



Rowing British Columbia

Radio Tips

Building and Maintaining



Healthy Organizations, Healthy Programs & Healthy Events

Canadian VHF Marine Channels

- *British Columbia Coast (BCC)*

67: SAR Aircraft ...; Pleasure craft.

68: Marinas, ...; Pleasure craft.

69: Pleasure craft.

72: Maritime support; Pleasure craft.

73: Also SAR Aircraft ...

Verify, **Lock**



Radio controls

Volume (10 +/-) and Squelch (2 – 4)

- Button & Function display screen*
- Knobs** have ease of use, but same risk of increasing Squelch (increasing blocks weaker transmissions) instead of Volume

* ICOM **IC-M37** / IC-M36

** West Marine VHF255 / VHF155 (un-Lock when powered off); Other (older) models do not float

Power (transmit)

- Low is OK for 2,000 m line-of-sight if radio has not deteriorated



Protocol / Etiquette

- Think about your message
- **Ensure no one else is in the midst of a conversation**
- Push to talk
- Take a breath
- Official radio protocol to begin a conversation is to state who you are calling (3 times), followed by “this is”, who you are, and end by saying “Over”. Wait for a response.
- **Keep all messages SHORT**, and end by saying “Over”.



Advanced study

Rowing BC website > Umpire Resources >
Umpire Equipment Manuals – Radios

Restricted Operator Certificate-Maritime
(ROC-M) > *Canadian Power & Sail
Squadrons (\$)*

