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At both the 1973 and 1974 Annual Meetings, the Environmental Subcommittee recommended that countries whose vessels fish in the northern subareas urge their vessels to provide weather reports to coastal radio stations, particularly when the vessels are operating in the vicinity of ice.

The 1973 Annual Meeting recommendation states *"that the Commission encourage the provision of at least one weather report per day to coastal marine radio stations from fishing vessels operating in waters off Greenland and Canada when ice is in the vicinity"* (Redbook 1974, Part I, page 122).

At the 1974 Annual Meeting, the Subcommittee noted that there had been no significant increase in reporting from fishing vessels and further recommended *"that the Executive Secretary write to Member Countries drawing their attention to the Commission's request of 1973 that fishing vessels operating off Greenland and Canada be encouraged to provide at least one weather report per day to coastal maritime radio stations when ice is in the vicinity"* (Redbook 1974, pages 72 and 137).

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of STACRES, considered that a Circular Letter on this matter should contain something more positive than simply drawing attention to the recommendation and decided to investigate the procedures for weather reporting through the Canadian Meteorological Service and the Danish Meteorological Institute.

Canadian Meteorological Service would welcome weather reports from any sources, particularly in areas off Labrador in the winter and spring, when their information is usually very scanty and proposed that the format of the standard SHRED Report might be appropriate for use on fishing vessels. It was indicated that the report must be prepared for transmission to the coastal radio station in a standardized coded format and that no other format is acceptable. The requirement for a pre-coded message obviously means that fishing vessels must have on board the appropriate forms and instructions for preparing the reports for transmission. The format of the SHRED Report and the codes are international and the meteorological offices in the various member countries of ICNAF should be able to supply their fishing vessels with the necessary forms and instructions in their own language. A copy of the Canadian form "Auxiliary Ship's Meteorological Log" together with the coding procedures is at Appendix 1.

The Danish Meteorological Institute has indicated that the procedure for producing weather reports in Greenland exactly follows the SHRED form but the system until now has hardly been used. The instructions for sending messages follow the internationally used rules for radio communication: The message starts with =OBS=, then follows the cable address "METRO ANGMAGSSALIK (when north of 50°N), then "SHRED" followed by the codes for the 9 groups on the form. All of the coastal radio stations in Greenland are able to receive the observations. These are listed in the international directory of radio stations together with their working frequencies. A copy of the Danish form is at Appendix 2.

In the light of the requirements for weather reporting to marine radio stations, the Subcommittee should further consider the matter, particularly in regard to the suitability of fishing vessels to provide the type of report required and also the approach that should be taken by the Secretariat in its contacts with Member Countries so that some positive results might accrue from the recommendation.

METEOROLOGICAL BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT - CANADA

AUXILIARY SHIP'S METEOROLOGICAL LOG

VESSEL _____ VOYAGE FROM _____ TO _____ HEIGHT OF BAROMETER (ft.) _____

MASTER _____ PRINCIPAL OBSERVING OFFICER _____ RADIO OFFICER _____

YEAR	MONTH (GMT)	DAY (GMT)	POSITION OF SHIP		Longitude (Degrees and Minutes)	Latitude (Degrees and Minutes)	Magnetic Indicator	Time of Observation (GMT)	Wind Direction (00-30)	Wind Speed (knots)	Visibility (00-99)	Pressure (00-99)	Weather (00-99)	Barometer as read	Corrections	Sea Level Pressure to nearest whole mb.	Indicator (Oblique Stroke)	Air Temperature (00-99)	ICE ACCRETION					REMARKS	Indicate whether sent by radio, giving call sign or station and time sent. (GMT)					
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Form 63-9455 Rev. April 1967

Pictures which form the weather message are entered in the columns headed by the code symbols. The shaded columns (1, 2, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21) indicate that entries in these columns do not form part of the transmitted weather message. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SHEETS ON LOGBOOK TO A CANADIAN POST METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER OR TO THE DIRECTOR, METEOROLOGICAL BRANCH, 310 BLOOR STREET WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

