

## FORTH COASTGUARDS - INFORMATION UPDATE 2012

Contact arrangements for HM Coastguard in the Forth area from 28 September 2012 onwards:

### Emergency Calls:

There is no change for members of the public reporting a maritime or coastal emergency and they should still call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. The 999 operator will transfer the call to the appropriate Coastguard Rescue Coordination Centre.

### Contacting the Coastguard directly by phone:

Anyone who previously contacted Forth MRCC for routine communications using the operations room phone number 01333 450666, can continue to use this number which will be routed to Aberdeen MRCC. Alternatively, callers can contact Aberdeen MRCC direct on 01224 592334

### Contacting the Coastguard by VHF and VHF DSC:

The VHF and MF coverage provided by the coastguard remains unchanged and radio calls to the coastguard will be dealt with by Aberdeen Coastguard depending on the callers location. The VHF DSC MMSI number for Forth Coastguard will be diverted to Aberdeen MRCC or mariners should save the MMSI number for their nearest coastguard shore station into their DSC unit.

### Maritime Safety Information:

Maritime Safety Information including weather, gale warnings and navigational warnings will continue to be broadcast on the same schedule and frequencies as previously published. For information on these broadcasts, sailors can visit [www.dft.gov.uk/mca](http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca) and go to Weather in the Leisure and Seaside section.

### Time Expired Pyrotechnics:

Leisure sailors who need to dispose of time expired pyrotechnics should phone Aberdeen MRCC on 01333 450666 for advice on their closest drop off point