

MAYDAY – EMERGENCY

DISTRESS CALLS are to made only when IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

BOAT NAME:

MMSI: CALL SIGN:

Check radio is switched on at PANEL and SET.

Open the cover to **RED** distress button.

Press and Hold the **RED** button down for X seconds (it will count down)

Wait 10 seconds, then **DEPRESS THE TRANSMIT BUTTON** on the hand microphone.

Speaking **SLOWLY** and **CLEARLY** into microphone say:

MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY
THIS IS 3 times
CALL SIGN MMSI
MAYDAY Once
CALL SIGN MMSI
MY POSITION IS . . . latitude and longitude, or a true bearing and distance from a known point.
I AM . . . state the nature of distress
I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE
I HAVE . . . (number) of people on board
OTHER INFORMATION . . . such as liferaft, flare fired, etc
OVER - this means 'reply to me'

Release Transmit button. Listen on Ch 16. If you hear nothing repeat the call.

INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET

A – Alpha	K – Kilo	U - Uniform	0 - Zero
B – Bravo	L – Lima	V - Victor	1 - Wun (One)
C – Charlie	M – Mike	W -Whisky	2 - Two
D – Delta	N - November	X - X-ray	3 - Tree (Three)
E – Echo	O - Oscar	Y - Yankee	4 - Fower (Four)
F - Foxtrot	P – Papa	Z - Zulu	5 – Five (Fife)
G – Golf	Q - Quebec		6 – Six
H – Hotel	R - Romeo		7 – Seven
I – India	S - Sierra	. (full stop)stop	8 - Ait (Eight)
J – Juliet	T - Tango	.(point) decimal	9 - Niner (Nine)

VHF CHANNEL ALLOCATION

<i>Channel No</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
16	Distress. Safety and Calling
70	Digital Selective Calling (Absolutely no Voice)
6	Intership working channel – primary
8	Intership working channel
72	Intership working channel
77	Intership working channel
80	UK Marina
11	Port operations
12	Port operations
14	Port operations
13	Bridge to bridge communication, safety and navigation
67	Small boat safety (HM Coastguard)
10,23,73,84,86	HMGC weather navigation and safety warnings
M (37), M2	Yacht safety and race management
15, 17	Low power channels port operations/ship movements

Emergency Dial

999 ask for coastguard

Shore Contact:

Club House:

Other:

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