0 8347.5	12426.0 12457.0	16623.0 16654.0	22246.0 22277.0	25165.5

SHIP MORSE WORKING FREQUENCIES (KHz)—Continued

W10 .....	4191.5	6289.5	8346.5 8348.0	12426.5 12457.5	16620.5 16623.5 16654.5 16621.0	22246.5 22270.5	25166.0
W11 .....	4192.0	6290.0	8347.0 8348.5	12427.0 12458.0	16624.0 16655.0 16621.5	22247.0 22278.0	25166.5
W12 .....	4192.5	6290.5	8347.5 8349.0	12427.5 12458.5	16624.5 16655.5 16622.0	22247.5 22278.5	25167.0
W13 .....	4193.0	6291.0	8348.0 8349.5	12428.0 12459.0	16625.0 16656.0 16622.5	22248.0 22279.0	25167.5
W14 .....	4193.5	6291.5	8348.5 8350.0	12428.5 12459.5	16625.5 16656.5 16623.0	22248.5 22242.0	25168.0
W15 .....	4194.0	6292.0	8349.0 8350.5	12429.0 12460.0	16626.0 16657.0 16623.5	22249.0 22242.5	25168.5
W16 .....	4194.5	6292.5	8349.5 8351.0	12429.5 12460.5	16626.5 16657.5 16624.0	22249.5 22243.0	25169.0
W17 .....	4195.0	6293.0	8350.0 8351.5	12430.0 12461.0	16627.0 16658.0 16624.5	22250.0 22243.5	25169.5
W18 .....	4195.5	6293.5	8350.5 8352.0	12430.5 12461.5	16627.5 16658.5 16625.0	22250.5 22244.0	25170.0
W19 .....	4196.0	6294.0	8351.0 8352.5	12431.0 12462.0	16628.0 16659.0 16625.5	22251.0 22244.5	25170.5
W20 .....	4196.5	6294.5	8351.5 8353.0	12431.5 12462.5	16628.5 16659.5 16626.0	22251.5 22245.0	25171.0
W21 .....	4197.0	6295.0	8352.0 8353.5	12432.0 12463.0	16629.0 16660.0 16626.5	22252.0 22245.5	25161.5
W22 .....	4197.5	6295.5	8352.5 8354.0	12432.5 12463.5	16629.5 16660.5 16627.0	22252.5 22246.0	25162.0
W23 .....	4198.0	6296.0	8353.0 8354.5	12433.0 12464.0	16630.0 16661.0 16627.5	22253.0 22246.5	25162.5
W24 .....	4198.5	6296.5	8353.5 8355.0	12433.5 12464.5	16630.5 16661.5 16628.0	22253.5 22247.0	25163.0
W25 .....	4199.0	6297.0	8354.0 8355.5	12434.0 12465.0	16631.0 16662.0 16628.5	22254.0 22247.5	25163.5
W26 .....	4199.5	6297.5	8354.5 8356.0	12434.5 12465.5	16631.5 16662.5 16629.0	22254.5 22248.0	25164.0
W27 .....	4200.0	6298.0	8355.0 8356.5	12435.0 12466.0	16632.0 16663.0 16629.5	22255.0 22248.5	25164.5
W28 .....	4200.5	6298.5	8355.5 8357.0	12435.5 12466.5	16632.5 16663.5 16630.0	22255.5 22249.0	25165.0
W29 .....	4201.0	6299.0	8356.0 8357.5	12436.0 12467.0	16633.0 16664.0 16630.5	22256.0 22249.5	25165.5
W30 .....	4201.5	6299.5	8356.5 8358.0	12436.5 12467.5	16633.5 16664.5 16631.0	22256.5 22250.0	25166.0
W31 .....	4202.0	6300.0	8357.0	12437.0	16634.0	22257.0	25166.5

