

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS	VHF PROCEDURES	REPORTS
<p>PURPOSE. Kotka VTS is used to monitor shipping movements. It provides vessels in the area covered, or those entering the area, with necessary advice on shipping movements. As a result, maritime safety in narrow fairways in the VTS area can be improved.</p> <p>APPLICATION. VTS Regulations, Kotka, apply to all merchant and Government vessels in the area, unless they are specifically exempted. Pleasure craft must also follow the instructions given by the VTS Centre.</p> <p>Function. Kotka VTS, situated at Pookinmaki, handles operations for: VTS Pilot Services, Kotka Area Harbour Pilot Services for Kotka and Hamina Tug services for the Port of Kotka.</p>	<p>Kotka VTS consists of One Sector (See QVW 2):</p> <p>VHF Ch.67</p> <p>All vessels over 12 metres with access to VHF Channel 67 must maintain a continuous listening watch in the Sector in question. All information regarding the traffic situation, and all instructions to vessels will be relayed through this Channel.</p> <p>Permission to cease VHF watch, or to change frequency, must be obtained from Kotka VTS.</p> <p>Other communications. Communications regarding the Port of Kotka: VHF CH.11. Communications regarding Ports of Hamina and Loviisa: VHF Ch.12. Pilotage matters: VHF Ch.13.</p>	<p>Reports must be made by all vessels of over 20 metres in length.</p> <p>Entry Report. To be made at the VTS boundary, and 10 minutes before arrival at Ruotsinsalmi Reporting Points are:</p> <p>6. Kasaudden. 10. Tiiskeri 11. Veitkari 12. Santio (See QVW 2). TO: Kotka VTS. GIVING: IMO SRS Items: ALPHA, DELTA, ECHO, FOXTROT, LIMA. VIA: VHF Ch.67 (See QVW 2).</p> <p>Anchoring and Berthing. Vessels anchoring or berthing with the VTS area must report as follows: TO: Kotka VTS. GIVING: IMO SRS Items: ALPHA, BRAVO, DELTA. VIA: VHF Ch.67 (See QVW 2).</p> <p>Vessels must report again before weighing anchor, and again when under way.</p> <p>Deviation Reports. Must be made if a vessel departs from its planned route TO: Kotka VTS. GIVING: IMO SRS Items: ALPHA, BRAVO, DELTA, QUEBEC. VIA: VHF Ch.67.</p> <p>Departure Reports. All vessels must obtain a Clearance from Kotka VTS before departure. (See Traffic Organisation Service).</p>