AUXILIARY SHIPS' WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

SHRED 99L₁L₁L₁ Q_cL₀L₀L₀L₀ YYGGiw Nddff VVwwW PP/TT 21_sE_sE_sR_s

<p>WHAT IS A WEATHER OBSERVATION?</p> <p>For "Auxiliary Ships" it is a coded report beginning with the indicator word SHRED, followed usually by six groups of five figures each. Basically, the report gives the ship's position, date and time of the observation, cloud amount, wind direction and speed, visibility, present and past weather, pressure, temperature, and if occurring, ice accretion. The international reporting code is shown above, where the symbols represent numbers.</p>	<p>L₀L₀L₀L₀ LONGITUDE IN DEGREES AND TENTHS</p> <p>This is always reported in four figures. To change minutes of longitude to tenths of degrees, divide the minutes by 6, disregarding the remainder. Examples:</p> <p>0° 16' (E or W) is coded as 0002. 81° 23' (E or W) is coded as 0813. 146° 58' (E or W) is coded as 1469.</p>																												
<p>WHY MAKE WEATHER OBSERVATION?</p> <p>Weather observations from the oceans are of very great value, for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They enable the Weather Services of the world to issue better weather forecasts and storm warnings for shipping. 2. They help to locate hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones, so that ships may avoid such storms. 3. Thus, they contribute to the safety of life at sea and the protection of cargo. 4. They aid fishing operations in many areas. 5. They provide essential information for air-sea rescue operations. 6. They are the basic data for ocean climatology. 7. They supplement weather satellite research, and are essential in the "weather routing" of ships. 	<p>YY DAY OF THE MONTH</p> <p>The first day of the month is reported as 01, the second day as 02, etc. The day reported is the GMT day, which may be different from the day in your local time zone. Note also that the day reported with the 0000 GMT observation is the GMT day which is just beginning, not the GMT day which has just ended.</p>																												
<p>WHEN TO MAKE A WEATHER OBSERVATION</p> <p>It is preferred that observations be completed and ready for transmission at the "main standard times" of 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 GMT (four times a day, every six hours). An observation should be made and logged, even though it may not be possible to transmit it. Please refer to the publication THE TRANSMISSION OF WEATHER REPORTS TO COASTAL RADIO STATIONS for additional procedures for ships carrying only one radio officer.</p>	<p>GG ACTUAL TIME OF OBSERVATION TO THE NEAREST WHOLE HOUR GMT</p> <p>Since observations should normally be made at the four main standard times, the code figures 00, 06, 12, and 18 have been preprinted in column 9 of the log. If the observation is made at a different time, cross out the printed time and enter the code figures for the actual time above it. Use the actual time at which the barometer was read, for example: 0552 GMT = 06; 1446 GMT = 15; 2356 GMT = 00 (with YY of the new day), not 24.</p>																												
<p>WHERE TO MAKE A WEATHER OBSERVATION</p> <p>A weather observation may be made anywhere on the oceans, seas and coastal waters of the world. The fact that you are within sight of a coast does not diminish the requirement for making and logging an observation, even though it may not be possible to transmit it.</p>	<p>iw WIND INDICATOR</p> <p>Use code figure 3 if the wind speed is estimated. Use code figure 4 if the wind speed is obtained from an anemometer. iw will normally be coded as 3.</p>																												
<p>HOW TO MAKE WEATHER OBSERVATION</p> <p>A weather observation is made up of fourteen pieces of information (seventeen with ice accretion). We shall give brief instructions on how to observe, code and record each one, in the order in which they occur in the international code. As you read these instructions, please refer to a sheet of the "Auxiliary Ships' Meteorological Log" (Form 63-9458).</p> <p>The indicator word SHRED and the figures 99 in the first group should always be included in the report. They are preprinted on the logsheet. SHRED indicates that it is a reduced type of ship's report (SHip's REDuced). 99 is an indicator for computer recognition.</p>	<p>N FRACTION OF THE SKY COVERED BY CLOUDS OF ALL TYPES</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Code Figs.</th> <th>Fraction of sky covered</th> <th>Code Figs.</th> <th>Fraction of sky covered</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Cloudless</td> <td>6</td> <td>6/8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1/8 or less but not zero</td> <td>7</td> <td>7/8 or more but not 8/8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>2/8</td> <td>8</td> <td>8/8, sky totally covered</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>3/8</td> <td>9</td> <td>Sky obscured by dense fog or heavy snow, or amount cannot be estimated.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>4/8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>5/8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If part of the sky can be seen through a shallow fog layer, treat this part as if it were the whole sky and code N accordingly. At night when the moon is below the horizon, the cloud amount is estimated by noting which stars are visible and which are hidden.</p>	Code Figs.	Fraction of sky covered	Code Figs.	Fraction of sky covered	0	Cloudless	6	6/8	1	1/8 or less but not zero	7	7/8 or more but not 8/8	2	2/8	8	8/8, sky totally covered	3	3/8	9	Sky obscured by dense fog or heavy snow, or amount cannot be estimated.	4	4/8			5	5/8		
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<p>Q_c QUADRANT OF THE GLOBE</p> <p>The figure for Q_c shows whether the latitude is north or south, and the longitude east or west. Select the appropriate figure from this table:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>West Longitude</th> <th>East Longitude</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>North Latitude</td> <td>7</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Latitude</td> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For positions on the equator and on the Greenwich or 180th meridian, either of the two appropriate figures may be used.</p>		West Longitude	East Longitude	North Latitude	7	1	South Latitude	5	3																				
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WIND SPEED IN KNOTS

