

APPENDIX L – USE OF THE VHF RADIO

1. Sign out sheet

All of the GYC radios are numbered. Ensure that you sign in and out the radio allocated to you. Sign out sheets are below.

2. Set-up

- Select Channel P4 (Junior events tend to use P4 (M2) so that we do not clash with the Castle start for yacht races which uses Channel 37, also known as M1)
- Make sure the volume is turned up.
- In most cases the 1 Watt or 'low' transmitting power will be sufficient and will save on battery power.
- Select dual watch (radio listens to selected channel – usually P4 – as well as Ch16 – the distress/urgency and calling channel). Alternatively, use the TAG facility and TAG useful channels (e.g. Ch37/M1, ChP4/M2, Ch12, Ch16) to scan through them all.

3. Voice Procedure

- Remember that the order is the **Station you are calling first followed by your Identification.**
- When you press the transmit button wait a second or two before speaking otherwise the first few words of your call are missed.
- Hold the set a few inches away from your mouth.
 - (i) At the end of your message say “OVER” to invite a reply.
 - (ii) To finish a conversation say “OUT”
 - (iii) Remember that anyone listening on channel P4 can hear your conversation
 - (iv) Chit-chat, swearing and other unnecessary talk is forbidden by the licensing authority.

If you wish to call the Harbour Signal Station for permission for the fleet to leave or regain the Harbour:

- Select Channel 12. (If there is a keylock displayed then it will need to be turned off in order to change channels). The voice procedure is:
 - “GUERNSEY VTS, (THIS IS) GUERNSEY YACHT CLUB”
- They will reply:
 - “GUERNSEY YACHT CLUB, GUERNSEY VTS”
- You reply:
 - “GUERNSEY VTS, GUERNSEY YACHT CLUB and then give your message

Remember to go back to channel P4 (M2) at the end of the conversation.