

General Direction No: 6¹

St Helier VTS – Participation, Reporting & VTS Area

1. A “Reporting Vessel” is a vessel over 25 metres in length or a vessel engaged in towage. Reporting vessels are required to keep watch on the designated VTS port working frequency, VHF Channel 14, and to participate in the services of St Helier VTS. They are to report on entering/leaving the VTS area and at the designated Reporting Points (RPs).
2. Vessels, other than reporting vessels, are not required to report to St Helier VTS except in an emergency or when required by the Harbour Master. They should, however, generally “listen and learn” from VHF traffic. If fitted with a VHF, they should keep a watch on VHF Channel 14 at all times when in the VTS Area (see below). Large commercial vessels and high speed craft operate within this area. Channel 14 will be used for all traffic management matters within the VTS Area and may be used between both commercial ships and leisure/pleasure vessels for traffic management purposes only. Proper radio procedures are to be used and messages should be clear and concise. Leisure/pleasure vessels requiring to make a “Transit Report” to the Coastguard should do so on VHF Channel 82 (or tel: +44 (0) 153 447705) but should revert to Channel 14 on completion whilst within the VTS Area.
3. St Helier VTS operates a Traffic Organization Service (TOS), Information Service (INS) and a Navigational Assistance Service (NAS) within the area bounded by:

49° 12.0’N 002° 13.4’W - St Ouen’s Bay
49° 12.0’N 002° 18.0’W
49° 07.0’N 002° 18.0’W
49° 07.0’N 002° 02.1’W
49° 09.8’N 002° 02.1’W - La Rocque Point

4. St Helier VTS operates an Information Service (INS) and a Navigational Assistance Service (NAS) within the Area bounded by:

49° 09.8’N 002° 02.1’W - La Rocque Point
49° 07.0’N 002° 02.1’W
49° 07.0’N 001° 57.0’W
49° 14.0’N 001° 57.0’W
49° 14.0’N 002° 01.6’W - La Coupe Point

5. IALA defines VTS Types as follows:
 - a. A Traffic Organisation Service (TOS) concerns the operational management of traffic and the forward planning of vessel movements to prevent congestion and dangerous situations, and is particularly relevant in times of high traffic density or the movement of special transports may effect the flow of other traffic. .

¹ This General Direction is issued under the authority of the Harbours (Jersey) Regulations 1962 – Regulation 3

- b. An Information Service (INS) is provided by broadcasting information at fixed times and intervals when deemed necessary by VTS or at the request of a vessel, and may include examples of reports on position, identity and intentions of other traffic, waterway conditions, weather, hazards or any other factors that may influence the vessel's transit.
- c. A Navigation Assistance Service is provided in difficult navigational and/or meteorological circumstances or in cases of defects or deficiencies.

6. Reporting Points (RPs). All RPs are two way. The following VTS RPs are established:

St Helier

From the West	From the South	From the East
Entering/Leaving VTS Area At Long 002° 18.0'W	Entering/Leaving VTS Area At Lat 49° 07.0'N	Entering/Leaving VTS Area At Long 001° 57.0'W (vic Violet Buoy)
Noirmont Point	⇒	⇐
Demie de Pas		

Gorey

From the East	From the North
Entering/Leaving VTS Area At Long 001° 57.0'W	Entering/Leaving VTS Area At Lat 49° 14.0'N
⇒	⇐
Gorey Fairway	

7. All vessels shall comply with a VTS Instruction given from St Helier VTS, and any such VTS Instruction shall be construed as being a Special Direction given by the Harbour Master.



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