

Vic Maui 2012 - Information Note 1
SSB Radio Test - Practice Roll Call
during Swiftsure on Saturday May 26, 2012 at 1800 PDT

A practice roll call is scheduled to take place during the 2012 Swiftsure International Yacht Race. This will be an opportunity for competitors to test their SSB equipment and installation, as well as to become familiar with the Vic-Maui 2012 roll call protocol.

The Vic Maui 2012 Communication Vessel, *Red Sheilla*, CFN 5335 ("CV") will lead the practice roll call. Vic-Maui 2012 and other Pacific Ocean race boats that are not participating in Swiftsure are welcome to participate.

Tips: Ensure that the radio equipment manuals are on the boat. Check cables, connections and basic operation at the dock. Charge batteries before a radio schedule. During a radio schedule, turn off any non-essential equipment that is a known interference source.

Protocol

1. Schedule & frequencies (simplex, upper side band, carrier frequencies):

1745 PDT (0045 UTC) - note your position in degrees and whole minutes

1800 PDT (0100 UTC) - MF 2082.5 kHz

1815 PDT (0115 UTC) - HF 4149 kHz (channel 4B)

1830 PDT (0130 UTC) - HF 8294 kHz (channel 8A)

2. Commencing at 1800 PDT, CV will hail each boat in alphabetical order. If no response is heard to an initial hail, the boat will be hailed a second time. Each report will be acknowledged and read back by CV to ensure that it was accurately received. This procedure will also give other boats a second chance to hear each report. Any boats not heard after the first two hails will be given a final chance to report at the end of the sequence. This procedure will be repeated for each of the times and frequencies listed.

3. During Roll Call, boats should keep their reporting as brief as possible to minimize the overall time requirement.

- Avoid superfluous (parenthetical) words and phrases that are implicit in the report, such as latitude, longitude, etc.
- Avoid excessive detail, such as positions with minutes to three decimal places.
- To assist those receiving and copying transmissions, please speak clearly and conclude each number group with the word "Break".

4. Example Roll Call segment:

(Red Sheilla hails the fleet)

Vic-Maui fleet, Vic-Maui fleet, Vic-Maui fleet
this is Communication Vessel Red Sheilla, CFN5335
Roll Call is commencing now
Break

(Red Sheilla hails a particular boat)

Scratchboat— Scratchboat— Scratchboat, this is Red Sheilla

(Scratchboat replies)

Red Sheilla, this is Scratchboat, WAB1234
Position THREE SIX ONE EIGHT (latitude - degrees and whole minutes), Break
ONE FOUR TWO FIVE ZERO (longitude - degrees and whole minutes), Over

5. The CV will determine and advise when Roll Call has been completed.

Comments and observations regarding the test are welcome. Please email these to rballant@telus.net.

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