

# **HX500S**

## **Operating Manual**

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Congratulations on your purchase of the HX500S! Whether this is your first portable marine VHF transceiver, or if you have other STANDARD HORIZON equipment, the STANDARD HORIZON organization is committed to ensuring your enjoyment of this high performance transceiver, which should provide you with many years of satisfying communications even in the harshest of environments. STANDARD HORIZON technical support personnel stands behind every product sold, and we invite you to contact us should you require technical advice or assistance.

We appreciate your purchase of the HX500S, and encourage you to read this manual thoroughly, so as to learn and fully understand the capabilities of the HX500S.

**WARNING**

This radio is capable of transmitting on VHF Marine.  
The FCC allows the use of VHF Marine band on water areas only. However the FCC does not allow the use of the VHF Marine band when on land. If persons use the VHF Marine Band on land and interfere with others communicating, the FCC will be notified and search for the interference. Responsible parties found to be transmitting on the VHF Marine Band on land could be fined up to \$10,000 for the first offense.  
The FCC does however prohibit the use in aircraft.

## SAFETY TRAINING INFORMATION

This Radio has been tested and complies with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) RF exposure limits for Occupational Use/Controlled exposure environment. In addition, it complies with the following Standards and Guidelines:

- FCC 96-326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation.
- FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 (1997) Supplement C, Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields.
- ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3kHz to 300 GHz.
- ANSI/IEEE C95.3-1992, IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields-RF and Microwave.



### WARNING:

This radio generates RF electromagnetic energy during transmit mode. This radio is designed for and classified as **Occupational Use Only**, meaning it must be used only during the course of employment by individuals aware of the hazards, and the ways to minimize such hazards. This radio is not intended for use by the **General Population** in an uncontrolled environment.



### CAUTION:

To ensure that your exposure to RF electromagnetic energy is within the FCC allowable limits for occupational use, always adhere to the following guidelines:

- **This radio is NOT approved for use by the general population in an uncontrolled environment. This radio is restricted to occupational use, work related operations only where the radio operator must have the knowledge to control its RF exposure conditions.**
- **When transmitting, hold the radio in a vertical position with its microphone 1 to 2 inches (2.5 to 5 cm) away from your mouth and keep the antenna at least 1 inch (2.5cm) away from your head and body.**
- The radio must be used with a maximum operating duty cycle not exceeding 50 %, in typical Push-to-Talk (PTT) configurations.

DO NOT transmit for more than 50 % of total radio use time (50 % duty cycle). Transmitting more than 50 % of the time can cause FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded.

The radio is transmitting when the red LED on the top of the radio is illuminated. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the PTT button.

- DO NOT transmit when the radio is used in Body Worn configuration with the following

accessory: belt-clip.

It must be used ONLY for (1) there is a 4 cm distance from the body during transmitting, (2) monitoring purposes, using the speaker only and (3) for carrying purposes.

**- Always use STANDARD HORIZON authorized accessories.**

The information listed above provides the user with the information needed to make him or her aware of RF exposure, and what to do to assure that this radio operates with the FCC RF exposure limits of this radio.

### **Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility**

During transmissions, this radio generates RF energy that can possibly cause interference with other devices or systems. To avoid such interference, turn off the radio in areas where signs are posted to do so.

Do not operate the transmitter in areas that are sensitive to electromagnetic radiation such as hospitals, health care facilities, aircraft, and blasting sites.

## FCC AND CANADA RADIO LICENSE INFORMATION

Standard Horizon radios comply with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and Industry-Canada requirements that regulate the Maritime Radio Service.

### MARITIME STATION LICENSE

An FCC ship station license is no longer required for any vessel traveling in U.S. waters which uses a VHF marine radio, RADAR or EPIRB, and which is not required to carry radio equipment. However, any vessel required to carry a marine radio on an international voyage, carrying a HF single side band radiotelephone or marine satellite terminal. FCC license forms, including applications for ship (506) and land station licenses can be downloaded via the Internet at [www.fcc.gov/forms](http://www.fcc.gov/forms). To obtain a form from the FCC, call (888) 225-5322.

### MARINE RADIO CALL SIGN

Currently the FCC does not require recreational boaters to have a Ship Radio Station License. The USCG recommends the boats registration number and the state to be used.

### CANADIAN SHIP STATION LICENSING

You may need a license when traveling in Canada. If you do need a license contact their nearest field office or regional office or write:

Industry Canada  
Radio Regulatory Branch  
Attn: DOSP  
300 Slater Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada, KIA 0C8

### FCC/INDUSTRY CANADA INFORMATION

The following data pertaining to the transceiver is necessary to fill out the license application.

FCC Type Accepted:	Part 80
Output Power with FNB-83:	1 W (Low), 2.5 W (Mid), and 5 W (High)
Emission:	16K0G3E, 16K0G2B
Frequency Range:	156.025 to 163.275MHz
FCC Type Number:	K6630193X20
Industry Canada Type Approval:	511B-30193X20

#### FCC NOTICE

Part 15.21: Unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment may void compliance with FCC Rules. Any change or modification must be approved in writing by STANDARD HORIZON, a Marine Division of VERTEX STANDARD.

#### NOTICE

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced marine electronics technician for help.

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The HX500S is a SUBMERSIBLE miniature 5-Watt portable two way marine transceiver. The transceiver has all allocated USA, International, or Canadian channels. It has emergency channel 16 which can be immediately selected from any channel by pressing the [16/9] key. NOAA Weather channels can also be accessed immediately by pressing the [WX] key. In addition to these functions the HX500S can transmit a Digital Selective Distress Call with Latitude/Longitude when a GPS is connected to the CD-32 Cradle Charger.

Besides VHF marine transceiver operation, the HX500S provides FM / AM broadcast bands, and AM aircraft bands.

The HX500S includes the following features: Memory Scanning, Priority Scanning, NOAA Weather Alert, Battery Saver, easy-to-read large LCD display, EEPROM memory back-up, Battery Life displayed on LCD, and a transmit Time-Out Timer (TOT).

In the marine band, the transmitter provides a maximum of 5 Watts output, and has the selection of 2.5 Watts and 1 Watt to assist the user in ensuring maximum battery life.

The optional FVP-31 Voice Scrambler can be installed to permit secure voice communications with other Standard Horizon radios with the FVP-31 or CVS2500 scramblers installed.

## 2. ACCESSORIES

### 2.1 PACKING LIST

When the package containing the transceiver is first opened, please check it for the following contents:

- HX500S Transceiver
- FNB-83 7.2 V, 1400 mAh Ni-MH Battery Pack
- CD-32 Charger Cradle for HX500S
- NC-88B 120VAC Wall Charger for CD-32
- E-DC-19A DC Cable with 12 V Cigarette Lighter Plug for CD-32
- Belt Clip
- Lanyard
- Owner's Manual

### 2.2 OPTIONS

- 1 CMP460 Noise-canceling Waterproof Speaker/Microphone
- 2 MH-57A4B Mini Speaker/Microphone
- 3 VC-24 VOX Headset
- 4 FBA-25A Alkaline Battery Case
- 6 FNB-83 7.2 V, 1400 mAh Ni-MH Battery Pack
- 7 E-DC-19A DC Cable with 12 V Cigarette Lighter Plug
- 8 NC-88C Wall Charger for the CD-32
- 9 E-DC-6 DC Cable; plug and wire only

Note: Before operating the HX500S for the first time, it is recommended that the battery be charged. Please see section 4.1.4 "USING THE CD-32 CHARGER CRADLE" for details.

