



## Procedural Words (PROWORDS)



Use PROWORDS (verbal shorthand) and abbreviations to make messages clearer and shorter. Don't be shy about using PROWORDS; no one will think you are showing off if you use them correctly.

**Procedure for Digital Selective Calling (DSC):**

- Select working channel for reply (channels 68, 69, 71, 72, 78)
- Press "Call" button once
- Select type of call from pull-down menu (usually "Routine")
- Select MMSI or person you wish to call
- Press "Enter" button once

PROWORD	MEANING
THIS IS	Preface to your call sign
AFFIRMATIVE	Yes
NEGATIVE	No
CORRECT	You are correct
ETA	Estimated time of arrival
ETD	Estimated time of departure
ETR	Estimated time of return
FIGURES	Indicated numbers will follow
I SPELL	I will spell the next word phonetically
OUT	End of transmission (A response is unnecessary.)
OVER	End of transmission, and a response is expected
ROGER	I received your transmission
WILCO	I received your transmission and I will comply (NOTE: ROGER is implied; do not use both words together)
SAY AGAIN	Repeat
WAIT	Stand by for additional transmission
WAIT OUT	I will call you back

## **Example**

The example below illustrates the use of common PROWORDS as part of:

- 1) a call from the vessel PAULA ONE,
- 2) a reply from to the vessel TUNA TIME with a request to change from channel 16 to 68, and
- 3) a response from the vessel PAULA ONE indicating:
  - The vessel received the transmission from TUNA TIME (**ROGER**)
  - The vessel will comply with the request to shift to channel 68, (**WILCO**)
  - The vessel expects no further reply from TUNA TIME, (**OUT**)

**“TUNA TIME, TUNA TIME, THIS IS PAULA ONE, CHANNEL ONE SIX. OVER”**

**“PAULA ONE THIS IS TUNA TIME, SWITCH TO CHANNEL SIX EIGHT OVER”**

**“TUNA TIME THIS IS PAULA ONE, WILCO, OUT”**

*If PAULA ONE did not receive TUNA TIME’s last transmission:*

**“TUNA TIME, THIS IS PAULA ONE, SAY AGAIN. OVER”**

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