

Maritime Selcalls

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According to the Radio Regulations as defined by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a station has to identify itself either by call sign, selcall or selective call number.

Maritime call signs and identification numbers are listed in the “List of Call Signs and Numerical Identities” and is published by the ITU.

Ship stations are listed alphabetically in the “List of Ship Stations” also published by the ITU.



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COASTAL STATIONS

The ITU assigned blocks of station identification numbers to many countries in the world. The coastal stations use 4 digit numbers. They can be translated as follows:

0 = V 1 = X 2 = Q 3 = K 4 = M 5 = P 6 = C 7 = Y 8 = F 9 = S

Example: Lyngby Radio has identification number 0832 = selcall VFKQ.

SHIP STATIONS

Ship stations use 5 digit identification numbers. The table on the right should be used as follows:

- 1st digit: defines the column that you have to check.
- 2nd digit: defines the row in block 1, in the same column.
- 3rd digit: defines the row in block 2, in the same column.
- 4th digit: defines the row in block 3, in the same column.
- 5th digit: defines the row in block 4, in the same column.

Example:

mv Alemania Express has identification number 62913 = callsign USXE.

- 1st digit = 6 (column 6)
- 2nd digit = 2 (column 6, block 1, row 2) = U
- 3rd digit = 9 (column 6, block 2, row 9) = S
- 4th digit = 1 (column 6, block 3, row 1) = X
- 5th digit = 3 (column 6, block 4, row 3) = E

digit 1:	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</u>
digit 2:	0 T V V V T T T V V V
	1 B X X X B B B X X X
	2 U Q Q Q U U U Q Q Q
	3 E K K K E E E K K K
	4 O M M M O O O M M M
	5 I P P P I I I P P P
	6 R C C C R R R C C C
	7 Z Y Y Y Z Z Z Y Y Y
	8 D F F F D D D F F F
	9 A S S S A A A S S S

digit 3:	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</u>
	0 V T V V T V V T T V
	1 X B X X B X X B B X
	2 Q U Q Q U Q Q U U Q
	3 K E K K E K K E E K
	4 M O M M O M M O O M
	5 P I P P I P P I I P
	6 C R C C R C C R R C
	7 Y Z Y Y Z Y Y Z Z Y
	8 F D F F D F F D D F
	9 S A S S A S S A A S

digit 4:	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</u>
	0 V V T V V T V T V T
	1 X X B X X B X B X B
	2 Q Q U Q Q U Q U Q U
	3 K K E K K E K E K E
	4 M M O M M O M O M O
	5 P P I P P I P I P I
	6 C C R C C R C R C R
	7 Y Y Z Y Y Z Y Z Y Z
	8 F F D F F D F D F D
	9 S S A S S A S A S A

digit 5:	<u>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</u>
	0 V V V T V V T V T T
	1 X X X B X X B X B B
	2 Q Q Q U Q Q U Q U U
	3 K K K E K K E K E E
	4 M M M O M M O M O O
	5 P P P I P P I P I I
	6 C C C R C C R C R R
	7 Y Y Y Z Y Y Z Y Z Z
	8 F F F D F F D F D D
	9 S S S A S S A S A A

ITU Radio Regulations - Table of Blocks of Selective Call Numbers for Ship Stations
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00000-00499	Argentina	19191	China (gc)
00500-00699	Cyprus	19400-19499	Ghana
00700-00799	Fiji	19500-19599	Ethiopia
00800-00899	Hungary	19600-20299	China
00900-00999	Saudi Arabia	20300-21299	Italy
01000-01199	Australia	21300-22199	Norway
01200-01399	Peru	22200-22299	Denmark
01400-01499	Bolivia	22222	Italy (gc)
01500-01599	Tanzania	22300-22399	Iraq
01600-01699	Myanmar	22400-22699	Kuwait
01700-01799	Cyprus	22700-22899	Iraq
01800-01899	Singapore	22900-22999	Indonesia
01900-01999	Seychelles	23000-23099	Kiribati
02000-02099	Slovenia	23100-23199	Cyprus
02020	Argentina (gc)	23200-23299	Chile
02100-02199	Bangladesh	23300-23399	St Vincent & Grenadines
02200-02299	Cape Verde	23400-23499	Ecuador
02300-02499	St Vincent & Grenadines	23500-23999	India
02500-02599	Malaysia	24000-24099	Indonesia
02600-02699	Western Samoa	24100-24199	Colombia
02700-02799	Mauritius	24200-24299	Malta
02800-02999	Antigua and Barbuda	24242	China (gc)
03000-03199	China	24300-25199	Liberia
03200-03299	Canada	25200-25299	Mauritania
03300-05199	Denmark	25252	Romania (gc)
04040	Canada (gc)	25300-26999	Sweden
05050	China (gc)	27000-27499	Japan
05200-05399	Cyprus	27500-27599	Cyprus
05400-05899	Denmark	27600-27699	Bahamas
05900-05999	Bulgaria	27700-27799	Barbados
06000-08399	Denmark	27800-27899	Croatia
06060	China (gc)	27900-27999	Kenya
08400-09499	Spain	28000-31299	Norway
09500-09699	Denmark	28282	Japan (gc)
09700-09999	China	29292	Japan (gc)
10000-10399	Denmark	30303	Japan (gc)
10101	Spain (gc)	31300-31399	Morocco
10400-12199	USA	31400-31899	France
12200-12499	France	31900-31999	Malta
12500-13599	Sweden	32000-32099	Cuba
13131	China (gc)	32100-35999	Norway
13600-13699	Malta	32323	Slovenia (gc)
13700-13799	Denmark	35353	Croatia (gc)
13800-13899	Cyprus	36000-36099	Ireland
13900-13999	USA	36100-36299	Luxembourg
14000-14199	Finland	36300-36399	Mauritania
14200-16699	France	36363	Japan (gc)
16700-17699	Greece	36400-38399	Netherlands
17700-18699	Germany	38400-41899	Germany
18181	China (gc)	41900-42699	Panama
18700-18999	Honduras	42700-42899	Norway
19000-19099	Chile	42900-42999	Panama
19100-19399	Germany	43000-43499	Poland

