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## USER MANUAL – APEX RAFOS-SBE PROFILER

APEX-SBE INSTRUMENTS  
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## **I. ALKALINE BATTERY WARNING**

The profiler contains alkaline "D" cells.

There is a small but finite possibility that batteries of alkaline cells will release a combustible gas mixture. This gas release generally is not evident when batteries are exposed to the atmosphere, as the gases are dispersed and diluted to a safe level. When the batteries are confined in a sealed instrument mechanism, the gases can accumulate and an explosion is possible.

Webb Research Corp. has added a catalyst inside of these instruments to recombine Hydrogen and Oxygen into H<sub>2</sub>O, and the instrument has been designed to relieve excessive internal pressure buildup by having the upper endcap release.

Webb Research Corp. knows of no way to completely eliminate this hazard. The user is warned, and must accept and deal with this risk in order to use this instrument safely as so provided.

Personnel with knowledge and training to deal with this risk should seal or operate the instrument. Webb Research Corp. disclaims liability for any consequences of combustion or explosion.

## **II. System Description –**

### **A. Subsurface Acoustic Tracking**

For this application, a RAFOS acoustic receiver was integrated to the APEX CTD profiler, to enable subsurface acoustic tracking. The acoustic receiver is made by SeaScan, and was integrated to the APEX controller by Bathy Systems. A Benthos AQ-16 hydrophone, mounted to the upper end cap, is connected to the receiver.

The standard APEX profiler carries a SeaBird model 41 CTD sensor, which samples salinity, temperature, and pressure during up cast. Samples are taken at predetermined pressure values (ie the depth table, see section V, part B).

3 acoustic reception windows, each 140 minutes long, are opened each day. The acoustic receiver is active only during this window, which must be synchronized with the acoustic source transmissions. For each acoustic reception window, four correlation heights (one byte) and 4 subsequent travel times (2 bytes) are recorded.

Note the acoustic window times are programmed in firmware and cannot be changed via an external terminal.

Correlation height range is 0 – 255 decimal. .

Travel time: elapsed time between start of 140 minute window and end of 80 second acoustic signal.

For example, if start of 80 second acoustic signal coincides with start of 180 minute window, value returned is 80 seconds. Each count = 0.3075 seconds

**B. Ice detection feature**

1) The median of 7 near-surface temperature points (50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20 db) is calculated. If the median is less than -1.79 C, there is a high probability of ice, so ascent is aborted, and the profile data are discarded. The next profile will occur on the same schedule, and the profile number (byte 06 of message one) will increment for each ascent, regardless of whether or not the abort occurs. If a profile has been aborted due to ice detection byte 18 of message one will increment by one for each occurrence.

2) If ASCEND TIME (P9) expires before pressure has reached the surface pressure, and current  $T < -1.79$  C (one sample) then abort. If  $T \geq -1.79$  C, the float will go to maximum buoyancy condition and attempt to surface.

Ascend time is typically set to 150-200% of expected time required for ascent at 0.08 m/s. A standard float goes to maximum buoyancy when ascend time expires. This feature is intended to ensure that the float reaches the surface in locations with unusual near-surface stratification.

### III. Testing

See separate Final Test Manual. Shown Below are tests unique to this Apex/Rafos system.

#### A. ***TIMING and CLOCK SETTING/CHECKING***

All time values are entered in GMT.

Note the APEX clock is momentarily interrupted (stopped) when the RESET magnet is used to activate the float.

Note: Apex Rafos clock time is transmitted in message 1 in bytes 18 & 19. Clock error can be determined by comparing to Argos time stamp.

To Check Apex Clock time, while connected to a terminal enter upper case T

To Set Apex Clock time enter lower case t followed by hh mm ss (spaces necessary), time is set on carriage return.

Screen shot of Time check and set:

```
T 16:17:22
+
t Set clock as hh mm ss. Esc to exit.
16 17 44
16 17 44
+
```

#### B. ***Acoustic Receiver Test***

When deployed the acoustic receiver has three 140 minute listen period per day begun at 01:00 09:00 and 17:00 which is followed by a CTD and Aanderaa sample. With a terminal connected to the float the listen period can be tested.

