HSAC Recommended Practice (RP) # 2004-4 Common Frequency 123.025

Background

The frequency at which multiple helicopters are operating from the same platform offshore has steadily been on the increase over the last few years. To better coordinate multiple helicopter operations from a single helicopter platform safely, positive two-way communication should be established.

Recommended Practices

- 1. Common Frequency will be the air-to-air frequency (123.025) as listed on the HSAC Pilot Information and Frequencies card.
- 2. As soon as the rotors of the helicopter sitting on the helidecks are turning, both helicopters will come up frequency 123.025 to coordinate the use to the helideck.
- 3. Helicopter circling the platform should wait for the helicopter on the helideck to make contact. This will insure that he/she has had sufficient time to start and get the master avionics on.
- 4. Once coordination has been made then helicopters should return to their respective company frequencies.

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