The beaufort force of the wind is estimated from the appearance of the sea surface, according to the table below. This table is only intended as a guide to show roughly what may be expected on the open sea, remote from land. Factors which must be taken into account are the lag effect between the wind increasing and the sea getting up; and the influence of 'fetch', depth, swell, heavy rain and tide effect on the appearance of the sea. Estimation of the wind speed becomes unreliable in shallow water or when close inshore, owing to the tidal effect and the shelter provided by the land. When the Beaufort force has been estimated, it must then be converted to knots. In the coded message, the wind speed must always have two figures, thus 8 knots is coded as 08.

Code Fig. (Speed in Kts.)	Mean Speed	Beaufort	Description	Appearance of sea if the fetch and duration of the blow have been sufficient to develop the sea fully	Probable ht. of seas in ft. Aver. Max.
00	00	0	Calm	Sea like a mirror	- -
01-03	02	1	Light Air	Ripples with the appearance of scales are formed, but without foam crests	¼ ¼
04-06	05	2	Light Breeze	Small wavelets; crests have a glassy appearance and do not break	½ 1
07-10	09	3	Gentle Breeze	Large wavelets; crests begin to break; foam of glassy appearance; perhaps scattered white horses	2 3
11-16	14	4	Modt. Breeze	Small waves, becoming longer; fairly frequent white horses	3½ 5
17-21	19	5	Fresh Breeze	Moderate waves; many white horses are formed (chance of some spray)	6 8½
22-27	25	6	Strong Breeze	Large waves; white foam crests everywhere (probably some spray)	9½ 13
28-33	31	7	Near Gale	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind.	13½ 19
34-40	37	8	Gale	Moderately high waves; edges of crests begin to break into spindrift; foam is blown in well-marked streaks along the direction of the wind	18 25
41-47	44	9	Strong Gale	High waves; dense streaks of foam along wind; crests begin to topple, tumble and roll over; spray may affect visibility	23 32
48-55	52	10	Storm	Very high waves with long overhanging crests; foam in great patches blown in dense white streaks along wind; sea surface takes a white appearance; tumbling becomes heavy and shock-like; visibility affected.	29 41
56-63	60	11	Violent Storm	Exceptionally high waves (medium-sized ships may be lost to view behind waves); sea covered with long white patches of foam lying along wind; everywhere edges of crests are blown into froth; visibility affected.	37 52
64-71	68	12	Hurricane	Air is filled with foam and spray; sea completely white with driving spray; visibility very seriously affected.	45 -

The Beaufort force is not used as a code here, but as a means of estimating the actual wind speed. It is permissible for an experienced observer to report a speed interpolated between the average speeds of the Beaufort numbers; e.g. a high force 6 might be reported as 27 knots. For winds 100 - 199 knots, 50 is added to dd, and ff gives the tens and units digits of the speed; e.g. for a wind from 250° at 106 knots, dd = 75 and ff = 06.