## SHIP MORSE WORKING FREQUENCIES (KHz)—Continued

			8358.5	12468.0	16665.0	22250.5	
					16631.5		
W32 .....	4202.0	6300.0	8357.5	12437.5	16634.5	22257.5	25167.0
			8359.0	12468.5	16665.5	22251.0	
					16632.0		
W33 .....	4201.5	6299.5	8358.0	12438.0	16635.0	22258.0	25167.5
			8359.5	12469.0	16666.0	22251.5	
					16632.5		
W34 .....	4201.0	6299.0	8358.5	12438.5	16635.5	22258.5	25168.0
			8360.0	12469.5	16666.5	22252.0	
					16633.0		
W35 .....	4200.5	6298.5	8359.0	12439.0	16636.0	22259.0	25168.5
			8360.5	12470.0	16667.0	22252.5	
					16633.5		
W36 .....	4200.0	6298.0	8359.5	12439.5	16636.5	22259.5	25169.0
			8361.0	12470.5	16667.5	22253.0	
					16634.0		
W37 .....	4199.5	6297.5	8360.0	12440.0	16637.0	22260.0	25169.5
			8361.5	12471.0	16668.0	22253.5	
					16634.5		
W38 .....	4199.0	6297.0	8360.5	12440.5	16637.5	22260.5	25170.0
			8362.0	12471.5	16668.5	22254.0	
					16635.0		
W39 .....	4198.5	6296.5	8361.0	12441.0	16638.0	22261.0	25170.5
			8362.5	12472.0	16669.0	22254.5	
					16635.5		
W40 .....	4198.0	6296.0	8361.5	12441.5	16638.5	22261.5	25171.0
			8363.0	12472.5	16669.5	22255.0	
					16636.0		
W41 .....	4197.5	6295.5	8362.0	12442.0	16639.0	22262.0	25161.5
			8363.5	12473.0	16670.0	22255.5	
					16636.5		
W42 .....	4197.0	6295.0	8362.5	12442.5	16639.5	22262.5	25162.0
			8364.0	12473.5	16670.5	22256.0	
					16637.0		
W43 .....	4196.5	6294.5	8363.0	12443.0	16640.0	22263.0	25162.5
			8364.5	12474.0	16671.0	22256.5	
					16637.5		
W44 .....	4196.0	6294.0	8363.5	12443.5	16640.5	22263.5	25163.0
			8365.0	12474.5	16671.5	22257.0	
					16638.0		
W45 .....	4195.5	6293.5	8364.0	12444.0	16641.0	22264.0	25163.5
			8365.5	12475.0	16672.0	22257.5	
					16638.5		
W46 .....	4195.0	6293.0	8364.5	12444.5	16641.5	22264.5	25164.0
			8371.0	12475.5	16672.5	22258.0	
					16639.0		
W47 .....	4194.5	6292.5	8365.0	12445.0	16642.0	22265.0	25164.5
			8371.5	12476.0	16673.0	22258.5	
					16639.5		
W48 .....	4194.0	6292.0	8365.5	12445.5	16642.5	22265.5	25165.0
			8372.0	12476.5	16673.5	22259.0	
					16640.0		
W49 .....	4193.5	6291.5	8371.0	12446.0	16643.0	22266.0	25165.5
			8372.5	12422.0	16674.0	22259.5	
					16640.5		
W50 .....	4193.0	6291.0	8371.5	12446.5	16643.5	22266.5	25166.0
			8373.0	12422.5	16674.5	22260.0	
					16641.0		
W51 .....	4192.5	6290.5	8372.0	12447.0	16644.0	22267.0	25166.5
			8373.5	12423.0	16675.0	22260.5	
					16641.5		
W52 .....	4192.0	6290.0	8372.5	12447.5	16644.5	22267.5	25167.0
			8374.0	12423.5	16675.5	22261.0	
					16642.0		

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W53 .....	4191.5	6289.5	8373.0 8374.5	12448.0 12424.0	16645.0 16676.0 16642.5	22268.0 22261.5	25167.5
W54 .....	4191.0	6289.0	8373.5 8375.0	12448.5 12424.5	16645.5 16676.5 16643.0	22268.5 22262.0	25168.0
W55 .....	4190.5	6288.5	8374.0 8375.5	12449.0 12425.0	16646.0 16677.0 16643.5	22269.0 22262.5	25168.5
W56 .....	4190.0	6288.0	8374.5 8376.0	12449.5 12425.5	16646.5 16677.5 16644.0	22269.5 22263.0	25169.0
W57 .....	4189.5	6287.5	8375.0 8342.0	12450.0 12426.0	16647.0 16678.0 16644.5	22270.0 22263.5	25169.5
W58 .....	4189.0	6287.0	8375.5 8342.5	12450.5 12426.5	16647.5 16678.5 16645.0	22270.5 22264.0	25170.0
W59 .....	4188.5	6286.5	8376.0 8343.0	12451.0 12427.0	16648.0 16679.0 16645.5	22271.0 22264.5	25170.5
W60 .....	4188.0	6286.0	8342.0 8343.5	12451.5 12427.5	16648.5 16679.5 16646.0	22271.5 22265.0	25171.0
W61 .....	4187.5	6285.5	8342.5 8344.0	12452.0 12428.0	16649.0 16680.0 16646.5	22272.0 22265.5	25161.5
W62 .....	4187.0	6285.0	8343.0 8344.5	12452.5 12428.5	16649.5 16680.5 16678.0	22272.5 22266.0	25162.0

(ii) If the frequencies listed in paragraph (3)(i) of this section are not adequate for communications, ship stations may use any of the non-paired narrow-band direct-printing frequencies listed in §80.361(b) of this part for A1A or J2A radiotelegraphy.

