

Ship-To-Shore Phone Saves Time For Local Fishermen

Wives Appreciate Convenience Of Knowing Where Husband Is

By Wally Trabing

The crew on the lone seiner, wobbling in the rolling sea off the coast of Santa Cruz, works in silence through the night casting their nets for herring.

For the past week fishing has been bad for this crew. Their markets ashore expect only a certain amount and make their plans accordingly.

But Lady Luck is with the seiner this night and her nets find a school—a big one. Five tons of herring are scooped aboard.

Some years ago this unexpected catch could mean a sales gamble, according to local fishermen. It

would mean heading back to land and calling various markets by long distance telephone in order to get rid of the unexpected load.

But today, this is what happens:

Up on his tiny bridge or in his cabin the captain flips his receiver to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's transmitting frequency and waits for a clear channel.

Then he warms up his transmitter and asks for the San Francisco marine operator by call letters. When she answers the captain gives her the number of his sales contact in San Francisco, Santa Cruz or Monterey, and in one place or the other he makes his sale and arranges for a truck to meet him at the dock.

And while the fish salesman is preparing for his day's sales, the fish are still flip-flopping in their bins.

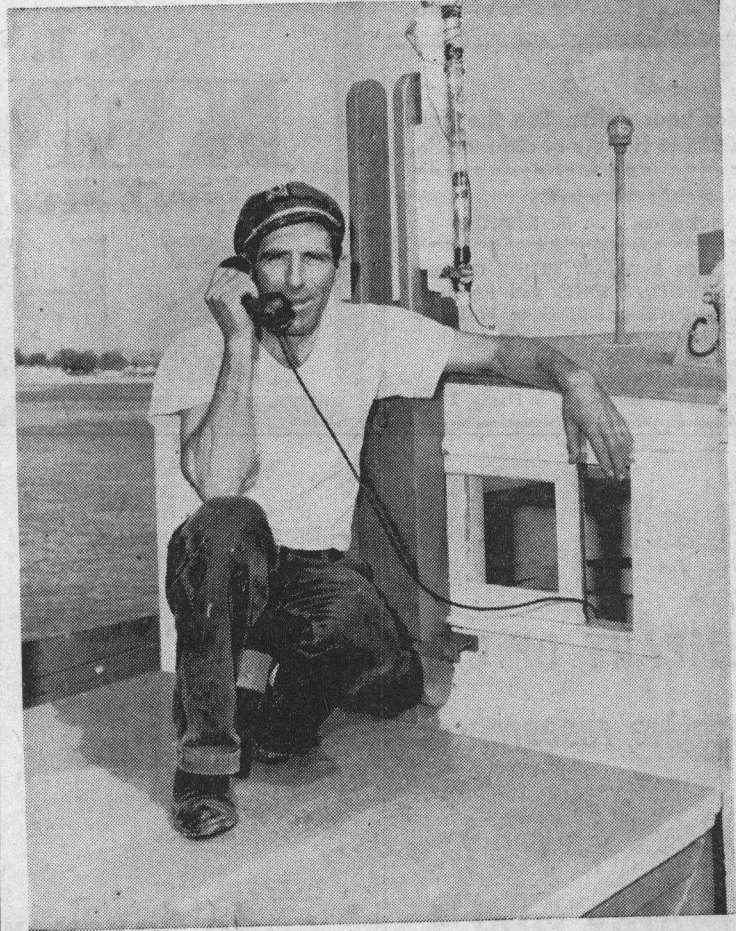
This amazing phone service is not new, but during the past few years it is becoming more popular with local fishermen who are realizing its value, and its many uses.

Ship telephone service provides a two-way telephone communication between a telephone on land and a watercraft suitably equipped for radio-telephony or between two watercraft.

The ship owner provides the radio-telephone equipment. He pays only when he makes a call, usually \$1 for three minutes in the Monterey bay area, according to the 1953 rate book.

"The ships report their calling area to the operator and they seldom lie about it," claims A. G. Athearn, Santa Cruz telephone manager, "for the coast guard keeps an ear cocked for shipping

Just Pick Up The Phone . . .



Batista Ghio, 214½ Gharkey street, whose Angelina G has a permanent berth on the Santa Cruz wharf, demonstrates his ship-to-shore phone which he puts to a number of uses when out on Monterey bay fishing. See story.

positions so that if trouble comes the coast guard will know where to start their search. So if a ship gives a wrong position to save a buck it may be signing its own death warrant."

Fishermen's wives in the Santa Cruz area are well acquainted with the service. Most of the local fishermen who subscribe to it have called home from out in the bay or from fishing waters further south.

"It helps calm that traditional fear which wives of fishermen experience," said one wife.

Santa Cruz fisherman Andy Machi explained another use of the ship-to-shore phone.

