



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

VHF MARINE TRANSCEIVER

# IC-M59

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## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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If your vessel requires assistance, contact other vessels and the Coast Guard by sending a distress call on channel 16.

### ○ **USING CHANNEL 16**

#### **DISTRESS CALL PROCEDURE**

1. "MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY"
2. "THIS IS - - - - -" (name of vessel)
3. Your call sign or other indication of the vessel (AND 9-digit DSC ID if you have one).
4. "LOCATED AT - - - - -" (your position)
5. The nature of the distress and assistance required.
6. Any other information which might facilitate the rescue.

Or, transmit your distress call using digital selective calling on channel 70 (the optional UX-120 DSC UNIT must be installed).

### ○ **USING DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (ch 70)** (UX-120 required)

#### **DISTRESS CALL PROCEDURE**

1. Push and hold [16•EMER] for 5 sec. until you hear 5 short beeps change to one long beep.
2. Then, push [PTT] to transmit the call.
3. Wait for an acknowledgment from a coast station.
  - When received, channel 16 is automatically selected.
4. Push and hold [PTT], then transmit the appropriate information as at left.

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## IMPORTANT

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**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS** carefully and completely before using the transceiver.

**SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL**—This instruction manual contains important operating instructions for the IC-M59.

**YOU MUST HAVE** a DSC vessel ID in order to operate the optional DSC functions of the transceiver. See your Dealer for details.

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## CAUTIONS

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**⚠ WARNING NEVER** connect the transceiver to an AC outlet. This may pose a fire hazard or result in an electric shock.

**⚠ WARNING HIGH VOLTAGE! NEVER** touch the antenna or an internal antenna connector during transmission. This may result in an electric shock or a burn.

**NEVER** connect the transceiver to a power source of more than 16 V DC. This connection will ruin the transceiver.

### ***WHEN INSTALLING THE DSC UNIT***

**NEVER** transmit a distress call when your vessel does not need immediate help. Distress calls can be used only in times of emergency.

**AVOID** using or placing the transceiver in direct sunlight or in areas with temperatures below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or above  $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

**DO NOT** operate the transceiver without running the vessel's engine. When your vessel's engine is OFF and the transceiver is transmitting, the vessel's battery will soon become exhausted.

**KEEP** the transceiver out of the reach of children.

**KEEP** the antenna cable and DC power cable as far away as possible from electrical pumps, generators and other electronic instruments to prevent instrument malfunctions.

**KEEP** the transceiver and microphone at least 1 meter away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

## ◇ Priorities

- Read all rules and regulations pertaining to priorities and keep an up-to-date copy handy. Safety and distress calls take priority over all others.
- You must monitor channel 16 when you are not operating on another channel.
- False or fraudulent distress calls are prohibited under law.

## ◇ Privacy

- Information overheard but not intended for you cannot lawfully be used in any way.
- Indecent or profane language is prohibited.

## ◇ Radio licenses

### SHIP STATION LICENSE

When your craft is equipped with a VHF FM transceiver, you must have a current radio station license before using the transceiver. It is unlawful to operate a ship station which is not licensed.

Inquire through your dealer or the appropriate government agency for a Ship-Radiotelephone license. This license includes the call sign which is your craft's identification for radio purposes.

### OPERATOR'S LICENSE

A restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit is the license most often held by small vessel radio operators when a radio is not required for safety purposes.

The Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit must be posted near the transceiver or be kept with the operator. Only a licensed radio operator may operate a transceiver.

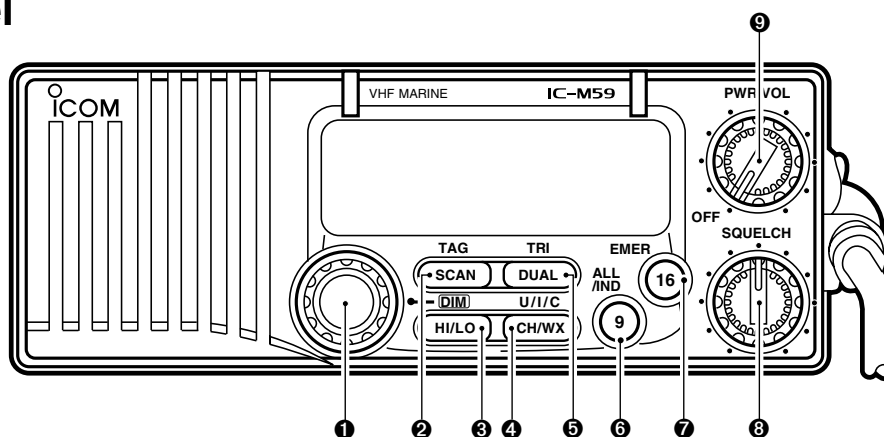
However, non-licensed individuals may talk over a transceiver if a licensed operator starts, supervises, ends the call and makes the necessary log entries.

A current copy of the applicable government rules and regulations is only required to be on hand for vessels in which a radio telephone is compulsory. However, even if you are not required to have these on hand it is your responsibility to be thoroughly acquainted with all pertinent rules and regulations.

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## PANEL DESCRIPTION

### ■ Front panel



#### ❶ CHANNEL SELECTOR [CHANNEL]

Selects an operating channel in the selected channel group.

#### ❷ SCAN SWITCH [SCAN•TAG]

- Starts and stops normal or priority scan when tag channels are programmed. (p. 10)
- Push and hold for 1 sec. to toggle the tag setting for the displayed channel. (p. 10)

#### ❸ HIGH/LOW POWER SWITCH [HI/LO•DIM]

- Toggles between high and low output powers. (p. 9)
- While pushing, rotate the channel selector to adjust the

display and control/switch backlighting intensity. (p. 11)

#### ❹ CHANNEL/WEATHER CHANNEL SWITCH [CH/WX•U/I/C]

- Selects and toggles between regular and weather channels.
- Selects one of 3 regular channels in sequence when pushed for 1 sec. (p. 7)  
⇒ International, U.S.A. and Canadian channels are available for regular channels.

#### ❺ DUAL/TRI-WATCH SWITCH [DUAL•TRI] (p. 8)

- Activates dualwatch for checking channel 16.

- Push and hold for 1 sec. to activate tri-watch for checking channel 16 and the call channel.

#### ⑥ CALL CHANNEL SWITCH [9•ALL/IND]

- Selects the call channel—the call channel is programmable, channel 9 being the default. (p. 11)
- Push and hold for 1 sec. to enter the standby condition of a DSC call. (When an optional UX-120 is installed). (pgs. 14, 15)
  - ⇒ Both “All ships call” and “Individual call” are selectable.

#### ⑦ CHANNEL 16 SWITCH [16•EMER]

- Selects channel 16. (p. 6)
- Push and hold to enter the standby condition for a distress call transmission using the DSC function (when an optional UX-120 is installed). (p. 13)

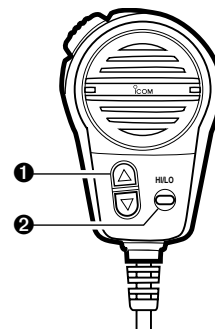
#### ⑧ SQUELCH CONTROL [SQUELCH]

- Rotate clockwise to eliminate audio noise. (p. 8)
- Activates the built-in attenuator when rotated deep clockwise. (p. 8)

#### ⑨ POWER/VOLUME CONTROL [PWR/VOL]

Turns power ON and OFF and adjusts the audio output level. (p. 6)

## ■ Microphone



#### ① CHANNEL UP/DOWN SWITCHES [▼]/[▲]

- Select an operating channel in the selected channel group.
  - ⇒ These switches can be used instead of the transceiver's channel selector.

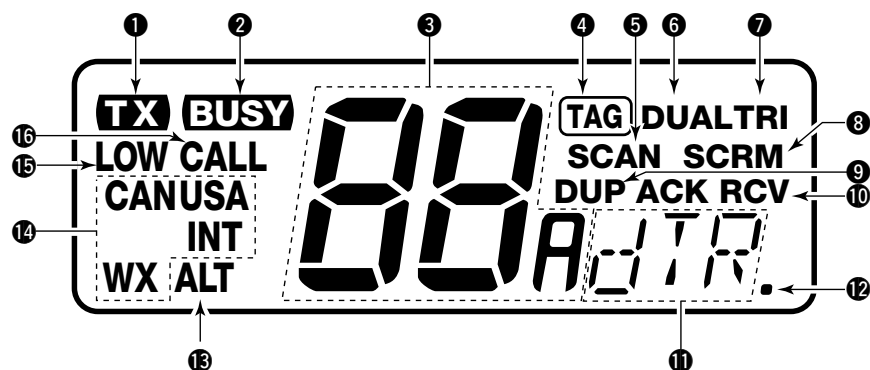
#### ② HIGH/LOW POWER SWITCH [HI/LO]

The same function as the transceiver's front panel.

