

Recommendation regarding general call outside VTS areas

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1 Summary of the recommendation

The Swedish Transport Agency recommends that

- vessels with a gross tonnage of 300 or more or vessels with a length of 45 metres or more, or
- towing vessels with a total length of 45 metres or more including the tow,

participate in the general call reporting outside VTS areas.

The person in charge of the navigation on any other vessel including tug and tow, equipped with VHF radio, should maintain a continuous listening watch on the dedicated VHF channels listed in chapter 3. Such a vessel should make a general call if suitable with regards to the circumstances.

This recommendation is applicable from 1st October 2026 and replaces former recommendation with reference TSS 2024-4663.

2 How to make a general call

The master or the officer in charge of the navigational watch should:

1. listen to the dedicated VHF channel well in advance before leaving quay or anchorage in close vicinity of the fairway and during the whole passage;
2. make a general call immediately before leaving a quay or before leaving an anchorage and when passing the reporting points according to chapter 3 stating the following information in English:
 - a. “All ships” three times (general call);
 - b. type and name of the vessel;
 - c. name and geographical position of the reporting point or place of departure;
 - d. intended route and direction;
 - e. destination;
 - f. VHF channel in question; and also
3. respond to any calls during the passage or contact any other vessel that may have an impact on the vessels’ passages.

Example of a general call in Kalmarsund: “*All ships x 3, this is motor vessel Baltic Fun, passing reporting point no 2 at Bredgrund, southbound for Kalmar, channel 16*”.

The passage time may also be given when the reporting is not made in immediate connection to passing the reporting point.

3 Reporting points

It is recommended that a general call report is made:

- a) when passing the reporting points below (unless any other timing is mentioned);
- b) immediately before leaving the quay of a harbour mentioned below
- c) immediately before leaving an anchorage in close vicinity of the fairway to any of the harbours mentioned below.

The tables are divided in accordance with the Swedish Maritime Administration's pilot areas.

3.1 Luleå

Reporting name	Geographical location and position	VHF channel	To harbour/area (direction)
Reporting point 7	Malören (65°32.0'N 023°23.0'E)	16	Axelsvik, Karlsborg, Töre (inbound)
Reporting point 8	Nygrån (65°01.0'N 021°46.0'E)	16	Piteå (inbound)
Reporting point 9	Gåsören (64°40.0'N 021°30.0'E)	16	Skelleftehamn (inbound)
Reporting point 10	Väktaren (63°33.0'N 020°30.0'E)	16	Umeå, Holmsund (inbound)
Reporting point 12	Storbådan (63°21.0'N 019°35.0'E)	16	Rundvik (inbound)
Reporting point 13	Vallinsgrund (63°18.0'N 019°20.0'E)	16	Husum (inbound)
Reporting point 14	Skaghällan (63°10.0'N 019°00.0'E)	16	Örnsköldsvik (inbound)
Reporting point 15	Trysunda (63°10.0'N 018°48.0'E)	16	Örnsköldsvik (inbound)
Reporting point 16	Syd Skrubban (63°06.4'N 018°45.0'E)	16	Örnsköldsvik, Köpmanholmen (inbound)

3.2 Gävle

Reporting name	Geographical location and position	VHF channel	To harbour/area (direction)
Reporting point 65	Brunne (62°56.0'N 017°50.5'E)	16	Outbound to the sea
Reporting point 64	Ramön (62°50.0'N 017°54.0'E)	16	Gustavsvik, Lugnvik, Kramfors, Väja, Bollstabruk (inbound)
Reporting point 63	Storön nord (62°47.6'N 018°17.0'E)	16	
Reporting point 62	Storön syd (62°43.4'N 018°12.8'E)	16	
Reporting point 61	Härnö (62°36.6'N 018°05.8'E)	16	Härnösand and passing Sannasundet (inbound)
Reporting point 53	Åstholmsudde (62°22.8'N 017°43.8'E)	16	Sundsvall, Stockvik, Tunadal, Söråker, Östrand, Vivstavarv (inbound)
Reporting point 52	Brämön nord (62°17.4'N 017°40.4'E)	16	
Reporting point 32	Hudikgrund (61°35.0'N 017°24.0'E)	16	Hudiksvall, Skärnäs (inbound)
Reporting point 31	Tihällsten (61°31.5'N 017°19.0'E)	16	
Reporting point 23	Hällgrund (61°15.8'N 017°22.0'E)	16	Söderhamn, Sandarne (inbound)
Reporting point 22	Blomman (61°11.5'N 017°17.5'E)	16	Vallvik, Ljusne (inbound)
Reporting point 21	Storjungfrun syd (61°07.3'N 017°20.0'E)	16	
Reporting point 13	Välkommen (60°57.8'N 017°15.0'E)	16	Norrsundet (inbound)
Reporting point 12	Purrutsgrund (60°46.7'N 017°27.5'E)	16	Gävle, Karskär, Granudden, Fredrikskans, Skutskär (inbound)
Reporting point 11	Eggegrund (60°42.7'N 017°33.0'E)	16	