VV

VISIBILITY

Visibility is defined as the greatest distance at which an object of specified characteristics can be seen and identified for what it is in any particular circumstances, or in the case of night observations, could be seen and identified if the general illumination were raised to the normal daylight level.

Estimate the visibility in nautical miles (or yards if very low) and code VV according to the following table:

Code Fig.	Visibility
90	Less than 50 yards
91	50 yards but less than 200 yards
92	200 yards but less than ¼ naut. mi.
93	¼ naut. mi. but less than ½ naut. mi.
94	½ naut. mi. but less than 1 naut. mi.
95	1 naut. mi. but less than 2 naut. mi.
96	2 naut. mi. but less than 5 naut. mi.
97	5 naut. mi. but less than 10 naut. mi.
98	10 naut. mi. but less than 25 naut. mi.
99	25 naut. mi. or more

The visibility reported should be consistent with the weather reported by the code figures for ww (see next section). The following examples may be helpful:

Weather	ww code figures	VV code figs. should be:
Mist	10	94, 95, or 96
Fog	41 to 49	93 or less
Tropical rains	64, 65, 82	93 or less
Heavy rain	64, 65, 67, 81, 92	94 or 95
Moderate rain	62, 63, 67, 81, 92	96
Slight rain	60, 61, 66, 80, 91	97 or higher
Heavy drizzle	54, 55, 57	92 or less
Moderate drizzle	52, 53, 57	93
Slight Drizzle	50, 51, 56	94 or higher
Heavy snow	74, 75, 86, 94	92 or less
Moderate snow	72, 73, 86, 94	93
Slight snow	70, 71, 85, 93	94 or higher

Always report the highest code figure which applies. If two or more weather types are occurring at the same time (e.g. rain, fog, and blowing spray) report the rain, as its code figure (one of 60 to 69) is higher than the code figure for fog (one of 41 to 49) or blowing spray (07). ONE EXCEPTION: code figure 17 (thunder with no precipitation) has priority over code figures 20 to 49. Code figure 00 should not normally be reported in daylight observations.

EXPLANATION OF SOME WORDS USED IN THE TABLE

Haze - Very small dry particles, invisible to the naked eye, suspended in the air.
Mist - Very small water droplets suspended in the air, reducing the visibility to not less than ½ nautical mile.
Fog - Same as mist, except that the visibility is reduced to less than ½ nautical mile.
Squall - A sudden increase in wind speed by at least three Beaufort forces (or 16 knots), the speed rising to Force 6 (22 knots) or more, and lasting for at least one minute.
Drizzle - Drizzle drops are much smaller than raindrops. They are so small that they appear almost to float in the air, and no appreciable ripples are seen when they strike still water.
Freezing Precipitation - Rain or drizzle which falls as liquid but freezes on impact.
Ice Pellets - Transparent or translucent pellets of ice, which are spherical or irregular in shape, having a diameter of 5 mm. (0.2 in.) or less.
Snow Pellets - White and opaque grains of ice, which are spherical or sometimes conical, having a diameter of 2 - 5 mm.
Snow Grains - Very small (less than 1 mm.) white and opaque grains of ice, fairly flat or elongated.
Shower - A shower (of rain, snow, ice pellets, snow pellets, or hail) begins and ends rather abruptly and lasts for only a short period. The sky usually brightens after or between showers.
Intermittent - Non-showery precipitation which has stopped and started again at least once in the past hour.
Continuous - Non-showery precipitation which has continued without a break throughout the past hour, or has started in the past hour and continued without a break.
Slight, Moderate, Heavy - These refer to the intensity of precipitation, which is judged according to its effect on the visibility. See the previous section for VV.

WW

PRESENT WEATHER

This describes a weather type that is occurring at the time of observation, or a weather type that has occurred within the past hour but has since stopped (code figures 20 - 29).

The table below may be divided into two parts: use the section 00 - 49 if there is no precipitation falling at the time of observation; use the section 50 - 99 if there is precipitation falling at the time of observation. Code figures 04, 06, 08, 09, 30 to 39, and 98 rarely or never apply at sea.

