

## Wildflower Triathlon Communications

**Assignment:** Marine 21

**Purpose:** Provide emergency communications  
Report the position of key race contestants  
Provide logistical support

**Time to be In Position:** 0745 hrs (Saturday); 0815 hrs (Sunday)

**Primary frequency:** 146.730 - PL: 100.0 (Primary Repeater)

**Tactical:** 446.075 S PL: 127.3 (Coordination with Transition)

### YOUR TASK:

To document and report to Control the following information (including participant numbers):

- First swimmer at halfway point (number not necessary)
- Last wave of swimmers in the water
- Last wave of swimmers at halfway point
- Long Course swimmers all out of the water
- Closure of swim course/last swimmer out of Transition and onto bike course

Your job is done when the last swimmer has exited the water and the swim course is closed.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS:

When you call communications, please use your tactical callsign (e.g.: Marine 21). You will still need to identify with your proper callsign at the appropriate intervals. The race Control should be addressed as "Control."

If you call for Control and do not get an immediate reply wait one minute. We are operating on two ham channels, handling ambulance dispatch, and monitoring race channel. Also when you call for another unit please direct your traffic through Control.

If you have emergency traffic, call for Control followed by your tactical call and the words "EMERGENCY TRAFFIC."

ex. "Control, Marine 21, Emergency traffic"

Control will announce emergency traffic on channel and direct all units to hold traffic until the emergency is cleared. Only call for Control if you have urgent or emergency traffic also.

If you see a contestant out of the race, note the contestant number and relay that information to Control.

If you witness an incident requiring medical/lifeguard attention, notify Control immediately (so we can get you help) and attempt a rescue if you feel you are capable. As soon as possible, update Control with the number of patients, and a rough description of the situation. The communications would go something like this:

Marine 21: Control, Marine 21, Emergency Traffic.

Control: Marine 21, this is Control, go ahead.

Marine 21: Control, Marine 21, I have a swimmer in distress at the halfway point, requesting Ranger boat.

Control: Control copies, we will dispatch rangers to your location.

(At this point, attempt a swim rescue if possible, provide whatever aid to the swimmer that you can. Then update Control as follows:)

Marine 21: Control, Marine 21, condition report.

Control: Marine 21, go ahead with condition report.

Transition: I have swimmer number 243, out of the race due to exhaustion, patient has been loaded onto Ranger boat, I'm back in service.

### **Things to have with you:**

- Your complete information packet (we'll provide a laminated one)
- Dual-band handheld radio (in waterproof case)
- Spare battery for your handheld
- An earphone for your handheld, or a speaker mic or headset
- Marine-ready AVL system (provided by N6NL)
- Floatation device for water rescue