About this Handbook

Introduction
This handbook describes the Ray54E fixed VHF marine radio. The Ray54E provides two-way communications on all International marine channels, pre-set private channels, and (if programmed) all US and Canadian and marine channels. The Ray54E includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC).

Conventions Used
Throughout this handbook, the dedicated (labelled) keys are shown in bold capitals (for example: SCAN/SAVE). The LCD indicators and functions are shown in normal capitals (for example: TX).

➤ Operating procedures, which may consist of a single key-press or a sequence of numbered steps, are indicated by an arrow icon shown in the margin.

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Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)

The Ray54E includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC). A nine-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number is required to operate the DSC equipment. In some areas, a radio operator licence is required before an MMSI number will be issued.

**Note:** You can request an MMSI number from the same agency that issues radio or Ship Radio licences in your area. Once obtained, you can program the MMSI number into your Ray54E as described in this handbook.

Group MMSI ID

A Group ID MMSI number can also be entered for vessels that are part of a group, such as a flotilla or racing fleet, enabling DSC communications within the group.

Automatic Transmitter Identification System (ATIS)

If you purchased your Ray54E to include use on the inland waterways of the contracting governments of the “Regional Arrangement Concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways”—also known as the Basel Agreement—your Ray54E will be programmed by your dealer to include Automatic Transmitter Identification System (ATIS) functionality. ATIS includes data at the end of radio transmission that identifies your station. ATIS operation can be turned on or off as needed via the radio’s Menu mode.

**Note:** When ATIS is enabled, certain programming steps have been implemented to protect the integrity of the Basel Agreement, including the blocking of DSC functions when ATIS is active. See Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on page 31 and ATIS Function on page 79.

Your ATIS ID number is derived from your vessel’s call sign. Your authorized Raymarine dealer can assist you in decoding your ATIS ID number, which you can then program into your Ray54E using the operation described on page 77.

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SAFETY NOTICE

Your Raymarine VHF radio generates and radiates radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic energy (EME). This equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this handbook. Failure to do so can result in personal injury and/or product malfunction.

CAUTION: Navigation Aid
This unit is only an aid to navigation. Its accuracy can be affected by many factors, including equipment failure or defects, environmental conditions, and improper handling or use. It is your responsibility to exercise common prudence and navigational judgments. Do not reply upon this radio as a substitute for such prudence and judgment.

Antenna Mounting and EME Exposure
For optimal radio performance and minimal human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy, make sure the antenna is:

• connected to the radio before transmitting
• located where it will be away from people
• located at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) from the radio’s main unit

Safe Compass Distance
Safe Compass Distance is 1 meter for a common mechanical compass; other compass types may require greater distances. To be sure, you should locate the radio as far as possible from the compass. Test your compass to verify proper operation while the radio is also operating.

EMC Conformance
All Raymarine equipment and accessories are designed to the best industry standards for use in the recreational marine environment. Their design and manufacture conform to the appropriate Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standards but correct installation and use is required to ensure that performance is not compromised.

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Product Name: Raymarine RAY 54E VHF Radio with Class "D" DSC
Product Number(s): E43024 (White), E43025 (Black)

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Non-Harmonised Standard(s):
- EN 60945, EN 301 025-1, EN 300 698-1
- IEC 62238

The satisfactory assessment of the above, allows a presumption of Conformity to the following Harmonised standard(s):

Harmonised Standard(s):
- EN 301 025-2, EN 300-025-3, EN 300 698-2
- EN 300 698-3, EN 301 843-1, EN 301 843-2

The assessment is consistent with a Technical Construction File showing conformity with the essential requirements of the Directive and has been reviewed by Notified Body No. 0168.

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Date: May 2004
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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Ray54E Fixed Station VHF Radio

The Ray54E marine VHF radiotelephone is a microprocessor-controlled transceiver that provides reliable simplex (single frequency) and semi-duplex (two frequency) communications. This handbook describes the physical and functional characteristics of the radio.

![Ray54E VHF Radio](image)

The Ray54E provides two-way communications on all International marine channels, pre-set private channels, and (if programmed) all US and Canadian marine and weather channels. Refer to the Frequency Tables in Appendix B, which list all marine VHF channels available in your radio. You should familiarize yourself with these tables to ensure proper channel usage.

1.2 Features

The Ray54E is designed and manufactured to provide ease of operation with excellent reliability. The Ray54E has many enhanced features, including:

- Waterproof to IPX-7 standard
- Anti-glare 2” x 1.5” LCD with 4 x 12 dot matrix display
- Nine (9) brightness and contrast adjustments
- Dedicated key for switching to Priority Channel 16
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• Programmable Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel key
• ATIS operation, if required
• Private Channels (if so licensed)
• All Scan, Memory Scan and 2 Priority Scan functions
• Dual/Tri Watch Monitor modes
• Each channel displays an editable 12-character Channel Name
• Enhanced GPS Position Data gives Latitude and Longitude to 1/10,000 of a minute plus Time, SOG and COG data from any NMEA input
• Automatically distinguishes between calls made to Ship or Coast Stations
• Low and High Voltage detection with alarm
• User Mode provides easy access to favourite channels
• Key Beep volume adjustment (3 levels)

Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

The Ray54E includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC). DSC protocol is a globally applied system used to send and receive digital calls. DSC uses a unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number to direct DSC calls directly to your radio, much like a telephone number. When the DSC signal is received, the radio quickly switches over to channel 70 and performs the corresponding operation.

Note: An MMSI number is required to operate the DSC equipment in this radio. You can request an MMSI number from the same agency that issues radio or Ship Radio licences in your area. Once obtained, you can program the MMSI number yourself one time only using the menu operation described in My MMSI ID on page 72.

The Ray54E includes the following DSC features:
• Separate receiver dedicated to handling DSC Calls on channel 70
• Position Request function sends GPS position data to or receives position data from other stations
• Phonebook for automatically making DSC calls
• Quick Save feature saves incoming DSC Calls and the caller’s associated MMSI number directly into the phonebook
• Quick Call feature sends Individual Calls or Group Calls directly from the phonebook, just like the redial function on a telephone
• Three (3) Group IDs for making DSC Calls only to stations in your group, such as a flotilla or fishing fleet

DSC functions are fully described in Chapter 5:
Chapter 2: Installation

2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

Use care when unpacking the unit from the shipping carton to prevent damage to the contents. It is also good practice to save the carton and the interior packing material in the event you must return the unit to the factory.

Equipment Supplied

The following is a list of materials supplied with the Ray54E:

Table 2-1: Supplied Components

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<td>E43025</td>
<td>Ray54E, Charcoal Gray</td>
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<td>Handbook, Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49108</td>
<td>Power Cord, Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49128</td>
<td>GPS Cable, Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49133</td>
<td>Speaker Cord, Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49093</td>
<td>Mounting Yoke for White Ray54E</td>
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<tr>
<td>R49095</td>
<td>Mounting Yoke for Charcoal Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49094</td>
<td>Yoke Knob and Spacer for White Ray54E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>R49096</td>
<td>Yoke Knob and Spacer for Charcoal Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49104</td>
<td>Microphone Bracket for White Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49105</td>
<td>Microphone Bracket for Charcoal Ray54E</td>
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<td>R49109</td>
<td>Sun Cover, White</td>
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<td>R49110</td>
<td>Sun Cover, Charcoal Gray</td>
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</table>

Mounting Hardware:
- Screws (x4) for Mounting Yoke
- Screws (x2) for Microphone Bracket
- Screw/Lock Washer (x1) for Grounding

The following is a list of optional equipment for the Ray54E:

Table 2-2: Optional Equipment

<table>
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<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>E46034</td>
<td>Flush Mount Kit, A Series VHF Radios</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2.2 Planning the Installation

When planning the installation of your Ray54E, consider the following conditions to ensure dependable and trouble-free operation.

Mount the main unit to allow easy access from the location where the boat is normally navigated.

The main unit is designed to be mounted horizontally or vertically on a flat bulkhead. Select a location that is non-metallic, dry, protected, well-ventilated, and free from high operating temperatures and excessive vibration. Provide sufficient space behind the main unit to allow for proper cable connections to the rear panel connectors. Locate the main unit as near as possible to the power source yet as far apart as possible from any devices that may cause interference such as motors, generators, and other on board electronics. The radio should be protected from prolonged direct exposure to rain and salt spray.

The Ray54E is not designed to be mounted in engine compartments. Do not install the radio in a location where there may be flammable vapours (such as in an engine room or compartment, or in a fuel tank bay), water splash or spray from bilges or hatches, where it is at risk from physical damage from heavy items (such as hatch covers, tool boxes, etc.), or where it might be covered by other equipment. Locate the radio at least 1.5 meters from the antenna.

Safe Compass Distance is 1 meter for a common mechanical compass; other compass types may require greater distances. To be sure, you should locate the radio as far as possible from the compass. Test your compass to verify proper operation while the radio is also operating.

Typical Mounting Methods

The Ray54E can be conveniently mounted on a chart table, bulkhead, overhead, or any other desired location. Refer to the following figure for typical mounting methods.

Flush Mounting

In addition to the typical Mounting Methods, the Ray54E may also be flush mounted using the optional E46034 Flush Mount Kit. Instructions for installing the radio using the Flush Mount Kit are included with the kit. These kits are available from your Raymarine dealer.
CAUTION: Make sure there are no hidden electrical wires or other items behind the desired location before proceeding. Check that free access for mounting and cabling is available.
2.3 Power Connections

The red and black Power Cord provides connection to DC power. The red (+) wire contains a 7 amp in-line fuse. It should be connected to the positive terminal of the power source. The black (-) wire should be connected to the negative (ground) of the power source. Check the polarity with a VOM (Voltage/Ohm Meter) and reconnect observing correct polarity. If the fuse ever needs to be replaced, be sure to use the same type and rating.

Connect the stripped wires on the Power Cord to the nearest primary source of the boat's DC power. A typical source would be a circuit breaker on the power panel or a fuse block near the unit. The circuit breaker or other in-line fuse should be rated at 10 amps. The power cord should be long enough to reach the DC power source. If additional wire length is required, the cable can be extended by adding more cable as necessary. However, for power cable runs longer than 15 feet, larger wire diameter size should be used to prevent voltage line loss. To ensure adequate current draw to the equipment, Raymarine recommends that you use lugs to connect the power cable to the DC supply and that the lug connections be both crimped and soldered. The connection terminal should be clean, with no sign of corrosion.

After the cord is connected to power, slide the bullet connectors on the Power Cord into their mates (with the same coloured wire) on the rear of the radio. (See Figure 2-3.)

The Ray54E is designed to be operated on a 12 volt (nominal) system. If battery voltage drops below 10.5 VDC (approximately), the icon appears on the LCD (see page 15). Discontinue using the radio if a low voltage condition occurs as performance would be unreliable. If voltage exceeds 16 VDC, the message EXCESSIVE VOLTAGE appears on the dot matrix display and an alarm is sounded. Immediately disconnect the radio if a high voltage condition occurs as the unit could become damaged.

