

VHF MAYDAY PROCEDURE

To be used in the case of grave or imminent danger to a vessel or persons, when immediate assistance is required.

VESSEL NAME

CALL SIGN

MMSI

- Ensure radio is switched on, turn up volume and adjust SQUELCH control till noise disappears.
- Lift the cover of **the red distress** button.
- **Press and hold the button for five seconds**
- The set will then automatically change to Channel 16 to send a voice MAYDAY as follows:

Press and hold transmit button on handset and say:

Mayday, Mayday, Mayday

This is (*Yacht Name spoken three times, Call Sign and MMSI number*)

Mayday (*Yacht Name, Call Sign and MMSI number repeated*)

My position is (*by Lat/Long, or bearing and distance from a charted object*)

We are (*brief description, i.e. **man overboard** or **we are sinking***)

I require immediate assistance

We have __ persons on board

Any other relevant information

Over (*which is the invitation to reply*)