(b) *Coast station frequencies*—(1) *Frequencies in the 100–27500 kHz band.* The following table describes the working

carrier frequencies in the 100–27500 kHz band which are assignable to coast stations located in the designated geographical areas. The exclusive maritime mobile HF bands listed in the table contained in §80.363(b) of this part are also available for assignment to public coast stations for A1A or J2A radiotelegraphy following coordination with government users.

Area	Bands <sup>1</sup>								
	100–160 kHz	405–525 kHz	2 MHz	4 MHz	6 MHz	8 MHz	12 MHz	16 MHz	22 MHz
Central Pacific .....	126.15	426.00	2037.5	4247.0	6348.0	8558.0	12695.5	17016.8	22479.0
.....	.....	436.00	2045.0	4274.0	6365.5	8618.0	12808.5	17026.0	22515.0
.....	147.85	460.00	2061.5	4228.0	6477.5	8642.0	12844.5	17088.8	22557.0
.....	.....	476.0	.....	.....	6488.0	8445.0	13002.0	.....	22581.5
.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13033.5	.....	.....
.....	.....	512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Pacific .....	.....	418.00	2049.5	4238.0	6355.0	8590.0	12691.0	17064.8	22467.0
.....	.....	464.00	2055.5	4283.0	6463.5	8606.0	12912.0	17088.8	22593.5
.....	.....	482.00	.....	.....	.....	8642.0	12993.0	17220.5	.....
.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13033.5	.....	.....
.....	.....	512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gulf of Mexico .....	153.00	410.00	2042.0	4256.0	6369.0	8473.0	12704.5	17117.6	22467.0
.....	.....	420.00	2048.0	4274.0	6435.5	8550.0	12826.5	17170.4	22668.5
.....	.....	434.00	2049.5	4310.0	6446.0	8570.0	12840.0	17172.4	22686.5
.....	.....	438.00	2052.5	4322.0	6495.0	8666.0	13038.0	17230.1	22688.0
.....	.....	478.00	2055.5	.....	.....	8445.0	13051.5	.....	.....
.....	.....	484.00	2063.0	.....	.....	8453.0	12660.0	.....	.....
.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Area	Bands <sup>1</sup>								
	100-160 kHz	405-525 kHz	2 MHz	4 MHz	6 MHz	8 MHz	12 MHz	16 MHz	22 MHz
Great Lakes .....	.....	512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		482.00	.....	4316.0	6474.0	8534.0	.....	.....	.....
		500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hawaii .....	.....	484.00	2052.5	4295.0	6407.5	8542.0	13029.0	16978.4	22509.0
		500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puerto Rico .....	153.00	486.00	2052.5	4244.0	.....	8457.0	12700.0	.....	.....
		500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Atlantic .....	112.85	418.00	2036.0	4238.0	6351.5	8502.0	12745.5	16933.2	22485.0
	124.05	436.00	2040.5	4268.0	6376.0	8514.0	12925.5	16968.8	22503.0
	130.35	442.00	2046.5	4331.0	6414.5	8586.0	12948.0	16973.6	22521.0
	132.10	460.00	2051.0	4343.0	6418.0	8610.0	12961.5	16997.6	22599.5
	134.55	472.00	2054.0	4346.0	6333.5	8630.0	12997.5	17021.6	22640.0
	137.00	476.00	2060.0	.....	6337.0	8658.0	13020.0	17093.6	22658.0
	.....	482.00	.....	.....	6344.0	8686.0	13024.5	16904.9	.....
	146.80	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13033.5	.....	.....
	147.50	512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13060.5	.....	.....
Central Atlantic .....	.....	428.00	2063.0	4346.0	6484.5	8502.0	12885.0	16916.5	22588.5
		500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Atlantic .....	137.70	434.00	2039.0	4250.0	6389.6	8486.0	12952.5	16918.8	22503.0
		464.00	2043.5	4292.0	6407.5	8525.0	12970.5	17093.6	22575.5
		472.00	2051.0	4295.0	6411.0	8686.0	13011.0	17160.8	.....
		488.00	2057.0	.....	.....	8453.0	12660.0	17170.4	.....
		500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17239.7	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Pacific .....	.....	482.00	2058.5	4349.0	6411.0	8582.0	12907.5	17007.2	22539.0
		488.00	2063.0	.....	.....	8658.0	12916.5	.....	.....
		500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alaska .....	.....	416.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		438.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		452.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		472.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		512.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> All frequencies in this table are shown in kilohertz.