The Rafos Acoustic Receiver can be tested by Issuing command Ir (case sensitive). A 10 minute “listen” period will be opened. 11 (or more) minutes after Ir command is issued the command Ic should be issued and the results will be displayed on the screen. The Apex will then list in hex the six best correlation heights and corresponding times. Each count equals .3075 seconds.

Screen shot

```
I c D5 13A8 22 004E 1F 0034 1B 007A 1A 036C 19 006B
```

In example above the first correlation height of D5 is a decimal value of 213 and 13A8 (hex) is a time of 1547.3 seconds.

#### IV. Optional Aanderaa Oxygen Sensor

In addition to SeaBird model 41 CTD sensor, these APEX carry the (optional) Aanderaa Oxygen Optode 3830. All sensors are mounted to the upper end-cap. The oxygen sensor communicates with the APEX controller via RS-232C interface, and provides absolute oxygen content in micro molar ( $\mu\text{M}$ ), as well as temperature. Relative air saturation (%) is not returned.

Note: both the CTD and optode provide temperature data.

Terminology: in this manual, temperature from the SeaBird (SBE) CTD is designated SBE temperature, while temperature from the optode is  $T_{\text{optode}}$ . Oxygen content is designated  $\text{O}_2\text{conc}$ .

$\text{O}_2\text{conc}$  and  $T_{\text{optode}}$  are sampled:

- After each 140 minute listen period begun at 17:00 each day at depth.
- during upcast profile whenever CTD is sampled per depth table

NOTE re handling: do not lift or pull on the oxygen optode.

## V. Reset and Self Test

Profilers are shipped to the deployment site in Hibernate mode. Shortly before deployment, reset the profiler by passing a magnet over the marked location on the pressure case. The profiler will run a self-test, transmit for \*5 to 6 hours with the bladder extended, and then begin its pre-programmed mission.

**Note Rafos Apex Floats will descend at the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> hour after reset. If float is reset at 00 30 00 float will descend at 05 00 00**

The six ARGOS transmissions during self-test and the transmissions during the initial 6 hour period contain data about the instrument and are outlined in (V) ARGOS DATA, part (C) TEST MESSAGE FORMAT.

### Procedure:

1. Secure float in horizontal position, using foam cradles from crate.



**IMPORTANT:** Remove plastic bag and three plugs from CTD sensor, if they have not already been removed.



2. Minimum temperature  $-2$  deg C. If necessary, let float warm indoors before proceeding.
3. Carefully pry black rubber plug out of bottom center of yellow plastic cowling to verify bladder inflation (per below). **Be sure to replace plug before deployment.**

Note: it can be very difficult to replace plug when air bladder is fully inflated. Replace plug during beginning of air bladder inflation. Purpose of plug is to prevent silt entry if float contacts sea floor.

4. Hold provided magnet at RESET position marked on for several seconds, then remove magnet.

Note: Magnetic switch must be activated (held) for at least one second to reset the instrument. (This is to provide a safety against accidental reset during transport.) **Thus, if the float does not respond as below, the instrument was probably not reset.**

5. The air pump will operate for 1 second.
6. The PTT will transmit 6 times at 6 second intervals. Place ARGOS receiver/beeper close to antenna to detect transmissions.
7. The piston pump will begin to operate. The piston will move to the retracted Storage Position, if not already there, pause 2 seconds and then move to full extension.
8. The oil bladder will expand, this should take 15 - 25 minutes.
9. After the piston pump stops, PTT will transmit at specified ARGOS rate.
10. At every PTT transmission, the air pump will turn on for 6 seconds until the air portion of the bladder has been inflated. The pump should turn on 8 – 10 times.
11. 6 hours after reset, transmissions will cease, the bladder will deflate, and the piston pump will retract, the profiler begins its programmed mission.
12. Reminder - replace black rubber plug in cowling hole before deployment.

