



**UNFORTUNATELY, MOST DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC) RADIOS IN USE DO NOT HAVE AN MMSI NUMBER.**

The DSC radio "distress alert" transmit features will not work without the MMSI number properly programmed into the radio

**WHEN YOU SELL YOUR DSC RADIO OR BOAT:**

You cannot remove the MMSI number from the radio's memory. The new owner **MUST** update the MMSI information. Incorrect information will be transmitted during a distress alert and delay rescue.

Help the Coast Guard to help you...

**REGISTER YOUR RADIO FOR AN MMSI TODAY!!**

## How to obtain an MMSI

**BoatUS:** <http://www.boatus.com/mmsi/instruct.htm>

**Seatow:** [http://seatow.com/boating\\_safety/mmsi.asp](http://seatow.com/boating_safety/mmsi.asp)

**U.S. Power Squadrons:**  
[www.usps4mmsi.com](http://www.usps4mmsi.com)

**FCC Online Licensing System:**  
<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp>

**U.S. Coast Guard Background on MMSI numbers:** <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/Gmdss/mmsi.htm>



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<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-o/g-opr/g-opr.htm>

# United States Coast Guard

# Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) Number



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Homeland Security  
**United States  
Coast Guard**



# MMSI

1. After you have obtained your **MMSI** number, you should read your manual carefully before you try to program your number. On most models you have only two opportunities to program MMSI. If you fail to program the **MMSI** number within two tries, you will have to send the radio back to the factory for reset.
2. With your **MMSI** programmed, all the **DSC** functions will work. Never test your radio by pushing the (distress) red button. When you send a **MAY DAY** you will lift the flap and hold the button for 5 seconds. On some models nothing will happen until you push the **SEND** button. You **MUST** read your manual.
3. We strongly suggest that you interface your radio with a **GPS**. When you send a distress call, other **DSC** radios will display your **MMSI** number and your latitude and longitude. After you have sent your **DSC** distress alert, use your radio microphone and announce details about your distress on channel 16.
4. Other features your radio may have:
  - Individual call
  - Group calling
  - Polling
  - All stations
  - Position request
  - Position send

# WARNING!

## EMERGENCY ALERT

\*The digital **DSC** Emergency Alert will not function without the **MMSI** number. You must obtain and program your **MMSI** number into the radio.

## EMERGENCY POSITION

\*Connect your **GPS** to the **DSC** radio for the digital Emergency Alert function to provide an accurate **LAT** and **LONG** position in the event of a distress.

\*In order to obtain maximum use of your **DSC** radio:

**READ THE OWNER'S MANUAL**



## WHEN YOU BUY OR SELL A BOAT:

- **PRINT OUT THE OWNER'S MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT TELL YOU HOW TO CHANGE THE MMSI INFORMATION AND PROVIDE THEM TO THE BUYER WHEN YOU SELL YOUR BOAT**
- **IF YOU BUY A DSC RADIO EQUIPPED VESSEL, ASK FOR THE MANUAL OR MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND IMMEDIATELY UPDATE THE MMSI WITH YOUR INFORMATION**