(2) *Conditions of use.* The following conditions are applicable to these frequencies:

(i) Frequencies in the 100-160 kHz band are assignable to coast stations for high seas communications only;

(ii) Frequencies above 5 MHz may be assigned primarily to stations serving the high seas and secondarily to stations serving inland waters of the United States, including the Great Lakes, under the condition that interference will not be caused to any coast station serving the high seas. Applicants for these frequencies must submit a substantial showing of need based on the following factors:

(A) A schedule of each currently licensed Morse working frequency and the expected use of the proposed frequencies;

(B) For additional frequencies within the same MHz band, a factual showing

of the 3 busiest hours of any 4 days within a consecutive 10 day period for each of the 2 months immediately preceding the filing of the application indicating that the applicant has used its currently assigned frequencies within the same MHz band an aggregate average of at least 40% of the 3 busiest hours of each day for exchanging communications; and

(C) Any other facts that support the need for the proposed assignment, *e.g.*, evidence of radio interference by another station located near enough to render a currently licensed frequency substantially unusable.

(iii) The frequency 410 kHz may be used on a secondary basis for the transmission of radiodetermination information and for transmitting by radiotelegraph radiodetermination messages to direction-finding stations; and

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(iv) The frequency 512 kHz may be used as a supplementary calling frequency when 500 kHz is used for distress, urgency and safety communications. The use of the 512 kHz as a working frequency is prohibited in areas where 500 kHz is used for distress, urgency and safety communications.

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§ 80.359 Frequencies for digital selective calling (DSC).

(a) *General purpose calling.* The following table describes the calling frequencies for use by authorized ship and coast stations for general purpose DSC. There are three series of paired frequencies. One series is for worldwide use; the other two series are for regional use. The “Series A” designation includes coast stations along, and ship

stations in, the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea. The “Series B” designation includes stations in any remaining areas. Stations must initiate contact on the appropriate regional frequency depending upon the location of the called station and propagation conditions. Acknowledgement is made on the paired frequency. The worldwide frequencies may be used for international calling, if calls on the appropriate regional frequencies are unsuccessful, or the regional series does not contain the appropriate band (e.g., 2 MHz). During normal working hours, all public coast stations capable of DSC operations must monitor the worldwide and regional frequencies appropriate for its location. The specific frequencies to be monitored will vary with propagation conditions.

GENERAL PURPOSE DSC  
[In kHz unless otherwise noted]

Worldwide		Series A		Series B	
Ship	Coast	Ship	Coast	Ship	Coast
458.5	455.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
2189.5	12177.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
4208.0	4219.5	4208.5	4220.0	4209.5	4220.5
6312.5	6331.0	6313.0	6331.5	6313.5	6332.0
8415.0	8436.5	8415.5	8437.0	8416.0	8437.5
12577.5	12657.0	12578.0	12657.5	12578.5	12658.0
16805.0	16903.0	16805.5	16903.5	16806.0	16904.0
18898.5	19703.5	18899.0	19704.0	18899.5	19704.5
22374.5	22444.0	22375.0	22444.5	22375.5	22445.0
25208.5	26121.0	25209.0	26121.5	25209.5	26122.0
<sup>2</sup> 156.525	<sup>2</sup> 156.525	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup> The frequency 2177.0 kHzs is also available to ship stations for intership calling and acknowledgement of such calls only.  
<sup>2</sup> MHz.

(b) *Distress and safety calling.* The frequencies 2187.5 kHz, 4207.5 kHz, 6312.0 kHz, 8414.5 kHz, 12577.0 kHz, 16804.5 kHz, and 156.525 MHz may be used for DSC by coast and ship stations on a simplex basis for distress and safety purposes. The provisions and procedures for distress and safety calling are contained in CCIR Recommendation 541 as modified by §80.103(c) of this part.

(c) *Working frequencies.* Coast and ship stations may use DSC techniques

for general calling purposes on their assigned working frequencies in the 2000–27500 kHz band and on those frequencies in the 156–162 MHz band which are allocated for maritime control, commercial, non-commercial and public correspondence communications.

[51 FR 31213, Sept. 2, 1986, as amended at 54 FR 49995, Dec. 4, 1989; 56 FR 9890, Mar. 8, 1991; 56 FR 14150, Apr. 5, 1991]