00-49 NO PRECIPITATION AT SHIP AT TIME OF OBSERVATION

00-03 CHANGE OF SKY DURING PAST HOUR

Code Fig.	Description
00	Cloud development not observable
01	Clouds dissolving or becoming less developed
02	State of sky on the whole unchanged
03	Clouds generally forming or developing

04-08 SMOKE, HAZE, SAND or DUST

- 04 Visibility reduced by smoke (not ships' smoke)
- 05 Dry haze
- 06 Widespread dust suspended in air
- 07 Blowing spray at the ship
- 08 Dust whirls in past hour (*NOT FOR MARINE USE*)
- 09 Dust or sandstorm in sight, or at ship in past hour

10-12 MIST AND SHALLOW FOG

- 10 Mist (Visibility 1/2 naut. mi. or more)
- 11 Shallow fog in patches
- 12 Shallow fog - more or less continuous } *Fog not deeper than 33 feet*

13-16 PHENOMENA WITHIN SIGHT BUT NOT AT SHIP

- 13 Lightning visible, no thunder heard
- 14 Precipitation in sight, not reaching surface
- 15 Precip. beyond 3 naut. miles, reaching surface
- 16 Precip. within 3 naut. miles, reaching surface

17-19 THUNDER, SQUALLS, FUNNEL CLOUDS

- 17 Thunder at time of observation - no precip. at ship
- 18 Squalls (no precip.) in past hour or at time of obsn.
- 19 Funnel cloud(s) seen in past hour or at time of obsn.

20-29 PHENOMENA IN PAST HOUR BUT NOT AT TIME OF OBSN.

- 20 Drizzle (not freezing) or snow grains
 - 21 Rain (not freezing)
 - 22 Snow
 - 23 Rain and snow mixed, or ice pellets
 - 24 Freezing drizzle of freezing rain
 - 25 Shower(s) of rain
 - 26 Shower(s) of snow, or of rain and snow mixed
 - 27 Shower(s) of hail*, or of rain and hail* mixed
 - 28 Fog (in past hour but not at time of observation)
 - 29 Thunderstorm, with or without precipitation
- Not falling as showers*

* Includes hail, ice pellets, or snow pellets.

30-39 (Not likely to be used in ship reports)

Slight or Moderate		Heavy
30	Duststorm or sandstorm, decreasing	33
31	Duststorm or sandstorm, unchanging	34
32	Duststorm or sandstorm, increasing	35
36	Drifting snow, generally low	37
38	Blowing snow, generally high	39

40-49 FOG AT THE TIME OF OBSERVATION

Code Figs.		Code Figs.
40	Fog at a distance but not at ship during past hour	
41	Fog in patches	
Sky Visible	Visibility less than 1/2 naut. mi. at time of observation	Sky Invisible
42	Fog, has become thinner in past hour	43
44	Fog, no change in past hour	45
46	Fog, has begun or thickened in past hour	47
48	Fog, depositing rime	49

50-99 PRECIPITATION AT SHIP AT TIME OF OBSERVATION

50-59 DRIZZLE

Intermittent		Continuous
50	Slight drizzle	51
52	Moderate drizzle	53
54	Heavy drizzle	55
Slight		Moderate or Heavy
56	Freezing drizzle	57
58	Drizzle and rain mixed	59

60-69 RAIN (NOT FALLING AS SHOWERS)

Intermittent		Continuous
60	Slight rain	61
62	Moderate rain	63
64	Heavy rain	65
Slight		Moderate or Heavy
66	Freezing rain	67
68	Rain or drizzle with snow	69

70-79 SOLID PRECIPITATION NOT FALLING AS SHOWERS

Intermittent		Continuous
70	Slight snow in flakes	71
72	Moderate snow in flakes	73
74	Heavy snow in flakes	75
76	Ice prisms (with or without fog)	
77	Snow grains (with or without fog)	
78	Isolated starlike snow crystals (with or without fog)	
79	Ice pellets	

80-84 RAIN SHOWERS

- 80 Slight rain shower
- 81 Moderate or heavy rain shower
- 82 Violent rain shower
- 83 Shower of rain and snow mixed, slight
- 84 Shower of rain and snow mixed, moderate or heavy

85-90 SOLID PRECIPITATION IN SHOWERS

Slight		Moderate or Heavy
85	Showers of snow	86
87	Showers of snow pellets or ice pellets*	88
89	Showers of hail, no thunder	90

* With or without rain or rain and snow mixed.

