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# Best Marine Speakers & Electronics

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## Why Marine-Grade Matters

Consumer electronics deteriorate in Caribbean conditions within one season. Salt spray, UV radiation, and humidity destroy non-marine equipment. Marine-grade electronics built to IPX standards are not a premium — they are the minimum for reliable offshore use.

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## Recommended Products

Product	Type	IPX Rating	Price Range
JL Audio M6 6.5"	Marine Speakers	IPX6	\$280–\$360/pair
Fusion Apollo RA770	Marine Stereo	IPX6	\$380–\$480
Polk Audio DB652	Budget Speakers	IPX5	\$80–\$120/pair
Standard Horizon GX1850	VHF + GPS + DSC	IPX7	\$180–\$240
Icom IC-M506	VHF + AIS + DSC	IPX7	\$380–\$480

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## VHF Priority

A VHF with DSC and integrated GPS is safety equipment. In any offshore emergency, DSC transmits your vessel ID and GPS coordinates with a single button press — without manual entry. This is the primary rescue trigger in a life-threatening situation.

→ *Standard Horizon GX1850: IPX7 rated, integrated GPS, Class D DSC. This belongs on every Caribbean offshore boat as a minimum standard.*

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## Installation Notes

- Use tinned marine wire — not automotive wire
  - Use heat-shrink adhesive-lined connectors on every connection
  - Maximise VHF antenna height for line-of-sight range
  - Seal all fiberglass penetrations with marine-grade sealant
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## Final Recommendation

Priority order: Standard Horizon GX1850 VHF first — safety before audio. JL Audio M6 speakers for quality sound that survives Caribbean conditions. Icom IC-M506 if you operate offshore in shipping lanes or at night and need AIS vessel traffic awareness.

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