Figure 2-3: Wiring Connections
2.4 External Speaker Connections

Located just below the power cord is a cable for connection to an optional external speaker. Connect the white(+) wire and black (–) wire to the speaker observing polarity as it is marked on the speaker. Mate the connector with its counterpart on the rear of the radio. (See Figure 2-3.) If not connecting an external speaker, please leave the dust cover on the cable connector.

2.5 Grounding

While special grounding is not generally required for VHF radiotelephone installations, it is good marine practice to properly ground all electronic equipment to the boat’s earth ground system. The Ray54E can be connected to ground by installing the supplied screw and lock washer in the threaded hole labelled GND on the main unit’s rear panel just below the antenna jack. Then attach a wire from this screw to the nearest ship’s earth ground connection point. The recommended wire to be used for such grounding is #10 AWG.

2.6 GPS/NMEA Data

The Ray54E accepts NMEA 0183 (V1.5) data from a position determining device (GPS) to provide the Latitude and Longitude position information that is transmitted during a DSC Distress Call. When a valid NMEA signal is detected, the GPS indicator appears on the LCD. When no valid NMEA signal is detected, the NO GPS indicator appears.

Connect the NMEA OUT + and NMEA OUT– signals from the positioning device to the GPS + (yellow) and GPS – (green) wires, respectively, of the GPS cable. Mate the connector with its counterpart on the rear of the radio, aligning the arrows on the two connectors. (See Figure 2-3.) If not connecting a GPS, please leave the dust cover on the cable connector.

An example of how to make the connections using a suitable connector block is shown in the following drawing. For specific instructions how to connect your particular GPS, please refer to the handbook that came with that device.

![Figure 2-4: GPS Wiring](image-url)
2.7 Antenna Connections

The coaxial VHF antenna cable connects to the Ray54E antenna jack on the rear panel using a PL259 VHF type connector. The antenna cable length can be critical to performance. If you are uncertain, contact a professional installer or call Raymarine Product Support. If a longer cable length is required, RG-8x (50 ohm) marine coaxial cable or equivalent cable can be used for runs up to a maximum of 50 feet. If the distance required is even greater, Raymarine recommends using low loss RG-213 or equivalent cable for the entire run to avoid excessive losses in power output.

If the antenna RF connector is likely to be exposed to the marine environment, a protective coating of grease (Dow Corning DC-4 or similar) can be applied to the connector before connecting it to the radio. Any other extensions or adapters in the cable run should also be protected by silicon grease and then wrapped with a waterproofing tape.

**Antenna Mounting Suggestions**

Mounting the VHF antenna properly is very important because it will directly affect the performance of your VHF radio. Use a VHF antenna designed for marine vessels.

Since VHF transmission is essentially line-of-sight, mount the antenna at a location on the vessel that is free of obstruction to obtain maximum range.

If you must extend the length of the coaxial cable between the antenna and the radio, use a coaxial cable designed for the least amount of power loss over the entire cable length.

**Antenna Mounting and EME Exposure**

For optimal radio performance and minimal human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy, make sure the antenna is:

- connected to the radio before transmitting
- properly mounted
- located where it will be away from people
- located at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) from the radio
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3.1 Keypad and Rotary Knobs

Several of the keys on the front panel of the main unit serve multiple purposes. For the most part, the function indicated on the first line of the key is accessed by pressing and releasing that key. The function indicated on the second line of the key is accessed by pressing and holding the key for three seconds.

Figure 3-1: Ray54E Keys Layout
### Microphone Keys

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key Name</th>
<th>Press &amp; Release (&lt;3 sec.)</th>
<th>Press &amp; Hold (&gt;3 sec.)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. PTT</td>
<td>Push-to-Talk</td>
<td>Push-to-Talk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. UP/DOWN</td>
<td>Channel increment/decrement and navigating menu item selections</td>
<td>Rapid channel change and navigating menu item selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. 16/PLUS</td>
<td>Switch between the Priority and Working Channels</td>
<td>Switches to Secondary Priority (PLUS) channel; if already tuned to the PLUS channel, programs a new PLUS channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. HI/LO</td>
<td>TX Power High/Low and ACCEPT key for menu item selections</td>
<td>TX Power High/Low and ACCEPT key for menu item selections</td>
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</table>

### Main Unit Rotary Keys

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tr>
<td>5. CH/PUSH</td>
<td>Rotate to increment/decrement channels or navigate menu item selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. PWR/VOL</td>
<td>Power radio ON/OFF and adjust volume level</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. SQ</td>
<td>Adjust squelch threshold level</td>
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### Main Unit Push Keys

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<th>Press &amp; Hold (&gt;3 sec.)</th>
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<tr>
<td>5. CH/PUSH</td>
<td>ACCEPT menu item selections</td>
<td>ACCEPT menu item selections</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. DW/TRI</td>
<td>Dual Watch Mode</td>
<td>Tri Watch Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. CALL/MENU</td>
<td>Activate DSC functions</td>
<td>Activate Menu functions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. HL/USER</td>
<td>TX Power High/Low</td>
<td>USER (Saved Memory Channel) Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. SCAN/SAVE</td>
<td>Scan ON/OFF</td>
<td>SAVE/DELETE channel to/from memory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. 16/PLUS</td>
<td>Switch between the Priority and Working Channels</td>
<td>Switches to Secondary Priority (PLUS) channel; if already tuned to the PLUS channel, programs a new PLUS channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. CLEAR</td>
<td>Cancel function</td>
<td>Weather Channel Mode, if so programmed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. DISTRESS</td>
<td>Designate Distress Type</td>
<td>Make Distress Call</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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Microphone

1. PTT
   Press this Push-to-Talk key to transmit.

2. UP/DOWN
   Use the arrow keys to change the active channel number. Press and hold for rapid channel changing. You can also use these keys to scroll through DSC Call and Menu Mode options and make item selections.

3. 16/PLUS
   Use this key to switch to the priority channel or to change the value of the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel.

4. HILO
   Use this key to toggle the transmit power from HIGH to LOW. You can also use it to accept DSC Call and Menu Mode selections.

Main Unit

5. CH
   Rotate this knob to change the current channel number and to change values in Menu mode or during programming. Press the knob to enter values selected in Menu mode or during programming.

6. PWR/VOL
   Use this knob to turn the radio ON and OFF and to set the volume.

7. SQ
   Use this knob to set the squelch threshold, which cuts off the receiver when the signal is too weak for reception of anything but noise.

8. DW/TRI
   Press and release this key to select Dual Watch mode, which monitors the current working channel and CH 16 in cycle. Press and hold to select Tri Watch, which monitors CH 16, the current working channel and the channel you have set as the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel in cycle. See Section 4.12.
9. CALL/MENU

Press and release this key to select to enter DSC Call Mode, which is used for making DSC Calls and viewing the DSC Call Logs and the DSC Call Phonebook.

A Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number is required to operate the DSC equipment in this radio. This number directs DSC calls directly to your radio, much like a telephone number. You can program the MMSI number yourself one time only using the Menu Operation described in Section 6.8, DSC Setup. Otherwise, your Raymarine dealer can program or change the number for you.

If the MMSI number has not yet programmed, the message DSC IS NOT OPERATIONAL...PLEASE ENTER MMSI ID is displayed in the dot matrix display when you press and release CALL/MENU.

DSC Call menu structure is outlined in the following drawing. Full details on DSC call operation are described in Chapter 5:
Press and hold **CALL/MENU** to select Menu Mode, which is used to set up the radio. The menu structure is outlined in the following drawing. Menu operations are fully described in *Chapter 6*:

![Menu Diagram]

10. **HILO/USER**
Press and release this key to toggle the transmit power from HIGH to LOW. Press and hold to select User Channel Mode, which displays only the channels that you have saved to memory. User Mode is described in *Section 4.13*.

11. **SCAN / SAVE**
Press and release this key to enter one of the Scan Modes, which are described in *Section 4.10*. Press and hold to enter a channel into the radio’s memory. This function is described in *Section 4.11*. 
12. **16/PLUS**

Use this key to switch to the priority channel or to change the value of the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel.

13. **CLEAR**

Press and release to terminate a function and return to the last-used channel. Press and hold to select the Weather mode (if available).

14. **DISTRESS**

Push down the spring-loaded cover and press this key to make a DSC Distress Call. Instructions for making a Distress Call are described in Section 5.5.

### 3.2 LCD Display

The following describes the functional characters on the Ray54E’s LCD.

![Ray54E LCD Layout](image)

**1. (HI/LO) TX Power**

Indicates whether transmit power is set for 25 watts (HI) or 1 watt (LO).

**2. (TX) Transmitting**

Indicates the PTT is being pressed and the radio is transmitting.
3. (RX) Receiving
Indicates that the radio is receiving a radio signal.

4. (LOCAL) Local/Distant Mode
Indicates the radio is in Local Reception mode, which decreases receiver sensitivity in high traffic areas to decrease unwanted reception. Only available in Ray54 (North American) model.

5. DSC Message
Indicates the radio has received a DSC Call. Details of the call can be viewed in the DSC log. See Section 5.8.

6. ATIS Active
Indicates ATIS transmission is enabled.

7. NO GPS
When GPS appears, positional data is available. When NO GPS appears, the radio is not receiving positional data.

8. Battery Low
Indicates vessel battery voltage is below 10.5 VDC, which is the lowest voltage at which the radio can be reliably operated.

9. (USER) Favourite Channel Mode
Indicates the radio is in User Mode. User Mode displays only the channels that you have saved to memory, enabling you to easily scan your favourite channels while bypassing unwanted or seldom-used channels.

10. (SAVED) Memory Mode
Indicates the current channel has been saved in memory. Appears during Saved Scan mode. Only saved channels are scanned during USER mode.

11. (WX) Weather Channel
Weather channel mode is active. US and Canada only.

12. (ALERT) Weather Alert
Monitoring for weather alert broadcasts. US and Canada only.
13. (U I C) Channel Set
   Indicates which channel set is selected: US, International or Canadian.
   **Note:** Special licensing is required to receive the US and Canadian channel sets.

14. (A) Simplex Channel
   Indicates that the currently-selected channel is simplex; you transmit and receive on the same frequency. Used with US and Canadian channels only.

15. (B) Receive-only Channel
   Indicates that you cannot transmit on the currently-selected channel; it is receive-only. Used with Canadian channels only.

16. Channel Number
   Displays the current channel number.

17. Dot Matrix Display
   Indicates radio functions or special conditions. The type of information displayed depends on the situation. Figure 3-3 demonstrates a typical screen in normal operating mode. The screen is different when sending/receiving a DSC Call (see Chapter 5) or setting up a Menu item (see Chapter 6).
   **Note:** In the following sample:
   (1) The Channel Name is editable (see page 70).
   (2) Valid position data received from a GPS or manually entered (see page 64).
   (3) Last line may contain COG/SOG data instead of time (see page 68).

