

SUEZ CANAL WATERS

PROCEDURE TO BE OBSERVED BY SHIPS' WIRELESS OPERATORS

RADIOTELEGRAPHY

FREQUENCIES

Call Sign : S.U.Q.

Working frequency : 420 Kc/s.

Listening frequencies : 425 and 468 Kc/s.

INSTRUCTIONS

On his arrival on board the pilot will ask for radio contact to be established with S.U.Q.

Before every call, the operator must make sure that the Canal station is not working with other ships.

S.U.Q. will reply individually to each call or collectively to several calls (CQ) according to the amount of traffic being worked at the time.

WIRELESS WATCH

After establishing radio contact, vessels must keep radio watch as follows :

1. Vessels from North

A — 2300 hours convoy (radio watch N. 1)

— from the time of first contact until passing km.6

— from El Ferdan (km.64) to Ismailia (change of pilot)

— from Deversoir (km.97) until anchoring in Great Bitter Lake.

— from time prescribed by pilot in the Great Bitter Lake until passing Kabret (km.121).

B — 0700 hours convoy (radio watch N. 2)

— from the time of first contact until passing km.6

— from El Cap (km. 34) until the end of the

— 30 minutes before the expected sailing time as shown in Kantara and Ballah stations boards until getting underway

— from El Ferdan (km.64) to Ismailia (change of pilot)

— from Deversoir (km.97) to Kabret (km.121) or from the time eventually prescribed by the pilot until passing Kabret (km.121).

2. — Vessels from South

— from the time of first contact until passing the Canal Authority's Offices at Port Tewfik.

— from Geneffe (km.134) or not later than:

a) loaded tankers : 0830 hours, local time

b) other vessels : 0930 hours, local time

whichever is sooner, until passing the last vessel from North in Ballah Loop.

3. — Outside these regulation times the pilot can ask for a radio watch to be set whenever circumstances make it necessary.

PROCEDURE

1. Ordinary communications.

a) All messages transmitted by S.U.Q. or to S.U.Q. are service messages.

They consist of : a reference number,
text of message,
group indicating date and time
message was drawn up.

They do NOT contain: any preamble
or address,
or the number of words.

b) Vessels called by a collective message must acknowledge receipt (O.S.L.) in the order in which

c) Vessels which have not replied at once or in their turn must wait until they are called again by S.U.Q.

d) Ordinary transmissions from S.U.Q. have priority over similar transmissions from vessels.

2. Urgent communications

A. — Communications relating to the safety of vessels

Such communications are preceded by the international urgency signal :

group XXX repeated three times.

a) S.U.Q. transmits

— this signal to interrupt all traffic being worked

— text of message.

Vessels acknowledge receipt only if requested to do so by S.U.Q.

S.U.Q. will signal to all vessels when urgent working is ended.

b) Vessels transmit

— text of message

S.U.Q. will immediately re-transmit to all vessels.

All vessels including vessel transmitting message, must cease working while S.U.Q. is re-transmitting.

B. — Communications relating to safety of navigation.

Such messages are sent according to international procedure.

The text of the message is preceded by the word « URGENT ».

ORDER OF PRIORITY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Safety of vessels : XXX XXX XXX

Collision imminent, having to make fast urgently or going across the Canal owing to bad visibility, fire on board.

2. Safety of navigation : URGENT.

Breakdown of engines or steering gear under normal visibility, delayed closing of Bridge at Km. 68, man overboard, request for medical assistance, obstructions in the channel (drifting lighter, sunken craft, unmoored dredger, etc.).

3. Ordinary messages.

Traffic being often heavy, vessels must refrain from transmitting service messages without cause, such as Q.R.U., when they are keeping watch.

RADIOTELEPHONY

FREQUENCIES

Communications by radiotelephone in **PORT SAID**

Harbour office :

1. Call sign : « PORT SAID ONE »

Frequency : 2182 kc/s (amplitude modulation)

2. Call sign : « PORT SAID FOUR »

Frequency : 156.3 Mc/s (frequency modulation)

Pilot Vessel.

Call sign : « PILOT BOAT »

Frequency : 156.3 Mc/s (frequency modulation)

PROCEDURE

The procedure to be observed is the international procedure.

However, for urgent communications the word « URGENT » and not « PAN » should be sent three times before the call.

Priorities are the same as for radiotelegraphy.