ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS

PHASE TWO

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 4

EO M223.04 – PIPE THE GENERAL CALL

Total Time: 30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

Resources needed for the delivery of this lesson are listed in the lesson specification located in A-CR-CCP-602/PG-001, Chapter 4. Specific uses for said resources are identified throughout the Instructional Guide within the TP for which they are required.

Review the lesson content and become familiar with the material prior to delivering the lesson. Ensure boatswain's calls and cleaning solution are available prior to the start of this lesson.

Photocopy the handout located at Annex A for each cadet.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

N/A.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for TP1 to introduce the General Call and provide an overview of its purpose.

Demonstration and performance was chosen for TP2 as it allows the instructor to explain and demonstrate piping the General Call while providing an opportunity for the cadets to practice the call under supervision.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

N/A.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall be expected to pipe the General Call.

IMPORTANCE

The boatswain's call is used as a naval form of communication. It is important for cadets to know how to respond to the various pipes and to execute notes using the boatswain's call in order to perform the various pipes. These pipes will be used by the duty quartermaster, which will be a duty for Phase Three cadets.

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Teaching point 1 **Identify the Purpose of the General Call**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

The General Call is used to precede any broadcast order; to draw attention to the order. It is used when passing out-of-routine orders or information of general interest. On a ship, it may also be used to precede the calling away of any boat's crew (except that of a barge).

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the purpose of the General Call?

Q2. What is another use for the General Call onboard a ship?

Q3. What types of orders are passed using the General Call?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. The General Call is used to precede any broadcast order; to draw attention to the order.

A2. To precede the calling away of any boat's crew.

A3. It is used when passing out-of-routine orders or information of general interest.

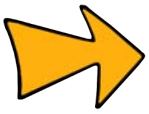
Teaching point 2 **Demonstrate, Explain, and Have the Cadets Practice Piping the General Call**

Time: 20 min Method: Demonstration and Performance



Audio samples of the General Call can be found at http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/cms_youth/youth_articles_e.asp?id=500

The General Call is produced by blowing the pipe for one second with a short blast of a low to high note, followed by a short pause. A low note is then piped for a half-second with a sharp ascent to a high note, lasting for 2 seconds, followed by a sharp descent to a low note for a half-second. The pipe lasts a total of four seconds.



Placing the teeth on the ridges at the mouth of the boatswain's call will assist in controlling the pipes as the tongue can be used to stop the air flow, keeping the notes sharp.



Distribute handout located at Annex A.

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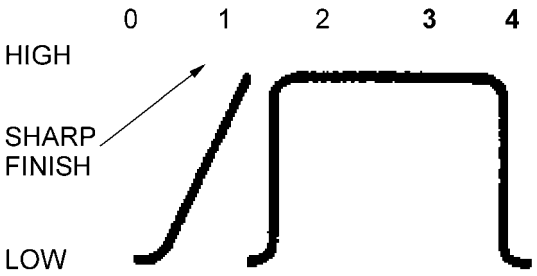

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Figure 1 The General Call



Demonstrate and have each cadet practice piping the General Call.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS

Q1. How is the General Call sounded?

Q2. How long is the General Call?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. By blowing the pipe for one second with a short blast of a low to high note, followed by a short pause. A low note is then piped for a half-second with a sharp ascent to a high note, lasting for 2 seconds, followed by a sharp descent to a low note for a half-second.

A2. Four seconds.

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

The cadets' participation in TP2 will serve as the confirmation of this lesson.

CONCLUSION

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

N/A.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

N/A.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Sounding pipes on the boatswain's call is a tradition that has been maintained for hundreds of years. Using pipes to deliver orders is a large part of what makes naval institutions unique. Using pipes to get the attention

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of the ship's company or to get everyone to come to attention is a common and practical use of the boatswain's call.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

Ensure the boatswain's calls are cleaned with a cleaning solution between uses.

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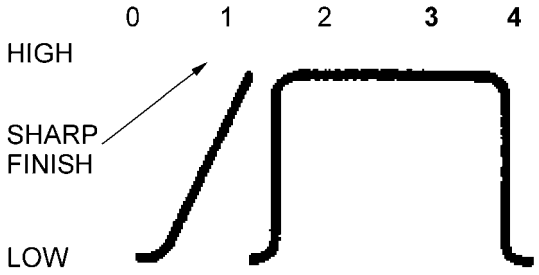

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Figure A-1 The General Call

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