![Figure 3-3: Typical Dot Matrix Display Data](image-url)
Chapter 4: General Operations

4.1 Turning the Power ON and OFF

Turn the PWR/VOL knob clockwise until it clicks.
When the unit powers up in Normal mode it:
1. Beeps, illuminates the backlight at full brightness, and displays all segments and indicators for 2 seconds.
2. Displays the software version number on the dot matrix display.
3. Recalls the last CH number, TX power settings and operation mode.
   If no last-used setting data exists, goes to CH 16 and high TX Power.
When GPS Data is available, extended position data is also displayed with the offset time on the dot matrix display. This information will be displayed when display option for the position and time is enabled on the Menu. See Section 6.5.

To turn the unit OFF, rotate the Volume knob completely counter clockwise until it clicks.

4.2 Setting the Volume

Adjust the PWR/VOL knob to control the loudspeaker volume level. Turn clockwise to increase the volume; counter clockwise to decrease the volume.

Note: Key press beep volume is also controlled by the VOL level.

4.3 Setting the Squelch

The Squelch circuit sets the threshold for cutting off the receiver when the signal is too weak for reception of anything but noise.

To properly set the squelch, rotate the SQ knob counter clockwise until audio is heard. Then rotate clockwise until background noise disappears.

4.4 Setting the Power Output

The choice of power output is dependent upon the distance of transmission and transmitting conditions. International Regulations state you must use the minimum power possible for satisfactory communication.
Press and release the HL/USER key on the main unit or microphone to toggle the TX power from LOW (1 watt) to HIGH (25 watts). The corresponding LO or HI indicator appears on the LCD.

As a part of marine communications courtesy, initial contact should always be attempted using low power. You should switch to high power only when contact can not be made on low power in emergency situations.

Note: Some channels are limited by regulation to be low power only. If the HILO operation request is denied, an error tone beeps.

4.5 Setting the Channel

On the microphone...
Press and release the UP arrow to increment the channel number.
Press and release the DOWN arrow to decrement the channel.
Press and hold either key for rapid channel scrolling.

On the main unit...
Rotate the CH knob clockwise to increment the channel number.
Rotate the CH knob counter clockwise to decrement the channel number.
4.6 Selecting a Weather Channel (If Available)

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) broadcasts continuous weather reports and severe weather alerts, as needed. If so equipped, your Ray54E is programmed to receive 10 weather channels and sound an alarm if a weather alert is received.

Press and hold the CLEAR key to enter Weather mode.

The WX indicator appears on the LCD. Rotate the CH knob to select from channels WX01 through WX10.

Press and release the CLEAR key again to return to normal operation.

Note:
1. WX broadcasts can only be heard in the US and Canada.
2. The Ray54E can receive these broadcasts only if the unit has been upgraded by the distributor to use WX Channels.
3. During Weather mode, the PTT, HILO/USER, SCAN/SAVE and DW/TRI keys are disabled and an error beep sounds if pressed.
Weather Alert Operation (If Available)

Weather Alert is toggled ON and OFF by pressing and holding CLEAR key in the weather mode. The ALERT indicator illuminates.

When Weather Alert function is enabled and the radio is tuned to the normal working channel, the last-used weather channel is checked every four minutes for weather alert tone. If the alert tone is detected, the WX and ALERT indicators flash and an alarm sounds.

The radio automatically turns to the currently-monitored WX channel where the weather alert has been detected. The alert is detected in all modes of operation (Standby, Dual and Tri Watch, Scan, etc.)

**Note:** The Ray54E can receive weather alert broadcasts in the US or Canada only if the unit has been programmed by the distributor to use WX Channels.

4.7 Selecting the Priority Channel

The Ray54E provides you with a dedicated key for switching to the Priority Channel 16.

If not already tuned to the Priority Channel 16, press and release the 16/PLUS key to switch to CH16 at high power.

PRIORITY CH appears in the dot matrix display.

If already on CH 16, press and release the 16/PLUS to return to the last-used working channel.

**Note:** When the priority channel is selected, it is always set to HIGH transmit power. You may reduce power if desired by pressing the HI/LO key.

The 16/PLUS key also can be used to cancel all modes and switch to CH 16.
Note: When you press the 16/PLUS key, the radio always switches to HIGH power. You can use the HL/USER key to change to LOW power.

4.8 Selecting the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel

The Ray54E enables you to program the 16/PLUS key to store a Secondary Priority or Favourite (PLUS) Channel. The default is CH 9.

If on a working channel, **press and hold** the 16/PLUS for greater than 3 seconds to switch to the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel at high power. The default is CH 9.

PRIORITY CH appears in the dot matrix display.

If on primary Priority CH16, **press and hold** the 16/PLUS for greater 3 seconds to switch to the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel at HI power. The default is CH 9.
If already on the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel, **press and release** the 16/PLUS key to switch to Priority Channel 16 at high power.

**Reprogramming the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel**

1. **Press and hold** the 16/PLUS key for greater 3 seconds to switch to the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel.

2. **Press and hold** the 16/PLUS key for greater 3 seconds again to switch to Reprogram mode. The current Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel flashes.

3. Change the channel number with the CH key.

4. **Push** the CH key to ACCEPT the new Secondary Priority (PLUS) selection. An alert tone sounds to indicate that the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel has been changed.

**Note:** During the reprogramming of the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel, the PTT and DW/TRI keys are disabled and an error beep sounds if pressed.

![STEP 1](image1)

![STEP 2](image2)

![STEP 3](image3)

![STEP 4](image4)
4.9 Transmitting

Press and hold the Push-to-Talk (PTT) key on the microphone to transmit on the selected channel, then release to receive. The TX indicator appears during transmission.

**Note:** International regulations and good communications practice dictate that you not interfere with other communications. Before transmitting, listen to make sure the channel is clear.

The radio is equipped with a timeout timer in the event of a stuck key. After PTT has been held continuously for 5 minutes, transmission is discontinued and the radio automatically returns to receive mode. An Error beep is emitted 10 seconds before the time out is triggered and TX flashes on the display until PTT is released.

The TX time out timer is reset once the PTT key is released.

**Note:** If the current channel is receive-only, an alert tone sounds when PTT is pressed, indicating such a transmission is not permitted.

4.10 Using the Scan Modes

The Ray54E is equipped with four types of scan options: All Scan, Saved (Memory) Scan, Priority All Scan and Priority Saved Scan. If there are no channels in memory, the default is All Scan.

This function automatically searches for broadcasting channels. If a transmission is received, the scan stops on the receiving channel as long as it is present. If the signal is lost for five seconds, the radio resumes scanning.

During the Scan Modes:

- Press the microphone Channel UP/DOWN keys or rotate the CH knob on the main unit to change the scan direction. UP (CH key)/clockwise (CH knob) increments the channel while DOWN (CH key)/counter clockwise (CH knob) decrements it.
- Press and release SCAN/SAVE to terminate the SCAN mode.
- Press and release CLEAR to terminate the SCAN mode.
- Press 16/PLUS to terminate the SCAN mode and tune to the Priority Channel.
- DW/TRI and HILO/USER keys are disabled.

**Note:** Scan modes are disabled when the ATIS operation is active.
All Scan

Press and release the SCAN/SAVE key when no channels are stored in memory to activate the All Scan function.

ALL SCAN appears on the dot matrix display.

In All Scan mode, all channels in the channel set are scanned in sequence, assuming no channels have been stored in memory. After the last channel number has been scanned, the cycle repeats.

All Scan is demonstrated in the figure to the left.

Saved (Memory) Scan

Press and release the SCAN/SAVE key when there is at least one channel in memory to activate the Saved Scan function.

SAVED SCAN appears on the dot matrix display.

In Saved Scan mode, only the channels that have been saved in memory are scanned in sequence. After the last saved channel number has been scanned, the cycle repeats.

Saved Scan is demonstrated in the figure to the left.
Priority All Scan

**Press and hold** the SCAN/SAVE key while All Scan is active to initiate Priority Scan.

ALL PSCAN appears on the dot matrix display.

Priority Scan searches for activity on all channels but alternates scanning the Priority Channel 16 after each channel. Priority Scan is demonstrated in the figure to the left.

Priority Saved Scan

**Press and hold** the SCAN/SAVE key while Saved Scan is active to initiate Priority Saved Scan.

SAVED PSCAN appears on the dot matrix display.

Priority Saved Scan is much like Priority Scan except that the radio alternates searching for activity on the Priority Channel 16 and the channels stored in memory. Priority Saved Scan is demonstrated in the figure to the left.

**Press and hold** SCAN/SAVE for 3 seconds to exit Priority/Priority Saved Scan and return to All/Memory Scan.
Press and release the CLEAR key to exit Priority/Priority Saved Scan and return to the last-used channel.

4.11 Adding Channels to Memory

The Ray54E can store any channel (including Private Channels). The stored channels are the ones scanned in the Saved (Memory) Scan mode.

➤ To Add Channels to Memory
1. During normal operation mode, use the CH knob to select the desired channel for programming.
2. Press and hold the SCAN/SAVE key for 3 seconds.

The SAVED icon appears to indicate the current channel has been saved in memory. Any number of channels can be saved as memory channels.

➤ To delete channels from memory
1. During the normal mode, use the CH knob to select the channel to be deleted.
2. Press and hold the SCAN/SAVE key for 3 seconds.
The selected channel is deleted from memory.

To view the channels set in memory, switch to USER mode, as described in Section 4.13, USER Channel Mode.
4.12 Using the Monitor Modes

The Watch Modes monitor the programmed Priority Channel and other user-selected channel(s). The watch is halted when activity is detected on a monitored channel. The Ray54E is equipped with 2 types of monitor operations: Dual Watch and Tri Watch.

**Note:** Monitor modes are disabled when the ATIS operation is active.

**Dual Watch**

**Press and release** the DW/TRI key to activate the Dual Watch mode.

DUAL CH16 appears in the dot matrix display.

Dual Watch monitors the current working channel and Channel 16 in cycle.

Dual Watch is demonstrated in the figure to the left; the sample working channel is CH 72.

**Press and release** the DW/TRI key to terminate Dual Watch and return to the previous working channel.

**Press and hold** the DW/TRI key to terminate Dual Watch mode and go into Tri Watch mode.

**Press and release** the CLEAR key to terminate Dual Watch mode and return to the last-used channel.

**Press and release** the 16/PLUS key to terminate Dual Watch mode and switch to the Priority Channel.

**Note:** During Dual Watch mode, the SCAN/SAVE, USER and CH keys are inactive and sounds an error beep if pressed.
**Tri Watch**

**Press and hold** the DW/TRI key for 3 seconds to activate Tri Watch mode.

TRI CH16 09 appears on the dot matrix display.

