

NAVTEX ABBREVIATIONS:

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Below is a list of commonly used NAVTEX abbreviations, these will often be found in Meteorological Forecasts, Ice Warnings and Navigational warnings. Many of these are the recommended abbreviations suggested by the Joint Commission of Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (JCOMM) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and also include commonly used terms that may be familiar to radio hobbyists. Please note that this list is produced purely for the use of radio enthusiasts who like to monitor this mode, and should not be relied upon for any other use, details of where to find more 'official' listings can be found at the end of this document.

This is very much a 'work in progress' and I'm sure that many common terms have been missed out, if you can add any new ones to the list below we would be pleased to hear from you at the following e-mail address:

ABBREVIATION:	MEANING OR USAGE:
1	1 tenth
2	2 tenths
3	3 tenths
4	4 tenths
5	5 tenths
6	6 tenths
7	7 tenths
8	8 tenths
9	9 tenths
10	10 tenths
9-10	9 to 10 tenths (lake ice)
(CARDINAL)	located (cardinal)
(XX MILES)	located (xx miles)
0-1	one mile or less
9+	9 plus tenths
24H	24 Hours.
ALNG CST	along the coast.
ALTA	Alberta.
AMTOR	Amateur Telex Over Radio (similar to SITOR, but used by radio hams).
APR	April.
AT	located at.
AUG	August.
B ₁	NAVTEX message transmitter identification character.
B ₂	NAVTEX message Subject indicator characters.
B ₃	NAVTEX message number.
B ₄	NAVTEX message number.
BACK	backing.
BC	British Columbia.
BECMG	becoming.
BLDN	Building.
BS	blowing snow.
BW	bergy water.
BZ	blizzard.
CAP	cape.
CCIR	International Radio Consultative Committee.
CDNS	conditions.
CENTRAL	central.
C-FRONT	Cold Front.
COL	col.
CONS	consolidated.
COU	Country.
CSTL	coastal.
DEC	December.
DECR	decreasing.
DISS	dissipating.

DISTURB	disturbance.
DPN	deepening.
DZ	drizzle.
E	East.
EDGE	edge.
ERN	eastern.
EST	estimated.
E-W	east – west.
EWD	eastward.
EXC	except.
EXP	expected.
FCST	Forecast.
FEB	February.
FEC	Forward Error Correction.
FG	fog.
FLAT LOW	flat low.
Fldigi	Radio decoding program, which can also decode NAVTEX signals.
FLN	filling.
FLW	following.
FM	located from.
FM	from.
FRI	Friday.
FRONT	frontal system.
FRQ	frequent.
FRZ-DZ	freezing drizzle.
FRZ-RA	freezing rain.
FRZ-SPR	freezing spray.
FYI	first year ice.
G	with gust to
GI	grey ice
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress & Safety System.
GRT LKS	Great lakes
GU ST LAW	Gulf of St Lawrence
GW	greywhite ice
HIGH	high.
HL	hail.
HPA	Hectopascal.
HURR	hurricane.
HVY	heavy.
HVY-RA	heavy rain.
HVY-SN	heavy snow.
HVY-TSTM	heavy thunderstorm.
ICE	ice covered.
ICE	ice.
IF	ice free.
IFG	ice fog.
IHO	International Hydrographic Organisation.
IMO	International Maritime Organisation.
IMPL	implies.
IMPR	Improving/Improve.
INCL	including.
INCR	Increasing.
IND	indicated.
IN-PRECIP	in precipitation.
INTSF	intensifying.
IP	ice pellets.
IS	island.
ISOL	Isolated.
ITU	International Telecommunications Union.
JAN	January.
JUL	July.
JUN	June.
KMH	km/h (kilometres per hour).
KT	Knots (Nautical Miles).
LAT/LONG	Latitude/Longitude.

