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Operating Procedure for Ship Radiotelephone Stations in the Great Lakes Area. As used here, the term "Great Lakes Area" includes the St. Lawrence River west of Montreal, Province of Quebec.

a) Except in the event of emergency or distress, a ship telephone station should call the particular station with which it intends to communicate.

b) Ship telephone stations licensed to transmit on one or more frequencies within the bands 2,100-2,200 kcs. and 2,734-2,742 kcs. should maintain, during their hours of service, an efficient watch on the frequency 2,182 kcs. whenever they are not engaged in exchanging radio signals or communications.

c) The frequency 2,182 kcs. shall be used by ship telephone stations in the Great Lakes area only for: (1) Initially calling. (Calling any one station shall not exceed one minute in duration.) (2) Acknowledging calls received on this frequency. (3) Exchanging operating signals with ship and coastal stations to establish communication on another frequency within the band 2,000-3,000 kcs. (4) In exchanging "distress" and "safety" communications, if the called station has not answered at the end of the one-minute period, that station should not again be called until at least fifteen minutes have elapsed. Any one exchange of communications on this frequency, including calls, answers, operating signals, and conversation pertaining to safety should not exceed five minutes in duration. In the event of distress, these time limitations are waived.

d) Before transmitting on the frequency 2,738 kcs., ship stations should first establish communication with each other on the frequency 2,182 kcs. by initially calling and answering on the latter frequency.

e) Whenever a ship station intends to communicate with a coastal-harbor station by transmitting on any working frequency within the band 2,100-2,200 kcs., the ship station should initially call or answer the coastal-harbor station on the frequency 2,182 kcs. unless otherwise directed by the coastal-harbor station. The ship station may transmit on 2,118 kcs. or 2,158 kcs. only when specifically directed to do so by the coastal-harbor station, except as may be otherwise necessary in the event of distress or emergency.

f) Unless otherwise directed by a coastal-harbor station, any one exchange of communications by a ship station transmitting on the frequency 2,118, 2,158, 4,422, 6,660, or 8,820 kcs. should not exceed fifteen minutes in duration. Subsequent to any one exchange of communications, the same frequency should not again be used by that ship station until fifteen minutes have elapsed. This limitation does not, of course, apply to distress or emergency communication.