

VHF PROCEDURES**Turkish Straits
Ship Reporting System (TUBRAP)**

Istanbul Strait consists of 4 sectors;
Each sector has an assigned VHF channel as shown below:

- Sector Türkeli VHF Ch 11
- Sector Kavak VHF Ch 12
- Sector Kandilli VHF Ch 13
- Sector Kadıköy VHF Ch 14

Çanakkale Strait consists of 3 sectors;
Each sector has an assigned VHF channel as shown below:

- Sector Gelibolu VHF Ch 11
- Sector Nara VHF Ch 12
- Sector Kumkale VHF Ch 13

VHF Ch 06 is assigned for emergency communications.
VHF Ch 67 is assigned for meteorological broadcasts.

PILOTAGE

Initial VHF contact should be made with the entrance sector of VTS.
Pilot requests should be made via VTS in sector's VHF channel.
VHF Ch 71 is assigned for pilotage service.

Authorities strongly advise the use of a pilot in these waterways because of strong currents and high density of traffic.

GENERAL RULE: VTS operations do not relieve the master of his responsibility for the safe navigation of his ship.

Note: All positions are referred to the WGS 84 datum.

DESCRIPTION: TUBRAP is a Reporting System which includes Sailing Plan 1 (SP1), Sailing Plan 2 (SP2), Position Report (PR) and Call Point Report (CPR) for the area below and as shown in TUR 2.

All SP1 Reports should be sent to VTSC via agents.

All vessels entering the Straits are **strongly recommended** to participate in the system. Vessels navigating in these areas should continuously monitor the broadcasts of the VTSC and follow the Centre's instructions concerning the safety of navigation, life, property and protection of the environment.

AREA: This Reporting System (TUBRAP) covers the areas of Istanbul Strait, Çanakkale Strait and Marmara Sea.

SP2, PR, CPR contacts are ensured by VHF channels.
Vessels should send SP1 to VTSC via their agent by facsimile or telex.

Facsimile and telex numbers for Centres:

Istanbul:

Facsimile + 90 212 323 48 06
323 48 07
323 48 08

Telex: 26699 VTCI
INM-C: 492868022

Çanakkale:

Facsimile: + 90 286 2131240
2131241
2133077

Telex: 58104 VTCC
INM-C: 492868021