Tri Watch monitors in cycle channel 16, the current working channel and the channel you have set as the Secondary Priority (PLUS) Channel.

Tri Watch is demonstrated in the figure to the left; the sample working channel is channel 72.

**Press and release** the DW/TRI key to terminate Tri Watch and return to the previous working channel.

**Press and release** the 16/PLUS key to terminate Tri Watch mode and switch to the Priority Channel.

**Press and release** the CLEAR key to terminate Tri Watch mode and return to the last-used channel.

**Note:** During Tri Watch Mode, the SCAN/SAVE, USER and CH keys are inactive and an error beep sounds if pressed.
4.13 USER Channel Mode

Press and hold the HL/USER key while in normal operation mode to enter User Mode. The USER and SAVED indicators appear.

User Channel Mode displays only the channels that you have saved to memory, which enables you to easily use your favourite channels while bypassing unwanted or seldom-used channels during a scan.

Note: The procedure for saving a channel to memory is outlined in Section 4.11, Adding Channels to Memory.

While in User Mode the following operations can be performed:

- Press and release the SCAN/SAVE key to start Memory Scan mode.
- Press and hold the SCAN/SAVE key to delete the current channel from memory list.
- Press 16/PLUS to end User mode and switch to the Priority Channel.

Press and release the CLEAR key to quit User mode and return to the last-used working channel.

Press and hold the HL/USER key for 3 seconds to quit User mode and return to the last-used working channel.

Note: You cannot switch Channel Sets while in User Mode.

4.14 DSC Call Operation

Press and release the CALL/MENU key while in normal operation mode to enter Call Mode.

DSC Call mode is fully described in Chapter 5:
4.15 Menu Mode Operation

Press and hold the CALL/MENU key while in normal operation mode to enter Menu Mode.

Menu mode is fully described in Chapter 6:
Chapter 5: Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

The Ray54E includes equipment for Class “D” Digital Selective Calling (DSC). DSC protocol is a globally applied system used to send and receive digital calls. DSC uses a unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number to direct DSC calls directly to your radio, much like a telephone number. When the DSC signal is received, the radio quickly switches over to channel 70 and performs the corresponding operation.

Note: An MMSI number is required to operate the DSC equipment in this radio. You can request an MMSI number from the same agency that issues radio or Ship Radio licences in your area. Once obtained, you can program the MMSI number yourself one time only using the operation described in My MMSI ID on page 72. Otherwise, your Raymarine dealer can program or change the number for you.

The Ray54E includes a separate dedicated receiver just for DSC communications on channel 70. When a DSC call is received, the Ray54E automatically responds based on the type of call. When receiving a DSC call from another vessel or a coast station, an alert sounds and DSC data appears in the LCD—such as time of a call, the caller and the type and priority of a call.

The Ray54E can make the following type of DSC calls:
- INDIVIDUAL (routine) Calls are made to a specific station identified by its MMSI number. See page 34.
- GROUP (routine) Calls send transmissions that are only received by radios that share a common Group MMSI number. See page 38.
- ALL SHIPS Calls send out a message to all vessels within range. See page 42. The Ray54E can make two different types of All Ships calls:
  1. SAFETY Calls for advisory alerts, or
  2. URGENCY when the assistance is required but the situation is not serious enough for a Distress Call
- DISTRESS Calls send your vessel’s position and time information to other ships and shore stations, along with (optionally) the nature of your Distress situation. See page 45.
- POSITION REQUEST calls enable you to request GPS position information from any station for which an MMSI number is known. You can also send out your position to others.

Note: If you purchased your Ray54E to include use on the inland waterways of the contracting governments of the “Regional Arrangement Concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways”—also known as the Basel Agreement—your Ray54E will be programmed by your dealer to
include Automatic Transmitter Identification System (ATIS) functionality. If ATIS has been enabled, certain programming steps have been implemented to protect the integrity of this agreement, including the blocking of DSC functions when ATIS is active. See ATIS Function on page 79.

5.1 DSC Call Function

DSC Call Mode is used to initiate DSC Individual, Group, All Ships, Distress and Position Request calls and to access the DSC Call Logs and Phonebook.

The channel remains unchanged and you can perform normal TX operation. DSC mode is exited when transmitting.

Press and release the CALL/MENU key while in normal operation mode to enter DSC Call Mode.

Note: Distress calls are made using the DISTRESS key.

The Ray54E’s DSC Call type and structure are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DSC Call Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INDIVIDUAL</td>
<td>Makes a ROUTINE DSC call to a specific station identified by its MMSI number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GROUP</td>
<td>Sends transmissions that are only received by radios that share a common Group MMSI number. Up to 3 Group MMSI numbers can be stored and called.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALL SHIPS</td>
<td>Sends out a message to all ships within range that you need assistance but the situation is not serious enough for a Distress Call. All Ships calls should only be used if hailing for assistance on channel 16 fails. There are two types of All Ships Calls: SAFETY for advisory alerts and URGENCY for assistance when life is not in immediate danger.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Using the Microphone Keys to Make Selections

The examples in this chapter describe how to make menu and character selections using the CH knob on the main unit. However, you can also press the microphone UP/DOWN keys to make selections, and then press the microphone HI/LO key to accept.

Note: To conform with regulations of the Basel Agreement for radiotelephone service on inland waterways, DSC functions are disabled when ATIS is active. Please see ATIS Function on page 79.
5.2 Individual Calls

The Ray54E can make Individual Routine calls.

Making DSC Calls to Coast Stations

The examples in this handbook illustrate making DSC calls to Ship Stations. However, the procedures for making Individual Calls to a Coast Station are different. Calls to a Ship Station require that you enter a subsequent working channel chosen from a pre-programmed list offered to you by the Ray54E. Calls to a Coast Station remove this step from the operating procedures. The Coast Station controls and indicates the subsequent working channel within its acknowledgement.

The Ray54E automatically detects the correct procedures for you based on the type of MMSI number you enter manually or with the phonebook. If “00” is detected as the first two characters of the MMSI, Coast Station procedures are implemented automatically.

Note: When making a call to a coast station, you will not be asked to select a working channel because that will be provided by the coast station.

Transmitting an Individual Call

To make an Individual Call to a ship or coast station, you must select the specific MMSI number to contact and the working channel to be used for the call. The MMSI ID can be entered manually or selected from a Phonebook list of preprogrammed numbers specified using the MENU function.

1. Press and release the CALL/MENU key to enter the DSC menu. The arrow is pointing to INDIVIDUAL.

2. Push the CH knob to select INDIVIDUAL. The Individual menu appears, which displays the Phonebook entries you have saved and <MANUAL> for manual number entry.
3. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to the desired individual name.

   ![CH knob]  
   **If using MANUAL MMSI ID entry:**  
   Enter the MMSI number using the CH knob. Rotate the CH knob to select each character and then push in the CH knob to accept. The next position to be modified is indicated by a blinking underline. A full description of manual character entry can be found in *Adding an Entry* on page 59.

   ![CH knob]  
   4. Push in the CH knob to select the desired individual name/MMSI ID.

   ![CH knob]  
   5. Rotate the CH knob to select the working channel to be used for the Individual Call.

   ![CH knob]  

   **Note:** *Individual Calls to a Coast Station remove this step from the operating procedures. The Coast Station controls and indicates the subsequent working channel within its acknowledgement.*
6. Push in the CH knob to accept the selection.

7. Push CH knob again to send the Individual Call. The Individual Call is transmitted on channel 70, and then the radio tunes to the original channel and waits for acknowledgement. During this period you are still able to receive calls.

Note: Pressing PTT at any time before an ACK is received cancels the Individual Call.

When the acknowledgement is received, the Ray54E automatically switches to the selected working channel and sounds a DSC Call alert ring. Press any key to mute the alert ring. It shuts off automatically after two minutes.

8. Press PTT to communicate on the specified channel.

If no acknowledgement is received within 3 minutes, the radio prompts you to resend the call.

If you do nothing for 2 minutes, the Individual Call is cancelled and the radio reverts to the original channel.
Receiving Individual Calls

When an Individual Call is received, the radio sounds an alert tone and displays the type of call, the name or MMSI number (if the caller’s MMSI number has not been programmed into your Phonebook) of the caller and the time the call was initiated. When an Individual Call from a station is received, the radio may also ask you to send an acknowledge (ACK) back to the caller. You are prompted to accept or decline the call.

To silence the alert tone:
Press any key. Automatic cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

To cancel the mode without sending ACK:
Press the CLEAR key. The alert tone is muted, the Individual Call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the display.

To accept the Individual Call:
Push the CH knob. The tone is muted (if you have not already pressed another key) and an acknowledge (if requested) is sent to the originating station. The LCD indicates a change of working channels has been made.

For Routine Calls, the channel changes to the one designated by the caller. For Safety and Urgency Calls, the radio automatically switches to channel 16.
If the caller requests that you change to an unsupported working channel the message INVALID CHANNEL appears on the LCD. If an acknowledge is sent, the originating station is notified you were UNABLE TO COMPLY with the channel change request.

Notes: (1) The DSC Call data is stored in the first available slot in the DSC Call Log, regardless of whether the call is acknowledged.
(2) Pressing the 16/PLUS key cancels the channel change request and tunes the radio to channel 16.
(3) If 5 minutes elapse before the call is acknowledged or rejected, the radio automatically declines the incoming Individual Call.
(4) To conform with inland waterways regulations of the Basel Agreement, DSC functions are disabled when ATIS is active.

5.3 Group Calls

The Group Call feature sends transmissions that are only received by radios that share a common Group MMSI number, such as a flotilla or racing fleet.

The Ray54E sends Group Routine calls. As with any DSC operation, the Group Call is made on channel 70.

Transmitting a Group Call

To call another vessel in the group, you must select the Group MMSI number to contact and the working channel to be used for the Group Call. The Group MMSI number is selected from a Phonebook list of preprogrammed numbers specified using the Menu function. Up to three Group ID numbers can be stored.

1. **Press and release** the CALL/MENU key to enter the DSC menu. The arrow is pointing to INDIVIDUAL.

2. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to GROUP.
3. Push in the CH knob to select GROUP. The Group Call menu appears, which displays the Group entries you have saved.

   ![Selection Screen]

   **Note:** Only the Group IDs that have been programmed into memory appear in the list. If you have not yet programmed any groups into memory, the message NO GROUP IN MEMORY appears. See page 73 for instructions on entering Group ID numbers.

4. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to the desired Group name.

   ![Rotation Menu]

5. Push the CH knob to select the desired Group.

   ![Selection Menu]

6. Rotate the CH knob to select the working channel to be used for the Group Call.

   ![Channel Selection]

7. Push in the CH knob to accept the selection.
8. Push the CH knob again to send the Group Call. The Group Call is transmitted on channel 70, and then the radio tunes to the designated working channel to be used for the Group Call.