### 3. ABOUT THIS RADIO

#### WARNING:

The radio frequencies used in the VHF marine band lie between 156 and 158 MHz with NOAA Weather stations available between 161 and 163 MHz. The marine VHF band provides communications over distances that are essentially "Line of sight" Actual transmission range depends much more on antenna type, gain and height than on the power output of the transmitter. On a fixed mount 25W radio transmission expected distances can be greater than 15 miles, for a portable 5W radio transmission the expected distance can be greater than 5 miles in "Line of sight."

The user of a Marine VHF radio is subject to severe fines if the radio is used on land. The reasoning for this is you may be near an inland waterway, or propagation anomalies may cause your transmission to be heard in a waterway. If this occurs, depending upon the marine VHF channel on which you are transmitting, you could interfere with a search and rescue case, or contribute to a collision between passing ships. For VHF Marine channel assignments refer to page 47 section 16.

### 4. GETTING STARTED

If the radio has never been used, or its charge is depleted, it may be charged by connecting the CD-32 Charger Cradle with the NC-88 battery charger, as shown in the illustration. If 12V DC power is available, the optional E-DC-19A DC Cable with 12 V Cigarette Lighter Plug or the optional E-DC-6 DC Cable may be used for charging the battery. The NC-88, E-DC-19A and E-DC-6 will charge a completely discharged FNB-83 battery pack in about 10 hours.

#### 4.1 BATTERIES AND CHARGERS

The FNB-83 is a high performance Ni-MH battery providing high capacity in a compact package.

#### CAUTION

To avoid risk of explosion and injury, FNB-83 battery pack should only be removed, charged or recharged in non-hazardous environments.

##### 4.1.1 BATTERY SAFETY

Battery packs for your transceiver contain Ni-MH batteries. This type of battery stores a charge powerful enough to be dangerous if misused or abused, especially when removed from the transceiver. Please observe the following precautions:

**DO NOT SHORT BATTERY PACK TERMINALS:** Shorting the terminals that power the transceiver can cause sparks, severe overheating, burns, and battery cell damage. If the short is of sufficient duration, it is possible to melt battery components. Do not place a loose battery pack on or near metal surfaces or objects such as paper clips, keys, tools, etc. When the battery pack is installed on the transceiver, the terminals that transfer current to the transceiver are not exposed. The terminals that are exposed on the battery pack when it is mounted on the transceiver are charging terminals only and do not constitute a hazard.

**DO NOT INCINERATE:** Do not dispose of any battery in a fire or incinerator. The heat of fire may cause battery cells to explode and/or release dangerous gases.

#### Battery Maintenance

For safe and proper battery use, please observe the following:

- Battery packs should be charged only in non-hazardous environments;
- Use only STANDARD HORIZON-approved batteries;
- Use only a STANDARD HORIZON, (a Marine Division of VERTEX STANDARD) approved charger. The use of any other charger may cause permanent damage to the battery.
- Follow charging instructions provided with the chargers.
- Keep the battery contacts clean.

#### Battery Storage

Store batteries in a cool place to maximize storage life. Since batteries are subject to self-discharge, avoid high storage temperatures that cause large self-discharge rates. After extended storage, a full recharge is recommended.

#### Battery Recycling

**DO NOT PLACE USED BATTERIES IN YOUR REGULAR TRASH!**

**NI-MH BATTERIES MUST BE COLLECTED, RECYCLED OR DISPOSED OF IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANNER.**

The incineration, land filling or mixing of nickel-cadmium batteries with the municipal solid waste stream is **PROHIBITED BY LAW** in most areas.

Return batteries to an approved Ni-MH battery recycler. This may be where you purchased the battery.

Contact your local waste management officials for other information regarding the environmentally sound collection, recycling and disposal of Ni-MH batteries.

#### 4.1.2 BATTERY CHARGING

If the radio has never been used, or its charge is depleted, it may be charged by connecting the CD-32 Charger Cradle with the NC-88 battery charger, as shown in the illustration. If 12V DC power is available, the optional E-DC-19A DC Cable with 12 V Cigarette Lighter Plug or the optional E-DC-6 DC Cable may be used for charging the battery. The NC-88, E-DC-19A and E-DC-6 will charge a completely discharged FNB-83 battery pack in about 10 hours.

#### 4.1.3 BATTERY INSTALLATION/REMOVAL

1. Turn the transceiver off.
2. To install, insert the battery pack into the battery compartment on the back of the transceiver, then close the Battery Pack Latch until it locks in place with a “click.”
3. To remove, open the Battery Pack Latch on the bottom of the transceiver, then slide the battery downward and out from the transceiver.

#### 4.1.4 USING THE CD-32 CHARGER CRADLE

1. Turn the transceiver off.
2. Insert the DC plug from the NC-88 into the DC jack on the CD-32 rear panel, then plug the NC-88 into the AC line outlet.
3. Insert the HX500S (with the battery pack) into the CD-32; the antenna should be at the left side when viewing the charger from the front.
4. If the HX500S is inserted correctly, the Red “CHARGING” indicator will glow. A fully-discharged pack will be charged completely in approximately 10 hours.

## 5. CONTROLS AND SWITCHES

### NOTE

This section defines each control of the transceiver. For detailed operating instructions, refer to section 6 "BASIC OPERATION." Refer to illustrations for the location of the following controls, switches, and connections.

### POWER SWITCH/VOLUME CONTROL

Turns the transceiver on and off, and adjusts the volume.

### MIC/SP JACK

The jack accepts the optional CMP460 Speaker/Microphone, MH-57A4B Mini Speaker/Microphone, or VC-24 VOX Headset. When this jack is used, the internal speaker is disabled.

### PUSH-TO-TALK (PTT) SWITCH

When pushed activates the transmitter of the selected band.

### [WX] KEY

Immediately recalls the last-used NOAA Weather Channel from any channel location. Recalls the previously- selected working channel when the [WX] key is pressed again.

Secondary use:

When the [16/9] key is held and the [WX] key is pressed, the radio will change the marine channel between the USA, International, and Canadian channels.

### [16/9] KEY

Immediately recalls channel 16 from any marine channel or band location. Holding down this key recalls channel 9.

### [WX] KEY

Immediately recalls the last-used NOAA Weather Channel from any channel location. Recalls the previously- selected working channel when the [WX] key is pressed again.

Secondary use:

When the [16/9] key is held and the [WX] key is pressed, the radio will change the marine channel between the USA, International, and Canadian channels.

### [UP] KEY

Press to select a desired channel. Each press increases the channel number. When held down, the channels increase continuously.

#### [DOWN] KEY

Press to select a desired channel. Each press decreases the channel number. When held down, the channels decrease continuously.

#### NMEA TERMINAL

Connect to GPS receiver that outputs NMEA sentences GLL, GGA, GNS, and RMC via the CD-32 Charger Cradle. Keep these terminals clean.

#### [SCAN] KEY

Starts scanning and priority scanning of programmed channels. When scanning, press and hold this key to turn on and off priority scan (P is shown on the left side of the display during Priority scanning).

#### [PRESET] KEY

Immediately recalls one of up to 10 user preset memories for each band (shown as P0-P9 on the LCD). Pressing this key repeatedly scrolls through the preset memory channels.

