

# EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURES

(only for GMDSS/DSC radios with **DISTRESS** button)

NAME OF VESSEL: -----

CALL SIGN: -----

MMSI number: -----

- Check main battery switch is on, switch radio on, turn up volume
- Adjust "squelch" control so noise just disappears
- Press **DISTRESS** button once, select distress designation (if time)
- Press **DISTRESS** button again **AND HOLD** for 5 seconds until acoustic alarm stops
- Wait approximately 15 seconds - press transmit button on microphone and say slowly and clearly:

- **MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY**
- **THIS IS...** (name of vessel 3 times)
- **MAYDAY...** (name of vessel, call sign and MMSI number spoken once)
- **MY POSITION IS...** (latitude and longitude, or true bearing FROM a known point) - **IF YOU DON'T KNOW, DON'T GUESS - GIVE YOUR LAST KNOWN POSITION**
- **I AM...** (sinking, on fire etc.)
- **I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE**
- **I HAVE...** (number or persons on board and any other relevant information such as availability of liferaft)
- **OVER - THIS MEANS 'REPLY TO ME'**
- **RELEASE THE TRANSMIT BUTTON**
- **KEEP LISTENING ON CHANNEL 16 FOR INSTRUCTIONS**



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