

The role of Malta VTS

Malta VTS operated by the [Armed Forces of Malta](#) is responsible to monitor shipping and to receive vessel information within territorial waters, excluding Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS and other VTS designated areas. In terms of [Regulation 8](#) of the Regulations, Malta VTS may request additional information even from ships beyond the territorial waters.

Malta VTS is designated as the [National SAR Point of Contact](#), where all SAR related information and requests are directed to. The coastal station is responsible to coordinate any SAR incident within the Malta Search and Rescue Region.

The areas of Malta VTS are the territorial waters (12 nautical miles from the nearest shore), however excluding the Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS and the VTS Areas mentioned.

VHF:

Malta VTS (Coastal Station): **VHF Channel 69**

International Distress: **Channel 16**

Malta VTS monitors channels 16 and 69, for emergency and distress calls. A distress call should, in the ordinary course of events, be referred to nearest SAR authority.