9. Press PTT to communicate on the specified channel.

Receiving Group Calls

The Ray54E can receive Group Routine Calls from anyone in your prearranged group.

When a Group Call is received, an alert tone sounds and the LCD alternates screens displaying the group name and MMSI ID of the station initiating the call and that a change of working channels is being requested.

➤ To silence the alert tone:
Press any key. Automatic cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

➤ To ignore the Group Call:
Press the CLEAR key. The alert tone is muted, the Group Call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the display.
➤ To accept the Group Call:

Push the CH knob. The alert tone is muted (if you have not already pressed another key). The LCD indicates that the channel has been changed to the one designated by the caller.

If the caller requests that you change to an unsupported working channel the message INVALID CHANNEL appears on the LCD. The radio is unable to comply with the channel change request but the call is registered in the Call Log.

No acknowledgement is sent to the caller. You can establish voice communications on the channel shown in the LCD by pressing the PTT key.

Notes: (1) DSC Call data is stored in the first available slot in the Call Log.

(2) Pressing the 16/PLUS key cancels the channel change request and tunes the radio to channel 16.

(3) If 5 minutes elapse before the Group Call is accepted or rejected, the radio automatically declines the call and the radio reverts to the original channel.

(4) To conform with regulations of the Basel Agreement for radiotelephone service on inland waterways, DSC functions are disabled when ATIS is active. See ATIS Function on page 79.
5.4 All Ships Calls

An All Ships Call sends out a message to all ships within range that you need to advise of a hazardous situation or that you require assistance but the situation is not serious enough for a Distress Call.

The Ray54E can make All Ships Safety Calls for advisory alerts and Urgency Calls when assistance is required but life is not in danger. For example, you might send a Safety Call to warn others there is a large floating object that may be a hazard to navigation. A sample Urgency Call might be that you have an illness or an accident on board.

The All Ships Call is made on channel 70, and then the radio automatically switches to channel 16 at high power for voice communications.

Transmitting an All Ships Call

1. Press and release the CALL/MENU key to enter the DSC menu. The arrow is pointing to INDIVIDUAL.

2. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to ALL SHIPS.

3. Push in the CH knob to select ALL SHIPS. The All Ships menu appears, which displays the categories from which you can select.
4. Rotate the CH knob to select URGENCY or SAFETY.

5. Press the CH knob again to send the call.

6. Push CH one more time to reconfirm the All Ships Call.
   The call is transmitted on channel 70, and then the radio tunes to channel 16 at high power.

7. Press PTT to communicate on the channel 16.

Receiving an All Ships Call

When an All Ships Call is received, the radio sounds an alert tone and displays the type of call, the name or MMSI number (if the caller’s MMSI number has not been programmed into your Phonebook) of the caller and the time the All Ships Call was initiated. You are prompted to accept or decline the call. For Urgency Calls, the prompt appears only if you have disabled automatic channel changing (see page 82).
➤ **To silence the alert tone:**
Press any key. Automatic alert tone cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

➤ **To decline the All Ships Call:**
Press the **CLEAR** key. The alert tone is muted, the All Ships Call is interrupted and the normal screen appears on the display.

➤ **To accept the All Ships Call:**
Push the **CH** knob. The alert tone is muted (if you have not already pressed another key) and the radio switches to channel 16.

If the caller requests changing to an unsupported working channel, **INVALID CHANNEL** appears on the LCD. The radio is unable to comply with the channel change request but the call is registered in the Call Log.

**Notes:**
1. *For All Ships Urgency Calls, the AUTO CH CHG option (see page 82) determines whether your radio automatically switches to channel 16 to receive the call or instead prompts you to manually accept or decline the channel change.*
2. Pressing the **16/PLUS** key cancels the channel change request and tunes the radio to channel 16.
3. *If 5 minutes elapse before the All Ships Call is acknowledged or rejected, the radio automatically declines the incoming call and the radio reverts to the original channel.*
4. **DSC call data is stored in the first available slot in the Call Log, regardless of whether the call is acknowledged.**
5. *To conform with regulations of the Basel Agreement for radiotelephone service on inland waterways, DSC functions are disabled when ATIS is active. See ATIS Function on page 79.*
5.5 Distress Calls

For a Distress Call transmission, the Ray54E takes the position and time information from the input NMEA data along with your MMSI and converts it into a digital “packet”. When transmitted, this digital information lets other ships and shore stations equipped with appropriate DSC equipment know where you are and that you are in a Distress situation.

Your call can specify the nature of the Distress (designated call) or not (undesignated call). When you make a Designated Distress Call, you can select from the following types:

- UNDESIG (Undesignated)
- FIRE
- FLOODING
- COLLISION
- GROUNDING
- LISTING
- SINKING
- ADRIFT
- ABANDONING (Abandoning Ship)
- PIRACY
- MANOVERBD (Man Overboard)

Sending a Distress Call

Open the spring-loaded door on the front panel of the main unit.
Note: To conform with regulations of the Basel Agreement for radiotelephone service on inland waterways, DSC functions are disabled when ATIS is active. See ATIS Function on page 79.

Undesignated (Quick) Distress Call
1. **Press and hold** the red DISTRESS key for 3 seconds to initiate the call. During this time, the radio beeps, the display flashes and a timer counts down 3...2...1.

--- or ---

Designated Distress Call
1. **Press and release** the red DISTRESS key. The Distress Call screen appears.

2. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to the type of Distress you wish to designate.

3. Push in the CH knob to select that type of Distress.
4. **Press and hold** the DISTRESS key for 3 seconds to initiate the call. During this time, the radio beeps, the display flashes and a timer counts down 3...2...1.

To cancel the Distress Call: release the DISTRESS key before the countdown has completed.

After the 3 second countdown is completed, the call is sent and the radio waits for acknowledgement. The display stops flashing and the alarm sounds continuously until muted or an ACK is received.

To mute the alarm: press CLEAR.

After the Distress transmission, the radio is automatically set to channel 16 at high power to listen for and respond to voice replies from SAR authorities or other vessels that may have received your Distress Call.

The Distress Call is resent randomly every 3.5 – 4.5 minutes until an acknowledgement is received or the call is manually cancelled.

To cancel the automatic Distress resend: press CLEAR.
Cancelling a Distress Call Made in Error

If you should send a Distress Call in error, you should make an announcement as soon as possible that the distress situation does not exist.

1. Immediately power off the radio to cancel the Distress Call.
2. Power the radio back on and set to channel 16.
3. Make a broadcast to all stations giving your ship’s name, call sign and MMSI number and cancel the false distress alert.

Sample Announcement to Cancel a Distress Call Made in Error:

“All Stations, All Stations, All Stations. This is NAME, CALL SIGN, MMSI NUMBER, POSITION. Cancel my distress alert of DATE, TIME, NAME, CALL SIGN.”

Receiving a Distress Call

The Ray54E receives distress messages sent by another vessel and/or acknowledgments (ACK) sent by a coast station to another vessel in distress. The radio also receives distress relays. In such cases you should maintain radio silence and a listening watch on channel 16 and standby to lend assistance if requested.

When a Distress Call is received, the Ray54E automatically tunes to channel 16 and sounds the Distress Alarm Tone. (If you have disabled automatic channel changing, as described on page 82, you are first prompted whether to accept the call.)

➤ To silence the alarm:

Press any key. Automatic alarm cancellation takes place after 2 minutes.

Two alternating screens appear in the display. When position data and time is included within the signal, it is displayed on the first screen in the text area of the LCD. If invalid GPS or Time data is received, the lat/lon position shows ‘9’ in all digits and the time shows all ‘8’s. The second screen shows the nature of the distress and the time it was sent. The 2 alternating pages of data are recorded in the Distress Call Log.

Maintain radio silence and a listening watch on channel 16 and standby to lend assistance if requested.
Note: The AUTO CH CHG option determines whether you want your radio automatically switched to channel 16 to receive the call or instead to be prompted to manually receive or decline the channel change. See page 82.

Receiving a Distress ACK Sent from a Coast Station

When a Distress ACK is received from a Coast Station (Coast Guard or Search and Rescue) the Distress alarm sounds. The LCD displays the Name/MMSI ID of the vessel in distress. Maintain radio silence and a listening watch on channel 16 and standby to lend assistance if requested.

Receiving a Distress Relay Sent by Another Station

When a Distress Relay is received from another station, an alarm sounds and the LCD displays two alternating screens. The first page displays the Name/MMSI ID of the station sending the message. The second page displays the Name/MMSI ID of the vessel in distress and its lat/lon position. Your radio does not re-send a distress relay message.

Maintain radio silence and a listening watch on channel 16 and standby to lend assistance if requested.
5.6 Position Request

With this option you can request GPS position information from any station capable of responding to this type of call and for which an MMSI number is known. You can specify the target station either by selecting it from your MMSI phonebook or by manually entering its MMSI number.

Specifying the Target Vessel

1. Press and release the CALL/MENU key to enter the DSC menu. The arrow is pointing to INDIVIDUAL.

2. Rotate the CH knob to select POS REQUEST.

3. Push in the CH knob to select POS REQUEST. The Position Request menu appears.

4. Push the CH knob again to select SEND. Choose the target vessel from the phonebook.
5. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to the desired name.

If using MANUAL MMSI ID entry:
Enter the MMSI number using the CH knob. Rotate the CH knob to select each character and then push in the CH knob to accept. A full description of manual character entry can be found in Adding an Entry on page 59.

6. Push in the CH knob to select the desired name/MMSI ID.

7. Press the CH knob again to send the Position Request Call. The call is transmitted on channel 70, and then the radio tunes to the original channel and waits for acknowledgement. During this period you are still able to receive calls.

Notes: (1) Pressing PTT at any time before reply is received cancels the Position Request. In this case, you must resubmit the request.

(2) To conform with regulations of the Basel Agreement for radiotelephone service on inland waterways, DSC functions are disabled when ATIS is active. See ATIS Function on page 79.
When the Position Request is accepted by the receiving station:

When the position request is received, the Ray54E shows that the call has been accepted by the requested station. The radio sounds a Call Alert tone. Press any key to mute the alert tone. It shuts off automatically after two minutes.

Push in the CH knob to view the data. The radio automatically jumps to the LAST RECVD log, where the data is displayed. Exit the log by pressing CLEAR.

Press CLEAR to exit to normal radio operation. You can retrieve the position information later using the LAST RECVD option.

When no reply is received within 3 minutes:

The radio prompts you to resend the call. After a total of 5 minutes of inactivity, the Position Request Call is cancelled and the message NO REPLY POS REQUEST ABORT is displayed. The message disappears after pressing PTT.

Retrieving the Last Received Position Data

1. From the Position Request screen, rotate CH to select LAST RECVD.

2. Push the CH knob to select. The last received position request data is displayed.

Note: Only the last position is saved. The next received position will overwrite the existing position data.

