



Circular 020:17

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Subject: Radio Checks

Attention: Club Captains, Patrol Captains and Operational Lifeguards

Description: This Circular outlines the current processes for carrying out radio checks during SLS operations.

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1.1.1 Rules for Radio Checks

- a) A station is understood to have good signal strength and readability unless otherwise notified.
- b) Strength of signals and readability will NOT be exchanged unless a radio check is specifically requested or one station cannot clearly hear another station.
- c) A station that wishes to inform another of its signal strength and readability will do so by means of a short and concise report of actual reception such as, **“LOUD AND CLEAR”, “WEAK BUT READABLE”, “WEAK WITH INTERFERENCE”**, etc. The 5 by 5 terminology is outdated and is no longer to be used.
- d) When a radio check has been received by a station, that station should respond with a report of the signal strength and readability they received. For example, **“Surfcom, Surfcom, this is Raglan. Radio check. Over”. “Raglan, this is Surfcom. Reading you loud and clear”. “Copy that Surfcom, reading you loud and clear also. Raglan out.”**

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1.1.2 Pro-words for radio checks

The pro-words listed below are for use when initiating and answering queries concerning signal strength and readability.

Proword	Meaning
Report on Signal Strength	
Loud	Your signal is very strong.
Good	Your signal strength is good.
Weak	Your signal strength is weak.
Very Weak	Your signal strength is very weak.
Fading	At times your signal strength fades to such an extent that a continuous reception cannot be relied upon.
Report on Readability	
Clear	Excellent quality.
Readable	Quality satisfactory.
With Interference	Having trouble reading you due to interference.
Distorted	Having trouble reading you because your signal is distorted.
Unreadable	The quality of your transmission is bad. I cannot read you.

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