

CBI is providing marine VHF radios to keelboat sailors to aid in communications. Please remember these are on public marine channels and you must follow applicable laws and rules.

You may use the radio to call in for a ferry, but please only call **one time**. Please report all incidents such as capsizes, run-agrounds, and sails halfway down.

1. The screen should show “**72**”, if it does not, use the arrow keys to change channels.
2. To establish communication with the boathouse hold down the PTT button and say
 - “CBI CBI (boat number, i.e Sonar 5)”
3. Release the PTT button and **wait for a response**.
 - If you don’t receive a response after 30 seconds, try steps 1-2 again.
 - If you don’t wait for us to respond, we may not hear all of your message.
4. Hold down the PTT button and say your message.
 - Speak loudly, clearly and slowly
 - Turn your face into the wind to reduce noise in the microphone
 - Hold the radio approx. 3 inches from your mouth
5. Wait for CBI to respond.
 - The operator may ask you to repeat, or for more information, so keep listening.
 - The call will be ended by the radio operator saying “CBI Clear, Standing By 72”

Please only call in once for ferries; only after your boat is derigged and covered.

In an emergency please hail “CBI” on Ch. 72

CBI will coordinate all emergency response, in an emergency call CBI on 72

