

Communications with Radio Guard On Channel ____

The following example assumes that the radio guard is an Aux Radio Facility under orders, "Lake Control One". (Of course the radio guard could be Coast Guard Sector LA/LB, Coast Guard Sector San Diego, Coast Guard Station Channel Islands, etc.)

When getting underway, the OPFAC makes first contact of the patrol:

OPFAC A241328: "Lake Control One. This is Alpha 241328, over." [saying individual digits]

"Lake Control One" will answer: "Alpha 241328, Control One, over."

OPFAC: "Control one, Alpha 328 [as "Alpha Three Two Eight"] underway at this time. 4 POB, GAR is 19 (spoken "nineteen"), over."

"Lake Control One" will answer: "Alpha 328, Control One, roger, out". No need to respond.

When calling every half hour to give an Ops/Position report:

If *Lake Control One* is calling: **"Alpha 328, Control One, over."**

OPFAC: "Control One", this is Alpha 328, over." The order is reversed depending on who calls first.

OPFAC: "Control One, Alpha 328. Ops normal. Position is [give Latitude and Longitude as individual digits, e.g., "Three Four degrees, One Five, decimal Seven Eight, [pause] One One Niner degrees, Two Four, decimal Three Five, over."]

(For brevity it is unnecessary to say the words "north" or "west". We all know that we are north of the Equator and west of Greenwich, England (the Prime Meridian.)

"Lake Control One" will answer: "Alpha 328, Control One, roger, out". No need to respond.

Notes:

1. If a message was not clear or not understood, the recipient will say, **"[Alpha 328 or Control One], Say again, over."**
2. **"Ops Normal"** is when **operations are normal** — when no one is in tow, when there are no malfunctions in the normal and usual propulsion or equipment of the OPFAC, not during a MOB drill, etc.
3. For position reports, known landmarks may be given in lieu of Lat/Lon positions.