During self-test, the controller checks the internal vacuum sensor. If the internal pressure has increased above a preset limit (i.e. hull leakage caused loss of vacuum), the instrument will not pump. **If you do not detect the 6 test transmissions, and if the bladder does not inflate, then the self-test has failed and the instrument should not be deployed!**

## VI. Deployment

- RESET instrument.
- SELF-TEST starts automatically (see above).
- When piston pump stops, air pump inflates, external bladder is full, PTT will transmit for 6 hours at ARGOS Repetition rate intervals. Normally 90 seconds.
- Six hours after reset, the piston pump will retract and bladder will deflate. Deploy before this time is up or reset the instrument again to re-initialize the 6 hour period. The purpose is to have the instrument on the surface and receive test transmissions.
- Pass a rope through the hole in the damper plate.
- Holding both ends of the rope, carefully lower the float into the water.
- Take care not to damage the antenna.
- Do **not** leave the rope with the instrument, release one end and retrieve the rope.
- The float will remain on the surface until the 6 hour interval has expired

## **VII. ARGOS DATA**

### **A. SERVICE ARGOS PARAMETERS**

The user must specify various options to Service ARGOS. These choices depend on how the user wishes to receive and process data. Typical parameters are listed below:

- Standard location.
- Processing: Type A2 (pure binary input; hexadecimal output)
- Results Format: DS (all results from each satellite pass), Uncompressed.
- Distribution Strategy: Scheduled, all results, every 24 hours.
- Number of bytes transmitted: 32 per message

Note: Webb Research strongly recommends all users to use ARGOS “Multi Satellite Service”, which provides receptions from 3 satellites instead of 2 for a small incremental cost.

## **B. DATA FORMAT # 27**

Data is sent via ARGOS in 32 byte hex messages. The number of 32 byte messages sent depends on the programmed quantity of temperature measurements per profile.

Format for message number 1 only:

Byte #

- 01 **CRC**, described in section C.
- 02 **Message number**, Assigned sequentially to each 32 byte message (Total number of messages per profile is shown below). Messages are transmitted in sequential order starting with 1 and incrementing by one for the data set.
- 03 **Message block number**, begins as 1 and increments by one for every ARGOS message data set. This, combined with the ARGOS repetition rate (section VI), allows the user to track surface drift. Byte 03 will roll-over at 256 and will reset to 1 on each new profile.
- 04 & 05 **Serial number**, identifies the controller board number. (This may not be the same as instrument number.)
- 06 **Profile number**, begins with 1 and increases by one for every float ascent.
- 07 **Profile length**, is the number of six byte STD measurements in the profile. Total number of bytes of STD data from each profile depends on the sampling strategy chosen.
- 08 **Profile termination flag byte 2** –see appendix A
- 09 **Piston position**, recorded as the instrument reaches the surface.
- 10 **Format Number** (identifier for message one type)
- 11 **Depth Table Number** (identifier for profile sampling depths)
- 12 & 13 **Pump motor time**, in two second intervals. (multiply by 2 for seconds)
- 14 **Battery voltage**, at initial pump extension completion
- 15 **Battery current**, at initial pump extension completion one count = 13 mA
- 16 **profile piston position**
- 17 **Air bladder pressure** in counts
- 18 & 19 **Time** one count = +2 seconds from 00:00:00
- 20 **Ice detect count**, increments by one every time float aborts profile due to ice detection

**Rafos Data begins: APF-8R RAFOS listen schedule and data storage format**

**Listening schedule: Three 140 minute listen periods daily at 0100, 09:00 and 17:00**

**For every listen period the following data are recorded and transmitted**

**Listen time 1:00**

- 1 byte largest correlation height**
- 2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds
- 1 byte 2<sup>nd</sup> largest correlation height**
- 2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds
- 1 byte 3<sup>rd</sup> largest correlation height**
- 2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds
- 1 byte 4<sup>th</sup> largest correlation height**
- 2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds

**Listen time 09:00**

**1 byte largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds  
**1 byte 2<sup>nd</sup> largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds  
**1 byte 3<sup>rd</sup> largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds  
**1 byte 4th largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds

**Listen time 17:00**

**1 byte largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds  
**1 byte 2<sup>nd</sup> largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds  
**1 byte 3<sup>rd</sup> largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds  
**1 byte 4th largest correlation height**  
**2 bytes travel time** one count = .3075 seconds

