



Hello!

Thank you for booking your Marine Radio (SRC) classroom course with us at the Lyme Regis Sea School. We hope you're looking forward to it.

For the details of your booking and date, please check your WebCollect account. You should have also received an email (probably where you found this document) containing joining instructions.

Please study the following pages carefully as the information within forms a part of the course, and may be tested during the exam. You will receive a handbook in the coming days which you should also look over and may assist you in your course preparation.

There are three main topics you are expected to be familiar with prior to the course beginning:

1. The phonetic alphabet
2. VHF channels and their usage
3. Pro-words used for radio communication

We find that pre-learning these topics enables us to run a smooth and interesting course for everyone, rather than spending lots of time going over more repetitive aspects of radio usage.

Candidates who use a mix of rote learning techniques (eg. flashcards) and implementation (eg. using the phonetic alphabet to spell down the phone) tend to have the best grasp of the above topics by the time they arrive on the course. This pre-learning is expected to take *up to three hours*.

Finally, please remember that you must book your exam separately to the course fees. This is payable direct to the RYA, not to LRSS. Although we will remind you on the day of the course and are happy to assist where required, it is ultimately your responsibility to successfully book the examination. You can do so here: <https://www.rya.org.uk/exams>

If you have any questions or trouble prior to the course, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Best wishes,

The Lyme Regis Sea School Team



The phonetic alphabet

You are expected to have a good recall of all letters within the phonetic alphabet.

NATO Phonetic Alphabet

A	Alpha	N	November
B	Bravo	O	Oscar
C	Charlie	P	Papa
D	Delta	Q	Quebec
E	Echo	R	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	S	Sierra
G	Golf	T	Tango
H	Hotel	U	Uniform
I	India	V	Victor
J	Juliet	W	Whiskey
K	Kilo	X	X-ray
L	Lima	Y	Yankee
M	Mike	Z	Zulu



VHF Channels and usage

You are expected to be familiar with VHF channels.

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- 0** Private Channel, designated in the UK for Search & Rescue.
- 6, 8** Inter-Ship Channels
- 13** Used for Bridge to Bridge contact for Navigational Safety.
- 16** Distress, Safety and Calling Channel.
- 67** In the UK: Small Craft Channel
- 70** DSC ONLY (no voice calling)
- 72, 77** Inter-Ship Channels
- 80** In the UK: used by most marinas
- M, M2** In the UK: private channel used by marina's, Yacht Clubs etc



Radio pro-words

A pro-word is a 'procedural word', used to convey a specific message in a concise way. You are expected to know the common pro-words below and their meaning.

Proword	Use	Example
Say again	To ask for a repetition	"Say again, which channel?"
I Say again	To give a repetition	"I say again channel seven seven"
All after	To obtain clarification	"Say again all after ..."
All before	of part of a message	"Say again all before ..."
Correction	Said before correcting part of a message	"Go to berth 273. Correction berth 275.1 say again, 275."
Spell	Said before use of the phonetic alphabet to spell a word, usually a name	"Vessel Indigo. I spell – India-November-Delta-India-Golf-Oscar."
This is	To identify calling station	"This is yacht Indigo."
Over	Invitation to reply as the PTT switch is released	"This is yacht Indigo, over."
Out	The end of the conversation. No reply expected	"Thank you, out."
Station calling	Used if the name of the vessel calling is not understood	"Station calling Sierra. This is Sierra. Say again your name, over."
Stand by	Used if the message cannot be exchanged immediately	"Solo. This is Thames CG. Channel 67 and stand by."