

## HOW TO MAKE A VHF CALL TO MARINA DOCKHANDS FOR DOCKING ASSISTANCE

DOCKHANDS WILL MONITOR CHANNEL 9 ON A VHF RADIO

LISTEN ON CHANNEL 9 FOR AT LEAST 30 SECONDS TO BE SURE YOU WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH A CONVERSATION ALREADY IN PROGRESS. MAKE SURE THAT THE SQUELCH CONTROL ON YOUR RADIO IS SET JUST AT THE POINT WHERE IT CANCELS OUT STATIC, BUT NOT SO FAR UP THAT IT PREVENTS YOUR HEARING OTHER RADIO TRAFFIC.

IF THE CHANNEL IS CLEAR, PUSH DOWN THE TALK BUTTON ON YOUR MICROPHONE. HOLD THE MICROPHONE ONE INCH FROM YOUR MOUTH, AND SLOWLY CALL PIGEON KEY MARINA IN NORMAL TONE OF VOICE:

**“PIGEON KEY MARINA-THIS IS (YOUR NAME OR BOAT NAME)”**

REPEAT IF NECESSARY

DOCKHAND WILL REPLY

**“(YOUR NAME OR BOAT NAME) THIS IS PIGEON KEY MARINA. REPLY 68”**

DOCKHAND HAS RESPONDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO SWITCH TO CHANNEL 68 (A WORKING CHANNEL). YOU RESPOND **“68”** OR **“ROGER”**

“ROGER” MEANS YOU AND THE DOCKHAND HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LAST CALL OK AND BOTH SWITCH TO CHANNEL 68

CONTINUE WITH YOUR MESSAGE.

**“THIS IS YOUR NAME/BOAT NAME REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH DOCKING IN SLIP NUMBER XX”**

DOCKHANDS REPLIES “RODGER (YOUR NAME)/BOAT NAME) ASSISTANCE IS ON THE WAY TO SLIP NUMBER XX SWITCHING BACK TO CHANNEL 9”