



NETHERLANDS COASTGUARD
(JRCC Den Helder)

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BROADCAST OF SAFETY MESSAGES.

The Netherlands Coastguard Centre in Den Helder provides the transmission of Safety Messages on the VHF working channels 23 and 83, on the medium wave frequency 3673 kHz and on NAVTEX.

Safety Messages consist of: Gale warnings, Navigational Warnings, Warnings concerning navigational radio location systems and Ice warnings

These messages will be broadcast as follows:

VHF:

Gale warnings will be broadcast on VHF channel 23 and 83 directly upon receipt, after prior announcement on VHF channel 16. These gale warnings will thereafter be broadcasted on VHF channel 23 and 83 at scheduled times every 4 hours after prior announcement on VHF channel 16 until cancellation or renewal of the warning

Other safety messages will be broadcast on VHF channel 23 and 83, if necessary, directly upon receipt after prior announcement on VHF channel 16 or at scheduled times every four hours on VHF channel 23 and 83 after prior announcement on VHF channel 16.

An announcement of new safety messages on VHF DSC channel 70 will only be done in case of a very important safety message that needs immediate attention.

The scheduled times for broadcasts on VHF are: 03.33, 07.33, 11.33, 15.33, 19.33 and 23.33 UTC

MF:

Gale warnings will be broadcast on MF 3673 kHz directly upon receipt, after prior announcement on MF DSC 2187,5 kHz. These gale warnings will thereafter be repeated only once on MF 3673 kHz at the next scheduled time without prior announcement.

Other Safety Messages will be broadcast on MF 3673 kHz, if necessary, directly upon receipt after prior announcement on MF DSC 2187,5 kHz or at scheduled times every 4 hours without prior announcement.

Note: Only NEW messages will be announced on MF DSC 2187,5 kHz.

The scheduled times for broadcasts on MF are: 03.33, 07.33, 11.33, 15.33, 19.33 and 23.33 UTC

NAVTEX:

Gale warnings are broadcast directly upon receipt on NAVTEX and repeated only once on the next scheduled time. Other Safety Messages will be broadcast on NAVTEX, if necessary, directly upon receipt or at scheduled times every 4 hours.

The scheduled times for broadcasts on NAVTEX are: 02.30, 06.30, 10.30, 14.30, 18.30 and 22.30 UTC.

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