

VHF calling procedure

For all large vessels >20m length & >3 m draught requiring to use the designated large vessel channels entering or departing Oban Bay

Arriving via North Entrance: *To be made 1 nm from Maiden Island*

VHF 16: All vessels in the Oban Bay area this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>, for routine navigational information, please listen on VHF Channel 12

VHF 12: <short pause 30 secs> All vessels in the Oban Bay area, this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>. I am approaching the North Channel inbound for Railway Pier / North Pier / NLB Pier with an ETA at Dunollie light in x minutes. Listening VHF 12 for routine navigational traffic. Out.

Arriving from the south via the Sound of Kerrera: *To be made as approaching Heather Island.*

VHF 16: All vessels in the Oban Bay area this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>, for routine navigational information, please listen on VHF Channel 12

VHF 12: <short pause 30 secs> All vessels in the Oban Bay area, this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>. I am approaching Oban Bay from Sound of Kerrera for Railway Pier / North Pier / NLB Pier. Listening VHF 12 for routine navigational traffic. Out.

Immediately before departure:

VHF 16: All vessels in the Oban Bay area this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>, for routine navigational information, please listen on VHF Channel 12

VHF 12: <short pause 30secs> All vessels in the Oban Bay area, this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>. I am departing Railway Pier / North Pier / NLB Pier outward bound via the North Channel with an ETA at Dunollie light in x minutes. Listening VHF 12 for routine navigational traffic. Out.

or

VHF 12: <short pause 30 secs> All vessels in the Oban Bay area, this is Ferry / Vessel Type <Name>. I am departing Railway Pier / North Pier / NLB Pier outward bound via Sound of Kerrera. Listening VHF 12 for routine navigational traffic. Out.

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