

A map of the Pacific Northwest coast of North America, showing the coastline from Vancouver Island down to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The map is color-coded: yellow for the Strait of Georgia and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and pink for the surrounding waters. Large black numbers are overlaid on the map: 74 on the west coast of Vancouver Island, 11 in the Strait of Georgia, 5A in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and 14 in the southern Puget Sound area. Red lines on the map indicate the boundaries of these radio channels.

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5A

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VHF FM Radio Channel

- ⇒ **74 Prince Rupert Traffic.** West of Vancouver Island and Cape Flattery.
- ⇒ **11 Victoria Traffic.** Vancouver, Strait of Georgia, Boundary Pass, Haro Strait, and approaches to Victoria.
- ⇒ **5A Seattle Traffic.** Strait of Juan De Fuca and San Juan Islands.
- ⇒ **14 Seattle Traffic.** Southern Puget Sound, south of Bush/Nodule Point and Possession Point.
- ⇒ **13** Vessel bridge to bridge.
- ⇒ **16** International distress and calling.

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Voluntary Monitoring Vessels less than 20 meters or sailing vessels

Your participation as a recreational boater, if mindful of the COLREGS (especially the TSS), satisfies your requirement with "Seattle Traffic." Any further participation is strictly voluntary, unless directed by the VTS. If you use a VHF-FM radio please follow these guidelines:

- ⇒ You are encouraged to monitor Seattle Traffic, but we ask that you limit your communications to essential navigational safety information, and emergencies.
- ⇒ Know the proper VTS (Seattle Traffic) frequency for the area you are navigating.
- ⇒ Listen before keying, do not "walk on" other communications. Always use low power to reduce interference.
- ⇒ Monitor VTS designated frequencies, 13, and 16. Channel 13 is designated for bridge to bridge communications and is a requirement for vessels 20 meters and larger. It is also used by Seattle Traffic as a secondary frequency. Bridges, and Ballard Locks use channel 13 for emergencies and communications at night. Channel 16 is the designated international distress and calling frequency. You are encouraged to use channel 16, **in an emergency**, to contact Coast Guard search and rescue units.
- ⇒ .If you only have a cell phone the **24 Hour emergency response number is 206 217 6001**

Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service

Contact Information:

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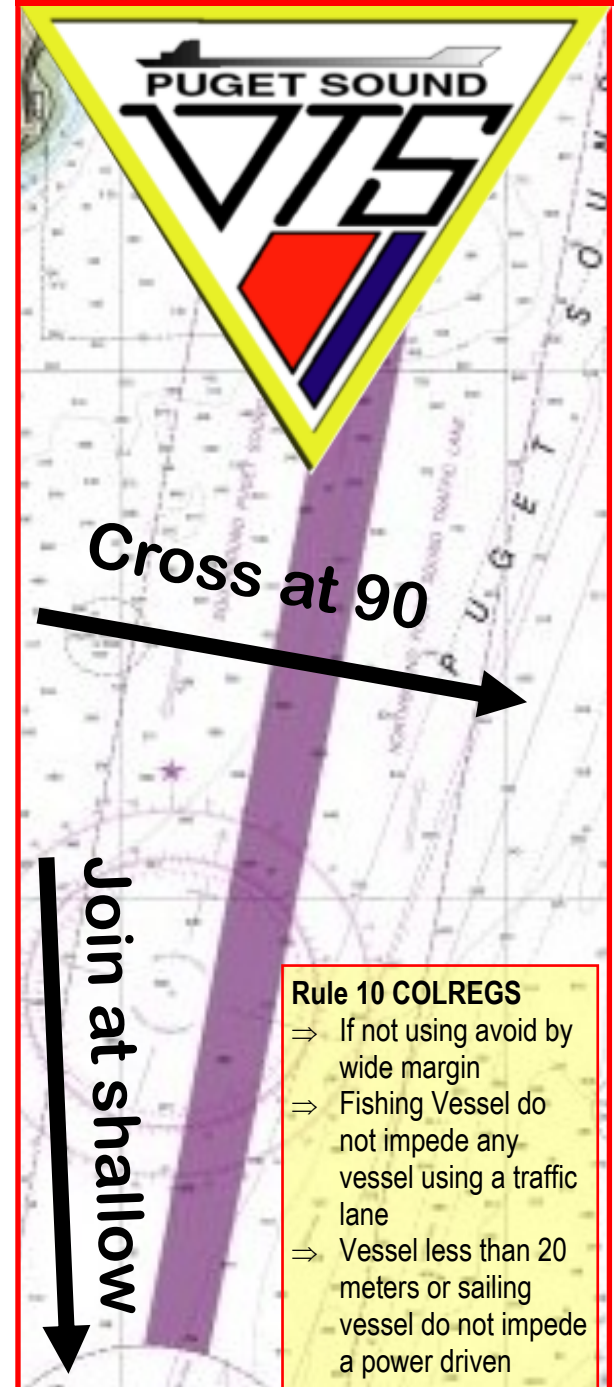
To schedule a tour call 206-217-6043 or email: SectorPugetSoundVTSTraining@uscg.mil (allow two weeks to schedule a visit)

The intent of this guide is to highlight certain VTS regulations concisely — not to present the rules in their entirety. This guide is not meant to replace the VTS User's Manual, nor does possessing it absolve the VTS/VRMS User of their responsibility to maintain an up-to-date copy of the VTS User's Manual or 33 CFR § 161.



United States Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Less than 20 Meters or S/V



Rule 10 COLREGS

- ⇒ If not using avoid by wide margin
- ⇒ Fishing Vessel do not impede any vessel using a traffic lane
- ⇒ Vessel less than 20 meters or sailing vessel do not impede a power driven

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