3.3 Kalmar

Reporting name	Geographical location and position	VHF channel	To harbour/area (direction)
Reporting point 50	Klintehamn (57°22.4'N 018°08.5'E)	16	Klintehamn (inbound)
Reporting point 51*	Visby (57°38.0'N 018°16.1'E)	16	Visby (inbound)
Reporting point 52	Kappelshamnsviken (57°52.2'N 018°47.6'E)	16	Kappelshamn, Storugns (inbound)
Reporting point 53	Bungeör (57°48.8'N 019°06.8'E)	16	Strå, Fårösund (northwestbound)
Reporting point 54	Slite (57°40.2'N 018°50.4'E)	16	Slite (inbound)
Reporting point 5	Västervik entrance (57°44.9'N 016°49.1'E)	16	Västervik (inbound)
Reporting point 55	Flivik approach (57°30.2'N 016°50.4'E)	16	Flivik (inbound)
Reporting point 4	North Furö (57°17.6'N 016°37.3'E)	16	Oskarshamn (inbound)
Reporting point 3**	South Furö (57°15.7'N 016°37.3'E)	16	Oskarshamn (inbound)
Reporting point 33	Lillgrund (57°10.6'N 016°36.5'E)	16	Jättersön, Mönsterås (inbound)
Reporting point 2	Bredgrund (56°44.3'N 016°29.5'E)	16	Kalmar/Kalmarsund (southbound)
Reporting point 1	Trädgårdsgrund (56°35.0'N 016°20.0'E)	16	Kalmar/Kalmarsund (northbound)
Reporting point 7	Karlskrona angöring (56°03.2'N 015°33.4'E)	16	Karlskrona (inbound)
Reporting point 8	Karlshamn East (56°07.2'N 014°53.4'E)	16	Karlshamn, Sternö vindhamn (inbound)
Reporting point 9	Karlshamn West (56°06.9'N 014°49.0'E)	16	Stilleryd, Kölö, Elleholm (inbound)
Reporting point 10	Spättgrund (55°58.1'N 014°35.8'E)	16	Sölvesborg (inbound)
Reporting point 11	Pållgrund (55°55.1'N 014°28.0'E)	16	Åhus (inbound)

* Reporting should be made 15 minutes before passing the reporting point during May – September.

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3.4 Malmö

Reporting name	Geographical location and position	VHF channel	To harbour/area (direction)
Reporting point 44	Ystad approach (55°23.2'N 013°47.3'E)	16	Ystad (inbound)
Reporting point 43*	Halmstad approach (56°36.5'N 012°47.0'E)	16	Halmstad (inbound)
Reporting point 42*	Falkenberg approach (57°51.1'N 012°26.1'E)	16	Falkenberg (inbound)
Reporting point 41*	Varberg approach (57°05.0'N 012°13.0'E)	16	Varberg (inbound)

*Pre-notice should be made 20 minutes before passing the reporting point.

3.5 Marstrand

Reporting name	Geographical location and position	VHF channel	To harbour/area (direction)
Reporting point 21	Strömstad approach via Bulthålan (58°56.3'N 011°03.9'E)	16	Strömstad (inbound)

3.6 Vänern

Special regulations are applied on Lake Vänern, see the Swedish Transport Agency's regulations and general advice (TSFS 2010:70) on maritime traffic on Vänern.