

EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURES



- Check main battery switch is ON; switch radio ON, turn up volume
- Adjust "SQUELCH" control so noise just disappears

HM Coastguard

IF YOU HAVE A DSC RADIO, DO THIS FIRST

- Press the **DISTRESS** button once - select distress designation (if possible)
- If no automatic GPS interface, follow the menu instructions and enter your current position manually - if you do not know present position leave the last position as displayed
- Press the **DISTRESS** button again **AND HOLD** for 5 seconds until acoustic alarm stops
- Wait for 15 seconds

THEN (OR IF YOU DON'T HAVE A DSC RADIO) PROCEED AS BELOW

- SET RADIO **CHANNEL TO 16** - HIGH POWER
- PRESS THE MICROPHONE AND SPEAK THE FOLLOWING SLOWLY AND CLEARLY
 - **MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY**
 - **THIS IS**(say name of vessel **3 times**)
 - **CALLSIGN**
 - **MMSI NUMBER**
 - **MAYDAY**
 - [vessel name](say once)
 - **CALLSIGN**
 - **MMSI NUMBER**
 - **IN POSITION** give as Latitude and Longitude or, if not known or if insufficient time, bearing and distance from a known geographical location – **If You Don't Know Your Position, state "Position Unknown"**
 - **I AM** nature of the Distress – sinking, on fire etc.
 - **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**.....if unknown **"I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE"**
 - **I HAVE** number of persons on board and any other relevant information – e.g. all wearing lifejackets etc.
 - [Intentions] e.g. abandoning to liferaft etc.
 - **OVER**
- RELEASE THE TRANSMIT BUTTON
- KEEP LISTENING ON VHF CHANNEL 16 FOR INSTRUCTIONS



**MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR CREW
KNOW HOW TO USE THE RADIO!**