## TABLE 161.12(b)—VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES (VTS) CALL SIGNS, DESIGNATED FREQUENCIES, AND MONITORING AREAS—Continued

Vessel traffic services (call sign)	Designated Frequency 1 (Channel designation)	Monitoring area				
Louisville <sup>6</sup>						
Louisville Traffic	156.650 MHz (Ch. 13).	The navigable waters of the Ohio River between McAlpine Locks (Mile 606) and Twelve Mile Island (Mile 593), only when the McAlpine upper pool gauge is at approximately 13.0 feet or above.				

#### Notes:

In the event of a communication failure either by the vessel traffic center or the vessel or radio congestion on a designated VTS frequency, communications may be established on an alternaté VTS frequency. The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13), is monitored in each VTS area; and it may be used as an alternate frequency, however, only to the extent that doing so provides a level of safety beyond that provided by other means.

<sup>2</sup>Designated frequency monitoring is required within U.S. navigable waters. In areas which are outside the U.S. navigable waters, designated frequency monitoring is voluntary. However, prospective VTS Users are encouraged to monitor the designated frequency.

A Cooperative Vessel Traffic Service was established by the United States and Canada within adjoining waters. The appropriate vessel traffic

center administers the rules issued by both nations; however, it will enforce only its own set of rules within its jurisdiction. <sup>4</sup>Seattle Traffic may direct a vessel to monitor the other primary VTS frequency 156.250 MHz or 156.700 MHz (Channel 5A or 14) depending on traffic density, weather conditions, or other safety factors, rather than strictly adhering to the designated frequency required for each monitor-

ing area as defined above. This does not require a vessel to monitor both primary frequencies.

<sup>5</sup> A portion of Tofino Sector's monitoring area extends beyond the defined CVTS area. Designated frequency monitoring is voluntary in these portions outside of VTS jurisdiction, however, prospective VTS Users are encouraged to monitor the designated frequency.

The bridge-to-bridge navigational frequency, 156.650 MHz (Channel 13), is used in these VTSs because the level of radiotelephone transmissions does not warrant a designated VTS frequency. The listening watch required by § 26.05 of this chapter is not limited to the monitoring area.

#### 7. In § 161.35(b), table 161.35(b) is revised to read as follows:

## TABLE 161.35(b)—VTS HOUSTON/GALVESTON PRECAUTIONARY AREAS

Precautionary area name		Center point	
		Latitude	Longitude
Bolivar Roads	4000	29°20.9′N	94°47.0′W
Bolivar Roads Red Fish Bar	4000	29°29.8′N	94°51.9′W
Bayport Channel  Morgans Point  Upper San Jacinto Bay  Baytown	4000	29°36.7′N	94°57.2′W
Morgans Point	2000	29°41.0′N	94°59.0′W
Upper San Jacinto Bay	1000	29°42.3′N	95°01.1′W
Baytown	1000	29°43.6′N	95°01.4′W
Lynchburg	1000	29°45.8′N	95°04.8′W
Carpenters Bayou	1000	29°45.3′N	95°05.6′W
Jacintoport	1000	29°44.8′N	95°06.0′W
Greens Bayou	1000	29°44.8′N	95°10.2′W
Hunting Bayou	1000	29°44.3′N	95°12.1′W
Sims Bayou	1000	29°43.1′N	95°14.4′W
Brady Island	1000	29°43.5′N	95°16.4′ W
Buffalo Bayou	1000	29°45.0′N	95°17.3′W

Note: Each Precautionary Area encompasses a circular area of the radius denoted.

### 8. In § 161.35(c), table 161.35(c) is revised to read as follows:

# TABLE 161.35(c)—VTS HOUSTON/GALVESTON REPORTING POINTS

Designator	Geographic name	Geographic description	Latitude/longitude	Notes
1	Galveston Bay Entrance Channel.	Galveston Bay Entrance CH Lighted Buoy (LB) "GB".	29°18.4′N; 94°37.6′W.	
2	Galveston Bay Entrance Channel.	Galveston Bay Entrance Channel LB 11 and 12.	29°20.6′N; 94°44.6′W.	
E	Bolivar Land Cut	Mile 349 Intracoastal Waterway (ICW).	29°22.5′N; 94°46.9′ W	Tows entering HSC also report at HSC LB 25 & 26.
W	Pelican Cut	Mile 351 ICW	29°21.4′N; 94°48.5′ W	Tow entering HSC also report at HSC LB 25 & 26.
GCG	Galveston Harbor	USCG Base. At the entrance to Galveston Harbor.	29°20.0′N; 94°46.5′W.	
T	Texas City Channel	Texas City Channel LB 12	29°22.4′N; 94°50.9′W.	