

Chesil Sailability Standard Operating Procedures

Part 3-4 SOP- Core Operating Procedures

VHF RADIO PROCEDURE

Listen before you transmit. Listen to make sure you are not going to interrupt another conversation.

Think before you speak. Your message should be short and concise.

Use the microphone correctly. Hold the microphone 2-5 centimetres from the mouth and slightly to one side. Speak normally at a normal steady pace.

Press to talk (PTT) and release to listen.

Press the PTT button to speak but take a short pause between pushing the button and speaking. Remember to release the button each time you finish speaking. The last word before releasing the button should be "over" if you are expecting a reply or "out" when you have finished the conversation.

Identify who you are calling then yourself.

To call another person you say their call sign twice then your own twice and finish with "over" which tells them you are waiting for a reply. They will respond by repeating your call sign then their own and "over".

Example

"Chesil one, chesil one, this is chesil base, chesil base, over"

their reply should be:

"Chesil base, chesil base, this is chesil one, chesil one, over"

You now have each other's attention and can continue the conversation remembering to say "over" and release the PTT button at the end of each statement then wait for their reply. Once you have made contact, it is only necessary to say their call-sign and yours once at the start of each statement. If the other person does not respond, then you wait a few moments and repeat your broadcast.

When you have finished your last statement and have nothing further to say then you end with "out" (never 'over and out').

Useful VHF Phrases

'Radio Check'

- 'Receiving loud and clear', or 'Nothing heard'

'Received' (means message received, used to be Roger)

'Say again' (means please repeat)

'I say again' (means I repeat)

'Correct'

'Wrong' (clearer than Incorrect)

Personal info. Using people's names is ok, but don't pass on personal info except in case of an emergency.

VHF Call Signs used by Chesil Sailability

Duty Officer
'Chesil One'

Safety Boat Lead (Safety Boat 1 – RIB Juniper)
'Safety One'

Safety Boat 2 (RIB Zoe)
'Safety Two'

Wheelyboat – use boat name
'All Aboard'

Reception
'Chesil Base'

Link
'Chesil Link'

Pontoon
'Chesil Pontoon'

Hawks – use vessel name
'Swallow'
'Alpha Blue'
'Witch 4'
'Witchery'