91-94 THUNDERSTORM DURING THE PAST HOUR BUT NOT AT THE TIME OF OBSERVATION

Note: Use 29 if there is no precip. at time of observation

91	Slight rain	} <i>Thunderstorm in past hour but not now - precip. occurring at time of observation</i>
92	Moderate or heavy rain	
93	Slight snow, or rain and snow mixed, or hail*	
94	Moderate or heavy snow, or rain and snow mixed, or hail*	

* Includes hail, ice pellets or snow pellets

95-99 THUNDERSTORM AT TIME OF OBSERVATION

- 95 Slight or moderate thunderstorm with rain and/or snow, but no hail*
- 96 Slight or moderate thunderstorm with hail*
- 97 Heavy thunderstorm with rain and/or snow, but no hail*
- 98 Thunderstorm with duststorm or sandstorm
- 99 Heavy thunderstorm with hail*

* Includes hail, ice pellets or snow pellets

W

PAST WEATHER

Past weather may be described as follows:

If you are reporting a certain weather type (let's call it type X) in ww, and weather type X began at some time after the previous main standard time (00, 06, 12, or 18 GMT), then the code figure for W (see table below) will describe the weather you experienced in the interval between the previous main standard time and the time that weather type X began. Use the highest code figure for W which applies.

Now if weather type X that you are reporting in ww began at or before the previous main standard time, and continued without a break, then both ww and W will refer to type X, provided no other weather type with code figure greater than 3 occurred in the interval as well. However, if another such weather type also occurred along with type X, then W should refer to the other type (or, if two other types also occurred, the type having the higher code figure)

Code Figs.

- 0 Cloud cover 1/2 or less throughout period.
- 1 Changing cloud cover - from more than 1/2 to less than 1/2, or vice versa, during period.
- 2 Cloud cover more than 1/2 throughout period.
- 3 Sandstorm, duststorm or blowing snow.
- 4 Fog or thick haze (Visibility was less than 1/2 naut. mile)
- 5 Drizzle
- 6 Rain
- 7 Snow, or rain and snow mixed.
- 8 Shower(s)
- 9 Thunderstorm(s) with or without precipitation.

PP

SEA LEVEL PRESSURE TO THE NEAREST WHOLE MILLIBAR

The last two digits of the pressure, expressed in whole millibars, are used to code PP. For example: 987 mb. is coded as 87; 1026 mb. is coded as 26. Make sure that the barometer has been adjusted to read the sea level pressure directly. This will be done by a Port Meteorological Officer. Tap the barometer gently with the finger before reading it. Read the barometer to the nearest whole millibar.

If your barometer has only an inch scale or a millimetre scale, read it to the nearest hundredth of an inch or the nearest half of a millimetre, and convert the reading to millibars using the conversion tables on the last page of this card.

To the barometer reading in millibars, always apply (by adding or subtracting as necessary) the appropriate scale correction, as obtained from an Aneroid Barometer Correction Card or from the sticker which the Port Meteorological Officer may affix to your barometer.

Example: Barometer reading - 1009 mb.
Correction - -0.6 mb.
Corrected reading - 1008.4 mb.
"Rounded off" pressure - 1008 mb.

Enter 1008 in columns 19 and 20 of the logsheet, PP being coded as 08.

OBLIQUE STROKE. This must always be included in the report. It indicates that the tenths of millibars of the pressure are omitted.

TT AIR TEMPERATURE TO THE NEAREST WHOLE DEGREE CELSIUS.

The thermometer should be exposed on the windward side of the ship in a flow of air coming directly off the sea. It should not be affected by heat from bulkheads, vents, etc., and should be protected from direct sunlight, rain and spray.

Read the thermometer to the nearest whole degree Celsius. If your thermometer is calibrated in Fahrenheit degrees, read it to the nearest whole degree F. and convert this reading to degrees C. using the conversion table on this card.

If the temperature is below 0°C, add 50 to the value of the temperature, disregarding the minus sign.