- Toggles between high and low output powers. (p. 9)
- While pushing, push the [▼]/[▲] switches to adjust the display and control/switch backlighting intensity. (p. 11)

## 2 PANEL DESCRIPTION

### ■ Function display



#### ❶ TRANSMIT INDICATOR

Appears while transmitting. (p. 9)

#### ❷ BUSY INDICATOR

Appears when receiving a signal or when [SQUELCH] is rotated too far counterclockwise. (p. 8)

#### ❸ CHANNEL INDICATOR

Shows the operating channel. (pgs. 6, 7)

#### ❹ TAG CHANNEL INDICATOR

Appears when the selected channel is set as a tag channel. (p. 10)

#### ❺ SCAN INDICATOR

Appears and flashes during scan operation. (p. 10)

#### ❻ DUALWATCH INDICATOR

Appears and flashes during dualwatch operation. (p. 8)

#### ❼ TRI-WATCH INDICATOR

Appears and flashes during tri-watch operation. (p. 8)

#### ❽ VOICE SCRAMBLER INDICATOR

Appears while the optional voice scrambler is activated. (p. 8)

**9 DUPLEX INDICATOR**

Appears when the selected channel is a duplex channel.

**10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/RECEIVE INDICATORS**

Appear during optional DSC operation. (pgs. 13–18)

- “RCV” appears when a DSC call is received.
- “ACK RCV” appears when an acknowledgement is received.
- “ACK” and “**TX**” appear when transmitting an acknowledgement.

**11 DSC INDICATORS** (pgs. 13–18)

Appear during optional DSC operation and show a format specifier, message, etc.

**12 NMEA INDICATOR**

Appears when NMEA devices (such as a GPS receiver) are connected. (p. 12)

**13 WEATHER ALERT INDICATOR**

Indicates the weather alert function is activated. (p. 7)

**14 MODE INDICATORS** (p. 7)

- “USA” shows USA channels are selected.
- “CAN” shows Canadian channels are selected.
- “INT” shows International channels are selected.
- “WX” shows weather channels are selected.

**15 LOW POWER INDICATOR**

Shows that low output power is selected. (p. 9)

**16 CALL CHANNEL INDICATOR**

Appears when the call channel is selected. (p. 6)

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## BASIC OPERATION

### ■ Power ON

- ① Rotate [PWR/VOL] clockwise to turn power ON.



All display indications appear briefly\*.

\*"SCRM" appears only when an optional UT-79 is installed.  
 "dSC" appears only when an optional UX-120 is installed.



- ② Operate the transceiver as indicated in the following sections.

#### ◇ Low voltage indicator

When "b" appears and flashes as shown at right, there is a DC power source problem. In this case, check your vessel's battery and DC power cable.



### ■ Channel selection

#### ◇ Channel 16

Channel 16 is the distress channel. It is used for establishing initial contact with another station and for emergency communications. Channel 16 is monitored during dualwatch/tri-watch. While standing by you are required to monitor channel 16.

Push



or hang the microphone on the microphone hanger.

#### ◇ Call channel

The call channel is used to store your most often-used channel for quick recall. In addition, the call channel is monitored during tri-watch. The default setting for the call channel is channel 9 which is for pleasure use.

Push

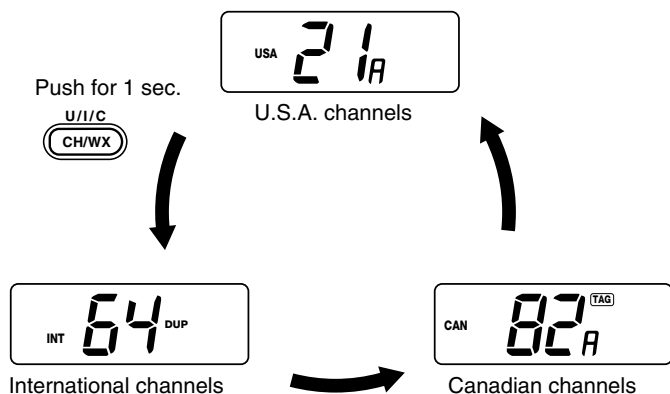


"CALL" indicates that the call channel is selected.

### ◇ U.S.A., Canadian and international channels

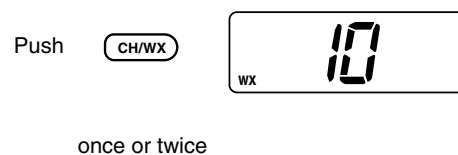
There are 61 U.S.A., 57 Canadian and 57 international channels. These channel groups may be specified for the operating area.

- ① Push [CH/WX] to select a regular channel.
  - If a weather channel appears, push [CH/WX] again.
- ② Rotate the channel selector to select a channel.
  - “DUP” appears for duplex channels.
- ③ To change the channel group, push [CH/WX•U/I/C] for 1 sec.
  - U.S.A., Canadian and international channels can be selected in sequence.



### ◇ Weather channels

There are 10 weather channels. These are used for monitoring NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) weather broadcasts.



once or twice

### ✓ CONVENIENT

**Weather alert function:** NOAA broadcast stations transmit a weather alert tone before an important weather announcement.

When the weather alert function is turned ON, the “ALT” indicator flashes until any key is pushed.

This function is activated when a weather channel is selected or during any scan. See “SET mode items” on p. 19.

## 3 BASIC OPERATION

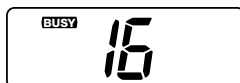
### ■ Receiving

- ① Rotate [PWR/VOL] to turn power ON.
- ② Rotate [SQUELCH] fully counterclockwise.
- ③ Adjust [PWR/VOL] to a suitable listening level.
- ④ Rotate [SQUELCH] clockwise until the audio noise disappears.
- ⑤ Select the desired channel. See pgs. 6–7 for details.
  - When a signal is received:
    - ▶ The squelch opens;
    - ▶ Audio is emitted from the speaker;
    - ▶ “BUSY” appears in the function display.
- ⑥ When an interrupting signal is received; rotate [SQUELCH] deeply clockwise.

### ◇ Voice scrambler function

For confidential communications, use the optional voice scrambler function. All members of your group must have the UT-79 VOICE SCRAMBLER UNIT installed in order to communicate using this function.

- ➡ While pushing [HI/LO], push [CH/WX] to toggle the function ON and OFF.
  - “SCRM” appears when the function is ON.
  - This function cannot be used on CH 16.
  - Set the scramble code in SET mode in advance (p. 19).



### ◇ Dual/tri-watch functions

These functions allow you to conveniently check the distress channel (ch 16) or, both the distress and pleasure call channel (ch 9; programmable) while receiving another channel. When receiving a signal on one of these channels, the transceiver stops on the channel until the signal disappears.

- ➡ Push [DUAL•TRI] momentarily for dualwatch.



Checking channel 16 every 2 sec.



When receiving a signal on channel 16. Channel 16 is monitored until the signal disappears.

- ➡ Push and hold [DUAL•TRI] for tri-watch.

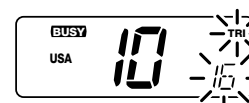


Checking channel 16 and the call channel every 2 sec.



When receiving a signal on the call channel, the call channel is monitored while checking ch 16 in 2 sec. intervals.

When receiving a signal on channel 16, channel 16 has priority.



## ■ Transmitting

Before transmitting, read the call procedures at right.

- ① Select an operating channel. See pgs. 6, 7 for details.
- ② Push [HI/LO] to select transmit output power.
  - “LOW” appears when low output power is selected.
  - High power cannot be selected on some channels. Refer to the channel list on p. 29.
- ③ Push and hold the PTT switch to transmit.
  - “TX” appears.
- ④ Speak into the microphone at your normal voice level.
  - Do not hold the microphone too closely to your mouth or speak too loudly. This may distort the transmit signal.
- ⑤ Release the PTT switch to receive.

 **IMPORTANT:** In order to maximize the readability of your transmitted signal, pause for a moment after pushing [PTT], hold the microphone 15–20 cm from your mouth, then speak into the microphone at an even, normal voice level.

