

Maritime Safety Information

Maritime Safety Information or MSI broadcasts by HM Coastguard were initiated around the time that BT closed its coast radio stations. MSI Broadcasts include Weather information, Navigational Warnings, Gunfacts and Subfacts and any other relevant information.

Each station broadcasts at a different time to avoid overlap from neighbouring aerial sites. The broadcast schedules are shown below.

There are four routines which are broadcast with each routine being transmitted at set intervals and with set information. eg the shipping forecast will be broadcast twice a day on VHF at MRSC Portland, once at 1020UTC and once at 2220UTC.

The four routines are:

- **Routine A** - Broadcast on VHF every four hours starting at the times shown in the table below. This will include the Local inshore Forecast, Strong Wind Warnings, Gale or and Storm Warnings and Navigational Warnings. Some stations will also broadcast Gunfacts and Subfacts.
- **Routine B** - Shipping or Area forecasts are broadcast on VHF twice a day twelve hours apart starting at the times shown in the table below.
- **Routine C** - Some MF stations will also broadcast MSI on MF. Routine C will include Navigation Warnings and Gale / Storm Warnings
- **Routine D** - As for VHF, Routine D is for Area Forecasts or Shipping Forecasts broadcast on MF

Note: All times shown are UTC (GMT)

VHF

RCC	Routine A (VHF)	Routine B (VHF)
MRCC Swansea	0005	0805
MRSC Thames	0010	0810
MRCC Clyde	0020	0820
MRCC Yarmouth	0040	0840
MRSC Solent	0040	0840
MRSC Brixham	0050	0850
MRCC Dover	0105	0905
MRSC Stornoway	0110	0910
MRCC Falmouth	0140	0940
MRSC Forth	0205	1005
MRSC Liverpool	0210	1010
MRSC Portland	0220	1020
MRSC Holyhead	0235	0635
MRSC Belfast	0305	0705
MRCC Aberdeen	0320	0720
MRSC Milford Haven	0335	0735
MRSC Humber	0340	0740

Notes:

- Maritime Safety Information CANNOT be guaranteed to be broadcast at the times shown above. SAR Co-ordination will always take precedence over MSI. Times and frequencies may change around the coast. VHF routines will be announced on VHF CH16. The channels may depend on your area, so listen to the broadcast on CH16
- Routine broadcasts will not be announced on DSC

UK Coastguard Stations

Station	MMSI	Type of DSC fitted
MRSC Shetland	002320001	VHF, MF
MRCC Aberdeen	002320004	VHF, MF
MRSC Forth	002320005	VHF
MRSC Humber	002320007	VHF, MF
MRCC Yarmouth	002320008	VHF
MRSC Thames	002320009	VHF
MRCC Dover	002320010	VHF
MRSC Solent	002320011	VHF
MRSC Portland	002320012	VHF
MRSC Brixham	002320013	VHF
MRCC Falmouth	002320014	VHF, MF
MRCC Swansea	002320016	VHF
MRSC Milford Haven	002320017	VHF, MF
MRSC Holyhead	002320018	VHF, MF
MRSC Liverpool	002320019	VHF
MRSC Belfast	002320021	VHF
MRCC Clyde	002320022	VHF, MF
MRSC Stornoway	002320024	VHF, MF