

# LICENCING YOUR HAND HELD VHF RADIO

In order to use your hand held VHF marine radio legally, you are required to obtain a licence number ( T number ) from OFCOM. This licence is FREE and can be obtained online from OFCOM'S website.

The website URL is

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/licensing/applications08/elt/>

If you have not used the site before, you will be required to register and you can do this from the above URL.

Please note the password that you use is case sensitive so please make a note of it.

When you have registered, OFCOM will e-mail you with a user name for the site ( again case sensitive ) but NOT a password (use the original one).

Enter the site again and using the user name supplied and your password, log on and apply for your licence.

Your licence will appear on screen and then you can save it and print it out.

NOTE,

When applying for your licence, the band you are required to specify is Band V.

You will NOT get a licence through the post, only online.

IF, YOU DO NOT possess a VHF certificate of competency, the following conditions apply:-

## **Radio equipment use**

9 The Licensee must ensure that the radio equipment covered by this Licence is constructed and used only in accordance with the terms specified in the schedules relevant to this Licence.

10 The Licensee must ensure that the radio equipment is used only by persons:

(a) who have been authorised by the Licensee to do so and who have been made aware of, and comply with, the terms of the Licence; and

(b) who hold, or are under the direct personal supervision of a person who holds a relevant Maritime Radio Operator's Certificate of Competence and valid Authority to Operate.

**11 Clause 10 (b) shall not apply to persons using channels M (157.850 MHz) and M2 (161.425 MHz).**

**12 Notwithstanding the terms set out in Clause 10 above, in the event of an emergency where there is a risk to life, the radio equipment may be used by any person to summon assistance.**