Press the CLEAR key to exit the LAST RECVD window.
Receiving a Position Request From Another Station

If you receive a position request from another station, how the Ray54E responds depends on the option you have set in the Position Reply menu item (see page 81). OFF will not send position data under any circumstances. AUTOMATIC sends out your vessel’s position data as soon as it is requested. MANUAL sends out the data only after you respond to the request.

When a Manual Position Reply is received, the requesting station’s MMSI number or station name (if entered in the Phonebook) is displayed.

Push in the CH knob to view and accept the request to send your position data. Decline the request by pressing CLEAR.

5.7 Call Log

The Call Log is a list of the last 20 DSC received INDIVIDUAL, GROUP and ALL SHIPS call types by number and time of call. This does not include Distress Calls, which are maintained in their own log.

If the calling vessel or station is listed in your DSC Phonebook, the vessel or station name appears in the display as it is listed. If the caller is not listed in your directory, the caller’s MMSI ID number appears in the display. Usually, the radio is set to a channel selected by the caller if a channel change request is accepted.

When a DSC Call is received, the envelope icon appears on the LCD. The envelope icon disappears when the log is opened.

1. Press and release the CALL/MENU key to enter the DSC menu. The arrow is pointing to INDIVIDUAL.
2. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to CALL LOG.

3. Push in the CH knob to select the Call Log. Entry 01 appears first with call type and time of the last call. This is the most recent call.

4. Using the CH knob, scroll down the list of up to 20 entries.

If the caller had requested a change to an unsupported working channel, UC appears in the Channel Number field, indicating the radio was Unable to Comply with the channel change request.

Making a Call from a Call Log Entry

You can make a routine Individual Call to any caller listed in the log.

1. Rotate the CH knob until the log entry you wish to call appears.
2. For received Individual or All Ships Call, push the CH knob. The Individual Call screen appears addressed to the caller.

3. Follow the same directions you would for initiating an Individual Call using the Phonebook, as outlined on page 34.
4. To make a Group Call using the Call Log, push the CH knob to bring up the Group Call menu and make the call as described in Transmitting a Group Call on page 5-38.
Saving an MMSI ID Number from a Call Log Entry

Any undefined MMSI number that is listed on an entry in the Call Log can be saved into the Phonebook.

1. Rotate the CH knob to select the desired Call Log entry.

2. Press and hold the SCAN/SAVE key.
The MMSI number is entered in the appropriate field of the Phonebook.

3. Use the CH knob to enter the NAME that you wish to have associated with this MMSI ID number. Rotate the CH knob to select each character and then push in the knob to accept it.

Note: In this operation, only the Name field can be edited. You can only edit the MMSI ID from the Phonebook.

4. When the NAME entry is complete, push in the CH knob to accept it.
5.8 DSC Distress Log

The Distress Log is a list of all received DSC Distress Calls by number and time of call. The Log maintains up to 10 calls.

When a DSC Distress Call is received, the envelope icon blinks on the LCD. The envelope icon disappears when the log is opened.

To view the Distress Call Log:

1. **Press and release** the CALL/MENU key to enter the DSC menu. The arrow is pointing to **INDIVIDUAL**.

2. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to **DISTRES LOG**.

3. Push the CH knob to select the Distress Log. Entry 01 (the most recent call) appears first with call type and position data. The screen then flashes to display the nature of the distress and time of the call.

4. Rotate the CH knob to scroll down the list of up to 10 entries.
Chapter 6: Menu Settings

6.1 Menu Function

The radio’s setup functions are accessed through the Menu mode. Menu mode selections are as follows.

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>PHONEBOOK</td>
<td>A list of frequently-called DSC stations that you can select for making an</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Individual Call. Up to 20 Phonebook entries can be stored.</td>
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<tr>
<td>BACKLIGHTING</td>
<td>Selects the backlight levels for the LCD, main unit keypad and microphone</td>
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<td></td>
<td>keypad.</td>
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<tr>
<td>CONTRAST</td>
<td>Selects the LCD contrast setting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GPS/TIME</td>
<td>Used to manually set latitude/longitude position and UTC time for a DSC</td>
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<td>distress message. Also selects how the data is displayed on the LCD.</td>
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<tr>
<td>RADIO SETUP</td>
<td>Selects four separate radio settings:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>a) BAND – Frequency Group (US, International, Canadian)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>b) CH NAME – Descriptive name for each channel (up to 12 characters)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>c) RING VOLUME – Alert tone volume (LOUD or SOFT)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>d) KEY BEEP – Key beep volume (LOUD, SOFT or OFF)</td>
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<tr>
<td>DSC SETUP</td>
<td>Selects the following DSC settings:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>a) MY MMSI ID – Used for one-time entry of the MMSI number required for</td>
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<td>DSC functions. If already programmed, displays the saved MMSI ID number.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>b) GROUP SETUP – Stores up to 3 Group MMSI IDs and associated Names</td>
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<td>c) MY ATIS ID – Used for one-time entry of the ATIS number. If already</td>
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<td>programmed, displays the saved ATIS ID.</td>
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<td>d) ATIS FUNC – Turns ATIS function ON or OFF</td>
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<td>e) POS REPLY – Selects how Position Request data is transmitted</td>
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<td>f) AUTO CH CHG – Selects whether your radio automatically switches to the</td>
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<td>requested working channel when DSC Calls are received.</td>
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<tr>
<td>RESET</td>
<td>Enables a return to factory default settings.</td>
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To make Menu selections:

1. **Press and hold** the CALL/MENU key to enter Menu mode. The list of available functions appear on the dot matrix display.

2. Rotate the CH knob to scroll down the list until the arrow points to the desired function. Push the CH knob to accept.

To exit the Menu mode or sub-mode, press the 16/PLUS or CLEAR keys, or else select the EXIT option from the menu.

Using the Microphone Keys to Make Selections

The examples in this chapter describe how to make menu and character selections using the CH knob on the main unit. However, you can also press the microphone UP/DOWN keys to make selections and then press the microphone HI/LO key to accept.
6.2 DSC Phonebook

The Phonebook stores up to 20 preprogrammed MMSI numbers that you can select for making an Individual Call. The numbers are stored by name and contain the station’s MMSI number. You can add, edit and delete entries from the Phonebook, much as you would on a cellular telephone. Rotate the CH knob to make an item appear on the dot matrix display and then press in the CH knob to select that item.

**Note:** The following examples demonstrate making calls to other ship stations. You may also make DSC Calls to shore stations. Shore station MMSI numbers start with “00”.

Adding an Entry

1. **Press and hold** the CALL/MENU knob. The Menu screen appears on the dot matrix display.

2. Press the CH knob to select Phonebook. The Phonebook screen appears.

3. Press and release the CH knob to select <NEW ENTRY>.

4. Using the CH knob, fill in the NAME field one character at a time. The first character space to be modified is highlighted with a flashing underline. All alpha and numeric characters are available, as well as 11 symbols, a blank (space) and a left arrow (<), which represents a backspace. A total of 11 character spaces are available.
i. Rotate the CH knob to scroll through the selections.
   **Note:** The last selection in each field is a left arrow (<), which represents a BACKSPACE. Accepting the arrow returns the current character to its default value and moves you back to the previous position.

ii. When the desired character appears, push in the CH knob to accept it.
   The next character to be filled in sequence is underlined (_).

iii. Continue this process until all characters have been selected.

   ![Image](image1.png)

   **Note:** Pressing and holding CH indicates you have completed editing the current line and forwards you to the first position of the next line. This eliminates the need to accept each character individually.

   You can also press the microphone UP/DOWN keys to select each character and then press the microphone HI/LO key to accept.

5. Continue this process until all NAME characters are selected. Press and hold the CH knob to accept the name and move on to the MMSI ID.

   ![Image](image2.png)

6. Use same procedure to enter the MMSI characters.
7. When all characters have been selected, press the CH knob to SAVE. The new entry appears in the Phonebook.

Editing an Existing Entry

1. From the Phonebook, rotate the CH knob until the arrow on the dot matrix display points to the entry you wish to edit.

2. Push in the CH knob to select the name.

3. Push the CH knob again to select EDIT.

4. Make your changes to the NAME and MMSI ID, using the CH knob.
5. When finished, push the CH knob to SAVE. The revised name appears in the list.

Deleting an Existing Entry

1. From the Phonebook, rotate the CH knob until the arrow on the dot matrix display points to the entry you wish to delete.

2. Push the CH knob to select the name.

3. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow is pointing to DELETE.

4. **Press and hold** the CH knob. The entry is removed.
6.3 Backlight Adjustment

This setting adjusts the backlight brightness for the LCD, microphone keypad and main unit keypad. Choose from 8 brightness settings or OFF.

➤ To adjust the backlight setting:

1. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to BACKLIGHT.
2. Push the CH knob to accept. The Backlight screen appears.
3. Rotate the CH knob to select the desired backlight level. The number of blocks illuminated on line 3 of the dot matrix display indicate the level, one through eight. For HI all eight are illuminated; for OFF none are illuminated. Push the CH knob to accept.

The Distress key backlighting is never turned OFF.

6.4 Contrast Adjustment

This setting adjusts the levels of LCD contrast. Choose from 8 settings.

➤ To adjust the contrast setting:

1. Rotate the CH knob to scroll until the arrow points to CONTRAST.
2. Push the CH knob to accept. The Contrast screen appears.
3. Rotate the CH knob to select the desired contrast level. The number of blocks illuminated on line 3 of the dot matrix display indicate the level, one through eight. A larger number of blocks indicate a darker LCD. For HI all eight blocks are illuminated; for LO none are illuminated.
4. Push the CH knob to accept your selection.
6.5 GPS/Time Setup

By default, the Ray54E auto-detects NMEA strings and decodes appropriate latitude/longitude position and time. If the GPS navigation receiver is not connected or is not functional, a manual latitude/longitude position and UTC time can be entered and used in the DSC distress transmitted message.

When GPS Information Not Available

If no GPS data is available, the NO GPS icon appears, POS DATA REQ is displayed on the dot matrix display, followed by NO POS DATA. An alarm sounds for 5 seconds or until you acknowledge by pressing any key.

The position (lat/lon) fields are set to all 9’s and time field is set to all 8’s. The alert repeats every four hours as long as no position information has been entered manually. If position data is entered manually but has not been updated during the previous 23.5 hours, all the position fields are set to 9’s and the display reverts to NO POS DATA.

Note: The Manual Lat/Lon function is valid only when your radio is not connected to a GPS receiver.

➤ To manually set the GPS position and time settings:

1. Rotate the CH knob to scroll down the list until the arrow points to GPS/TIME.

2. Push in the CH knob. The arrow is pointing to MANUAL POS.

4. Using the CH knob, fill in the Lat/Lon information, one character at a time. The first character space is highlighted with a flashing underline.
   i. Rotate the CH knob to scroll through the selections.
   Note: The last selection in each field is a left arrow (<<), which represents a BACKSPACE. Accepting the arrow returns the current character to its default value and moves you back to the previous position.
   ii. When the desired character appears, push in the CH knob to accept it. The next character to be filled in sequence is underlined (_).
   iii. Continue this process until all latitude data been selected.