44444	Panama (gc)	59900-59999	Monaco
45454	Mauritania (gc)	60000-60099	Brazil
45500-45499	Sweden	60100-60599	Germany
45500-49299	UK Great Britain and NI	60600-60699	Latvia
49300-49399	Brunei Darussalam	60700-60999	Pakistan
49400-49493	Mauritania	61000-61099	Netherlands Antilles
49494-49494	UK Great Britain and NI	61100-61199	UK Great Britain and NI
49495-49499	Mauritania	61200-61299	Brazil
49500-49699	Lithuania	61300-61999	Bahamas
49700-50299	Denmark	62000-62099	Jordan
50300-50499	UK Great Britain and NI	62100-62999	Germany
50500-50699	Israel	63000-63099	Qatar
50700-51099	Norway	63100-63199	Bahamas
51100-51599	Switzerland	63200-63299	Bahrain
51515	Venezuela (gc)	63300-63399	Malta
51600-51799	Norway	63400-63499	United Arab Emirates
51800-51999	Portugal	63500-64599	Germany
52000-52199	Germany	64600-64799	South Africa
52200-52299	Vanuatu	64800-65699	Germany
52300-52399	Marshall I	65700-65999	Turkey
52400-52499	Micronesia	66000-67699	Russia
52500-52599	Venezuela	67700-68999	Ukraine
52525	UK Great Britain and NI (gc)	69000-69299	Azerbaijan
52600-56099	Russia	69300-69499	Georgia
54545	Spain (gc)	69500-69599	Turkmenistan
55555	Estonia (gc)	69600-69699	Kazakhstan
56100-56199	Cyprus	69700-69799	Belarus
56200-56299	Malaysia	69800-69899	Czech Republic
56300-56399	Cyprus	69900-69999	Malaysia
56400-56599	Turkey	70000-70199	Bahamas
56600-56699	Thailand	70200-70399	Philippines
56700-56799	Estonia	70400-70499	Panama
56800-57099	Yugoslavia	70500-70699	Belize
57100-57499	Norway	70700-70799	Panama
57500-57574	Ecuador	70707	Azerbaijan (gc)
57575	Yugoslavia (gc)	70800-70899	Cambodia
57576-57599	Ecuador	70900-71199	Panama
57600-57699	Uruguay	71200-71599	USA
57700-57799	Mozambique	71600-71699	Tonga
57800-57899	Venezuela	71700-71799	Japan
57900-58099	Romania	71717	Georgia (gc)
58100-58199	Algeria	71800-71899	Korea (Dem.Peop.Rep.)
58200-58299	Austria	71900-71999	Indonesia
58300-58399	Costa Rica	72000-72199	Malta
58400-58899	Brazil	72200-72299	Antigua and Barbuda
58900-58999	Sri Lanka	72300-72399	Korea (Rep.)
59000-59099	Ecuador	72400-72499	Thailand
59100-59199	Brazil	72500-73999	Belgium
59200-59399	Iran	74000-74299	Germany
59400-59499	Libya	74300-74499	Austria
59500-59699	Brazil	74500-74699	Germany
59700-59799	New Zealand	74700-74799	Sierra Leone
59800-59899	Germany	74800-75499	Germany

75500-75999	Iceland	82828	Malta (gc)
76000-76699	Germany	82900-84799	France
76700-76799	Philippines	83838	Malta (gc)
76800-77499	Denmark	84800-84899	Netherlands
77500-77699	Yemen	84900-87799	Denmark
77700-77799	Mexico	86868	Italy (gc)
77800-77999	Denmark	87800-89999	Germany
78000-78199	Egypt	87878	Italy (gc)
78200-78399	Singapore	88888	Italy (gc)
78400-78699	Denmark	89898	Italy (gc)
78700-78799	Mexico	90000-94899	Norway
78800-78999	Denmark	90909	Italy (gc)
79000-79099	Oman	91919	Italy (gc)
79100-79199	Namibia	92929	Italy (gc)
79200-79399	Syria	93939	Italy (gc)
79400-79499	Tuvalu	94900-96999	Sweden
79500-79599	Senegal	94949	Israel (gc)
79600-79899	Germany	95959	Israel (gc)
79797	UK Great Britain and NI (gc)	96969	Israel (gc)
79900-81799	Netherlands	97000-98599	France
81800-81899	Slovakia	97979	Germany (gc)
81900-81999	Djibouti	98600-99998	Germany
82000-82899	Germany		

GC = Group Call