

EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURES

Speak **SLOWLY, CLEARLY, & CALMLY**

1. Make sure the communication equipment is ON.
2. Select VHF Channel 16, 2182 KHz, or other emergency frequency used where you operate.
3. Press microphone button and calmly say, **“MAYDAY - MAYDAY - MAYDAY This is F/V _____, F/V _____, F/V _____. Over.”**
4. Release the microphone button briefly, and wait for an acknowledgement. If no answer, repeat Step 3.
5. If still no answer, or if the Coast Guard or another vessel responds, say, **“MAYDAY, This is F/V _____”**
6. **State Your Location Twice** (latitude & longitude, LORAN, or range & bearing from a known point)
7. **State the Nature of Your Distress**
8. **State the Number of People On Board and the Number of Injuries, if any**
9. **State Condition of Vessel**
10. Describe vessel. **Length:** _____ **ft. Hull Material:** _____ **Color:** _____
11. Describe lifesaving equipment. **Survival Craft:** _____ **Immersion Suits:** _____ **EPIRB:** _____
12. Say, **“I will be listening on VHF Channel 16/2182 (or other channel being monitored).”**
13. End by saying, **“This is F/V _____.”**
14. If the situation permits, stand by the radio for further communication with the Coast Guard or another vessel. If no one answers, repeat the above, then try on another channel.

FILL IN NECESSARY INFORMATION ABOVE AND POST NEXT TO RADIO

The life you save may be your own!