**After end of 17:00 140 minute listen period each day.**

**10 bytes (2 bytes each) Temperature, Salinity, Pressure O<sub>2</sub>conc and T<sub>optode</sub> recorded**

**The above data will be sampled each day at depth**

**After first 10 byte 17:00 sample after descent a Flag of two bytes EE- transmitted as EEEE**

**RAFOS data end:**

- two bytes "**DD**" Marker for end of Rafos data **Transmitted as DDDD**
- two bytes **Park temperature**, sampled just before instrument ascends.
- two bytes **Park salinity**, sampled just before instrument ascends.
- two bytes **Park pressure**, sampled just before instrument ascends.
- two bytes **Aanderaa O<sub>2</sub>conc**
- two bytes **Aanderaa T<sub>optode</sub>**
- one byte **Park battery voltage**, no load
- one byte **Park current**, no load
- two bytes **Surface Pressure** as recorded just before last descent with an offset of +5 dbar
- one byte **Internal vacuum** measure in counts- approximately 101 counts
- one byte **park piston position**
- one byte **SBE pump voltage**
- one byte **SBE pump current**
- 
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**Depth Table Sampling begins**

- two bytes **Bottom temperature**
- two bytes **Bottom salinity**
- two bytes **Bottom pressure**
- two bytes **O<sub>2</sub>conc**
- two bytes T<sub>optode</sub>

**T,S P Aanderaa O<sub>2</sub>conc, Aanderaa T<sub>optode</sub> Sampling Continues Per Depth Table**

**FFFF**: Invalid data points to fill last 32-byte ARGOS message (end of Depth Table Sampling)

**Format for message number 2 and higher:**

Byte #

- 01 **CRC**, described in section C.
- 02 **Message number**
- 03-32 per above sequence
- 

Note: Should the first byte of a two-byte value fall in byte 32, the remaining byte will be byte # 3 in the next message.

Profile length, and number of ARGOS messages, may change if bottom pressure varies. APEX records a profile during ascent (ie up cast). Bottom pressure may change due to several causes, such variation of insitu density, internal waves, float grounding in shallows, change of float mass, etc. APEX automatic depth adjustment will compensate in most, but not all, cases.

Indicators of float grounding:

- Bottom pressure is reduced
- Profile length (byte 07 of message 01) is reduced. This may result in fewer ARGOS messages.
- Bottom piston position decreases to 12 (typical value is 20-30)

The number of sample points taken is proportional to depth, as per sample depth table below. The first (i.e. deepest) sample is taken at the first point in the depth table above bottom pressure.

### Depth Table No 38

Sample	Pressure	Sample	Pressure	Sample	Pressure
point	dbar	point	dbar	point	dbar
	Bottom				
1	2000	27	340	53	90
2	1900	28	330	54	85
3	1800	29	320	55	80
4	1700	30	310	56	75
5	1600	31	300	57	70
6	1500	32	290	58	65
7	1400	33	280	59	60
8	1300	34	270	60	55
9	1200	35	260	61	50
10	1100	36	250	62	45
11	1000	37	240	63	40
12	900	38	230	64	35
13	800	39	220	65	30
14	700	40	210	66	25
15	650	41	200	67	20
16	600	42	190	68	15
17	550	43	180	69	10
18	500	44	170	70	7
19	480	45	160	71	*4 or surf
20	460	46	150		
21	440	47	140		
22	420	48	130		
23	400	49	120		
24	380	50	110		
25	360	51	100		
26	350	52	95		

\* The SeaBird CTD is not sampled at zero pressure, to avoid pumping the cell dry and/or ingesting surface oil slicks. The shallowest profile point is taken at either 4 dbar or at the last recorded surface pressure plus 5 dbar, whichever value is larger.

### C. TEST MESSAGE FORMAT

The test message is sent whenever an **I2** command is given, the six transmissions during the startup cycle, and during the six hour surface mode period prior to the first dive. Each test message has 32 bytes, in hex unless otherwise noted, with the following format:

Byte #

- 01 **CRC**, described in section C.
- 02 **Message block number**, begins as 1 and increments by one for every ARGOS message.
- 03 & 04 **Serial number**, identifies the controller board number. (This may not be the same as instrument number.)
- 05 & 06 **Time** one count = +2 seconds from 00:00:00
- 07 **Flag (2) byte**
- 08 & 09 **Current pressure**
- 10 **Battery voltage**
- 11 **Current Bladder pressure**, in counts
- 12 **Flag (1) Byte**
- 13 **Up time**, in intervals
- 14 & 15 **Down time**, in intervals
- 16 **Rafos Receiver Serial #** (last two digits)
- 17 & 18 **Park pressure**, in dbar
- 19 **Park piston position**, in counts
- 20 **Depth correction factor**, in counts
- 21 **Ballast / storage piston position**, in counts
- 22 **Fully extended piston position**, in counts
- 23 **OK vacuum count at launch**, in counts
- 24 **Ascend time**, in intervals
- 25 **Target bladder pressure**, in counts
- 26 & 27 **Profile pressure**, in dbar (*Park and profile floats only*)
- 28 **Profile piston position**, in counts (*Park and profile floats only*)
- 29 **Deep profile cycle counts** (*Park and profile floats only*)
- 30 **Month**, software version number (in decimal).
- 31 **Day**, software version number (in decimal).
- 32 **Year**, software version number (in decimal).