### CALL PROCEDURES

You must identify yourself when you transmit and you must respect time limits.

- 1) Give your call sign each time you call another vessel or a coast station. If you have no call sign, identify the station by giving the vessel name and the name of the license.
- 2) Give your call sign at the end of each transmission that lasts more than 3 minutes.
- 3) You must pause and give your call sign at least once every 15 minutes during long ship-to-shore calls.
- 4) Keep your calls short (less than 3 minutes). Wait 2 minutes before repeating a call.
- 5) Unnecessary transmissions are not allowed.

### MOMENTARY HIGH POWER

On U.S.A. channels 13, 15 and 67, transmission using high power is momentarily possible. To use high power, push and hold [HI/LO] while transmitting.

### TIME-OUT TIMER (U.S.A. version only)

The transceiver has a time-out timer function to prevent continuous, long transmissions. Transmit is automatically inhibited after 5 min. of continuous transmission.

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## 3 BASIC OPERATION

### ■ Scan function

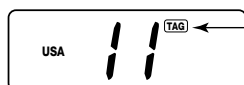
The transceiver has a high speed scan function for standing by on utility signals. The scan speed is 8 channels/sec. (except when the weather alert function is in use).

Two scan types are available: *normal scan* (scans all tag channels in sequence) and *priority scan* (checks channel 16 while scanning). These scans can be selected in set mode (p. 19).

#### ◇ Setting tag channels

You can specify channels as tag channels for efficient scanning. Tag channels can be set for each channel group (USA, CAN, INT) independently.

- ➡ Select the desired channel, then push and hold [SCAN•TAG] for 1 sec. to toggle the tag setting.



Appears when the channel is specified as a tag channel.

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#### ✓ Clearing all tag channels:

While pushing [HI/LO], push and hold [SCAN•TAG] for 3 sec. until the long beep becomes 2 short beeps.

- All tag channels in the selected channel group are released.
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#### ◇ Scan operation

- ① Select the desired channel group (USA, CAN, INT) or WX channels with [CH/WX•U/I/C].
  - When the weather alert function is in use, select the desired WX channel in the display, then perform the above operation.
- ② Push [SCAN] to start scanning.
  - "SCAN" appears and flashes in the function display.
  - "16" appears during priority scan.
- ③ To stop the scan, push [SCAN] again.
  - "SCAN" disappears.

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#### ✓ Scan resume timer:

When a signal is detected, scan pauses until the signal disappears or resumes after pausing 5 sec., according to the set mode setting. (p. 19)

#### ✓ Confirming tag channels:

While operating scan, rotate [DIAL].

- Only tag channels are selected.
- Stop rotating [DIAL] to resume scan.

#### ✓ Weather alert function:

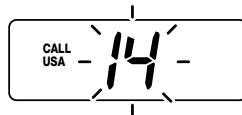
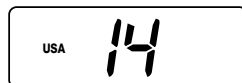
When the function is turned ON (p. 19), the selected weather channel is checked during scan. Refer to p. 7 for a description of weather alert.

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## ■ Call channel programming

The call channel key, [9], is used to select channel 9, however, you can program your most often-used channels in each channel group for quick recall.

- ① Push [CH/WX•U/I/C] for 1 sec. one or more times to select the desired channel group (USA, INT, CAN) to be programmed.
- ② Push [9] to select the call channel of the selected channel group.
  - “CALL” and the call channel number appear.
- ③ While pushing [HI/LO] push [9] to enter call channel write mode.
  - Call channel number and channel group to be programmed flash.
- ④ Rotate the channel selector to select the desired channel.



- ⑤ Push [9] again to program the displayed channel as the call channel.

- The call channel number and channel group stop flashing.



## ■ Display backlighting

The function display and switches can be backlit for better visibility under low light conditions.

While pushing [HI/LO•DIM], rotate the channel selector to adjust the backlighting.

- ➔ Backlighting can be set to 1 of 3 intensities or turned OFF.

# 4

## DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING

UX-120 required

### ■ General

When an optional UX-120 DSC UNIT is installed, digital selective calling (or DSC) can be used via the IC-M59. DSC is a method of radio communications involving digital signals rather than the more conventional method of voice communications. The advantage of using digital communications over voice communications is that information (especially useful for distress calls and other urgent matters) can be pre-programmed into a radio and transmitted accurately.

In addition, when a GPS receiver (NMEA0183 ver. 1.5, 2.0 or 2.1) is connected, your vessel's position and the current UTC time are transmitted together with the vessel's identity when making a distress call.

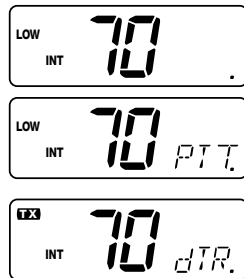
See p. 27 for unit installation.

| DSC TYPE               | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | REF.        |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Distress call          | This sends distress information which includes your vessel's ID (and position data/UTC time when a GPS receiver is connected). Send under <i>emergency conditions only</i> . DSC acknowledgement will be received from a coast station after making a distress call. | pgs. 13, 16 |
| Distress relay call    | This is used to alert Coast stations (or other ships) when a vessel in distress is unable to do so. The IC-M59 can <i>only receive</i> this type of signal; not transmit.                                                                                            | p. 16       |
| All ships call         | This is used for non-emergency situations. This signal includes information which allows a receiving transceiver to automatically select a specified channel for voice communication.                                                                                | pgs. 14, 16 |
| Individual call        | This allows you to send a signal to a specific vessel only. The vessel's ID code must be pre-programmed in advance. Two kinds of acknowledgements (able to comply/unable to comply) are available (for sending or receiving) after an individual call.               | pgs. 15, 17 |
| Geographical area call | This is used for announcement to all ships in the specified area—when a GPS receiver is connected calls directed to areas other than yours are rejected. <i>Receive only</i> for the IC-M59.                                                                         | p. 17       |

## ■ Distress call transmission

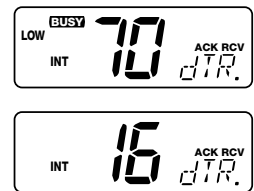
**CAUTION:** Distress calls may be transmitted under conditions of emergency only i.e. your vessel is in danger of sinking and/or a person's life is in danger.

- ① Push and hold [16•EMER] until you hear 4 short beeps change to one long beep.
  - The display changes as at right.
- ② Push [PTT] to transmit the distress call.



- ③ The transceiver remains on channel 70 until an acknowledgement is received.
  - When no acknowledgement is received, the distress call is repeated until an acknowledgement is received.
  - To cancel this, turn power OFF then ON again.
  - Calls to you other than distress acknowledgement cannot be received.

- ④ When a distress acknowledgement is received, emergency alarm sounds and channel 16 is automatically selected.
  - Push any key to cancel the alarm.



- ⑤ Transmit your distress call particulars by voice using the following procedure:

1. "MAYDAY."
2. "THIS IS " (name of vessel).
3. The 9-digit identity AND the call sign (or other identification of the vessel).
4. The vessel's position if DSC does not include it.
5. The nature of the distress and assistance required.
6. Any other information which might facilitate the rescue.

**NOTE:** When a GPS receiver (NMEA 0183) is connected, your vessel's position is automatically transmitted with the distress call.

**NOTE:** Acknowledgement of a DSC distress alert is normally made by coast stations only.

## 4 DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING

### ■ All ships call transmission

Large ships use channel 70 as their “listening channel.” When you want to announce a message to these ships, use the “all ships call” function.

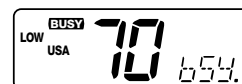
- ① Select a simplex channel for the traffic channel (for voice communication after sending the all ships call).
  - Some ‘A’ channels (eg. channel 88A) cannot be used.
- ② Rotate [SQUELCH] clockwise until the audio noise disappears.
- ③ While pushing [9•ALL/IND] rotate the channel selector to select “ALL” as at right.
- ④ Push and hold [9•ALL/IND] until you hear 4 short beeps change to one long beep.
  - The display changes as at right.
- ⑤ Push [PTT] momentarily to transmit the all ships call.
  - After transmission, the channel set in step ① above is selected.



- ⑥ Push and hold [PTT] again to send an announcement to all ships.

#### NOTE: Channel busy

When channel 70 is busy, the all ships call is not transmitted. The transceiver waits until the channel is clear, then transmits the call automatically.



This display appears while the call is in standby.

