

## VHF Procedures for Oban Bay, the Sound of Kerrera and the north entrance

These changed on 31 March 2017. A port working frequency on VHF 12 has been established and as such all vessels operating in and around Oban Bay should maintain a listening watch on VHF 12 as well as VHF 16.

- **Inward Bound Vessels**

Vessels proceeding inwards to Oban Bay via the North Channel must make the following Safety Broadcast when no closer than 1 nautical mile from Maiden Island:

On VHF 16

*Securité x 3*

*All Stations x 3*

*This is [vessel name] x 3*

*For an urgent navigation warning listen Channel 12*

*Out*

On VHF 12

*Securité x 3*

*All Stations x 3*

*This is [vessel name] x 3*

*Approaching North Channel*

*[Vessel name] is inbound for [berth name]*

*ETA abeam Dunollie Light is [time]*

*[Vessel name]*

*Out*

Vessels proceeding inwards via Kerrera Sound should make similar announcements on approach to Heather Island, but substitute 'approaching North Channel' for 'Inwards via Kerrera Sound' and omit the ETA at Dunollie Light.

- **Outward Bound Vessels**

Vessels proceeding outwards from a berth must make the following Safety Broadcasts 10 minutes prior to departure:

On VHF 16

*Securité x 3*

*All Stations x 3*

*This is [vessel name] x 3*

*For an urgent navigation warning listen Channel 12*

*Out*

On VHF 12

*Securité x 3*

*All Stations x 3*

*This is [vessel name] x 3*

*[Vessel name] will be departing [berth name] in approximately 10 minutes, bound for [destination] via [North Channel or Kerrera Sound as applicable]*

*ETA abeam Dunollie Light is [time]*

*[Vessel name]*

*Out*