#### [H/L] KEY

On the Marine Band, changes the transmitter output power between High (5 Watts), Medium (2.5 Watts), and Low (1 Watt). Does not operate on "Low power only," Marine "transmission inhibit."

#### [MEM] KEY

Press this key to memorize the selected channel for scanning. When pressed a "MEM" icon will be shown on the LCD display indicating the channel has been saved to scan memory. The scan memory is only used with the Marine and WX channels.

To delete the channel from scan memory, select the channel and press this key until "MEM" is removed from the display.

#### BUSY/TX INDICATOR

This indicator glows green when a signal is being received and red when transmitting.

When the Emergency feature is activated, this indicator blinks the internationally-recognized Morse Code "S.O.S" message.

## 6. BASIC OPERATION

### 6.1 INITIAL SETUP

1. Install the belt clip on the transceiver according to the description in the box below, if desired.
2. Install the nylon carrying strap on the belt clip, if desired.
3. Install the battery pack on the transceiver (see section 4.1.3 "BATTERY INSTALLATION/REMOVAL").

NOTE: Water resistance of the transceiver is assured only when the battery pack is attached to the transceiver and MIC/SP rubber cap is installed in the MIC/SP jack.

### 6.2 RECEPTION

1. Press and hold the POWER SWITCH to turn the transceiver on.
2. Turn up the VOLUME CONTROL knob until the noise or audio from the speaker is at a comfortable level.
3. Press the [UP] or [DOWN] key to select a channel or frequency that has no signal being received (no one is transmitting on the channel)
4. Press the [SCAN] key momentarily; the HX500S will begin scanning toward a higher channel or frequency and will stop when it receives a signal strong enough to break through the squelch threshold. Press the [SCAN] key momentarily to channel the scanning. Refer to section 7.2 for programming channels into scan memory.
5. Please refer to section 16 for VHF Marine

### 6.3 TRANSMISSION

1. Perform steps 1 through 7 of the RECEPTION discussion above.
2. Before transmitting, monitor the channel and make sure it is clear.  

THIS IS AN FCC REQUIREMENT!
3. For communications over short distances on the Marine band, press the [H/L] key until "L" is displayed on the LCD. This indicates Low power (approximately 1 watt).

Note

Transmitting on 1 watt prolongs battery life. Low power (1 watt) should be selected whenever possible.

4. If using Low power is not effective, select Medium power (2.5 watts) or High power (5 watts) by pressing the [H/L] key until "M" (Medium power) or "H" (High power) is displayed.
5. When receiving a signal, wait until the incoming signal stops before transmitting. The

transceiver cannot transmit and receive simultaneously.

6. Press the PTT (Push-To-Talk) switch to transmit. The “TX” indicator is displayed during transmission.
7. Speak slowly and clearly into the microphone. Hold the microphone about 1/2 to 1 inch away from your mouth.
8. When the transmission is finished, release the PTT switch.

For an overview of VHF Marine band operating procedures refer to section 3.

#### 6.3.1 TRANSMIT TIME - OUT TIMER (TOT)

While the PTT switch is held down, transmission time is limited to 5 minutes. This prevents prolonged (unintentional) transmissions. About 10 seconds before automatic transmitter shutdown, a warning beep sounds from the speaker. The transceiver automatically switches to the receiving mode, even if the PTT switch is held down. Before transmitting again, the PTT switch must first be released, and then pressed again. This Time-Out-Timer (TOT) prevents a continuous transmission that would result from an accidentally stuck PTT switch.

#### 6.4 NOAA WEATHER CHANNELS

1. To receive a NOAA weather broadcast, press the [WX] key. The transceiver changes to the weather channel mode. This mode consists of a special preset memory bank containing the NOAA weather channels.
2. The transceiver will be set to the last used NOAA weather channel. Press the [□] or [□] key to change to other weather channels.
3. To exit from the weather channel mode, press the [WX] key. The transceiver will revert to the channel you were using prior to switching to the weather channel mode.

##### 6.4.1 NOAA WEATHER ALERT

In the event of extreme weather disturbances such as storms and hurricanes, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) sends a “weather alert” consisting of a 1050 Hz tone, followed by weather reports on the weather channels. The transceiver is capable of receiving this alert if the following is performed:

1. Program your area’s weather channels into the transceiver’s scan memory. Follow the same procedure as for regular channels.
2. Press the [SCAN] key to start the scan.
3. The memorized weather channels are scanned along with the regular memorized channels. Scanning will not stop on the (continuous) weather broadcast channels

unless the weather alert tone is received.

4. When an alert is received on a weather channel, scanning stops and the transceiver emits a beeping tone that will stay on for 5 minutes.
5. Press the [WX] key to listen to the Weather Alert.

#### 6.5 PRESET CHANNELS (P0 ~ P9): INSTANT ACCESS

Ten user assigned channels can be programmed for instant access. Pressing the [PRESET] key activates the user assigned channel bank. If the [PRESET] key is pressed and no channels have been assigned, an alert beep will be emitted twice from the speaker. The HX500S provides the ten Preset channel for each individual operating band (VHF Marine, AM Broadcast, FM Broadcast and Air Band).

#### Programming

1. Select the desired channel.
2. Hold down the [PRESET] key, and press the [UP] or [DOWN] key (repeatedly, if necessary) until the desired channel number or frequency is displayed.
3. With the desired number displayed, release the [PRESET] key.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to program the desired channels into Preset Channels "P1" ~ "P9."
5. To delete a Preset Channel, hold down the [PRESET] key and press the [UP] or [DOWN] key until the Preset Channel number to be deleted is displayed, then release the [PRESET] key.

You may add an alpha-numeric name "Tag" to any desired Preset Channel; refer to CH NAME SET item on the section 13 "MENU ("SET") MODE."

#### Operation

Pressing the [PRESET] key will toggle between Preset Channels "P0" - "P9" and the last selected "regular" channel. Preset Channel "P0" is represented by "P0" to the left of the channel number on the LCD, and preset channel "P1" is represented by "P1" and so forth. Press the [SCAN] key while on any of the Preset Channels, the HX500S will begin scanning the Preset Channels of the selected band.

## 7. ADVANCED OPERATION ON THE MARINE BAND

### 7.1 USA, CANADIAN, AND INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS

1. To change from US to Canadian or International Marine Channels, hold down the [16/9] key and press the [WX] key. The band will change from USA, to International, and to Canadian with each press.
2. "USA" appears on the LCD for the USA band, "CAN" appears for the Canadian band, and "INTL" appears for the International band.
3. Refer to the marine channel charts in section 16 "VHF MARINE CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS" for allocated channels.

### 7.2 MEMORY SCAN

The HX500S can be programmed to scan channels from a minimum of 2 channels up to all channels in the marine band. If an incoming signal is detected on one of the channels during scan, the radio will pause on that channel, allowing you to listen to the incoming transmission.

1. Select the desired channel to be included in the scan memory using the [UP] or [DOWN] key.
2. Press the [MEM] key to store the channel into the transceiver's scan memory. "MEM" will be displayed on the LCD.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for all the channels to be scanned.
4. To delete a channel from the transceiver's scan memory, select the memorized channel. Press the [MEM] key until "MEM" is removed from the display.
5. All channels programmed remain in the transceiver's scan memory even if the power is turned off. See section 11 "RESETTING THE TRANSCEIVER'S MICROPROCESSOR" to clear all channels from the transceiver's scan memory.
6. Adjust the SQUELCH CONTROL knob until background noise is eliminated.
7. To start scanning, press the [SCAN] key. The scan proceeds from the lowest to the highest programmed channel and stops scanning when a transmission is received. Scanning will resume when the incoming signal disappears at the end of the transmission. A small "SCAN" icon is shown on the center bottom of the display during scanning.
8. To stop the scan, press the [SCAN] key.