Flag (2) byte:

- 1 Deep profile
- 2 Pressure reached zero
- 3 25 minute Next Pressure timeout
- 4 piston fully extended before surface
- 5 Ascend time out
- 6 Test message at turn on
- 7 Six hour surface message
- 8 Seabird or Aanderaa string length error

Flag (1) byte:

- 1 Trip interval time
- 2 Profile in progress
- 3 Timer done
- 4 UP/ DOWN
- 5 Arithmetic round up
- 6 Measure battery
- 7 Piston motor running
- 8 Negative SBE number

#### D. Telemetry error-checking (CRC)

Because ARGOS data contains transmission errors, the first byte of each message contains an error checking value. This value is a Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC), and is calculated as a function of the message content (bytes 2 to 32).

- For each message, calculate a CRC value
- Compare the calculated CRC to the transmitted CRC (byte no. 1)
- If the calculated and transmitted CRC values are not equal, the message has been corrupted and should be deleted before further data processing.

Appendix (B) lists a sample program (in BASIC) to calculate the CRC value for a message. This program can be provided upon request in Basic, Fortran or C

#### E. Conversion from hexadecimal to useful units

The pressure is measured every 6 seconds. Temperature, salinity and pressure are measured and stored at each point in the depth table. Two hex bytes are stored for each sensor. The decimal numbers from the STD sensors are converted to hex for compression in the ARGOS transmission as follows:

Temperature: 5 digits, 1 milli-degree resolution.

Salinity: 5 digits, .001 resolution

Pressure: 5 digits, 10 cm resolution.

To convert the hex ARGOS message back to decimal numbers:

	hex	→	dec	=	converted	units
Temperature:	3EA6	→	16038	=	16.038	C
Temperature*:	F58B	→	02677	=	-2.677	C
Salinity**:	8FDD	→	36829	=	36.829	
Pressure:	1D4C	→	7500	=	750.0	decibars
Current:	0A	→	10	=	130	mA
Volts:	99	→	153	=	15.7	volts
Correlation time:	03DE	→	990	=	304.425	Seconds
O <sub>2</sub> conc	612f	→	24879	=	248.79	absolute O <sub>2</sub> conc (μM)
T <sub>optode</sub>	929	→	2345	=	23.45	C

Voltage (V) = counts/10 + .4 (counts is in decimal number) nominally 15 V and decreasing.

Current (mA) = counts \*13 (counts is in decimal number)

Vacuum (inHg) = counts \*-0.209 + 26.23 (counts is in decimal number) nominally 5 inHg.

\*Note regarding negative temperatures ( T °C < 0 )

Positive temperature range is 0 to 62.535C (0 to F447 hex)

Negative temperature range is -0.001 to -3.000C (FFFF to F448 hex).

If (hex value) ≥ F448, then compute FFFF - (hex value) = Y

Convert Y to decimal = dec\_Y

(dec\_Y + 1) / 1000\*-1 = degrees C

\*\*The 5 most significant salinity digits are telemetered. The 6 digit salinity number is rounded up and converted to hex. 36.8286 rounds to 36.829 and converts to 8FDD.

## VIII. MISSIONS

This section lists the parameters for each float covered by this manual.

The parameter listing appears when the float is RESET while connected to a terminal.

### INSTRUMENT #1674

APEX version 08 22 04 sn 2030 027 038

D1E24 ARGOS ID number.

020 seconds repetition rate.

156 hours DOWN.

012 hours UP.

0800 d-bar park pressure. P1

090 park piston position. P2

012 ascent rate correction. P3

100 storage piston position. P4

249 piston full extension. P5

2000 d-bar profile pressure. P6

025 profile piston position. P7

115 OK vacuum count. P8

009 hours ascend time. P9

145 air bladder pressure. PB

001 deep profile count. PD

025 Initial piston extension.

19:54:52

### INSTRUMENT #1675

APEX version 08 22 04 sn 2031 027 038

D2228 ARGOS ID number.

