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A New Ham I Am * Made Simple for Cruisers
Updates, Modifications and Corrections

1. Note all frequencies listed in the book were correct at the time the book was printed. For the latest information, always check this site on the communications page for the latest revisions. <http://www.made-simplefor-cruisers.com/communications>
2. Book updates noted by Bob Davis, Net Manager Sonrisa Net – 11/21/2014
 - a. Amigo: frequency 6227.0 primary with 6224.0 as the alternate frequency.
 - i. Starts for standard daylight time 1400Z with weather at 1415Z.
 - ii. During daylight savings time starts at 1410Z with weather at 1415Z.
 - iii. Amigo no longer changes to 4149.0 at 1430Z.
 - b. Sonrisa: is correct, but frequently changes to 3965.0, or 3962.0, or 3972.0 as a result of noise as selected by the daily controller.
 - c. Southbound: Southbound has kind of died a natural death as most people have gotten weary of this net nominally occurring at cocktail/dinner time-and particularly since during the summer there has been of late so few boats that the same controllers are tapped to do Amigo,
 - i. The present frequency is 6516.0
 - ii. The present time is 0055Z.
 - d. In some places in “A New Ham I Am * Made Simple for Cruisers” the old Amigo net frequency 8122.0 is referenced.
 - e. Recommendation: Table on page 28, with specific regard to "Z" (or "UTC") time, and local time offsets. A brief but discrete discussion of Zulu / UTC and local time, including standard and daylight savings time as it applies would be helpful. Some cruisers have issues with the three time references.
3. Help on Time References to be added in the next revision
 - a. Z or Zulu time is another way of saying UTS time which is also called Greenwich Mean Time or GMT, Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) and Coordinated Universal time (CUT).
 - b. Because of the reference clocks are different there can be very, very minor difference, less than a second, in UTS, GMT, UTC, CUT and Z times. Nothing the average person could observe.
 - c. These time are constant year round, no daylight savings time changes.
 - d. These times are based on the time in Greenwich, England.



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- e. As you move east from Z time the local time is minus one for each time zone.
 - i. During the winter months, Eastern Standard Time (EST) will be – 5 hours from Z.
 - ii. If Z is 0500Z, it would be midnight in New York.
 - iii. During Daylight Savings time 0500Z would be 0100 EDT in NY (– 4).
 - iv. The West Coast varies from –8 for PST to – 7 for PDT
 - f. Standard Time and Daylight savings time (DST) varies with the area. Arizona does not change to DST and Baja California changes to DST with the United States where as the rest of Mexico changes to DST based on the Mexican calendar.
4. The Made Simple for Cruisers Net Schedule, noted above, uses the second column to identify the offset for your local time. While the offset is negative, entering a 7:00 will result in a – 7 hour correction to the net scheduled Zulu times.
 5. Again, always refer to the latest net schedule for times and frequencies and if there are changes, please note changes to p-t_on_sunyside@live.com so the schedule is up to date.
 6. A good trick for Cruisers is to have two clocks in your Navigation center. One for local time and one for Zulu time. Also if you have a VHF or HF radio that displays time, leave it in Zulu time and it can serve as your second clock.