

Best Practices:

- After switching to Shanwick or Gander to request your Atlantic clearance, type your callsign into the text box on your VATSIM client and press return. Monitor the frequency, do not call ATC. The controller will contact you when they are ready to deal with you. Entering your callsign into the text box places you in the queue.
- When switching to a new air traffic controller, double-click their name in your VATSIM client and read the information that appears on your screen. Some – but not all – controllers put special instructions there to help you. Read, and follow, any special instructions they provide.
- End any verbal message with your callsign. If you are using text, your VATSIM client shows your callsign so you don't need to add it.

Suggested Dialogue Between Pilot and Air Traffic Control

REQUESTING OCEANIC CLEARANCE	
Pilot Call	ATC Response
Shanwick Oceanic, United 123 requesting clearance to Kennedy International.	United 123, pass your message.
Request Kennedy International via NAT Echo, MALOT, 54North 20West, 55North 30West, 55North 40West, 54North 50West, NEEKO, direct CEFOU, at flight level 370, Mach decimal 82. Estimate MALOT time 1715 Zulu, TMI 104, SELCAL GK-CD, United 123.	United 123, cleared track Echo to Kennedy at flight level 370, Mach decimal 82. Cross MALOT not before 1705 Zulu. Clearance expires MALOT 1725 Zulu.
Cleared to Kennedy via track Echo to Kennedy at flight level 370, Mach decimal 82. Cross MALOT not before 1705 Zulu. Clearance expires MALOT 1725 Zulu, United 123.	United 123, standby for SELCAL check GK-CD.
[After hearing a SELCAL tone...] SELCAL received, United 123.	United 123, continue with domestic.
Going to domestic, United 123. [Then, reset your radio to the previous frequency.]	

GIVING A POSITION REPORT	
Shanwick, United 123, with a position report.*	United 123, pass your message.
Passed MALOT at 1715 Zulu, flight level 370, Mach decimal 82, inbound 54North 20West, estimated arrival 1800 Zulu, next 55North 30West, United 123.**	United 123, confirming passed MALOT at 1715 Zulu, flight level 370, Mach decimal 82, inbound 54North 20West, estimated arrival 1800 Zulu, next 55North 30West.
Correct, United 123.	

* Even if you are on voice, some Atlantic controllers prefer you to send this first message by text, placing yourself in a queue. They will contact you for your report.

** Remember the controller is copying your message; speak clearly, at sufficient volume, at a moderate speed.

Sample Completed Trans-Atlantic Data Sheet



Trans-Atlantic Radio Operations Data Sheet

Callsign	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Squawk 2000 30 minutes before first NAT waypoint
<i>UAL9821</i>	<i>LOWW</i>	<i>KIAD</i>	

Oceanic Clearance

(Read numbers 1-8 to request Oceanic Clearance)

1. NAT	2. Waypoints						
<i>E</i>	<i>MALOT</i>	<i>54N20W</i>	<i>55N30W</i>	<i>55N40W</i>	<i>54N50W</i>	<i>NEEKO</i>	
3. Flight Level	4. Mach Number	5. NAT Entry Point	6. ETA, NAT Entry Point (Zulu Time)		7. TMI	8. SELCAL	
<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>	<i>MALOT</i>	<i>1715Z</i>		<i>104</i>	<i>GK-CD</i>	
			Not Before (from controller)				
			<i>1705Z</i>				
			Not After (from controller)				
			<i>1725Z</i>				

Position Reporting

Passed (Waypoint)	At (Zulu Time)	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound (Next waypoint)	ETA (at next waypoint, Zulu time)	Next (Following waypoint)
<i>MALOT</i>	<i>1715Z</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>	<i>54N20W</i>	<i>1800Z</i>	<i>55N30W</i>
Passed	At	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound	ETA	Next
<i>54N20W</i>	<i>1805Z</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>	<i>55N30W</i>	<i>1855Z</i>	<i>55N40W</i>
Passed	At	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound	ETA	Next
<i>55N30W</i>	<i>1850Z</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>	<i>55N40W</i>	<i>1950Z</i>	<i>54N50W</i>
Passed	At	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound	ETA	Next
<i>55N40W</i>	<i>1945Z</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>	<i>54N50W</i>	<i>2025Z</i>	<i>NEEKO</i>
Passed	At	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound	ETA	Next
<i>54N50W</i>	<i>2030Z</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>	<i>NEEKO</i>	<i>2125Z</i>	
Passed	At	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound	ETA	Next
<i>NEEKO</i>	<i>2120Z</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>.82</i>			
Passed	At	Flight Level	Mach	Inbound	ETA	Next