#### NOTE: Error indication

When a transmission inhibited channel (e.g. ch 70) is selected for the traffic channel, the display at right appears. In this case, an appropriate channel must be selected.



This display may also appear if [9•ALL/IND] is accidentally released early while being pushed and held in step ③.

## Individual call transmission

The individual call function allows you to transmit a DSC signal to a specific party only.

- ① Set the ID code for the individual you wish to call in advance.

- This code is input into the address item in SET mode. (p. 19)

- ② Select the traffic channel (for voice communication after the individual call is sent).



- Select a simplex channel (some 'A' channels cannot be used) for ship-to-ship contact.
- Select a duplex channel for ship-to-coast contact.

- ③ Rotate [SQUELCH] clockwise until the audio noise disappears.

- ④ While pushing [9•ALL/IND] rotate the channel selector to select "Ind" as at right.

- When no address ID is pre-programmed, "Ind" cannot be selected.

- ⑤ Push and hold [9•ALL/IND] until you hear 4 short beeps change to one long beep.



- The display changes as at right.
- When "ALL" appears instead of "Ind," rotate the channel selector to select "Ind" while pushing [9•ALL/IND].



- ⑥ Push [PTT] momentarily to transmit the individual call.
- "HIGH" power is automatically selected while transmitting the call.

- ⑦ Standby on channel 70 until an acknowledgement is received.

- ⑧ When the acknowledgement is received, the display changes as at right.



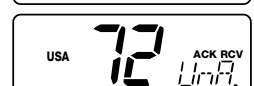
- Beeps sound.
- The channel set in step ② is selected.



- ⑨ Push and hold [PTT] to communicate your message to the responding party.

### NOTE: Unable to comply

When the received acknowledgement includes "unable to comply," the message display changes as at right. In such a case, wait at least 5 min. before re-transmitting the call.



### NOTE: Channel busy error indication

The same as for the all ships call. Refer to the page opposite for details.

## 4 DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING

### ■ Receiving DSC calls

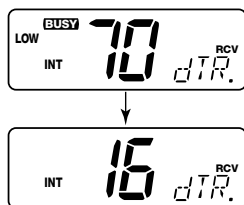
Several types of DSC transmissions can be received. The required action depends on the particular DSC type as outlined in the following examples. However, in all examples, you must be monitoring channel 70 in order to receive such signals.

**NOTE:** When channel 70 is set as a tag channel and scan is functioning, DSC calls will not be received. DSC calls can only be received when channel 70 is selected.

#### ◇ Receiving a distress call

While monitoring channel 70 and a distress call is received:

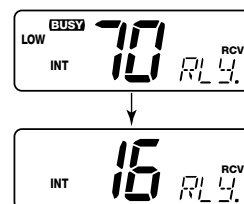
- ➔ Emergency alarm sounds.
- ➔ “RCV” and “dTR” appear in the display; then, channel 16 is automatically selected.
- ➔ Push [16] to stop the alarm.
- ➔ Continue monitoring channel 16 as a coast station may require assistance in any rescue attempt.



#### ◇ Receiving a distress relay call

A distress relay call may be transmitted from a large ship to a coast station. While monitoring channel 70 and a distress relay call is received:

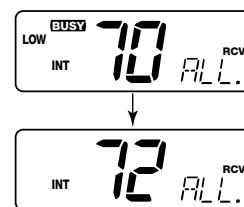
- ➔ Emergency alarm sounds.
- ➔ “RCV” and “RLY” appear in the display; then, channel 16 is automatically selected.
- ➔ Push [16] to stop the alarm.
- ➔ Monitor channel 16 until the emergency communication has been completed.



#### ◇ Receiving an all ships call

While monitoring channel 70 and an all ships call is received:

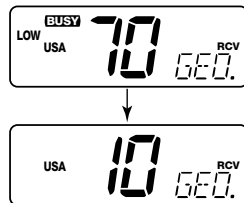
- ➔ Emergency alarm or beeps sound depending on the received category.
- ➔ “RCV” and “ALL” appear in the display; then, the channel specified by the calling station is automatically selected for voice communications.
- ➔ Monitor the selected channel for an announcement from the calling vessel.



### ◇ Receiving a geographical area call

While monitoring channel 70 and a geographical area call (for the area you are in) is received:

- Emergency alarm or beeps sound depending on the received category.
- “RCV” and “GEO” appear in the display; then, the channel specified by the calling station is automatically selected for voice communications.



- Monitor the selected channel for an announcement from the calling ship.

/// **NOTE:** When no GPS receiver is connected or if there is a problem with the connected receiver, all geographical area calls are received, regardless of your position.

### ◇ Receiving an individual call

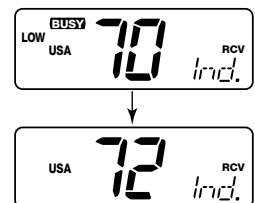
When receiving an individual call, an acknowledgement must be sent back to the calling station within 4.5 min. Operation and transceiver function differs depending on the SET mode settings.

Two messages can be selected for acknowledgement:

- “Able to comply” .....You can communicate with the calling vessel via the mic after a DSC connection.
- “Unable to comply” .....You cannot communicate with the calling vessel after a DSC connection (e.g. operator leaves transceiver).

*While monitoring channel 70 and an individual call is received:*

- Emergency alarm or beeps sound depending on the received category.
- “RCV” and “Ind” appear in the display.
- The channel specified by the calling station is automatically selected for checking the channel condition (except when full automatic acknowledgement is selected).
- Proceed as follows on the next page according to your pre-set conditions.



## 4 DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING

- When semi-automatic (SA; default) or manual (SL) is selected in SET mode (p. 21):

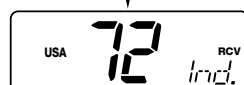
- ① Push and hold [9•ALL/IND] until you hear 4 short beeps change into one long beep to send “Able to comply” message.

- If you want to send “Unable to comply” message, or other individual or all ships call, rotate the channel selector to select them.

- ② Push [PTT] momentarily to transmit the acknowledgement.

- The channel specified by the calling station is selected.
- When “Unable to comply” is transmitted in step ①, the transceiver remains on channel 70.

- ③ After receiving a voice transmission, reply via the mic.



- When full automatic (FA) is selected in SET mode (p. 21):

- The transceiver automatically replies to the call in one of two ways, depending on the auto acknowledge setting in SET mode (p. 21).

- When able to comply is set (Ab), the transceiver automatically transmits an able to comply acknowledgement and then selects the channel as specified by the calling station for voice communications.

- When unable to comply is set (Un), the transceiver automatically transmits an unable to comply acknowledgement and remains on channel 70.

### ⚡ Differences between semi-automatic and manual

**Semi-automatic:** When no operation is performed, the transceiver automatically sends an “Unable to comply” acknowledgement 4.5 min. after the call is received.

**Manual:** When no operation is performed after receiving a call, NO acknowledgement is transmitted.



## ■ Entering SET mode

SET mode is used to customize operation of the transceiver to suit your operating needs.

### ◇ To enter SET mode:

- ① While pushing [16], turn power ON.
  - Keep pushing [16] until the initial SET mode display appears.
  - SET mode is selected.
- ② To exit SET mode, turn power OFF then ON again.

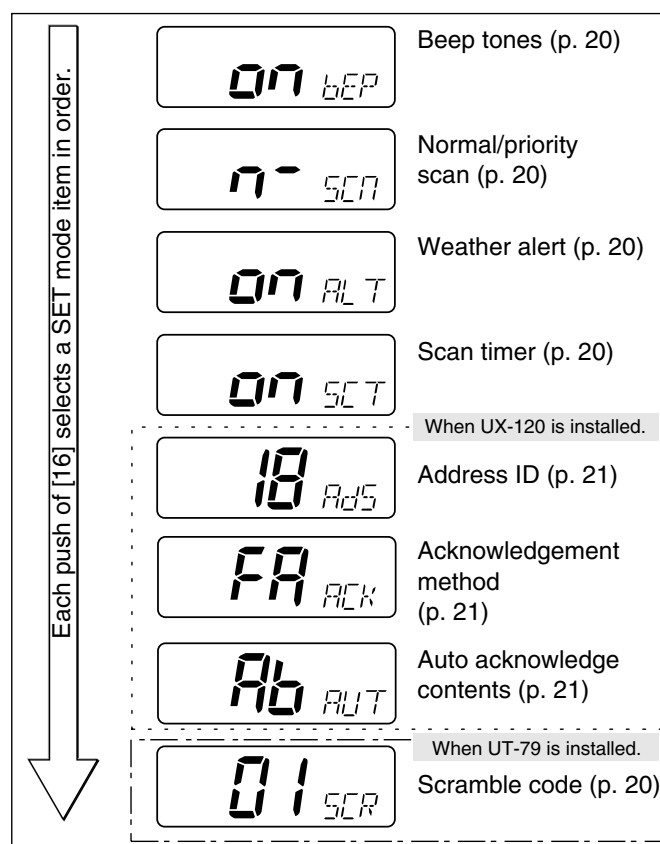
### ◇ To select an item:

There are up to 8 items in SET mode (depending on options installed) that may be adjusted to suit your operating needs.