### 7.3 PRIORITY SCAN

The priority scanning feature allows the radio to scan while also keeping watch on a particularly important "priority channel." The following channels can be set as the priority

channel: 16, 09, and MARINE Preset Channel.

1. To set the priority channel, hold down the [16/9] key and press the [MEM] key. The channel will change from 16 to 09 to Preset Channels P0 through P9 with each press of the [MEM] key. When the [16/9] key is released the displayed channel will be set as the priority channel (the large “P” icon will appear at the right side of the channel number).
2. For priority scanning, hold down the [SCAN] key during normal scanning. Scanning will proceed between the memorized channels and the priority channel. The priority channel will be scanned after each programmed channel. A small “PSCN” is shown on the center bottom of the display during priority scanning.
3. As an example of priority scanning, let us say that marine channels 06, 07, and 08 are memorized in the transceiver’s scan memory. Priority scanning will proceed in the following sequence:  
[CH06] ---> [Priority Channel] ---> [CH07] ---> [Priority Channel] --->  
[CH08] ---> [Priority Channel] ---> [CH06] ---> [Priority Channel].....
4. Even when the transceiver stops and listens to the signal of a programmed channel, the transceiver will shift to a “dual watch” mode between this channel and the priority channel. Therefore, your priority watching of the designated channel is not compromised when the scanner has paused on an active channel.
5. Hold down the [SCAN] key to change the priority scanning to normal scanning, and then press the [SCAN] key to stop the scan and return to normal operation.

#### 7.5 EMERGENCY CHANNEL 16

1. To select the emergency channel, press the [16/9] key from any channel.
2. If you cannot contact anyone on channel 16, switch to another channel.
3. See section 10.1 “EMERGENCY (CHANNEL 16 USE)” for additional emergency operating practices.
4. To recall the previously-used channel when you are finished on channel 16, press the [16/9] key again.

#### 7.6 CHANNEL 9

Channel 9 is used as a hailing channel for initial, non-emergency contacts with other vessels. Hold down the [16/9] key for 1 second to select channel 9. You should change to a working channel, after contact is established (so as to keep the hailing channel clear for other users).

#### 7.7 OPERATING ON USA OR CANADIAN 13, OR USA CHANNEL 67

USA and Canadian Channel 13, USA 67 are used at docks, bridges and for maneuvering in port. Messages on this channel must concern navigation only, such as meeting and passing in restricted waters. In emergencies and when approaching blind river bends, high power is allowed. Holding down the [H/L] key will change the power output from 1 Watt (L) to 5 Watts (H); if pressed and held again 2.5 Watts (M) will be selected. When the PTT switch is released, the transceiver will revert to low power. Press and hold in the [H/L] key again if you need High power on a subsequent transmission.

#### 7.8 OPERATING ON USA CHANNEL 67

USA Channel 67 is used for navigational bridge-to-bridge traffic between ships. This channel has been allocated for temporary high power transmission if communication is not able to be established on one watt.

Select Channel 67, then press the [H/L] key to set the transmitter output to either High or Medium power. When the PTT switch is released, the transceiver will revert to low power.

#### 7.9 Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)

What is an MMSI?

An MMSI is a nine digit number used on Marine Transceivers capable of using Digital Selective Calling (DSC). This number is used by the HX500S when a Marine DSC Distress call is transmitted. This number is registered with the USCG. Refer to section 13 "MENU ("SET") MODE" (MMSI REG).

NOTE: An MMSI must be programmed into the HX500S before the DSC Distress function will operate. If you have a fixed mounted DSC VHF and already have a MMSI, this MMSI should be programmed into the HX500S.

How can I obtain a MMSI assignment?

Currently there are two companies that offer MMSI numbers:

- Boat US at (800) 563-1539 or visit the web site <http://www.boatus.com/mmsi/>.
- Seatow at (631) 765-3660 or visit the web site <http://www.seatow.com/mmsiinfo.htm>

WARNING: This radio is designed to generate a digital maritime distress and safety call to facilitate search and rescue. To be effective as a safety device, this equipment must be used only within communication range of a shore-based VHF marine channel 70 distress and safety watch system.

#### 7.10 SIMPLEX/DUPLEX CHANNEL USE

All Marine channels are factory-programmed in accordance with FCC (USA), Industry Canada and International regulations. The mode of operation cannot be altered from simplex to duplex or vice-versa. Simplex (ship to ship) or duplex (marine operator) mode is automatically activated, depending on the channel and whether the USA, International or Canadian operating band is selected.

## 8. OPERATING PRACTICES

### 8.1 EMERGENCY (CHANNEL 16 USE)

Channel 16 is known as the Hail and Distress Channel. An emergency may be defined as a threat to life or property. In such instances, be sure the transceiver is on and set to CHANNEL 16. Then use the following procedure:

1. Press the microphone push-to-talk switch and say "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. This is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_" (your vessel's name).
2. Then repeat once: "Mayday, \_\_\_\_\_" (your vessel's name).
3. Now report your position in latitude/longitude, or by giving a true or magnetic bearing (state which) to a well-known landmark such as a navigation aid or geographic feature such as an island or harbor entry.
4. Explain the nature of your distress (sinking, collision, aground, fire, heart attack, life-threatening injury, etc.).
5. State the kind of assistance your desire (pumps, medical aid, etc.).
6. Report the number of persons aboard and condition of any injured.
7. Estimate the present seaworthiness and condition of your vessel.
8. Give your vessel's description: length, design (power or sail), color and other distinguishing marks. The total transmission should not exceed 1 minute.
9. End the message by saying "OVER" Release the microphone button and listen.
10. If there is no answer, repeat the above procedure. If there is still no response, try another channel.

### 8.2 CALLING ANOTHER VESSEL (CHANNEL 16 OR 9)

Channel 16 may be used for initial contact (hailing) with another vessel.

However, its most important use is for emergency messages. This channel must be monitored at all times except when actually using another channel.

It is monitored by the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards and by other vessels. Use of channel 16 for hailing must be limited to initial contact only. Calling should not exceed 30 seconds, but may be repeated 3 times at 2-minute intervals. In areas of heavy radio traffic, congestion on channel 16 resulting from its use as a hailing channel can be reduced significantly in U.S. waters by using Channel 9 as the initial contact (hailing) channel for non-emergency communications. Here, also, calling time should not exceed 30 seconds but may be repeated 3 times at 2-minute intervals.

Prior to making contact with another vessel, refer to the channel charts in this manual, and select an appropriate channel for communications after initial contact. For example, Channels 68 and 69 of the U.S. VHF Charts are some of the channels available to

non-commercial (recreational) boaters. Monitor your desired channel in advance to make sure you will not be interrupting other traffic, and then go back to either channel 16 or 9 for your initial contact.

When the hailing channel (16 or 9) is clear, state the name of the other vessel you wish to call and then “this is” followed by the name of your vessel and your Station License (Call Sign). When the other vessel returns your call, immediately request another channel by saying “go to,” the number of the other channel, and “over.” Then switch to the new channel. When the new channel is not busy, call the other vessel.

