

TasCoast Radio

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's marine radio station provides a free twice daily service for weather reports and yacht position recording. Location Latitude 42° 53.54'S Longitude 147° 19.59' E Call Sign "TasCoast Radio", Call Signs VIT 319, Sandy Bay and VIT 320 Trip planner

- MAST VHF repeater network

Standard sked times and frequencies for VIT 319

- 0810 hrs and 1810 hrs - VHF Ch 81 and Ch 21 (International duplex frequency, [INT or AUS not USA.])

- 0820 hrs and 1820 hrs - 4483 kHz.

Operating times for the second station VIT320 are variable every day and evening.

- VHF channels monitored are Ch 16 and 81.

VHF Ch 81 repeater is located on the Tasman Peninsula at Mt Raoul and Ch 21 repeater is at Mt Murray just north of Triabunna. Through these repeaters Tascoast Radio has VHF coverage from Coles Bay on the East Coast to the south of Bruny Island and the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Current radio sked times are based on local time. Daylight Saving operates over the summer months from Sunday 4 October 2009 (2.00 am) to Sunday 4 April 2010 (3.00 am). Skeds can be arranged on higher frequencies for long distance travellers. The Club regularly skeds with yachts travelling Australia's east coast, to New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and periodically other parts of the world. In addition to the above regular sked frequencies and times, other working frequencies are available following prior arrangement with the Club. These are: 2524 kHz, 6227 kHz, 8294 kHz, 12353 kHz, 16534 kHz. Contact Details Contact TasCoast or the Radio Manager (radiomgr@tashost.com.au) to arrange skeds on alternate frequencies. Phone: TasCoast Radio Room between hours 0800 to 0830 and 1800 to 1830 each day on (03) 6224 1441. Note: There may be delays in answering phone if the operation is on the radio. At other times during business hours leave messages with the Club Office on (03) 6223 4599. For urgent matters after hours phone 0418 127 897. If there is a known emergency the Police telephone number is 000. Normal hours of operation for the Radio Room are for the half hours each day from 0800 to 0830 hours and 1800 to 1830 hours local time. The daily weather and position reporting service is free for any boat user. Planning a voyage of 200 miles or further? Download our Sea Safety form [13 kbs], complete the details and post to the RYCT or fax (+61 3 6224 5386) to the Club. Volunteers Club members interested in volunteering for radio duty on RYCT Saturday race days, the TasCoast daily roster or for events such as the Maria Island and Sydney to Hobart races should contact the Radio Manager at radiomgr@tashost.com.au. Minimum qualification is a Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (MROCP) or equivalent. Regular training courses are provided for the MROCP and in the operation of the station.