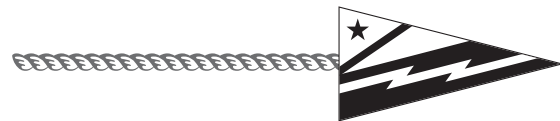


Marine Communications by Chuck Lowry



Straits Protocol

The Amateur Radio Committee would like to announce, for the start of the boating season, a new safety procedure – Straits Protocol Sea Conditions Program – established by Past Commodore Bob Ovens.

While transiting Georgia, Malaspina, Johnstone, or Queen Charlotte Strait, ham boaters are encouraged to monitor and utilize the two-meter Island Trunk System (ITS) for the purpose of exchanging observed sea conditions.

To initiate a request for actual sea conditions on one of the four straits, place a call on the ITS to any vessel on location. For example:

“Calling any vessel located on Johnstone Strait for a sea conditions report. This is VE 7 XXX, the *M/V Lion* at Port McNeil.”

To initiate providing a sea conditions report while transiting one of the four straits, place a call on the ITS to any vessel indicating your availability to provide, on request, a sea-conditions report on the named strait. For example:

“Calling any vessel in need of a sea conditions report for the Strait of Georgia. This is KE 7 XXX portable VE 7, the *S/V TIGER* located on the Strait of Georgia four miles southwest of Merry Island.”

Member Education

Ward Silver, a local resident, well-known author, and the 2008 Amateur Radio Operator of the Year, was our last guest speaker. Ward gave the members a very enthusiastic hour’s worth of education on the evolution of amateur radio from the early development to current types of users and where it is going next.

W7SYC – For more information about the Seattle Yacht Club Amateur Radio Committee: send an email to Chuck Lowry, beauxarts1@comcast.net



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