You can also press the microphone UP/ DOWN keys to select each character and then press the microphone HI/LO key to accept.

5. Use the same process to complete longitude information.
6. Push in the CH knob to accept and move onto UTC time. Select the time characters in the same manner.

**Note:** You must enter the TIME parameter in UTC time and not in local time.

When time data is entered manually, the NO GPS indicator remains illuminated and the UTC designator appears following the time.

**Note:** When the final selection is made the radio returns to the previous Menu Selection. To exit this sub-mode, select BACK or else press the 16/PLUS or CLEAR keys.

### 6.6 Settings

You can also set how some time and position information is displayed on the screen:

- whether Lat/Lon data is displayed
- whether the Time is displayed
- whether a Time Zone Offset is used
- how the Time data is formatted
- whether COG/SOG data is displayed

➤ To adjust these Settings:

1. **Press and hold** the CALL/MENU key to enter Menu mode.
2. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to GPS/TIME.

3. Push the CH knob to accept. The GPS/Time screen appears.

4. Rotate the CH knob and scroll down the list to SETTINGS.

5. Push the CH knob to accept.

Make your selection from the options on the list, which are described as follows.

**Latitude/Longitude Display**

The LL/DISPLY setting indicates whether Latitude and Longitude position data are displayed on the screen in normal mode.

**Time Display**

The TIME DISPLY setting indicates whether time information is displayed on the screen in normal mode.
When manual time is used, it is always displayed as UTC time, even if you have entered an offset. The NO GPS icon remains until valid GPS information is available.

**Note:** If TIME DISPLAY is set ON, COG/SOG is automatically set to OFF. Because they occupy the same line on the LCD, only one of these two settings can be displayed at a time.

**Time Offset**

The TIME OFFSET setting indicates the amount of time to add or subtract from UTC time to equal your local time.

**Note:** The Time Offset setting is valid only when GPS data is available. When manual time is used, it is always displayed as UTC time, even though you have entered an offset.

**Time Format**

The TIME FORMAT setting indicates whether the time is displayed in 12 hour or 24 hour format.

**COG/SOG Display**

This setting determines whether Course Over Ground and Speed Over Ground (COG/SOG) data is displayed on the bottom line of the dot matrix display instead of the time of day. The letter “T” is always appended to the COG, indicating that this is a True (and not Magnetic) heading.

**Note:** If COG/SOG is set ON, TIME DISPLAY is automatically set to OFF. Because they occupy the same line on the LCD, only one of these two settings can be displayed at a time.
6.7 Radio Setup

The Radio Setup menu item is used to determine four separate settings:

- Frequency Band
- Channel Name
- Ring Volume
- Key Beep

To adjust these settings:

1. **Press and hold** the CALL/MENU key to enter Menu mode.

2. Rotate the CH knob to scroll down the list until the arrow points to RADIO SETUP.

3. Push the CH knob to accept. The Radio Setup screen appears.

Make your selection from the options on the list, described as follows.

**Band**

The Ray54E can transmit and receive all USA, International and Canadian frequencies, if available. This setting determines which channel set is being used. The appropriate indicator is illuminated in the LCD: U for US, I for International, or C for Canadian channel sets.
Channel (CH) Name

By default, the Ray54E lists a descriptive name of up to 12 characters in the top line of the dot matrix display for each channel. This option modifies the name for the currently-selected channel from its default.

Display Name

Use this option to toggle the Channel Name ON or OFF. If off, the top line of the dot matrix display is blank for that channel.

CH Info

Using this feature you can delete or change the Channel Names from the default.

1. From the CH NAME menu item, rotate the CH knob until the arrow on the dot matrix display points to CH INFO.
2. Push in the CH knob to select. The currently assigned name appears.
3. Push the CH knob to display your options:
   - EDIT changes the channel name displayed.
   - CLEAR completely removes the channel name. The top line of the dot matrix display is blank for that channel.
4. Push CH again to select EDIT or CLEAR.
5. If you select EDIT, use the CH knob to modify the NAME field using the same technique described in Adding an Entry on page 59.

Deleting a Channel Name Entry

Use this feature to completely remove a Channel Name from the list. If the name is deleted, the top line of the dot matrix display is blank for that channel.

Note: The CH NAME is not returned to the factory default value following a reset (page 84).

Ring Volume

This setting is used to set the volume of the ring that is sounded when an incoming call is received. Select HIGH or LOW.

Note: The ring volume setting is overridden if a DSC Urgency or Distress Call is received. These alarms must meet volume levels required by regulations.

Key Beep

This setting is used to set the volume of the beep that sounds when a key is pressed. Select HIGH, LOW or OFF.
6.8 DSC Setup

The DSC Setup menu item is used to determine these six functions:
- the radio’s MMSI ID number
- the radio’s Group MMSI ID number
- the radio’s ATIS ID number
- whether the ATIS function is turned on or off
- how your radio responds to a Position Reply request
- whether your radio automatically changes channels for incoming Distress and All Ships Urgency Calls

To adjust the DSC Settings:
1. Press and hold the CALL/MENU key to enter Menu mode.
2. Rotate the CH knob to scroll down the list until the arrow points to DSC SETUP.
3. Push the CH knob to accept. The DSC Setup screen appears.

Make your selection from the following options:
- MY MMSI ID
- GROUP SETUP
- MY ATIS ID
- ATIS FUNC
- POS RPLY
- AUTO CH CHG
My MMSI ID

This operation stores the MMSI number required for DSC communications. If you try to access a DSC function before entering the MMSI number, an error message appears and you are prompted to enter the MMSI ID.

**Note:** You can request an MMSI number from the same agency that issues radio or Ship Radio licences in your area. If regulations in your area do not permit you to program the MMSI number yourself, your Raymarine dealer/distributor can program the number for you.

**This is a one time operation.** After the MMSI number is programmed:
- you will not be able to change it
- only your dealer/distributor can change it
- after entering your MMSI ID, accessing this menu item will merely display the programmed number

To enter or view the MMSI ID number:

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to MY MMSI ID.

2. Push the CH knob to accept. If an existing MMSI ID is stored, the value appears. If the MMSI ID is blank, dashes appear, indicating that one has yet to be entered.

3. To enter the MMSI ID number, rotate the CH knob to select the digits using the same technique described in Adding an Entry on page 59.
4. When all digits are selected, press and hold the CH knob to accept.

5. Re-enter all nine MMSI digits.

6. When complete, press and hold the CH knob to accept.

7. Press the CH knob one last time to save the MMSI ID number.

If the second entry does not match the first entry, the radio exits MY MMSI ID and returns to the previous menu.

Note:
- You cannot begin the MMSI ID number with “0” (single zero), as this prefix indicates a GROUP ID.
- You cannot begin the MMSI ID number with “00” (double zero), as this prefix indicates a COAST STATION.

The Ray54E is designed to be used as a recreational Ship Station only.

Group MMSI Setup

This operation sets up the MMSI number that is used for DSC Group Calls between radios that share a common Group MMSI number. You can program up to three Group MMSI ID numbers and associated Group names, which can be up to 11 characters long. Group MMSI ID numbers always begin with a zero (0). You only enter the last 8 digits of the Group ID number; the initial “0” is automatically entered for you.
Adding a New Group

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to GROUP SETUP.

2. Press the CH knob to accept. If an existing Group name and MMSI ID number are already stored, those values appear. If blank, <EMPTY 1>, <EMPTY 2>, and <EMPTY 3> are shown to indicate that the Group IDs have not yet been programmed into the radio.

3. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to the first available empty group location.

4. Press the CH knob to accept. The first field for you to enter data is the GROUP NAME.

5. Use the CH knob to modify the GROUP NAME field using the same technique described in Adding an Entry on page 59.
6. Continue this process until all GROUP NAME characters have been entered. **Press and hold** the CH knob to accept the name and move on to the GROUP ID.

7. Use the same procedure to enter the GROUP ID numbers.

8. **Press and hold** the CH knob to accept.

9. **Press** the CH knob one more time to save. The new entry appears in the list.
Editing an Existing Entry

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to GROUP SETUP.

2. Press the CH knob to accept.

3. Rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to the group location you wish to edit.

4. Press the CH knob to select that Group.

5. Press the CH knob again to select EDIT.
6. Make your changes, using the CH knob using the same technique described in Adding an Entry on page 59.

7. **Press and hold** the CH knob to accept your changes.

8. **Press** the CH knob to save. The revised entry appears in the list.

**My ATIS ID**

If you purchased your Ray54E to include use on the inland waterways of the contracting governments of the Basel Agreement, your Ray54E has been programmed by your dealer to include Automatic Transmitter Identification System (ATIS) functionality. The Basel Agreement includes Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, the Slovak Republic, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

ATIS includes data at the end of radio transmission that identifies your station. Your ATIS ID number is derived from your vessel’s call sign. Your authorized Raymarine dealer can assist you in decoding the number. You can then program the ATIS number into your Ray54E using the operation described in this section. If regulations in your area do not permit you to program the ATIS number yourself, you can have your dealer program the number for you.

**Note:** The ATIS ID number is a ten digit number, beginning with a “9”. The MY ATIS set up process has you input only the last 9 digits. The leading “9” is automatically input for you.

This is a one time operation. After the ATIS number has been programmed:
- you will not be able to change it, only your dealer/distributor can do this
- accessing this menu item will display the programmed ATIS number
To enter or view the ATIS ID number:

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to MY ATIS ID.

2. Press the CH knob to accept. If an existing ATIS ID is stored, the values appear. If the ATIS ID is blank, dashes appear, except for the initial ‘9’.

3. Rotate the CH knob or use the microphone UP/ DOWN keys to scroll through the digits for entry into the ATIS ID field. The final available character is an arrow, which serves as a backspace. The initial character position is indicated by a blinking underline.

When the desired character appears, press and release the CH knob or the microphone HI/LO key to accept it. The next position now has the blinking underline, indicating it is ready to be selected.

Continue in this manner until all nine digits have been selected.

You can also press the microphone UP/ DOWN keys to select each character and then press the microphone HI/LO key to accept.
4. When complete, **press and hold** the CH knob to accept.

5. **Re-enter** all nine ATIS digits.

6. When complete, **press and hold** the CH knob to accept.

7. Press the CH knob one last time to save the ATIS ID number.

If the second entry does not match the first entry, the radio exits MY ATIS ID and returns to the previous menu for you to retry.

**ATIS Function**

This operation enables or disables the Automatic Transmitter Identification System (ATIS) feature in the radio. This feature accommodates users who travel outside the inland waterways and wish to disable the ATIS function at that time.