020 seconds repetition rate.

156 hours DOWN.

012 hours UP.

0800 d-bar park pressure. P1

090 park piston position. P2

012 ascent rate correction. P3

100 storage piston position. P4

246 piston full extension. P5

2000 d-bar profile pressure. P6

025 profile piston position. P7

115 OK vacuum count. P8

009 hours ascend time. P9

145 air bladder pressure. PB

001 deep profile count. PD

025 Initial piston extension.

19:46:56

## **INSTRUMENT #1676**

APEX version 08 22 04 sn 2032 027 038

D2337 ARGOS ID number.

020 seconds repetition rate.

156 hours DOWN.

012 hours UP.

0800 d-bar park pressure. P1

090 park piston position. P2

012 ascent rate correction. P3

100 storage piston position. P4

248 piston full extension. P5

2000 d-bar profile pressure. P6

025 profile piston position. P7

115 OK vacuum count. P8

009 hours ascend time. P9

145 air bladder pressure. PB

001 deep profile count. PD

025 Initial piston extension.

19:45:00

## **INSTRUMENT #1677**

APEX version 08 22 04 sn 2040 027 038

D23C2 ARGOS ID number.

020 seconds repetition rate.

156 hours DOWN.

012 hours UP.

0800 d-bar park pressure. P1

090 park piston position. P2

012 ascent rate correction. P3

100 storage piston position. P4

247 piston full extension. P5

2000 d-bar profile pressure. P6

025 profile piston position. P7

115 OK vacuum count. P8

009 hours ascend time. P9

145 air bladder pressure. PB

001 deep profile count. PD

025 Initial piston extension.

19:51:58

## Appendix A: Flag Byte Description

Two memory bytes are used, one bit at a time, to store 16 different bits of program flow information. Both of these bytes are telemetered in the test messages sent at startup and for the initial 6 hour surface period. Only flag byte 2 is sent in the data messages, as part of message number 1. Bit one is set for each deep profile and bit 8 is set each time the last SBE sensor value used an arithmetic round up.

Below is a list of what each bit in each byte signifies.

- bit
- Flag (2) byte:
- 1 Deep profile
  - 2 Pressure reached zero
  - 3 25 minute NextP timeout
  - 4 Piston fully extended
  - 5 Ascend timed out
  - 6 Test message at turn on
  - 7 Six hour surface message
  - 8 Seabird string length error
- bit
- Flag (1) byte:
- 1 Trip interval time
  - 2 Profile in progress
  - 3 Timer done (2 min bladder deflate time.)
  - 4 UP/DOWN
  - 5 Arithmetic round up
  - 6 Measure battery while pumping
  - 7 Piston motor running
  - 8 Negative SBE number

The flag bytes are transmitted as two hex characters with four bits of information encoded in each character. Each hex character can have one of 16 different values as shown in the following table.

1	0	0000	10	9	1001
2	1	0001	11	A	1010
3	2	0010	12	B	1011
4	3	0011	13	C	1100
5	4	0100	14	D	1101
6	5	0101	15	E	1110
7	6	0110	16	F	1111
8	7	0111			
9	8	1000			

Bit 8 is the most significant bit and bit 1 is the least significant bit in the byte.

As an example: if a deep profile ended with the piston fully extended and ascend had timed out, then bits 1, 4 and 5 would be set in the termination byte. This binary pattern, 0001 1001, would be transmitted as the two hex characters, 19.

As another example: if a regular profile ended with the piston fully extended and the 25 minute next pressure had timed out, then bits 3 and 4 would be set in the termination byte. This binary pattern, 0000 1100, would be transmitted as the two hex characters, 0C.

