

Lookout Reporting Procedures

Lookout Training Handbook provides a basic reference for naval lookouts. *Lookout Training Handbook* is available ONLY in electronic Portable Document Format from the following web site: <http://www.advancement.cnet.navy.mil>

To prevent confusion, the Navy has established a definite procedure for reporting bearings, ranges, and so forth. The accompanying list shows how numerals are to be spoken.

Numeral	Pronounced
0	ZE-RO
1	WUN
2	TOO
3	TREE
4	FOUR
5	FIFE
6	SIX
7	SEV-EN
8	AIT
9	NIN-ER

Lookouts report objects in degrees of relative bearing.

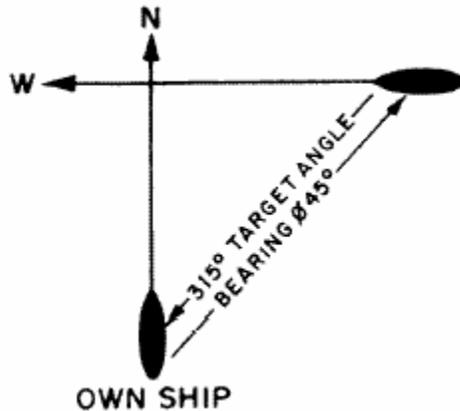
Include in the initial report:

1. **WHAT YOU SEE:** Describe the contact quickly and briefly. Name the type or class of ship or aircraft if you recognize it; otherwise, simply report “ship,” “plane,” and so forth.
2. **BEARING:** Always report contacts in relative bearings. These are given as three digits, spoken digit by digit. Bearing is measured in degrees clockwise around a circle, from 000° to 360°. Relative bearings have the ship's bow as a reference point;
3. **RANGE:** Ranges are reported in yards/miles and spoken digit by digit, except that multiples of hundreds and thousands are spoken as such.

“TOO HUNDRED YARDS”

4. TARGET ANGLE: Report target angle on all ships. It will be given in three digits, spoken digit by digit. Target angle is the relative bearing of your ship from another ship.

Lookout detects a ship on the starboard bow heading at right angles across your course.



You report:

SHIP STARBOARD 045° —TARGET ANGLE 315.

5. MOVEMENT: Report whether the contact is moving from right to left, left to right, opening, closing, paralleling, high speed, slow speed, dead in the water, and so forth.

SAILBOAT STARBOARD TACK
BEARING ZE-RO FOUR FIVE
FIVE HUNDRED YARDS
TARGET ANGLE TREE WUN FIFE
STEADY BEARING.