- ① Select SET mode as above.
- ② Push [16] to select the desired item; then rotate [CHANNEL] to select the desired condition.
  - See the following pages for details on each SET mode item.

 The diagram at right shows the default settings for each SET mode item and the order of selection.  
 Items inside dotted lines only appear when optional units are installed.

## ■ SET mode items



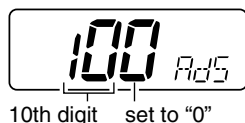
## 5 SET MODE

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| <p>◇ <b>BEEP TONES</b></p> <p>This item sets the transceiver's confirmation beep tones (when pushing a switch/rotating [CHANNEL]) ON or OFF.</p> <p>Beep tones ON (default)      Beep tones OFF</p> <div> </div> <p>NOTE: Emergency alarm and beeps for DSC operation cannot be turned OFF.</p> | <p>◇ <b>SCAN TIMER</b></p> <p>This item sets the scan timer ON or OFF.</p> <p>Scan timer ON (default)      Scan timer OFF</p> <div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scan pauses on a signal and resumes 5 sec. later.</li> <li>• Scan pauses on a signal until the signal disappears, and resumes 2 sec. after that.</li> </ul> |
| <p>◇ <b>NORMAL/PRIORITY SCAN</b></p> <p>This item sets the scan function to normal or priority operation. (See p. 10)</p> <p>Normal scan (default)      Priority scan</p> <div> </div>                                                                                                          | <p>◇ <b>SCRAMBLE CODE</b></p> <p>This item sets a scramble code for communication using the optional voice scrambler unit. (p. 8)</p> <p>Scramble code "01"      Scramble code "127"</p> <div> </div>                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>◇ <b>WEATHER ALERT</b></p> <p>This item sets the weather alert function ON or OFF. (p. 7)</p> <p>Weather alert ON (default)      Weather alert OFF</p> <div> </div>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### ◇ ADDRESS

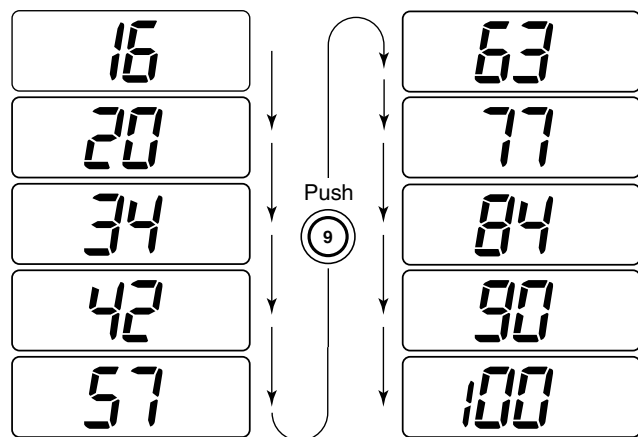
This item sets the other station's 10-digit ID code for individual calls. Note that your own ID cannot be set in SET mode.

- ① Push [9] to select the digit (1 through 10).
- ② Rotate [CHANNEL] to set the desired value for the selected digit or turn the individual call OFF.
  - Select "—" to clear the digit and turn the individual call OFF.



**NOTE:** The 10th digit must be set to "0" when your ID is 9 digits. This is reserved for future use.

**[EXAMPLE]:** Setting the ID code to 6042737400



### ◇ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT METHOD

This item sets the acknowledgement method for reply to a calling station when receiving an individual call. (See p. 18)

Full automatic



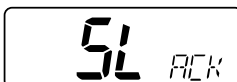
Acknowledgement is transmitted automatically using the specified message.

Semi automatic



Acknowledgement is transmitted manually. If no transmission for 4.5 min., acknowledgement is transmitted automatically using the "Unable to comply" message.

Manual



Acknowledgement can only be transmitted manually.

### ◇ AUTO ACKNOWLEDGE CONTENTS

Appears only when full automatic (FA) is selected in the previous item. This item sets "unable to comply" or "able to comply"

Able to comply



Unable to comply



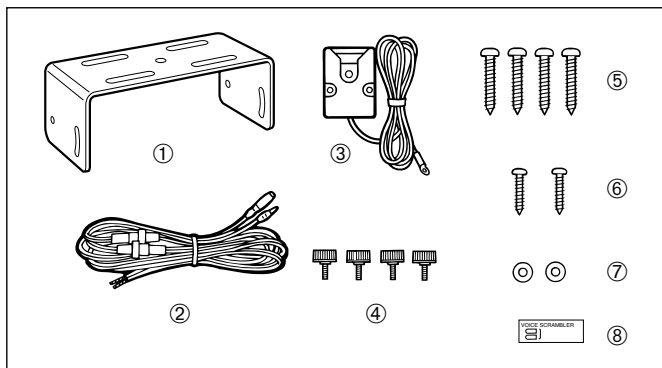
as the full automatic acknowledgement transmission. (p. 18)

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## CONNECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

### ■ Unpacking

|                                           |   |
|-------------------------------------------|---|
| ① Mounting bracket .....                  | 1 |
| ② DC power cable (OPC-632) .....          | 1 |
| ③ Microphone hanger (OPC-562) .....       | 1 |
| ④ Mounting bracket knobs .....            | 4 |
| ⑤ Mounting screws (5 x 20) .....          | 4 |
| ⑥ Mic hanger screws (3.5 x 30) .....      | 2 |
| ⑦ Flat washers (M4) .....                 | 2 |
| ⑧ Sticker (for scrambler function)* ..... | 1 |



\* Attach the sticker on the top side of the front panel when the UT-79 is installed.

### ■ Additional requirements

#### ◇ FOR GENERAL OPERATION

- Marine VHF antenna
- Coaxial cable

#### ◇ FOR DSC OPERATION

- UX-120 DSC UNIT

#### ◇ FOR ENHANCED DSC OPERATION

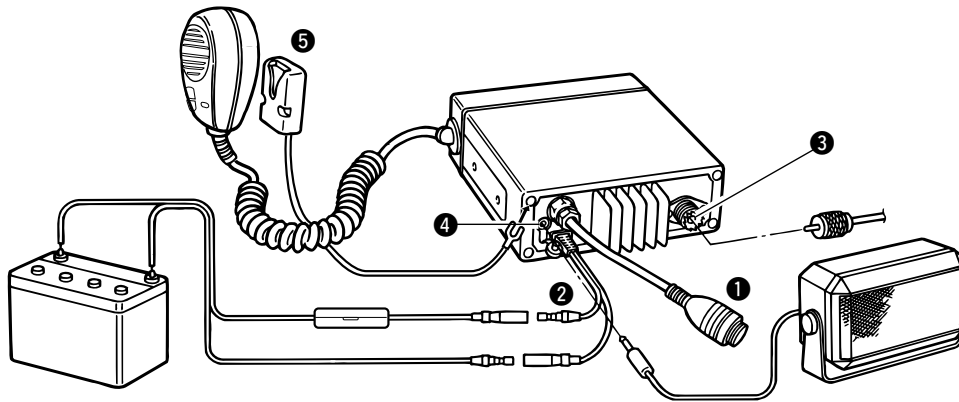
- GPS receiver with NMEA0183 output for sending positioning and time data with a distress call

#### ◇ FOR VOICE SCRAMBLER OPERATION

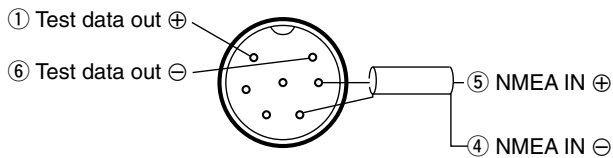
- UT-79 VOICE SCRAMBLER UNIT

Consult with your dealer if you need this function—disassembly and soldering of the transceiver are required for installation.