After a transmission, say “over,” and release the microphone’s push-to-talk (PTT) switch. When all communication with the other vessel is completed, end the last transmission by stating your Call Sign and the word “out.” Note that it is not necessary to state your Call Sign with each transmission, only at the beginning and end of the contact.

Remember to return to Channel 16 when not using another channel. Some radios automatically monitor Channel 16 even when set to other channels or when scanning.

### 8.3 OPERATING ON CHANNELS 13 AND 67

Channel 13 is used at docks and bridges and by vessels maneuvering in port. Messages on this channel must concern navigation only, such as meeting and passing in restricted waters.

Channel 67 is used for navigational traffic between vessels.

By regulation, power is normally limited to 1 Watt on these channels. Your radio is programmed to automatically reduce power to this limit on these channels. However, in certain situations it may be necessary to temporarily use a higher power. See page 20 ([H/L] key) for means to temporarily override the low-power limit on these two channels.

### 8.4 PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS

The FCC prohibits the following communications:

- False distress or emergency messages;
- Messages to “any boat” except in emergencies and radio tests;
- Messages to or from a vessel on land;
- Transmission while on land;
- Obscene, indecent, or profane language (potential fine of \$10,000).

### 8.5 NOAA WEATHER ALERT TESTING

In the event of a major storm or other appreciable weather condition requiring vessels at sea (or other bodies of water) to be notified, the NOAA (National Oceanographic and

Atmospheric Administration) broadcasts a 1050 Hz tone that some VHF radios, including your HX500S, can detect for “Weather Alarm” purposes (refer to section 6.4.1 “NOAA WEATHER ALERT” for a discussion of how to use this feature). The 1050 Hz tone, when detected, will produce a loud beep in the speaker of the HX500S, to signal that a Weather Alert Broadcast is being received.

In order to test this system, NOAA broadcasts the 1050 Hz tone every Wednesday sometime between 11 AM and 1 PM local time. You may use this opportunity to test your HX500S periodically to confirm that the Weather Alert feature is working, or for training crew members on how to configure the HX500S to receive the NOAA Weather Alerts.

## 9. RESETTING THE TRANSCEIVER'S MICROPROCESSOR

Resetting the microprocessor restores the initial, factory-supplied conditions in the transceiver. These are called the "default" conditions.

To reset the microprocessor, first turn the transceiver off. Then, while pressing and holding in the [WX] and [SCAN] keys, turn the transceiver on.

The default conditions are:

- No channel numbers are in scan memory.
- Channel 16 is the priority channel.
- Channel 16 will be selected when the transceiver is turned on.
- WX channel 01 will be recalled when the [WX] key is pressed.
- Preset Channels are unassigned.

Note: The above procedure also resets the microprocessor. Perform this procedure if an operational problem occurs which cannot be solved by normal operating procedures.

## 10. MENU ("SET") MODE

The HX500S's Menu Mode allows a number of the HX500S operating parameters to be custom-configured for your operating requirements.

The Menu Mode is easy to activate and set, using the following procedure:

1. Hold down the [SQL] key and then turn on the transceiver, to enter the Menu Mode.
2. Press the [SQL] key to select the Menu item to be adjusted.
3. Press the [UP] or [DOWN] key to enable adjustment of the selected Menu item. The menu item will blink
4. Press the [SQL] key to select the status or value of the Menu item.
5. After completing your adjustment, press the PTT key to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

### BEEP

Function: Enable/Disable the Keypad beeper.

Available Values: ON / OFF

Default: ON

### CH NAME SET

Function: Changes the channel name shown on the display.

1. Select the channel on which you wish to change the name before recalling this Menu item.
2. Press the [MENU] key to enter the Menu Mode.
3. Press the [□] or [□] key to select this Menu item (CH NAME SET).
4. Press the [MENU] key to enable adjustment of this Menu item.
5. Press the [□] or [□] key to select the first character (letter, number, or symbol) in the name you wish to change, then press the [MEM] key to move to the next character.
6. If you make a mistake, press the [H/L] key to move back, and then reselect the correct letter, number, or symbol.
7. Repeat step 5 as many times as necessary to complete the name tag (up to 10 characters).
8. After completing your adjustment, press the [MENU] key to save the new setting.
9. Press the PTT key to exit to normal operation.

### DISPLAY MODE

Function: Selects the information to be displayed on the LCD

Available Values: BARO\*1 / GPS NAV info\*2 / CH name / Time\*2 / None

Default: CH name

\*1 : Requires optional SU-1

\*2 : Requires GPS receiver.

#### DW DISPLAY

Function: Selects the Dual Watch scanning display mode.

Available Values: Normal / Special

Default: Special

When "special" is selected the channel shown on the display is the last channel the HX500S received a call on. This is a handy feature if you cannot look at the radio the moment a transmission was received

#### LAMP MODE

Function: Selects the Lamp illumination method for the LCD/Keypad.

Available Values: Key / Toggle / 5 sec

Default: Key

Key: Illuminates the LCD/Keypad for 5 seconds when any key is pressed.

Toggle: Pressing the LAMP key toggles the LCD/Keypad lamp On/Off.

5 sec: Pressing the LAMP key illuminates the LCD/Keypad for 5 seconds.

#### MMSI REG

Function: Stores MMSI ID code.

Note: The MMSI can only be inputted twice. If entered more than twice, the HX500S will have to be sent to STANDARD HORIZON factory service to reset the MMSI.

#### MUTE

Function: Enable/Disable the Audio Muting on the FM Broadcast Band.

Available Values: ON / OFF

Default: ON

#### SCAN DISPLAY

Function: Selects the Scanning display mode

Available Values: Normal / Special

Default: Normal

When this menu is set to "Normal," the channel numbers during scan will be shown as scrolling on the display. When Special is selected the channel numbers on the display do

not change unless a call was received. The channel shown is the last channel that was received.

#### SCAN LAMP

Function: Enable/Disable the automatic illumination of the lamp when a signal is received on a channel during Scanning

Available Values: ON / OFF

Default: OFF

#### STROBE

Function: Selects the DSC Distress Call STROBE illumination

Available Values: OFF / Flashing / Continue / SOS

Default: OFF

#### WX ALERT

Function: Enable/Disable the Weather Alert feature.

Available Values: ON / OFF

Default: ON

## 11. MAINTENANCE

### 11.1 GENERAL

The inherent quality of the solid-state components in STANDARD HORIZON radios will provide many years of continuous use. Take the following precautions to prevent damage to the radio.

- Keep the microphone connected or the jack covered at all times to prevent corrosion of electrical contacts;
- Never key the transmitter unless an antenna or suitable dummy load is connected to the antenna receptacle.
- Ensure that the input voltage does not exceed the value specified in your Owner's Manual.
- Use only STANDARD HORIZON-approved accessories and replacement parts.

### 11.2 REPLACEMENT PARTS

Occasionally an owner needs a replacement parts. These can be ordered from our Parts Department by writing or calling:

Marine Division of Vertex Standard  
 US Headquarters  
 10900 Walker Street, Cypress, CA 90630, U.S.A.  
 Telephone (714) 827-7600

Commonly requested parts, and their part numbers are listed below.