Examples: 23°C - TT is coded 23 -6°C - TT is coded 6*50 = 56
 8°C - TT is coded 08 -18°C - TT is coded 18*50 = 68
 0°C - TT is coded 00

Is CAUSE OF ICE ACCRETION ON SHIP

Code Figs.	Code Figs.
1 Icing from ocean spray	4 Icing from rain
2 Icing from fog	5 Icing from spray and rain
3 Icing from spray and fog	

EsEs THICKNESS OF ICE ACCRETION IN CENTIMETERS

Measure the greatest observed thickness of the ice. Use a centimeter scale if available. If not, measure the thickness to the nearest quarter of an inch, and code EsEs according to the following table:

Code Figs. (Cm.)	Inches	Code Figs. (Cm.)	Inches	Code Figs. (Cm.)	Inches
00	1/8 or less	08	3 or 3 1/4	16	6 1/4
01	1/4 or 1/2	09	3 1/2	17	6 1/2 or 6 3/4
02	3/4	10	3 3/4 or 4	18	7 or 7 1/4
03	1 or 1 1/4	11	4 1/4 or 4 1/2	19	7 1/2
04	1 1/2 or 1 3/4	12	4 3/4	20	7 3/4 or 8
05	2	13	5 or 5 1/4	21	8 1/4
06	2 1/4 or 2 1/2	14	5 1/2	22	8 1/2 or 8 3/4
07	2 3/4	15	5 3/4 or 6	23	9 or 9 1/4

Rs RATE OF ICE ACCRETION ON SHIP

Code Figs.	Code Figs.
0 Ice not building up	3 Ice melting or breaking up slowly
1 Ice building up slowly	4 Ice melting or breaking up rapidly
2 Ice building up rapidly	

TRANSMISSION OF THE WEATHER REPORT TO A COASTAL RADIO STATION

After the observation has been entered on the logsheet, copy the code groups onto the message form, Form 63-9454, and hand it to the Radio Officer for transmission. Please do this as soon as possible after the observation has been completed.

Full details on transmission procedures, and a complete list of the coastal radio stations authorized to accept ships' weather reports will be found in the Canadian publication entitled THE TRANSMISSION OF SHIPS' WEATHER REPORTS TO COASTAL RADIO STATIONS.

CONVERSION TABLE - FAHRENHEIT TO CELSIUS

Fahrenheit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
90	32	33	33	34	34	35	36	36	37	37
80	27	27	28	28	29	29	30	31	31	32
70	21	22	22	23	23	24	24	25	26	26
60	16	16	17	17	18	18	19	19	20	21
50	10	11	11	12	12	13	13	14	14	15
40	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9
30	-1	-1	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
20	-7	-6	-6	-5	-4	-4	-3	-3	-2	-2
10	-12	-12	-11	-11	-10	-9	-9	-8	-8	-7
0	-18	-17	-17	-16	-16	-15	-14	-14	-13	-13
-0	-18	-18	-19	-19	-20	-21	-21	-22	-22	-23

EXAMPLES: 80°F = 27°C; 53°F = 12°C; 15°F = -9°C; 7°F = -14°C
 -3°F = -19°C.