## ■ Connections



- ① DSC CONNECTOR** (optional OPC-457; through the UX-120)  
7-pin plug connects a GPS receiver for transmission of position data and time.



Acceptable command: GAA  
Acceptable format: NMEA0183 ver. 1.5, 2.0 or 2.1

- ② DC POWER CONNECTOR**  
Connects the supplied DC power cable from this connector to an external 12 V DC power source.
- ③ ANTENNA CONNECTOR**  
Connects a marine VHF antenna with a PL-259 connector to the transceiver.  
**CAUTION:** Transmitting without an antenna will damage the transceiver.
- ④ EXTERNAL SPEAKER JACK**
- ⑤ MICROPHONE HANGER**  
Connects to the transceiver's ground. Resting the microphone on the hanger automatically selects channel 16.

## 6 CONNECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

### ■ Mounting the transceiver

The universal mounting bracket supplied with your transceiver allows overhead or dashboard mounting. Please read the following instructions carefully.

- Mount the transceiver securely with the 4 supplied screws (M5 x 20) to a surface which is more than 10 mm thick and can support more than 5 kg.
- Mount the transceiver so that the face of the transceiver is at 90 ° to your line of sight when operating it.

**CAUTION: KEEP** the transceiver and microphone at least 1 meter away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

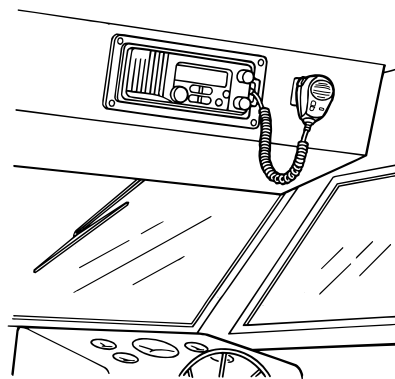
**NOTE:** Check the installation angle; the function display may not be easy-to-read at some angles.

#### NOTES FOR SUPPLIED STICKER

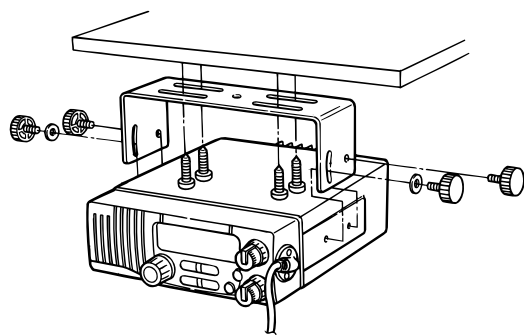
When installing an optional UT-79 VOICE SCRAMBLER UNIT:  
Attach the operation sticker on the top side of the front panel for reference.

When installing an optional UX-120 DSC UNIT:  
Attach the WARNING sticker supplied with the UX-120 near the transceiver's front panel so that it is clearly visible during operation.

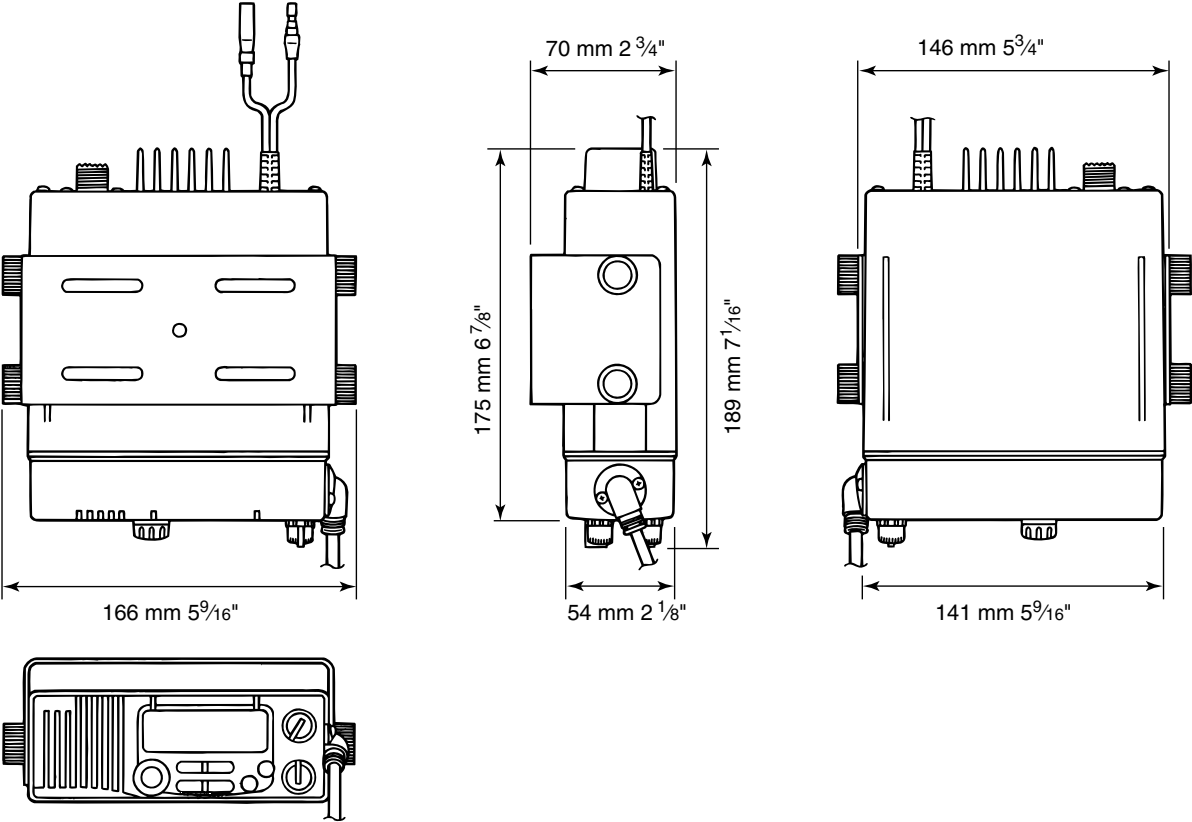
#### DASHBOARD MOUNTING (with optional MB-28)



#### OVERHEAD MOUNTING



■ Dimensions



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## 6 CONNECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

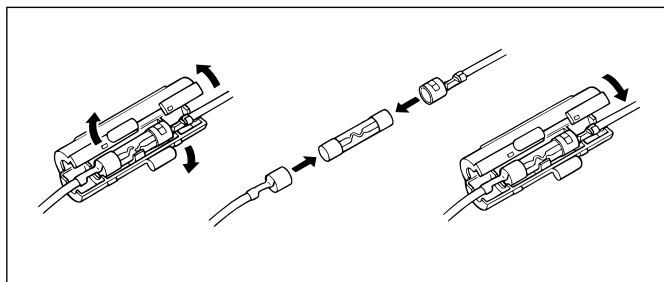
### ■ Antenna

A key element in the performance of any communication system is an antenna. Ask your Dealer about antennas and the best places to mount them.

### ■ Fuse replacement

Two fuses are installed in the supplied DC power cable. If a fuse blows or the transceiver stops functioning, track down the source of the problem, if possible, and replace the damaged fuse with a new, rated one.

➡ Fuse rating: 10 A



### ■ Cleaning

If the transceiver becomes dusty or dirty, wipe it clean with a dry, soft cloth.



**AVOID** the use of solvents such as benzene or alcohol, as they may damage transceiver surfaces.

### ■ Optional unit installations

In order to add the DSC or voice scrambler functions to the IC-M59, the following optional units must be installed.

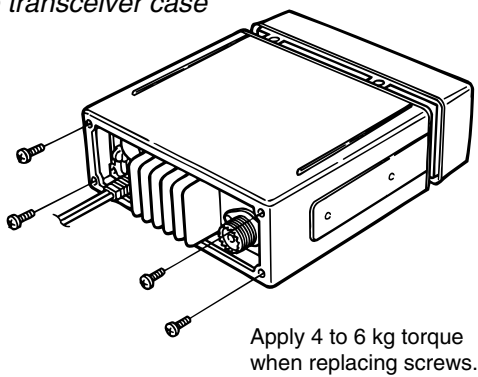
UX-120: DSC functions

OPC-457: GPS connection when UX-120 is installed

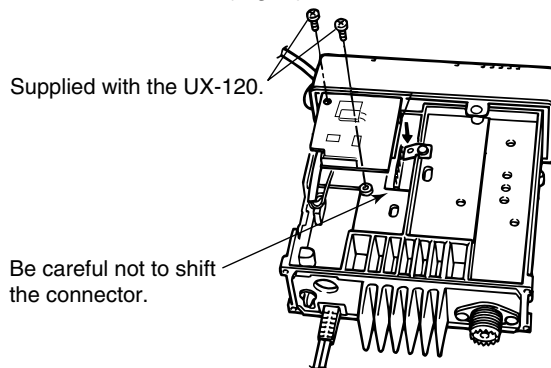
UT-79: Voice scrambler function

- ① Turn the transceiver power OFF and disconnect the DC power cable.
- ② Unscrew 4 screws from the rear panel, then remove the transceiver cover. (fig. 1)
- ③ Install the desired unit. (fig. 2 to 4)
- ④ Replace the transceiver cover and tighten the screws.
  - 4 to 6 kg of torque **MUST** be applied to ensure water resistance.