- VOLUME Knob: xxxxxxxxx
- CD-32 Charger Cradle: xxxxxxxxx
- MIC/SP Cover: xxxxxxxxx

### 11.3 TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

TROUBLESHOOTING CHART		
SYMPTOM	PROBABLE CAUSE	REMEDY
The [SCAN] key does not start the scan.	No channels memorized.	Use the MEM key to enter desired channels into the transceiver's memory.
	Squelch is not adjusted.	Adjust the squelch to threshold or to the point where noise just disappears. Further adjustment of the squelch control may eliminate incoming signals.
The USA/INTL/CAN modes do not function.	Proper operation not followed.	HOLD down the 16/9 key and press the WX key.
Cannot change any function.	Key Lock is on.	Turn Key Lock off. Refer to section 5, 5 LAMP key.
Key Lock does not function.	Proper operation not followed.	Hold down the LAMP key for 1 second.
Indicator does not light when charging a battery.	Defective battery FNB-83.	Contact your Standard Horizon dealer.

## 12. INSTALLATIONS OF OPTION

### 12.1 FBA-25A BATTERY CASE

FBA-25A is a battery case that holds six alkaline batteries and is used with the HX500S transceiver. Alkaline batteries can be used for transmission in an emergency, but power output is reduced to one watt, and battery life will be short.

1. Slide the batteries into the FBA-25A with the Negative [-] side of the batteries touching the spring connections inside the FBA-25A.
2. Insert the FBA-25A into the battery compartment on the back of the transceiver, then close the Battery Pack Latch until it locks in place with a “click.”

Note: The battery indicator on the transceiver is only applicable to the FNB-83 rechargeable battery. Disregard this indication when using alkaline batteries.

## 13. VHF MARINE CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS

Tables on the following pages list the VHF Marine Channel assignments for U.S.A. and International use. Below are listed some data about the charts.

1. VTS. Where indicated, these channels are part of the U.S. Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic System.
2. Alpha channel numbers, that is, channel numbers followed by the letter A (such as Channel 07A) are simplex channels on the U.S.A. or Canadian channel assignments whose counterparts in the International assignments are duplex channels. International channels do not use “alpha” numbers. If you call the Coast Guard on Channel 16, they will sometimes ask you to “go to channel 22 Alpha.” This is a channel assigned to U.S.A, and Canadian Coast Guards for handling distress and other calls. If your radio is set for International operation you will go to Channel 22 instead of 22A, and will not be able to communicate with the Coast Guard. To use Channel 22A, your radio must be set for USA or Canada operation, using the USA/CAN/INTL channel selection procedure described on page 28 of this manual. Channel 22 (without an “A” is an International duplex channel for port operations. The HX500S displays an “A” adjacent to the channel number on all “Alpha” channels, unlike some other models that may not indicate the “A” even though they may be set to the correct frequency.
3. Bridge-to-Bridge channels (for example, Channel 13) are for use by bridge operators on inter-coastal waterways and rivers. It is also used by marine vessels in the vicinity of these bridges for navigation and for communicating with the bridge operators. Note that a limit of 1 Watt is specified for these channels.
4. The S/D column on the chart indicates either S (simplex) or D (duplex). Simplex means transmitting and receiving on the same frequency. Only one party at a time can talk,

unlike a telephone. Be sure to say “over” and release your microphone push-to-talk switch at the end of each transmission. Duplex operation involves the use of one frequency for transmitting and a separate frequency for receiving. On channels specified as duplex on the charts, correct mode of operation is established automatically by your radio when you select a channel; you cannot change the mode. And you still must release the push-to-talk switch after each transmission in order to listen to the radio.

5. Channels normally used by recreational boaters are those that include the term “non-commercial” in the Channel Use column of the chart. Some of these are shared with other users and some are used only in certain geographic regions.
6. Marine vessels equipped with VHF radios are required to monitor Channel 16.

VHF Marine Channel

VHF MARINE CHANNEL CHART							
CH	U	C	I	S/D	TX	RX	CHANNEL USE
01		X	X	D	156.050	160.650	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
01A	X			S	156.050		Port Operation and Commercial. VTS in selected areas
02		X	X	D	156.100	160.700	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
03		X	X	D	156.150	160.750	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
03A	X			S	156.150		US Government only, Coast Guard
04			X	D	156.200	160.800	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
04A		X		S	156.200		Pacific coast: Coast Guard, East Coast: Commercial fishing
05			X	D	156.250	160.850	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
05A	X	X		S	156.250		Port operation. VTS in Seattle
06	X	X	X	S	156.300		Inter-ship Safety
07			X	D	156.350	160.950	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
07A	X	X		S	156.350		Commercial
08	X	X	X	S	156.400		Commercial (Inter-ship only)
09	X	X	X	S	156.450		Boater Calling channel, Commercial & Non-commercial (Recreational)
10	X	X	X	S	156.500		Commercial
11	X	X	X	S	156.550		Commercial. VTS in selected areas.
12	X	X	X	S	156.600		Port operation. VTS in selected areas.
13	X	X	X	S	156.650		Inter-ship Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-bridge)
14	X	X	X	S	156.700		Port operation. VTS in selected areas.

15	X			S	---	156.750	Environmental (Receive only)
15		X	X	S	156.750		Commercial, non-commercial, ship movement (1 W)
16	X	X	X	S	156.800		International Distress, Safety and Calling
17	X	X	X	S	156.850		State Controlled (1 W)
18			X	D	156.900	161.500	Port operation, ship movement
18A	X	X		S	156.900		Commercial
19			X	D	156.950	156.550	Port operation, ship movement
19A	X			S	156.950		US: Commercial
19A		X		S	156.950		Coast Guard
20	X	X	X	D	157.000	161.600	Canadian Coast Guard Only, International: port operations and shipment
20A	X			S	157.000		Port operation
21			X	D	157.050	161.650	Port operation, ship movement
21A	X	X		S	157.050		U.S. Government Only, Canadian Coast Guard
22			X	D	157.100	161.700	Port operation, ship movement
22A	X	X		S	157.100		US and Canadian Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Safety Information Broadcasts announced on channel 16
23		X	X	D	157.150	161.750	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
23A	X			S	157.150		U.S. Government Only
24	X	X	X	D	157.200	161.800	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
25	X	X	X	D	157.250	161.850	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
26	X	X	X	D	157.300	161.900	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
27	X	X	X	D	157.350	161.950	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
28	X	X	X	D	157.400	162.000	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
60		X	X	D	156.025	160.625	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
61			X	D	156.075	160.675	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator) Port operation, ship movement
61A	X	X		S	156.075		U.S. Government Only, Canadian Coast Guard-Pacific Coast, Commercial Fishing-East Coast
62			X	D	156.125	160.725	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
62A		X		S	156.125		Public Coast: Coast Guard; East Coast: commercial fishing only
63			X	D	156.175	160.775	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
63A	X			S	156.175		Port Operation and Commercial. VTS in selected areas.
64		X	X	D	156.225	160.825	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)

