

Worldwide Group Call Numbers

What is the purpose of Worldwide Group Call Numbers?

To help any recreational boat crew – in private and marine tourism boats, sail or engine powered - reliably contact all other nearby marine recreation boats, via VHF or HF/SSB radio with DSC.

To use modern DSC calling to more reliably (than a voice call) initiate radio contact with nearby boats and then ask for advice or help with waypoints, anchorages, fuel supply, spare parts, engine problems, a tow etc. and to competently respond to similar calls from other recreational boaters.

To create a mutual support network of recreational boat crews helping other recreational boat crews. This is important in high-density marine recreation and tourism areas to reduce the demand on limited S&R resources to attend to minor problems. It is especially important in areas beyond shore-based, professional, quick response S&R resources, so recreation and marine tourism crews can obtain advice and assistance from other similar crews.

To improve familiarity and confidence using DSC capable VHF and HF/SSB radios, so in an emergency – either for themselves or when they are responding to a Distress call from another vessel or MRCC - recreational boaters can correctly and effectively use this vital marine communications device.

Why use Worldwide Group Call Numbers?

Because experience shows that other nearby boats are normally the quickest and most likely source of advice or assistance in non-Distress situations.

Because calling by voice is often not heard above on-board noise (engines, cooking, waves, having fun). Even when the radio speaker volume is turned down or muted DSC will alarm.

Because cruisers, boating families, race, rally or fishing competition participants, scuba divers, surfers and fishermen need each other for nearby and prompt response mutual support, advice and assistance that can prevent problems (engine failure, no fuel, no wind) becoming a Distress situation.

Because routine boating activities can have situations where like-minded, recreational boaters can help each other without placing demands on limited S&R resources.

Because marine radios can easily and simultaneously contact other, recreational boat crews using the Worldwide Group Call system.

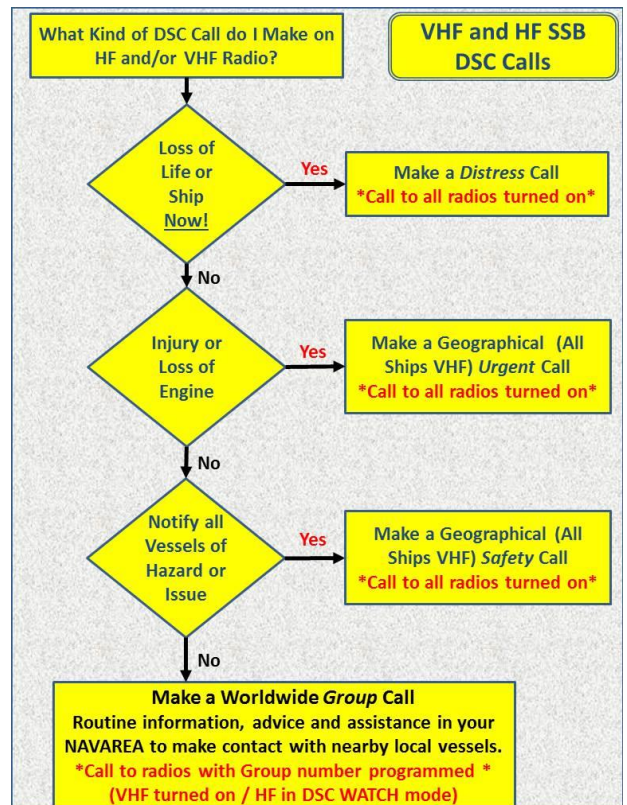
How did the Worldwide Group Call System develop?

A number of people from different parts of the world recognised that boaters helping other boaters could make marine recreation and marine tourism operations more enjoyable, less stress and safer.

Because modern, marine DSC radio technology is effective in linking people together in their boats, without disturbing the reasons we all go boating; for relaxation, adventure, escape and fun.

When to make a Worldwide Group Call for routine advice or assistance:

- When your engine will not start (or stops) during a passage and your skill set cannot resolve the issue(s).
- When you are in a sudden squall and need advice to find a safe anchorage.
- When you are arriving in a new area and need to know how to: contact the marina; where to get fuel; when port arrival officials are working; or the waypoints into the harbour.
- When equipment breaks at sea and you need help from nearby boats for a spare part, advice on how to fix the equipment.
- When your sails are not working and you need more fuel to motor to port.
- When your water maker is broken and you need some water.



WORLD GROUP ID NUMBERS		
GMDSS NAVAREA	Area Coordinators	Nav Area Group Call ID
1 - I	UK	Waiting for Assignment
2 - II	France	022802000
3 - III	Spain	022502000
4 - IV	USA (east)	036904000
5 - V	Brazil	071005000
6 - VI	Argentina	070106000
7 - VII	South Africa	060107000
8 - VIII	India	041908000
9 - IX	Pakistan	046309000
10 - X	Australia	050310000
11 - XI	Japan/China	043211000
12 - XII	USA (west)	036912000
13- XIII	Russia	027313000
14 - XIV	New Zealand	051214000
15 - XV	Chile	072515000
16 - XVI	Peru/USA	076016000
17 - XVII	Canada (NW)	031617000
18 - XVIII	Canada (NE)	031618000
19 - XIX	Norway	025919000
20 - XX	Russia (NW)	027320000
21 - XXI	Russia (NE)	027321000