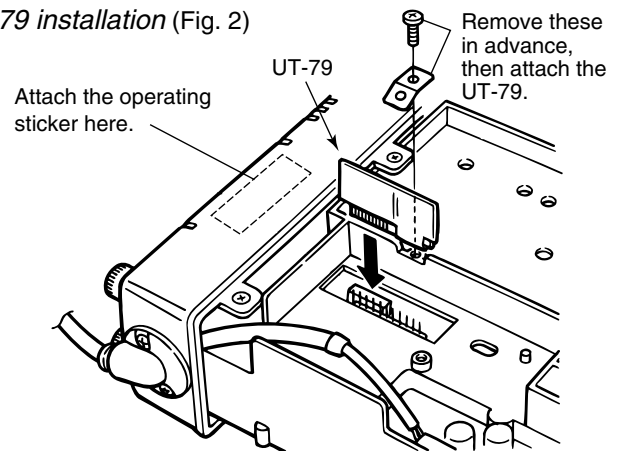
*Opening the transceiver case*  
(Fig. 1)



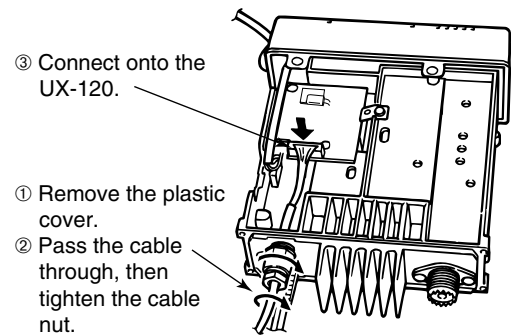
*UX-120 installation* (Fig. 3)



*UT-79 installation* (Fig. 2)



*OPC-457 installation* (Fig. 4)



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## TROUBLESHOOTING

| PROBLEM                                                      | POSSIBLE CAUSE                                                                                                                                                                              | SOLUTION                                                                                                                                                                                                  | REF.           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| No power comes on.                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power cord not connected properly.</li> <li>Blown fuse.</li> </ul>                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the power cord connection.</li> <li>Check the polarity of the power connection, then, replace the fuse.</li> </ul>                                           | p. 23<br>p. 26 |
| No sound comes from the speaker.                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[SQUELCH] is rotated too far clockwise.</li> </ul>                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotate [SQUELCH] counterclockwise to a suitable position.</li> </ul>                                                                                               | p. 8           |
| No beeps sound even when a switch is pushed.                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beep function is turned OFF.</li> </ul>                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set beeps to ON in SET mode.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            | p. 20          |
| Sensitivity is low and only strong signals are audible.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[SQUELCH] is rotated too far clockwise.</li> <li>Antenna feedline or the antenna connector solder has poor contact or is short circuited.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotate [SQUELCH] counterclockwise to a suitable position.</li> <li>Check, and if necessary, replace the feedline or solder the antenna connector again.</li> </ul> | p. 8<br>p. 23  |
| Transmitting is impossible or high power cannot be selected. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transmission is restricted on some channels.</li> </ul>                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change channels.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                        | p. 29          |
| Desired channel cannot be selected.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different channel group is selected.</li> </ul>                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Push and hold [CH/WX • U/I/C] to select the appropriate channel group (U.S.A., INT or CAN).</li> </ul>                                                             | p. 7           |
| No display backlighting.                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backlight function is turned OFF.</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While pushing [HI/LO • DIM], rotate the channel selector to select the desired brightness.</li> </ul>                                                              | p. 11          |
| Scan does not start.                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No "TAG" channels are programmed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set channels to be scanned as "TAG" channels.</li> </ul>                                                                                                           | p. 10          |
| Receive signal cannot be understood.                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice scrambler has been turned OFF.</li> <li>Voice scrambler code has not been set correctly.</li> </ul>                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install the optional UT-79, then activate the function.</li> <li>Reset the scramble code.</li> </ul>                                                               | p. 8<br>p. 20  |

# VHF MARINE CHANNEL LIST

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| Channel number   |                  |                  | Frequency (MHz) |         |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
| USA              | INT              | CAN              | Transmit        | Receive |
|                  | 01               | 01               | 156.050         | 160.650 |
| 01A              |                  |                  | 156.050         | 156.050 |
|                  | 02               | 02               | 156.100         | 160.700 |
| 02A              |                  |                  | 156.100         | 156.100 |
|                  | 03               | 03               | 156.150         | 160.750 |
| 03A              |                  |                  | 156.150         | 156.150 |
|                  | 04               |                  | 156.200         | 160.800 |
| 04A              |                  | 04A              | 156.200         | 156.200 |
|                  | 05               |                  | 156.250         | 160.850 |
| 05A              |                  | 05A              | 156.250         | 156.250 |
| 06               | 06               | 06               | 156.300         | 156.300 |
|                  | 07               |                  | 156.350         | 160.950 |
| 07A              |                  | 07A              | 156.350         | 156.350 |
| 08               | 08               | 08               | 156.400         | 156.400 |
| 09               | 09               | 09               | 156.450         | 156.450 |
| 10               | 10               | 10               | 156.500         | 156.500 |
| 11               | 11               | 11               | 156.550         | 156.550 |
| 12               | 12               | 12               | 156.600         | 156.600 |
| 13* <sup>2</sup> | 13               | 13* <sup>1</sup> | 156.650         | 156.650 |
| 14               | 14               | 14               | 156.700         | 156.700 |
| 15* <sup>2</sup> | 15* <sup>1</sup> | 15* <sup>1</sup> | 156.750         | 156.750 |
| 16               | 16               | 16               | 156.800         | 156.800 |
| 17* <sup>1</sup> | 17               | 17* <sup>1</sup> | 156.850         | 156.850 |
|                  | 18               |                  | 156.900         | 161.500 |
| 18A              |                  | 18A              | 156.900         | 156.900 |

| Channel number |     |     | Frequency (MHz) |         |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------|
| USA            | INT | CAN | Transmit        | Receive |
|                | 19  |     | 156.950         | 161.550 |
| 19A            |     | 19A | 156.950         | 156.950 |
| 20             | 20  | 20  | 157.000         | 161.600 |
| 20A            |     |     | 157.000         | 157.000 |
|                | 21  | 21  | 157.050         | 161.650 |
| 21A            |     | 21A | 157.050         | 157.050 |
|                | 22  |     | 157.100         | 161.700 |
| 22A            |     | 22A | 157.100         | 157.100 |
|                | 23  | 23  | 157.150         | 161.750 |
| 23A            |     |     | 157.150         | 157.150 |
| 24             | 24  | 24  | 157.200         | 161.800 |
| 25             | 25  | 25  | 157.250         | 161.850 |
| 26             | 26  | 26  | 157.300         | 161.900 |
| 27             | 27  | 27  | 157.350         | 161.950 |
| 28             | 28  | 28  | 157.400         | 162.000 |
|                | 60  | 60  | 156.025         | 160.625 |
| 60A            |     |     | 156.025         | 156.025 |
|                | 61  |     | 156.075         | 160.675 |
| 61A            |     | 61A | 156.075         | 156.075 |
|                | 62  |     | 156.125         | 160.725 |
| 62A            |     | 62A | 156.125         | 156.125 |
|                | 63  |     | 156.175         | 160.775 |
| 63A            |     |     | 156.175         | 156.175 |
|                | 64  | 64  | 156.225         | 160.825 |
| 64A            |     | 64A | 156.225         | 156.225 |