## Appendix B: CRC Algorithm in BASIC

Below is a sample program (in BASIC) to calculate the CRC value for a message. This program can be provided upon request in Basic, Fortran or C.

```
DECLARE FUNCTION CRC% (IN() AS INTEGER, N AS INTEGER)
'CRC routine to check data validity in ARGOS message.
'Bathy Systems, Inc. RAFOS Float data transmission.
'3 December, 1990.
'The 1st of 32 bytes in an ARGOS message is the CRC.
'The function CRC will compute CRC for byte 2 through 32.
'Hasard is used for Random because Random is reserved by BASIC.
'Stored as file CRC in C:\RAFOS\RAF11.
DECLARE SUB Hasard (ByteN AS INTEGER)
DEFINT A-Z
DIM in(32) AS INTEGER
'RAF11F message number 08 HEX ID 11502 01-02-93 CRC is O.K.
A$ = "8F00081C8E47239148A4D2E9743A1D0E070381C06030984C2693492492C964B2"

    N = 32
    FOR I = 1 TO N
        in(I) = VAL("&H" + MID$(A$, 2 + I - 1, 2))
    NEXT I
    PRINT in(1); CRC(in(), N);

FUNCTION CRC% (IN() AS INTEGER, N AS INTEGER) STATIC
DIM ByteN AS INTEGER
    I = 2
    ByteN = in(2)
        DO
            CALL Hasard(ByteN)
            I = I + 1
            ByteN = ByteN XOR in(I)
        LOOP UNTIL I = N
    CALL Hasard (ByteN)
    CRC = ByteN
END FUNCTION

DEFINT A-Z
SUB Hasard (ByteN AS INTEGER) STATIC
x% = 0
    IF ByteN = 0 THEN ByteN = 127: EXIT SUB
    IF (ByteN AND 1) = 1 THEN x% = x% + 1
    IF (ByteN AND 4) = 4 THEN x% = x% + 1
    IF (ByteN AND 8) = 8 THEN x% = x% + 1
    IF (ByteN AND 16) = 16 THEN x% = x% + 1
    IF (X% AND 1) = 1 THEN
        ByteN = INT(ByteN / 2) + 128
    ELSE
        ByteN = INT(ByteN / 2)
    END IF
END SUB
END SUB
```

## Appendix C: Surface arrival time, and total surface time

Some users may wish to determine surface arrival time, and total surface time, in order to calculate drift vectors.

Although each 32-byte message is time-stamped by ARGOS, there may not be a satellite in view when the float surfaces.

When the float surfaces (ie detects surface pressure recorded before last descent) it will begin ARGOS telemetry. Messages are transmitted in numerical order, starting with message no. 1. When all messages have been transmitted, the cycle starts again at message no. 1.

### Elapsed time since surfacing ( $T_e$ )

$$T_e = (m-1)*n*r$$

Where: m = message block number (byte 03 of message 01)  
n = total number of messages to transmit profile  
r = repetition rate

Total number of messages (n) is described in section IV (b), or may be determined from the ARGOS data. Note (n) may be less than specified in user manual if the float is operating in shallow water, causing reduced profile length.

Repetition rate (r) is the time interval between ARGOS transmissions. This value can be determined from section V, or from the ARGOS data.

### Approximate time of surfacing

Approximate time of surfacing can be determined by subtracting  $T_e$  from the ARGOS time stamp

#### Example

Below is message 01 in DS format

```
2001-11-02 22:47:54 1 CF 01 05 02
AF 02 2F 00
85 01 01 01
16 92 17 19
FF 9E 94 01
AD 85 09 1F
48 97 9B 00
46 62 24 0E
```

m = message block number (byte 03) = 5  
n = total number of messages to transmit profile = 11  
r = repetition rate = 62 seconds

$$T_e = \text{elapsed time since surfacing} = (m-1)*n*r = (5-1)*11*62 \text{ s} = 2728 \text{ s} = 00\text{h } 45\text{m } 28\text{s}$$

Approximate time of arrival at surface:

$$\text{ARGOS time stamp} - T_e = 22:47:54 - 00:45:28 = 22:02:26$$

Total time spent at surface transmitting (Tsurf):

This is determined by subtracting ascent time from UP time.

$$T_{surf} = (\text{UP time, hr}) - (\text{bottom pressure}) / (\text{ascent rate } 0.08 \text{ dbar/s}) / 3600$$

Bottom pressure is telemetered as bytes 24 & 25 of message 01.

Example:

For bottom pressure of 2000 dbar, and UP time of 18 hours

$$T_{surf} = (18 \text{ hr}) - (2000 / 0.08 / 3600) = 11 \text{ hr}$$

## **APPENDIX E: CTD Calibration and Ballasting records**