CONVERSION TABLE - INCHES OF MERCURY TO MILLIBARS

Inches	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
28.8	965.1	965.4	965.8	966.1	966.4	966.8	967.1	967.4	967.8	968.1
28.6	968.5	968.8	969.1	969.5	969.8	970.2	970.5	970.8	971.2	971.5
28.7	971.8	972.2	972.5	972.9	973.2	973.5	973.9	974.2	974.6	974.9
28.8	975.2	975.6	975.9	976.3	976.6	976.9	977.3	977.6	977.9	978.3
28.9	978.6	979.0	979.3	979.6	980.0	980.3	980.7	981.0	981.3	981.7
29.0	982.0	982.3	982.7	983.0	983.4	983.7	984.0	984.4	984.7	985.1
28.1	985.4	985.7	986.1	986.4	986.7	987.1	987.4	987.8	988.1	988.4
28.2	988.8	989.1	989.5	989.8	990.1	990.5	990.8	991.2	991.5	991.8
28.3	992.2	992.5	992.8	993.2	993.5	993.9	994.2	994.5	994.9	995.2
28.4	995.6	995.9	996.2	996.6	996.9	997.2	997.6	997.9	998.3	998.6
28.5	998.9	999.3	999.6	1000.0	1000.3	1000.6	1001.0	1001.3	1001.6	1002.0
28.6	1002.3	1002.7	1003.0	1003.3	1003.7	1004.0	1004.4	1004.7	1005.0	1005.4
28.7	1005.7	1006.0	1006.4	1006.7	1007.1	1007.4	1007.7	1008.1	1008.4	1008.8
28.8	1009.1	1009.4	1009.8	1010.1	1010.5	1010.8	1011.1	1011.5	1011.8	1012.1
28.9	1012.5	1012.8	1013.2	1013.5	1013.8	1014.2	1014.5	1014.9	1015.2	1015.5
30.0	1015.9	1016.2	1016.5	1016.9	1017.2	1017.6	1017.9	1018.2	1018.6	1018.9
30.1	1019.3	1019.6	1019.9	1020.3	1020.6	1020.9	1021.3	1021.6	1022.0	1022.3
30.2	1022.6	1023.0	1023.3	1023.7	1024.0	1024.4	1024.7	1025.0	1025.4	1025.7
30.3	1026.0	1026.4	1026.7	1027.0	1027.4	1027.7	1028.1	1028.4	1028.7	1029.1
30.4	1029.4	1029.8	1030.1	1030.4	1030.8	1031.1	1031.4	1031.8	1032.1	1032.5
30.5	1032.8	1033.1	1033.5	1033.8	1034.2	1034.5	1034.8	1035.2	1035.5	1035.8
30.6	1036.2	1036.5	1036.9	1037.2	1037.5	1037.9	1038.2	1038.6	1038.9	1039.2
30.7	1039.6	1039.9	1040.3	1040.6	1040.9	1041.3	1041.6	1041.9	1042.3	1042.6
30.8	1043.0	1043.3	1043.6	1044.0	1044.3	1044.7	1045.0	1045.3	1045.7	1046.0

EXAMPLE: To convert 29.86 in. to millibars, locate 29.8 in the extreme left hand column. Then proceed across this row to the column headed .06, and read 1004.4. Therefore 29.86 in. = 1004.4 mb.

CONVERSION TABLE - MILLIMETERS OF MERCURY TO MILLIBARS

Milli-meters	.0	.5	Milli-meters	.0	.5	Milli-meters	.0	.5
725	966.6	967.3	745	993.3	993.9	765	1019.9	1020.6
726	967.9	968.6	746	994.6	995.3	766	1021.2	1021.9
727	969.3	969.9	747	995.9	996.6	767	1022.6	1023.2
728	970.6	971.3	748	997.3	997.9	768	1023.9	1024.6
729	971.9	972.6	749	998.6	999.3	769	1025.2	1025.9
730	973.3	973.9	750	999.9	1000.6	770	1026.6	1027.2
731	974.6	975.3	751	1001.3	1001.9	771	1027.9	1028.6
732	975.9	976.6	752	1002.6	1003.3	772	1029.2	1029.9
733	977.3	977.9	753	1003.9	1004.6	773	1030.6	1031.2
734	978.6	979.3	754	1005.3	1005.9	774	1031.9	1032.6
735	979.9	980.6	755	1006.6	1007.3	775	1033.2	1033.9
736	981.3	981.9	756	1007.9	1008.6	776	1034.6	1035.2
737	982.6	983.3	757	1009.3	1009.9	777	1035.9	1036.6
738	983.9	984.6	758	1010.6	1011.3	778	1037.2	1037.9
739	985.3	985.9	759	1011.9	1012.6	779	1038.6	1039.2
740	986.6	987.3	760	1013.3	1013.9	780	1039.9	1040.6
741	987.9	988.6	761	1014.6	1015.3	781	1041.2	1041.9
742	989.3	989.9	762	1015.9	1016.6	782	1042.6	1043.2
743	990.6	991.3	763	1017.2	1017.9	783	1043.9	1044.6
744	991.9	992.6	764	1018.6	1019.2	784	1045.2	1045.9

Read barometer to nearest half of a millimeter; e.g. 741.0, 768.5, etc.
 741.0 mm. = 987.9mb; 768.5 mm. = 1024.6 mb.



