

MARINE RADIO

English is the international language of marine communication BUT marine communication is used by many people who do not naturally speak English

Good radio manners

Always listen before transmitting
Keep conversations as short as possible
Make sure that your message is clear
Use “pro” words and sound professional and competent
Obey instructions from Coast Guard stations
Speak calmly and clearly
Do not use bad language, CB talk, TV cop habits

<http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/MAEL/ag/phonetic.htm> - copy of phonetic alphabet

“Pro” words and other common phrases

This is
Over
Out
Say again - used when a message or part of a message has not been understood
Word before-
Word after-
All after-
I say again or Repeat – used when an important message or part of a message is repeated
Received
Nothing heard
I copy or copied
Stand by
Mistake ... Correction - used when incorrect information has been given

How do you read me?

I read you bad = barely perceptible
I read you poor = weak
I read you fair = fairly good
I read you good = good
I read you excellent = very good

If conditions for establishing contact are expected to be bad addressing and identification must be done 3 times

If conditions are good the best way is to address once and identify twice – e.g. “Lady fun” Lady Fun” this is Medico Cork over.

This is Medico Cork, OVER

Medico Cork Medico Cork, this is Lady Fun. We are an Irish fishing vessel. A 40 year old man got his leg caught in the bight of a rope and injured his upper leg, it looks like it is broken and there is a bad cut on the skin. He has no medical problems and is on no tablets. He has no allergies. We have bandaged his leg to his good leg and applied a bandage to the cut. OVER

Medico Cork to Lady Fun, **say again all after** " tablets".OVER

Lady Fun to Medico Cork, He has no allergies. We have bandaged his leg to his good leg and applied a bandage to the cut. OVER

Medico Cork to Lady Fun, what is his pulse OVER

Lady Fun to medico cork it is good and strong and 70 beats per minute OVER

Medico Cork to Lady Fun **say again** all after strong OVER

Lady Fun to medico cork, 70 beats per minute OVER

Medico Cork to Lady Fun, give him aspirin 500mg – **correction figures 3 0 0 mgs**. We will organise a helicopter evacuation .**I repeat** we will organise a helicopter evacuation. Have you any further questions OVER

Lady Fun to medico Cork, **message understood** OVER

Medico Cork to Lady Fun, please contact us if you have any worries or if anything changes. Continue to monitor his pulse, skin colour and temp, notify us if there is any change. Medico Cork **OUT**.

Phonetic alphabet

Letter	Pronunciation	Letter	Pronunciation	Number	Pronunciation
A	Alpha (AL fah)	N	November (no VEM ber)	0	ZEE row
B	Bravo (BRAH VOH)	O	Oscar (OSS cah)	1	WUN
C	Charlie (CHAR lee)	P	Papa (pah PAH)	2	TOO
D	Delta (DELL tah)	Q	Quebec (keh BECK)	3	TREE
E	Echo (ECK oh)	R	Romeo (ROW me oh)	4	FOW er
F	Foxtrot (FOKS trot)	S	Sierra (see AIR rah)	5	FIFE
G	Golf (GOLF)	T	Tango (TANG go)	6	SIX
H	Hotel (hoh TELL)	U	Uniform (YOU nee form)	7	SEVEN
I	India (IN dee ah)	V	Victor (VIK tah)	8	AIT
J	Juliet (JEW lee ETT)	W	Whiskey (WISS key)	9	NINE er
K	Kilo (KEY loh)	X	X Ray (ECKS RAY)		
L	Lima (LEE mah)	Y	Yankee (YANG key)		
M	Mike (MIKE)	Z	Zulu (ZOO loo)		