

## **4. Communications**

### **4.1 VHF communications**

The following marine VHF channels are used in the Southport Pilotage Area.

- Channel 12 – Brisbane Vessel Traffic Service
- Channel 14 – Pilot Launch Working channel
- Channel 16 — distress and calling
- Channel 67 — secondary distress, weather forecasts and marine safety information
- Channel 73 — general working.

The Gold Coast Water Police can be contacted on VHF channel 73 usually during business hours and on weekends.

Local volunteer marine rescue groups provide 24 hour radio coverage on VHF channel 16, channel 67 and channel 73. Gold Coast Seaway Tower provides monitoring of the following marine VHF channels during the hours of 0500 to 1800 each day.

### **4.2 Pilot vessel contact**

An arriving vessel will contact VTS Brisbane (on VHF channel 16 or 12) 60 minutes prior to the designated arrival time at the pilot boarding ground.

Pilot launch enroute will contact arriving vessel 15 mins before scheduled boarding time on VHF 16 to confirm boarding arrangements.