



## USING SPOT TRACKER IN BAJA RALLY

Specific BAJA RALLY instructions on how to use your personal tracking device

### CUSTOM MESSAGE

*“Things aren’t going as planned. Keep an eye on my location. If things get worse, I’ll send a help message”*

#### **When to use CUSTOM MESSAGE:**

You are uncertain you will be able to continue or make it to the end of the stage before dark, mechanical issues, questionable repairs or if you think you are lost and doubting you will be able find your way back on course.

#### **Examples of Using CUSTOM MESSAGE:**

- 1) Your electrical system fails and you have no odometer or Rally Comp to help you navigate down course. You believe you are on the course and are waiting for a fellow teammate or competitor to assist you in repair or to help tow you down course.
- 2) Your pace has slowed dramatically due to repeated punctured tube/ tire and you may not reach the end of the stage before dark.
- 3) Everything else is ok but you’ve run out (or going to run out) of drinking water before you reach the end of the stage.
- 4) You are cramping up, physically struggling and your pace is slowed, concerning you that you may not make it to the end of the stage by dark. Although you don’t consider it an emergency, you’d like our safety team to monitor your location and progress.

ALWAYS USE (ENGAGE) THE “OK” MESSAGE WHEN YOUR CONCERN OR ISSUE HAS SUBSIDED OR ONCE YOU HAVE REACHED THE END OF THE SPECIAL STAGE.

### OK MESSAGE

*“Steve Hengeveld #1 is OK”*

#### **When to us the “OK” MESSAGE:**

When you have previously sent a custom message and you have either reached the finish of the stage and/or let our safety team know we can stop scrutinizing your location and that we can alert our mobile medical teams to focus on other participants on the course.

### **Examples of Using the OK MESSAGE:**

- 1) You had sent a CUSTOM MESSAGE earlier and you are getting back up to normal pace with the expectation you will complete the stage before dark.
- 2) You have crashed and are OK but you are off the bike and not moving for a more than 5-10 minutes. Our safety team can see your location and that you are stopped. As successive racers are passing your location and checking that you are alright, you are waiving them by with a “thumbs up”. As these other riders reach the end of the stage, they are likely to report they “saw rider #38 down but he’s ok”. Your sending the OK MESSAGE to our team confirms that.
- 3) You are being attended to by medical staff on the course and your incident can be resolved without the need for aerial evacuation. Either you or the medical staff initiates the OK MESSAGE.

## HELP

**“Steve Hengeveld needs help. This is a medical emergency. Please send help ASAP”**

HELP MESSAGE Is for **MEDICAL EMERGENCY ONLY** AND IS OUR SIGNAL TO DEPLOY A RESCUE HELICOPTER FLIGHT (if available).

**\*Major mechanical incidents and/or failures where there is no injury should be reported by SAT PHONE or to RALLY RELAY.**

**\*Note that ONLY the SPOT TRACKER of the victim should be sending the HELP MESSAGE. (ie: if you stop to help a seriously injured rider, DO NOT use your own SPOT). Attend to the victim, locate their SPOT device and send the HELP MESSAGE from their device.**

**\*Note that premature or unnecessary use of the HELP button is a risk to other participants because resources and personnel are being redirected and taken out of “available” status.**

**\*Note that you MUST NOT move from your location (+/- 500meters) after sending a HELP MESSAGE.**

**When to use HELP: You or a fellow participant have a medical emergency that:**

- A) Needs immediate medical attention such as, fractured bones or limbs, head injury, lacerations, dizziness, nausea, heat exhaustion, dehydration, loss of consciousness or grave trauma.
- B) There is any other life-threatening incident at your location that requires immediate medical attention.

### **Examples of Using The HELP MESSAGE:**

- 1) You have crashed and broken your arm or leg. It is impossible for you to continue down course under your own power. Waiting up to 3-4 hours for

- a ground unit may escalate your condition into a worsened state such as shock or internal bleeding. Send the HELP MESSAGE before using your SAT PHONE to contact RALLY RELAY.
- 2) To the extent you are at risk of a worsening situation or you are suffering heat exhaustion or stroke, dehydration, severe vomiting, concussion, or other condition exposing you to the possibility of serious injury or death.
  - 3) You have encountered another competitor who is non-responsive or unconscious. THE VERY FIRST THING IS TO IS TO LOCATE THEIR SPOT & SEND THE HELP MESSAGE AND SOS MESSAGE.

## SOS

*“Participant in baja rally motorcycle event in remote northern Baja CA, Mexico- October 10-15. Please contact event organizer to assist in my emergency rescue”*

**ALWAYS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH HELP MESSAGE –  
SEND BOTH MESSAGES IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY-  
THE GEOS NETWORK DISPATCHER WILL CONTACT OUR SAFETY TEAM-**

### **REMEMBER:**

- I. **USE SPOT HELP AND SOS FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY ONLY**
- II. **USE SAT PHONE FOR TO REPORT MECHANICAL ISSUES**
- III. **ALWAYS USE SAT PHONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPOT WHEN DEALING WITH A MEDICAL ISSUE**