LAB	Labrador.
LAT	latitude.
LGT	light.
LGT-SN	flurries.
LGT-SN	light snow.
LK	lake.
LOC	locally.
LOC	IARU Locator Square.
LONG	longitude.
LOW	low.
M	Meters (Metres).
MAN	Manitoba.
MAR	March.
MAY	May.
MB	millibar.
MEDI	medium ice.
MERG	merging.
MET	Meteo.
MIX-RASN	rain and snow mixed.
MixW	Radio Amateur decoding software which will also decode NAVTEX signals.
MOD	moderate.
MOD	moderate.
MON	Monday.
MOV	Moving/Move.
MSI	Maritime Safety Information.
MSL	Mean Sea Level.
MST	mist.
N	North.
NAVAREA	Navigational Area.
NB	New Brunswick.
NBDPT	Narrow Band Direct Printing via Telegraphy.
NC	No Change.
NE	northeast.
NERN	northeastern.
NE-SW	northeast-southwest.
NEWD	northeastward.
NFLD	Newfoundland.
NI	new ice.
NL	Newfoundland and Labrador.
NM	Nautical Miles.
NNNN	End of emission signal.
NOSIG	No Significant Change.
NOV	November.
NR	located near.
NR	near.
NR 0	near zero.
NR 1	as low as 1 mile.
NRN	northern.
NS	Nova Scotia.
N-S	north – south.
NW	northwest.
NWD	northward.
NWRN	northwestern.
NW-SE	northwest-southeast.
NWT	Northwest Territories.
NWWD	northwestward.
NXT	Next.
OCNL	at times.
OCNL	periods of.
OCNL	at times.
OCNL	occasional/occasionally.
OCT	October.
OFF	located off.
O-FRONT	Occlusion Front.
OI	old ice.
ON LINE	located on a line.
ONT	Ontario.
OUT-EDGE	outside the ice edge.
OVR	located over.

OVR	over.
OVR-OW	over open water.
OW	open water.
PAC	Pacific.
PEI	Prince Edward Island.
PEN	peninsula.
POSS	possible.
POST-TS	post tropical storm.
PRESS	pressure.
PROB	probability/probable.
PTH-FG	fog banks.
PTH-MIST	mist patches.
QCKY	Quickly.
QSTNR	Quasi Stationary.
QUAD	Quadrant.
QUE	Quebec.
RA	rain.
REU	REU Online Database of Signals Received in Europe.
RF	Radio Frequency.
RIDG	ridge.
RIV	river.
RNA	RNA Online Database of Signals Received in North America.
RPDY	rapidly.
RSK	risk.
RWW	RWW Online Database of Signals Received Worldwide.
S	South.
SASK	Saskatchewan.
SAT	Saturday.
SCT	scattered.
SE	southeast.
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SeaTTY	Radio Amateur decoding software which will also decode NAVTEX signals.
SEP	September.
SERN	southeastern.
SEV	severe.
SEWD	southeastward.
SHWRS	showers.
SIG	significant.
SITOR	Simplex Teleprinting Over Radio.
SLGT	slight.
SLWY	slowly.
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea.
SN	snow.
SPLIT	splitting.
SRN	southern.
STNR	stationary.
STR	strait.
STRG	strong.
STRM	storm.
SUN	Sunday.
SW	southwest.
SWD	southward.
SWRN	southwestern.
SWWD	southwestward.
TD	tropical depression.
TDY	today.
TEMPO	temporarily/temporary.
TEND	tendency (Further Outlooks).
THI	thin ice.
THU	Thursday.
TKI	thick ice.
TNGHT	tonight.
TR-	trace of.
TROUGH	trough.
TrueTTY	Radio Amateur decoding software which will also decode NAVTEX signals.
TS	tropical storm.
TSTM	thunderstorm.

TUE	Tuesday.
UNL	unless.
VEER	veering.
VIS	visibility.
VLD	valid.
VRB	variable.
VTKI	very thick ice.
W	West.
WED	Wednesday.
W-FRONT	warm front.
WKN	weakening.
WND	wind.
WNG	warning.
WRN	western.
WTSP	waterspout.
WWD	westward.
WWNWS	World-Wide Navigational Warning System.
YaND	Yet another NAVTEX Decoder.
YT	Yukon Territory.
ZCZC	End of Phasing signal.

CREDITS & USEFUL LINKS:

A big thank you to all the people who have contributed many of the above abbreviations, if you have any more of your own, or know of any more that you think should be included in the next edition of this document please be sure to send them to us for inclusion. The address to send them to is: <**abbreviations 'at' ndblist.info**> (NOTE# you will need to replace the 'at' with an @ symbol).

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<http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/mmop/glossary.html>

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WIS/glossary_en.html

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/mmop/pub/meetings/mss-2/mss2_6.1_6.2_guidelines_and_abbreviations_Navtex.doc

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