

**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 Kandilli         VHF Ch 12
- Sector Kadıköy         VHF Ch 13
- Sector Marmara         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. In addition to TUBRAP, Marmara Report (MARRAP) has been added to the reporting system for vessels which will pass through TSVTS area while navigating between Marmara Ports or departing from a port in the Marmara Sea and intending to pass through the Turkish Straits.

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, MARRAP 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