

# Marine Radio Call Sign Update Form



## (New Zealand Waters Only)

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This form is only for updating the details for an **existing** marine radio call sign.  
Enquiries and changes are free. Call **0800 40 80 90** or fax to **09 376 4775**.  
You can get a new VHF call sign by phoning 0900 54 332 at a set charge of \$30.00.  
You **must advise** Coastguard Boating Education of any changes to the call sign details.  
(circle choices where possible)

**MARINE RADIO CALL SIGN:** ZM \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD BOAT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW BOAT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE:** POWERBOAT LAUNCH TRAILER SAILER YACHT RIB DINGHY KAYAK PWC

**MAKE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MODEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EQUIPMENT CARRIED:** VHF (Fixed) VHF (Handheld) GPS (Fixed) GPS (Handheld) EPIRB

FIRE EXTINGUISHER RADAR SSB FLARES CHART PLOTTER LIFE-JACKETS

**HULL CONSTRUCTION:** FIBREGLASS ALUMINIUM STEEL WOOD GLASS/PLY

FERRO COMPOSITE RUBBER PLASTIC OTHER

**LENGTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ Metres

**ENGINE TYPE:** OUTBOARD INBOARD TWIN DIESEL PETROL

HP: \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum Speed (Knots): \_\_\_\_\_ Num Engines: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Engine:  HP: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE & HOW KEPT:** Trailered at Home  Trailer Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailered at \_\_\_\_\_

Marina: \_\_\_\_\_

Mooring: \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOUR:** Hull: \_\_\_\_\_

Deck/Cabin: \_\_\_\_\_

Trim: \_\_\_\_\_

Canopy: \_\_\_\_\_ Hardtop

Sail: \_\_\_\_\_

Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNERS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS NAME (Mandatory):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**RELATIONSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOBILE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a Marine Radio Operators Qualification? No  Yes  Certificate number \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if your vessel is for commercial purposes:  **MNZ #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you require an MMSI number:  **RSM Client ID number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL OWNERS  
AND USERS OF MARINE RADIOS**

To operate a marine VHF radio you are required to hold a minimum of a Marine VHF Operators Qualification.

To operate a MF/HF (Single Side Band) radio you are required to hold a minimum of a Maritime Restricted Operator Certificate

An exception is made for radio use only in cases of genuine emergency or distress

To find out how to obtain these simple qualifications call Coastguard Boating Education Service (CBES) on 09 361 4700 (if within Auckland), or 0800 40 80 90 or visit [www.cbes.org.nz](http://www.cbes.org.nz).

All radio transmissions are required to be "individually identifiable". Countries throughout the world have adopted the call sign system as being the best option available.

Call signs are held on a national database and are used solely for Search and Rescue purposes.

Marine radio call signs for recreational and commercial boats operating in New Zealand waters are available from CBES, who maintain the database on behalf of the Radio Spectrum Management, a division of the Ministry of Economic Development.

There is a charge of \$30.00. To obtain your marine radio call sign, phone CBES on 0800 40 80 90 to pay by credit card or if you prefer to pay by cheque, please return to Coastguard Boating Education, PO Box 91322, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142.

Should any of your personal details change or if you change vessels you must advise CBES of these amendments. Call 09 361 4700 or 0800 40 80 90 to update.

When you sell your vessel you have 2 options:

- 1) You can keep the call sign; in which case you must inform the new owner that you are keeping the call sign and that he/she must obtain a NEW call sign.
- Or**
- 2) You can let the call sign stay with the vessel.

Either way you MUST advise CBES

**Monitoring of Digital Select Calling (DSC) distress alerts in New Zealand**

If a transmitter is fitted with Digital Select Calling, a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) must be obtained.

*Maritime Radio* monitors and responds to HF/MF DSC alerts only

*Maritime Radio* does NOT have VHF DSC Channel 70 coverage of the New Zealand coastline and therefore cannot respond to VHF DSC alerts

Only SOLAS Ships (over 300t) are legally required to be DSC equipped in New Zealand

**Warning: VHF DSC should not be relied on as the sole means of calling for assistance when in distress in New Zealand waters.**

More information regarding MMSI numbers can be found at [www.rsm.govt.nz](http://www.rsm.govt.nz) . Telephone 0508 776 463