

# CLYDE SUBORDINATE SEA AREA SUBMARINE MOVEMENTS NOTIFICATION SCHEME - SUBFACTS

- 1 As announced in Parliament on Wednesday 15 December 1993 the method of transmitting Subfacts is being changed as of 10 January 1994. The new method is detailed below and it will be reviewed twelve months from the start date.
- 2 Under the new scheme the Coastguard will continue to transmit Subfacts over the Inner Clyde Exercise Areas, out to a line extending from the Mull of Kintyre to Corsewall Point. This coverage will therefore include areas Sand a, Mermaid, Corsewall and all areas to the North East. Clyde Coastguard, alone, will make the broadcasts at 0020, 0420 etc with the local weather forecast. Each broadcast will include three, eight hour time periods covering the next 24 hours.
- 3 British Telecom Marine Radio Service will transmit Subfacts information for the entire Clyde Subordinate Sea Area, from Cape Wrath to the Calf of Man (5400 N). BT will utilise all their aerials from Lewis to Cardigan Bay, transmitting on VHF and MF, simultaneously broadcasting Subfacts. Each aerial uses a different frequency to avoid mutual interference.
- 4 BT will transmit at 0303, 0703, 1103 etc coinciding with the weather at 0703 and 1903, and gale warnings at 0303 and 1503. Each broadcast will contain two time periods of eight hours, therefore giving cover for the next 16 hours. Nil reports will be made.
- 5 There will be one combined Subfacts signal/telex sent by Comclyde Operations Staff to Clyde Coastguard and BT every eight hours (0630/1430/2230), thus ensuring that each 'party' is aware of what the other is transmitting (Stornoway, Oban and Belfast will all be sent a copy for information). This also allows the Coastguard to hold all Subfacts information enabling them to answer queries from Mariners.
- 6 Amendments/cancellations/changes will be sent as and when necessary, however they will only be acted upon once BT has transmitted the information at least once on a routine broadcast (and Clyde Coastguard where appropriate).

## SUMMARY

- A Clyde Coastguard will broadcast Inner Exercise Area information every four hours at 0020, 0420 etc.
  - B BT will broadcast all Clyde Exercise Area information every four hours at 0303, 0703 etc.
  - C Stornoway, Clyde and Belfast Coastguards will have available Subfacts information for all Clyde Exercise Areas, at all times.
- NB The **COMCLYDE** Fishermen's Hotline Number is 01436 677201

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