| Channel number   |                  |                   | Frequency (MHz) |         |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| USA              | INT              | CAN               | Transmit        | Receive |
|                  | 65               |                   | 156.275         | 160.875 |
| 65A              | 65A              | 65A               | 156.275         | 156.275 |
|                  | 66               |                   | 156.325         | 160.925 |
| 66A              | 66A              | 66A* <sup>1</sup> | 156.325         | 156.325 |
| 67* <sup>2</sup> | 67               | 67                | 156.375         | 156.375 |
| 68               | 68               | 68                | 156.425         | 156.425 |
| 69               | 69               | 69                | 156.475         | 156.475 |
| 70* <sup>3</sup> | 70* <sup>3</sup> | 70* <sup>3</sup>  | 156.525         | 156.525 |
| 71               | 71               | 71                | 156.575         | 156.575 |
| 72               | 72               | 72                | 156.625         | 156.625 |
| 73               | 73               | 73                | 156.675         | 156.675 |
| 74               | 74               | 74                | 156.725         | 156.725 |
| 75               | 75               | 75                | Guard           | Guard   |
| 76               | 76               | 76                | Guard           | Guard   |
| 77* <sup>1</sup> | 77               | 77* <sup>1</sup>  | 156.875         | 156.875 |
|                  | 78               |                   | 156.925         | 161.525 |
| 78A              |                  | 78A               | 156.925         | 156.925 |
|                  | 79               |                   | 156.975         | 161.575 |
| 79A              |                  | 79A               | 156.975         | 156.975 |
|                  | 80               |                   | 157.025         | 161.625 |
| 80A              |                  | 80A               | 157.025         | 157.025 |
|                  | 81               |                   | 157.075         | 161.675 |
| 81A              |                  | 81A               | 157.075         | 157.075 |
|                  | 82               |                   | 157.125         | 161.725 |
| 82A              |                  | 82A               | 157.125         | 157.125 |

| Channel number |     |     | Frequency (MHz) |         |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------|
| USA            | INT | CAN | Transmit        | Receive |
|                | 83  | 83  | 157.175         | 161.775 |
| 83A            |     | 83A | 157.175         | 157.175 |
| 84             | 84  | 84  | 157.225         | 161.825 |
| 84A            |     |     | 157.225         | 157.225 |
| 85             | 85  | 85  | 157.275         | 161.875 |
| 85A            |     |     | 157.275         | 157.275 |
| 86             | 86  | 86  | 157.325         | 161.925 |
| 86A            |     |     | 157.325         | 157.325 |
| 87             | 87  | 87  | 157.375         | 161.975 |
| 87A            |     |     | 157.375         | 157.375 |
| 88             | 88  | 88  | 157.425         | 162.025 |
| 88A            |     |     | 157.425         | 157.425 |
| WX channel     |     |     | Frequency (MHz) |         |
|                |     |     | Transmit        | Receive |
| 01             |     |     | RX only         | 162.550 |
| 02             |     |     | RX only         | 162.400 |
| 03             |     |     | RX only         | 162.475 |
| 04             |     |     | RX only         | 162.425 |
| 05             |     |     | RX only         | 162.450 |
| 06             |     |     | RX only         | 162.500 |
| 07             |     |     | RX only         | 162.525 |
| 08             |     |     | RX only         | 161.650 |
| 09             |     |     | RX only         | 161.775 |
| 10             |     |     | RX only         | 163.275 |

\*<sup>1</sup> Low power only. \*<sup>2</sup> Momentary high power. \*<sup>3</sup> Receive only (except for DSC transmissions).

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## SPECIFICATIONS

### General

- Frequency coverage : Transmit 156–157.5 MHz  
Receive 156–163 MHz
- Usable channels : All U.S.A., International and Canadian channels plus 10 weather channels
- Mode : 16K0G3E, (16K0G2B when optional DSC is in use)
- Power supply requirement : 13.8 V DC  $\pm$  15%
- Current drain : Transmit  
(at 13.8 V DC) high power 6.0 A  
low power 1.5 A  
Receive  
standby 350 mA  
max. audio output 1.2 A
- Frequency stability :  $\pm$  10 ppm
- Usable temp. range :  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  
 $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Dimensions : 140(W) x 55(H) x 155(D) mm  
(projections not included)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ (W) x  $2\frac{5}{32}$ (H) x  $6\frac{3}{32}$ (D) in
- Weight : 1.0 kg; 2.2 lb

### Transmitter

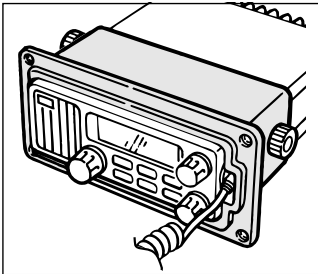
- Output power : High 25 W Low 1 W
- Modulation system : Variable reactance phase modulation
- Max. frequency deviation :  $\pm$ 5.0 kHz
- Spurious emissions : Less than  $-70$  dB
- Microphone impedance : 600  $\Omega$

### Receiver

- Receive system : Double conversion  
superheterodyne
- Intermediate frequencies : 1st 21.8 MHz 2nd 455 kHz
- Sensitivity : 0.22  $\mu\text{V}$  (typical) for 12 dB SINAD
- Squelch sensitivity : 0.18  $\mu\text{V}$  at threshold
- Adjacent channel selectivity : More than 70 dB
- Spurious reponse rejection : More than 70 dB
- Intermodulation rejection : More than 70 dB
- Audio output power : 3.5 W at 10% distortion
- Audio output impedance : 4  $\Omega$

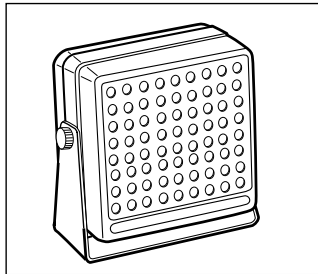
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## OPTIONS 10



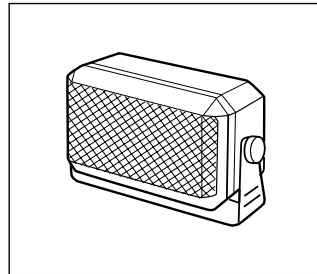
### **MB-28 FLUSH MOUNT**

For mounting the IC-M59 to a panel. Available in black or white.



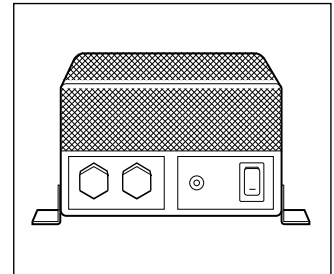
### **SP-5 EXTERNAL SPEAKER**

A large, external speaker for superior audio output.



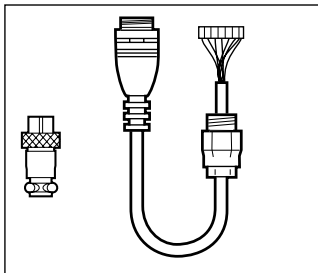
### **SP-10 EXTERNAL SPEAKER**

A compact, external speaker. Features easy installation.



### **PS-66 DC-DC CONVERTER**

Input voltage: 19 to 32 V DC  
Output voltage: 13.6 V DC



### **OPC-457**

#### **NMEA CABLE**

Allows you to connect NMEA equipment such as a GPS receiver.

### ◆ INTERNAL UNITS

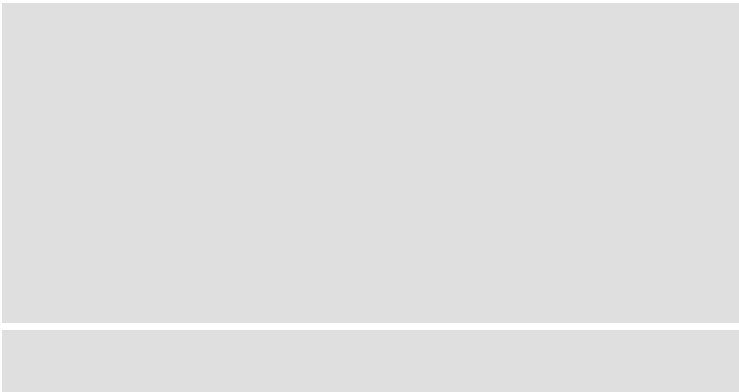
#### • **UT-79 VOICE SCRAMBLER UNIT**

Provides private communications. Analog-type voice scrambling unit with 128 scramble codes available.

#### • **UX-120 DSC UNIT**

When the UX-120 is installed, the transceiver conforms to U.S. Coast Guard proposal SC-101 for marine digital communications.

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