



NETHERLANDS COASTGUARD
(JRCC Den Helder)

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**WEATHER FORECAST TRANSMISSIONS FOR THE NORTH SEA AND
FOR DUTCH COASTAL WATERS AND LARGER INLAND WATERS.**

The Netherlands Coastguard Centre in Den Helder provides the transmission of the weather forecast for the North Sea, the Dutch coastal waters and larger inland waters on the VHF working channels 23 and 83, on the medium wave frequency 3673 kHz and on NAVTEX

The working method, the announcement, the times of transmission and the frequencies for the weather forecasts are as follows:

VHF: (Weather forecast for Dutch coastal waters and larger inland waters):

Weather forecasts for Dutch coastal waters and larger inland waters will be transmitted on VHF channels 23 and 83, **without** prior announcement on VHF channel 16, on the following regular times:
08.05, 13.05, 19.05 and 23.05 local time*.

* **Local time between the end of March and the end of October = UTC + 2 Hours.**

Local time between the end of October and the end of March = UTC + 1 Hour.

Since June 24th 2002 the new classification of districts of the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI) will be used in this weather forecast, in which distinction is made between coastal waters and larger inland waters.

For coastal waters the districts are: Flushing, Hook of Holland, IJmuiden, Texel and Rottum.

For the larger inland waters the districts are: Zierikzee, Marken, IJsselmeer, Harlingen and Delfzijl.

(See also the newsletter from KNMI of February 2002).

MF: (Weather forecast for the North Sea):

Weather forecasts for the North Sea will be, without prior announcement, transmitted on the MF frequency 3673 KHz on the following regular times:

09.40 and 21.40 UTC.

NAVTEX: (Weather forecast for the North Sea):

As from July 3rd 2002 the Coastguard Centre in Den Helder started with the transmission of the weather forecast for the North Sea on NAVTEX on the following regular times:

02.30 and 14.30 UTC

This weather forecast consists of: gale warnings in force, synopsis, forecast for 12 hours and outlook for 24 hours. Forecast and outlook are for the districts Thames, Humber, German Bight and Dogger. New in this weather forecast is the mentioning of wave heights for these districts.

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