							Operator), Port operation, ship movement
64A	X	X		S	156.225		U.S. Government Only, Canadian Commercial Fishing
65			X	D	156.275	160.875	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
65A	X	X		S	156.275		Port Operations
66			X	D	156.325	160.925	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship movement
66A	X	X		S	156.325		Port Operations
67	X	X	X	S	156.375		US: Commercial. Used for Bridge-to-bridge communications in lower Mississippi River. Inter-ship only, Canada: Commercial fishing, S&R
68	X	X	X	S	156.425		Non-commercial (Recreational)
69	X	X	X	S	156.475		US: Non-commercial (Recreational), Canada: Commercial fishing only, International: Inter-ship, Port operations and Ship movement
70	X	X	X	S	156.525		Digital selective calling (voice communications not allowed)
71	X	X	X	S	156.575		US, Canada: Non-commercial (Recreational), International: Port operations and Ship movement
72	X	X	X	S	156.625		Non-commercial (Inter-ship only)
73	X	X	X	S	156.675		US: Port Operations, Canada: Commercial fishing only, International: Inter-ship, Port operations and Ship movement
74	X	X	X	S	156.725		US: Port Operations, Canada: Commercial fishing only, International: Inter-ship, Port operations and Ship movement
75	X			S	156.775		Port Operations (Inter-ship only) (1W)
76	X			S	156.825		Port Operations (Inter-ship only) (1W)
77	X	X		S	156.875		Port Operations (Inter-ship only) (1W)
77			X	S	15.875		Port Operations (Inter-ship only)
78			X	D	156.925	161.525	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port operation, ship-movement
78A	X	X		S	156.925		Non-commercial (Recreational)
79			X	D	156.975	161.575	Port operation and Ship movement
79A	X	X		S	156.975		Commercial
80			X	D	157.025	161.625	Port operation, ship movement
80A	X	X		S	157.025		Commercial
81			X	D	157.075	161.675	Port operation, ship movement
81A	X	X		S	157.075		U.S. Government Only - Environmental protection operations.
82			X	D	157.125	161.725	Public Correspondence (Marine

							Operator), Port operation, ship movement
82A	X	X		S	157.125		U.S. Government Only, Canadian Coast Guard Only
83		X	X	D	157.175	161.775	Canadian Coast Guard Only
83A	X	X		S	157.175		U.S. Government Only, Canadian Coast Guard Only
83		X	X	D	157.175	161.775	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
84	X	X	X	D	157.225	161.825	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
85	X	X	X	D	157.275	161.875	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
86	X	X	X	D	157.325	161.925	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
87	X	X	X	D	157.375	161.975	Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
88	X	X	X	D	157.425	162.025	Public Correspondence (ship-to-coast)
88A	X			S	157.425		Commercial, Inter-ship Only
WX01	X	X	X	D	---	162.550	Weather (receive only)
WX02	X	X	X	D	---	162.400	Weather (receive only)
WX03	X	X	X	D	---	162.475	Weather (receive only)
WX04	X	X	X	D	---	162.725	Weather (receive only)
WX05	X	X	X	D	---	162.450	Weather (receive only)
WX06	X	X	X	D	---	162.500	Weather (receive only)
WX07	X	X	X	D	---	162.525	Weather (receive only)
WX08	X	X	X	D	---	161.650	Weather (receive only)
WX09	X	X	X	D	---	161.775	Weather (receive only)
WX10	X	X	X	D	---	163.275	Weather (receive only)

The above BOLD channels are not for use of the general public in U.S. waters, unless proper authorization is given.

Channel designator	Carrier frequency (MHz)		Points of communication (Intership and between coast and ship unless otherwise indicated)	
	Ship transmit	Coast transmit		
<b>Port Operations</b>				
01A1	156.050	156.050		
63A1	156.175	156.175		
052	156.250	156.250		
65A	156.275	156.275		
66A	156.325	156.325		
123	156.600	156.600		
73	156.675	156.675		
143	156.700	156.700		
74	156.725	156.725		
774	156.875			
20A12	157.000			
<b>Navigational (Bridge-to-Bridge)5</b>				
136	156.650	156.650		Intership only. Intership only.

677	156.375	156.375		
Commercial				
01A1	156.050	156.050	Internship only. Do.	
63A1	156.175	156.175		
07A	156.350	156.350		
677	156.375			
08	156.400			
09	156.450	156.450		
10	156.500	156.500		
113	156.550	156.550		
18A	156.900	156.900		
19A	156.950	156.950		
79A	156.975	156.975		
80A	157.025	157.025		
88A8	157.425	----		Internship only.
7214	156.625	----		Internship only.
Digital Selective Calling				
7015	156.525	156.525		
Noncommercial				
6817	156.425	156.425	Internship only.  Great Lakes only. Do. Internship only.	
0916	156.450	156.450		
69	156.475	156.475		
71	156.575	156.575		
72	156.625	-		
78A	156.925	156.925		
79A	156.975	156.975		
80A	157.025	157.025		
6714	156.375	-		
Distress, Safety and Calling				
16	156.800	156.800	EPRIB	
Internship Safety				
06	156.300	-	a. Internship, or b. For SAR: Ship and aircraft for the U.S. Coast Guard.	
Environmental				
1513	-	156.750	Coast to ship only.	
Maritime Control				
179, 10	156.850	156.850		
Liaison, U.S. Coast Guard				
22A11	157.100	157.100	Ship, aircraft, and coast stations of the U.S. Coast Guard and at Lake Mead, Nev., ship and coast stations of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.	

- 1: 156.050 MHz and 156.175 MHz are available for port operations and commercial communications purposes when used only within the U.S. Coast Guard designated Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) area of New Orleans, on the lower Mississippi River from the various pass entrances in the Gulf of Mexico to Devil's Swamp Light at River Mile 242.4 above head of passes near Baton Rouge.
- 2: 156.250 MHz is available for port operations communications use only within the U.S. Coast Guard designated VTS radio protection areas of New Orleans and Houston

described in Sec. 80.383. 156.250 MHz is available for intership port operations communications used only within the area of Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors, within a 25- nautical mile radius of Point Fermin, California.

- 3: 156.550 MHz, 156.600 MHz and 156.700 MHz are available in the U.S. Coast Guard designated port areas only for VTS communications and in the Great Lakes available primarily for communications relating to the movement of ships in sectors designated by the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation or the U.S. Coast Guard. The use of these frequencies outside VTS and ship movement sector protected areas is permitted provided they cause no interference to VTS and ship movement communications in their respective designated sectors.
- 4: Use of 156.875 MHz is limited to communications with pilots regarding the movement and docking of ships. Normal output power must not exceed 1 watt.
- 5: 156.375 MHz and 156.650 MHz are available primarily for intership navigational communications. These frequencies are available between coast and ship on a secondary basis when used on or in the vicinity of locks or drawbridges. Normal output power must not exceed 1 watt. Maximum output power must not exceed 10 watts for coast stations or 25 watts for ship stations.
- 6: On the Great Lakes, in addition to bridge-to-bridge communications, 156.650 MHz is available for vessel control purposes in established vessel traffic systems. 156.650 MHz is not available for use in the Mississippi River from South Pass Lighted Whistle Buoy "2" and Southwest Pass entrance Midchannel Lighted Whistle Buoy to mile 242.4 above Head of Passes near Baton Rouge. Additionally it is not available for use in the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Canal, and the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal, except to aid the transition from these areas.
- 7: Use of 156.375 MHz is available for navigational communications only in the Mississippi River from South Pass Lighted Whistle Buoy "2" and Southwest Pass entrance Mid-channel Lighted Whistle Buoy to mile 242.4 above head of Passes near Baton Rouge, and in addition over the full length of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Canal from entrance to its junction with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, and over the full length of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal from its junction with the Mississippi River to its entry to Lake Pontchartrain at the New Seabrook vehicular bridge.
- 8: Within 120 km (75 miles) of the United States/Canada border, in the area of the Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca and its approaches, 157.425 MHz is half of the duplex pair designated as Channel 88. In this area, Channel 88 is available to ship stations for communications with public coast stations only. More than 120 km (75 miles) from the United States/Canada border in the area of the Puget Sound and the

Strait of Juan de Fuca, its approaches, the Great Lakes, and the St. Lawrence Seaway, 157.425 MHz is available for intership and commercial communications. Outside Puget Sound area and its approaches and the Great Lakes, 157.425 MHz is also available for communications between commercial fishing vessels and associated aircraft while engaged in commercial fishing activities.

