



ERITH YACHT CLUB

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10.VHF Operating Procedure

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- Three VHF radios are available for instructors and / or shore personnel to use when conducting a training course / coaching session.
 - All VHF radios are stored in the race office and are kept in their charging units when not in use. The Club also has two shore based VHF radios based in the bar and race office areas.
 - People borrowing club VHF radios must store it the provided Aqua Pack at all times.
 - When VHF radios are finished with, the user must return the radio to its charger and store the Aqua Pack on the hook behind the radio.
 - Please sign your name to indicate you have used the radio.
 - All users are permitted to operate a VHF on Channel 37 ONLY and when communicating club business, but must follow the outline procedure:
 - To call another club user on Ch. 37 (e.g "Erith 1 Safety Boat calling Erith 2 Safety Boat)
 - Users to check:
 - Radio is switched on
 - Volume is set high
 - Ch. 37 is displayed
 - Squelch is set to remove white noise
 - No other transmissions are taking place
 - Press and hold PTT bottom, hold microphone 3 /4cm from mouth and state in a clear and normal voice:
 - "Erith 2, Erith 2, Erith 2 this is Erith 1, Erith 1, Erith 1 over". Release PTT
 - Wait for a reply, which should read
 - "Erith 1, Erith 1, Erith 1 this is Erith 2, Erith 2, Erith 2 go ahead over"
 - Erith 1 to state their message as a sentence completed by saying "over".
 - Erith 2 to reply completed by saying over.
 - To end a conversation, Erith 1 to complete their sentence and state "out" when they do not require any further replies.
 - To respond to another user on Ch. 37
 - Users to listen for their call sign (e.g. Erith 1 is being called by Erith 2 Safety Boat)
 - When called, users to respond by stating "Erith 2 this is Erith 1 go ahead over)
 - Erith 2 to state their message as a sentence completed by saying "over"
 - Erith 1 to reply completed by saying over or if no further reply is required Erith to reply and state "out" where no further transmission from Erith 2 is required.
 - The Senior Instructor and / or Safety Boat Helm must monitor Ch. 14 (London VTS) and listen out for commercial traffic communications as well as Ch. 37.
 - All EYC VHF radios have been programme to monitor Ch. 14 and 37 by operating the Scan facility on the unit.

Only people who hold a Short Range Radio Certificate (SRRC) are authorised to use the VHF radios on any channel other the 37.

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