**Note:** If you purchased your Ray54E to include use on the inland waterways of the contracting governments of the “Regional Arrangement Concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways”—also known as the Basel Agreement—your Ray54E has been programmed by your dealer to include ATIS. If ATIS is enabled, certain programming steps have been implemented to protect the integrity of this agreement, including the blocking of DSC functions when ATIS is active.
When ATIS is enabled, the following occurs:

- DSC functions are disabled.
- Dual Watch, Tri Watch and all Scan functions are disabled.
- The following International Channels are limited to 1 watt output power:
  6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77 (and 31, if enabled).

To enable/disable ATIS:

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to ATIS FUNC.

2. Press the CH knob to accept.

3. Rotate the CH knob to select between switching the ATIS function ON or OFF.

4. Press the CH knob to accept. If enabled in the previous step, the ATIS icon appears.
Position Reply

This option enables you to determine how your radio responds to a request for your GPS position information (lat/lon) from another station.

To enable/disable Position Reply:

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to POS REPLY.

2. Press the CH knob to accept.

3. Rotate the CH knob to select the desired setting and push to accept.

AUTOMATIC sends out your vessel’s position data as soon as it is requested.
MANUAL sends out the data only after you respond to the request.
OFF will not send position data under any circumstances, nor notify you that the request has been made.

The default setting is MANUAL, which is described in Receiving a Position Request From Another Station on page 53.

Note: The Position Reply function is only available when a working GPS is connected to the radio.
Automatic Channel Changing for Incoming Calls

For incoming Distress and All Ships Urgency Calls, this option determines whether your radio automatically switches to Priority Channel 16 to receive the call or prompts you to manually accept or decline the channel change.

The default setting is to ENABLE the auto channel change.

This feature is useful for preventing your radio from automatically switching channels while you are maintaining a continuous watch on a certain channel (for example, in a VTS controlled area) or working with other vessels (for example, for towage).

**Note:** This feature can disable automatic channel switching for incoming DSC Distress and All Ships Urgency Calls. If enabled, you are responsible for determining whether manually declining the call is appropriate.

By regulation, this feature cannot disable the automatic switching of Individual Distress and Individual Urgency Alerts.

➤ To enable/disable the channel change:

1. From the DSC SETUP menu item described on page 71, rotate the CH knob until the arrow points to AUTO CH CHG.

2. Press the CH knob to accept.

Procedure When Enabled

If you accept ENABLE, your Ray54E automatically changes to channel 16 when a Distress or All Ships Urgency Call is received, as described in Chapter 5:
Procedure When Disabled

If you accept DISABLE, on receipt of a Distress or All Ships Urgency Call you are presented with brief details of the call and advised that a change to channel 16 has been requested. You can either accept the channel change by pressing ACCEPT (CH knob) or decline by pressing CLEAR, thereby continuing to monitor your current channel.

If you accept the request, the call is received, a tone sounds and the radio is changed to channel 16. Pressing any key disables the alarm. When position and time data is included in the signal, it is displayed in the text area of the LCD. If invalid GPS or Time data is received, the lat/lon position shows 9s in all digits and all 8s for the time. The two alternating pages of data are recorded in the Distress Call Log regardless of whether or not you accept the call.

If you ignore the call, after 5 minutes the radio declines the call, records the call in the Call Log and maintains normal operation.
6.9 Resetting Factory Defaults

This feature returns all radio settings to their factory defaults, including BACKLIGHT, CONTRAST, RING VOLUME, KEY BEEP and manual GPS/TIME settings. MY MMSI ID number, MY ATIS ID number, CH NAME and the PHONEBOOK are not affected.

➤ To perform the reset:

1. Press and hold the CALL/MENU key to enter Menu mode.

2. Rotate the CH knob to scroll down the list until the arrow points to RESET.

3. Press the CH knob to accept. The Reset screen appears.

4. Rotate the CH knob until arrow points to YES.

5. Press the CH knob to accept.
Chapter 7: Customer Service

This chapter provides information on service for your Ray54E.

7.1 How to Contact Raymarine

On the Internet
Visit the Raymarine World Wide Web site for the latest information on Raymarine electronic equipment and systems at:
www.raymarine.com

Customer Support
Navigate to the Customer Support page for links for:
• Finding Factory Service locations and Authorized Dealers near you
• Registering your Raymarine products
• Accessing handbooks in Adobe Acrobat format
• Downloading RayTech software updates
• Accessing the Raymarine solution database

Clicking the Find Answers link routes you to our solution database. Search questions and answers by product, category, keywords, or phrases. If the answer you are seeking is not available, click the Ask Raymarine tab to submit your own question to our technical support staff, who will reply to you by e-mail.

Product Repair and Service
In the unlikely event your Raymarine unit should develop a problem, please contact your authorized Raymarine dealer/distributor for assistance. The dealer is best equipped to handle your service requirements and can offer timesaving help in getting the equipment back into normal operation.

Alternatively, you can contact Raymarine directly:

Raymarine plc
Anchorage Park
Portsmouth, Hampshire
England PO3 5TD
Tel: +44 (0) 23 9269 3611
Fax: +44 (0) 23 9269 4642
Technical Support
The Technical Services Department handles inquiries concerning installation, operation, fault diagnosis and repair. For technical helpdesk contact:

Tel: +44 (0) 23 9271 4713
Fax: +44 (0) 23 9266 1228

Accessories and Parts
Raymarine accessory items and parts are available through your authorized Raymarine distributor. Please refer to the lists of component part numbers and optional accessories in the Installation chapter of this manual and have the Raymarine part number ready when speaking with your dealer.

If you are uncertain about what item to choose for your unit, please contact our Customer Services Department prior to placing your order.

Worldwide Support
Please contact the authorized distributor in the country.
# Appendix A: Specifications

## General

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## Appendix B: Channel List

### International Marine VHF Channels & Frequencies

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Appendix B: Channel List

- Intership channels are for communications between ship stations. Intership communications should be restricted to Channels 6, 8, 72 and 77. If these are not available, the other channels marked for Intership may be used.
- Channels 10, 67 and 73 should be avoided within VHF range of coastal areas in Europe and Canada.
- Channel 70 is used exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is not available for regular voice communications.

Notes:

1. Channel 06 may also be used for communications between ship stations and aircraft engaged in coordinated search and rescue operations. Ship stations should avoid harmful interference to such communications on channel 06 as well as to communications between aircraft stations, ice breakers and assisted ships during ice seasons.
2. Channels 10 or 73 (depending on location) are also used for the broadcast of Marine Safety Information by the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency in the UK only.
3. Channel 13 is designated for use on a worldwide basis as a navigation safety communication channel, primarily for intership navigation safety communications.
4. Channels 15 and 17 may also be used for on-board communications provided the effective radiated power does not exceed 1 Watt.
5. The use of Channels 75 and 76 should be restricted to navigation related communication only and all precautions should be taken to avoid harmful interference to channel 16. Transmit power is limited to 1 Watt.

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Appendix B: Channel List

Recreational boaters normally use channels listed as Non-Commercial: 68, 69, 71, 72, 78A.

Channel 70 is used exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is not available for regular voice communications.

Channels 75 and 76 are reserved as guard bands for Channel 16 and are not available for regular voice communications.

Notes:

1. The letter “A” following a channel number indicates simplex use of the ship station transmit side of an international duplex channel. Operations are different from that of international operations on that channel.

2. Channel 13 should be used to contact a ship when there is danger of collision. All ships of length 20 meters or greater are required to guard VHF channel 13, in addition to VHF channel 16, when operating within U.S. territorial waters.

3. Channel is Receive Only.

4. Channel 16 is used for calling other stations or for distress alerting.

5. Output power is fixed at 1 watt only.

6. Output power is initially set to 1 watt. User can temporarily override this restriction to transmit at high power.

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Area of Operation
AC: Atlantic Coast, Gulf and St. Lawrence River up to and including Montreal
EC (East Coast): includes NL, AC, GL and Eastern Arctic areas
GL: Great Lakes (including St. Lawrence above Montreal)
NL: Newfoundland and Labrador
PC: Pacific Coast
WC (West Coast): Pacific Coast, Western Arctic and Athabasca-Mackenzie Watershed areas
All areas: includes East and West Coast areas

Notes:
1. The letter “A” following a channel number indicates simplex use of the ship station transmit side of an international duplex channel. Operations are different from that of international operations on that channel.
2. Channel 16 is used for calling other stations or for distress alerting.
3. The letter “B” following a channel number indicates simplex use of the coast station transmit side of an international duplex channel. That is, the channel is Receive Only.
4. Channel 70 is used exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and is not available for regular voice communications.
5. Channels 75 and 76 are reserved as guard bands for Channel 16 and are not available for regular voice communications.
## Appendix C: Glossary

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<td>All Scan</td>
<td>A feature that scans all channels.</td>
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<td>ATIS</td>
<td>Automatic Transmitter Identification System. Used for inland waterways in some European countries.</td>
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<td>CH</td>
<td>Channel selection key</td>
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<td>DSC</td>
<td>Digital Selective Calling</td>
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<td>Dual Watch</td>
<td>A feature that monitors the Priority Channel 16 while working on another channel.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Duplex</td>
<td>Transmit and receive on different frequencies</td>
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<td>FCC</td>
<td>Federal Communications Commission (US)</td>
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<td>ITU</td>
<td>International Telecommunications Union (EU)</td>
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<td>LCD</td>
<td>Liquid Crystal Display</td>
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<td>MMSI</td>
<td>Maritime Mobile Service Identity; a number issued by each country to identify maritime stations</td>
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<td>NOAA</td>
<td>National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)</td>
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<td>Priority Channel</td>
<td>Channel 16</td>
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<td>Priority Scan (PSCAN)</td>
<td>A feature that alternates monitoring the Priority Channel 16 with each of the regular channels</td>
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<td>PTT switch</td>
<td>Microphone push-to-talk switch</td>
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<td>RF</td>
<td>Radio Frequency</td>
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<td>RTCM</td>
<td>Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services</td>
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<td>RX</td>
<td>Receive</td>
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<td>Saved Scan</td>
<td>Scans only user-selected memory channels</td>
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<td>Simplex</td>
<td>Transmit and receive on the same frequency</td>
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<td>Squelch</td>
<td>A circuit that sets the threshold for cutting off the receiver when the signal is too weak for reception of anything but noise</td>
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<td>Tri Watch</td>
<td>A function that monitors the Priority Channel and the Favourite (PLUS) Channel while working on another channel.</td>
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<td>VOL</td>
<td>Volume key</td>
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<td>VHF</td>
<td>Very High Frequency (30MHz to 300MHz)</td>
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<td>Weather (WX) Channels</td>
<td>Channels for routine and emergency weather information broadcast by NOAA (USA).</td>
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<td>Working Channel</td>
<td>The currently-selected (non-priority, non-WX) channel.</td>
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