"Sometimes when we spot a school of a certain kind of fish we'll call our contacts ashore and ask about the price before we try to pull them in.

"Or we may have an order for a certain type of fish and we fail to locate the school. We'll call that buyer and let him know so he can make other plans," he said.

If the need should ever arise, Athearn said, a man could sit out in the middle of the bay and call New York. Strength of the sets range from five watts on up, which demonstrates how far out the user can go and communicate with the land.

Subscribers along the Pacific coast even have their own telephone directory. They share it with some 60 aircraft owners using the service.

Weather reports and storm warnings are transmitted twice daily as a free service. In addition, warnings of dangers to navigation, furnished by the coast guard, are transmitted immediately and at two-hour intervals on the odd hours.

When persons ashore wish to call a ship, they merely ask for long distance, then for the San

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TIME APPOINTED FOR PROVING WILL, ETC. No. 13,830.

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Santa Cruz.

In the Matter of the Estate of GRACE DODDS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the probate of the will of GRACE DODDS, deceased, and for the issuance to petitioner, Walter R. Bettencourt, Public Administrator of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, of letters of administration with the will annexed has been filed in this court, and that Friday, May 7, 1954 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the courtroom of said court, in the courthouse, in the city of Santa Cruz, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, have been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of said petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same and show cause why said petition should not be granted.

Dated April 26, 1954.
H. E. MILLER, Clerk.
By EMMA RODHOUSE, Deputy Clerk.
LUCAS, WYCKOFF & MILLER, Attorneys for Petitioner, Title Insurance Building, Santa Cruz, California.
April 27 to May 6

PUBLIC NOTICE

RETURN AND NOTICE BY ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD, STATE CONTROLLER PURSUANT TO ABANDONED PROPERTY LAW

ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD, Controller of the State of California, hereby publishes this return and notice as required by the provisions of the Abandoned Property Law (Sections 1460-1478, Code of Civil Procedure).

This published return lists only presumptively abandoned property of the amount of \$50 or more, located or held in the County of Santa Cruz and is prepared from reports furnished by the holders of such property.

Said ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD, as such State Controller, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the accounts of money and property hereinafter listed, having been dormant for 20 or more years, are presumed to be abandoned property with the provisions of said Law and will be delivered to the State Treasurer of the State of California between June 16, 1954, and July 2, 1954, unless the owners, claimants, or persons entitled thereto, appear and make claim on the holders prior to such delivery to the State Treasurer. After said property has been delivered to the State Treasurer by the holder,

the holder is relieved of liability to the owner or claimant. However, the owner or claimant may thereafter present his claim for the return of said property, to the State of California as provided in said Law.

The published return states the name and address of each holder (i. e. Bank, Savings and Loan Association, or other type of financial organization holding property presumed to be abandoned) and lists under the name of each holder all accounts of money and property of the amount of \$50 or more, and sets forth the name and last known address of the owner, the amount, and other information which will identify the same. Where the name, address, or other information is omitted, it is unknown, not having been shown in the report of the holder.

A notice and return showing all property presumed to be abandoned in said County, including property of an amount less than \$50, has been or will be posted on or before April 16, 1954, at the County Courthouse in said County.

Type of Deposit	Account No.	Check or Certificate No.	Name and Last Known Address of Depositor or Payee and Purchaser	Date of last Transaction or Issue	Amt.
COUNTY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SANTA CRUZ 1502 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz, Calif.					
Certificate of Deposit	55319		MUSITELLI, Giacoma—Payee MUSITELLI, Giacoma—Purchaser—Address Unknown	8-9-33	\$300.00
Certificate of Deposit	35760		McFADDEN, L. T. or Chas. W. Craghill—Payee Purchaser—Same as Above Address Unknown	8-30-09	50.00
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION 1407 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz, Calif.					
Certificate	293		FAGERTY, P. Address Unknown	1-1-29	65.64

April 13-20-27; May 4

Carpenters Get Wage Increase

San Francisco (AP).—Sixty thousand carpenters of 42 northern California counties will get hourly wage increases of 7½ cents, starting June 15, and their welfare payments will go up 2½ cents an hour next March 1.

Agreement on a contract calling for the increases was announced yesterday by Bruce McKenzie and J. Robert Mitsch, managers of the central and northern California chapters of the Associated General Contractors, and J. F. Cambiano, international representative of the Brotherhood of Carpenters (AFL).

The carpenters now get \$2.70 an hour and welfare payments are 7½ cents hourly. The new totals will be \$2.77½ and 10 cents.

The new contract runs until May 1, 1957.

Francisco marine operator. Say you wanted to call Batista Ghio. You ask for Angelina G, WC 6121. If Batista has his radio turned to the telephone frequency you might be able to order yourself a fresh fish for dinner.