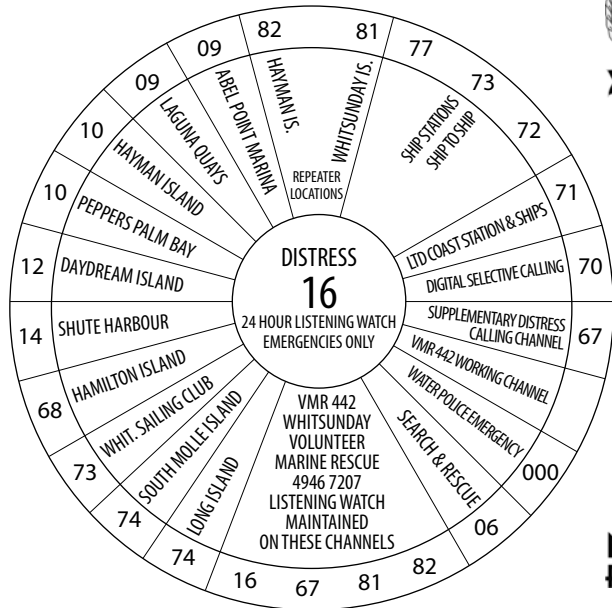


WHITSUNDAY VHF CHANNEL USAGE

NO EXCLUSIVE USE OF CHANNEL IMPLIED



MARINE RESCUE

WHO TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE ON VHF RADIO

When seeking assistance, please use the radio channel best suited to your location:

Hayman Island – 82

Whitsunday Island – 81

Distress / Emergency (Mayday, Pan Pan etc) – 16

In an emergency or for other assistance call VMR 442 on the appropriate channel stating quite clearly your vessel name, location, problem and the channel you are calling on.

Weekends

The VMR radio base is manned from 07.00 to 17.00 (most weekends) and VMR442 will respond to all radio calls for assistance, weather and general information.

Weekdays – Daylight Hours

VMR Base, commercial radio base or coastal station will respond to assistance calls to VMR 442 and pass on requests of assistance to the VMR duty crew on phone 07 4946 7207. General logging on/radio checks etc. may unfortunately not be answered, due to the large number of radio traffic and the availability of a volunteer listening watch.

Night Hours

VMR Whitsunday provides a limited night listening watch that will respond to night emergency calls. VMR Mackay and VTS (Vessel Tracking System) Hay Point also monitor for DISTRESS and EMERGENCY calls on CH 16/67.

If you hear a general request for assistance that goes unanswered, and you are in phone range we request you relay this to VMR Whitsunday on 07 4946 7207.

If you hear a Distress (Mayday) or Urgency (Pan Pan) call:

- Note the details, wait for a response from emergency services
- If no other response is received within a minute, then acknowledge the call
- Provide assistance and/or advise the distressed party that you will be calling emergency services on 000.

WEATHER FORECASTS ARE BROADCAST ON ALL REPEATER STATIONS BY COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AT 08.00 AND 16.00