

# MAKING A MAYDAY CALL

Speak SLOWLY - CLEARLY - CALMLY

1. Make sure your radio or radiotelephone is on.
2. Select 156.8 MHz (channel 16 VHF) or 2182 KHz.
3. Press microphone button and say "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY!!"
4. Say: "THIS IS \_\_\_(your boat name)\_\_\_, \_\_\_(your boat name)\_\_\_, \_\_\_(your call sign)\_\_\_, OVER"
5. Release this microphone button briefly and listen for acknowledgement. If no one answers, repeat steps 3 & 4. If there is acknowledgement, or if the Coast Guard or another vessel responds:
6. Say: "MAYDAY" \_\_\_\_\_(your boat name)\_\_\_\_\_.
7. DESCRIBE YOUR POSITION in lat/long coordinates, LORAN-C coordinates or range and bearing from a known point.
8. STATE THE NATURE OF YOUR DISTRESS.
9. GIVE NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AND THE NATURE OF ANY INJURIES.
10. ESTIMATE THE PRESENT SEAWORTHINESS OF YOUR BOAT.
11. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR BOAT, length \_\_\_\_\_, color \_\_\_\_\_, hull type \_\_\_\_\_, trim \_\_\_\_\_, masts \_\_\_\_\_, power \_\_\_\_\_, any additional distinguishing features \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Say: "I WILL BE LISTENING ON CHANNEL 16 / 2182" (cross out channel that does not apply).
13. End message by saying "THIS IS \_\_\_\_\_(your boat name and call sign)\_\_\_\_\_, OVER."
14. If your situation permits, stand by the radio to await further communication with the Coast Guard or another vessel.