- 9: When the frequency 156.850 MHz is authorized, it may be used additionally for search and rescue training exercises conducted by state or local governments.
- 10: The frequency 156.850 MHz is additionally available to coast stations on the Great Lakes for transmission of scheduled Coded Marine Weather Forecasts (MAFOR), Great Lakes Weather Broadcast (LAWEB) and nscheduled Notices to Mariners or Bulletins. F3C and J3C emissions are permitted. Coast Stations on the Great Lakes must cease weather broadcasts which cause interference to stations operating on 156.800 MHz until the interference problem is resolved.
- 11: The frequency 157.100 MHz is authorized for search and rescuetraining exercises by state or local government in conjunction with U.S. Coast Guard stations. Prior U.S. Coast Guard approval is required. Use must cease immediately on U.S. Coast Guard request.
- 12: The duplex pair for channel 20 (157.000/161.600 MHz) may be used for ship to coast station communications.
- 13: Available for assignment to coast stations, the use of which is in accord with an agreed program, for the broadcast of information to ship stations concerning the environmental conditions in which vessels operate, i.e., weather; sea conditions; time signals; notices to mariners; and hazards to navigation.
- 14: Available only in the Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.
- 15: The frequency 156.525 MHz is to be used exclusively for distress, safety and calling using digital selective calling techniques. No other uses are permitted.
- 16: The frequency 156.450 MHz is available for intership, ship and coast general purpose calling by noncommercial vessels, such as recreational boats and private coast stations.
- 17: The frequency 156.425 MHz is assigned by rule to private coast stations in Alaska for facsimile transmissions as well as voice communications.

## 14. WARRANTY

### Marine Products Limited Warranty

STANDARD HORIZON (a division of VERTEX STANDARD) warrants, to the original purchaser only, each new Marine Communications Product ("Product") manufactured and/or supplied by STANDARD HORIZON against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of time from the date of purchase as follows:

#### Fixed Mount and Portable Transceivers

- 1 year - if purchased before 01/01/91
- 3 years - if purchased between 01/01/91 and 01/01/94
- 3 years Waterproof - if purchased after 01/01/94

#### Loud hailers

- 1 year - if purchased before 01/01/91
- 3 years - if purchased after 01/01/91

#### Associated Chargers

- 1 year - if purchased before 01/01/91
- 3 years - if purchased after 01/01/91

Associated Batteries - 18 months. Note: Batteries will be deemed defective only if storage capacity drops below 80% of rated capacity or if leakage develops.

Associated Accessories - 1 year. Includes: Microphones/Handsets, External Speakers, Antennas, Carrying Accessories, Power Supplies, and Signaling Boards.

To receive warranty service, the purchaser must deliver the Product, transportation and insurance prepaid, to STANDARD HORIZON (a division of VERTEX STANDARD). Include proof of purchase indicating model, serial number, and date of purchase. STANDARD HORIZON will return the Product to the purchaser freight prepaid. Products purchased prior to January 1, 1991 will bear the STANDARD HORIZON warranty terms in effect prior to that date.

In the event of a defect, malfunction or failure of the Product during the warranty period, STANDARD HORIZON's liability for any breach of contract or any breach of express or implied warranties in connection with the sale of Products shall be limited solely to repair or replacement, at its option, of the Product or part(s) therein which, upon examination by STANDARD HORIZON, appear to be defective or not up to factory specifications. STANDARD HORIZON may, at its option, repair or replace parts or subassemblies with new or reconditioned parts and subassemblies. Parts thus repaired or replaced are warranted for the balance of the original applicable warranty.

STANDARD HORIZON will not warrant installation, maintenance or service of the Products. In all instances, STANDARD HORIZON's liability for damages shall not exceed the

purchase price of the defective Product.

This warranty only extends to Products sold within the 50 States of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.

STANDARD HORIZON will pay all labor to repair the product and replacement parts charges incurred in providing the warranty service except where purchaser abuse or other qualifying exceptions exist. The purchaser must pay any transportation expenses incurred in returning the Product to STANDARD HORIZON for service.

This limited warranty does not extend to any Product which has been subjected to misuse, neglect, accident, incorrect wiring by anyone other than STANDARD HORIZON, improper installation, or subjected to use in violation of instructions furnished by STANDARD HORIZON, nor does this warranty extend to Products on which the serial number has been removed, defaced, or changed. STANDARD HORIZON cannot be responsible in any way for ancillary equipment not furnished by STANDARD HORIZON which is attached to or used in connection with STANDARD HORIZON's Products, or for the operation of the Product with any ancillary equipment, and all such equipment is expressly excluded from this warranty. STANDARD HORIZON disclaims liability for range, coverage, or operation of the Product and ancillary equipment as a whole under this warranty. STANDARD HORIZON reserves the right to make changes or improvements in Products, during subsequent production, without incurring the obligation to install such changes or improvements on previously manufactured Products.

The implied warranties which the law imposes on the sale of this Product are expressly LIMITED, in duration, to the time period specified above. STANDARD HORIZON shall not be liable under any circumstances for consequential damages resulting from the use and operation of this Product, or from the breach of this LIMITED WARRANTY, any implied warranties, or any contract with STANDARD HORIZON. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF ITS PRODUCTS, STANDARD HORIZON MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO THE MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply. This warranty gives specific legal rights, and there may be other rights which may vary from state to state.

ONLY PRODUCTS SOLD ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1991 ARE COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

#### ON-LINE WARRANTY REGISTRATION

THANK YOU for buying STANDARD HORIZON (a division of Vertex Standard) products! We are confident your new radio will serve your needs for many years!

Please visit [www.standardhorizon.com](http://www.standardhorizon.com) to register the HX500S Marine VHF. It should be noted that visiting the Web site from time to time may be beneficial to you, as new products are released they will appear on the STANDARD HORIZON Web site. Also a statement regarding product support should be added to the manual.

##### Product Support Inquiries

If you have any questions or comments regarding the use of the HX500S, you can visit the STANDARD HORIZON Web site to send an E-mail or contact the Product Support team at (714) 827-7600 ext 6300 M-F 7:00-5:00PST.

In addition to the warranty, STANDARD HORIZON includes a lifetime "flat rate" program to provide service after the warranty period has expired. If you wish to obtain the flat rate price for out-of-warranty repair, you must include the information on the Owner's Record with the unit when you return it to your Dealer or to STANDARD HORIZON.

Lifetime Flat Rate Service Program: For the original Owner only, for the lifetime of the unit, STANDARD HORIZON will repair the unit to original specifications.

Note: The flat rate amount is payable by the Owner only if STANDARD HORIZON or the STANDARD HORIZON Dealer determines that a repair is needed. After the repair, a 90-day warranty will be in effect from the date of return of the unit to the Owner.

This service program is not available for equipment which has failed as a result of neglect, accident, breakage, misuse, improper installation or modification, or water damage (depending on the product).

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

Part 15.21: Changes or modifications to this device not expressly approved by Vertex Standard could void the user's authorization to operate this device.