

VHF RADIO DISTRESS PROCEDURE

MAYDAY – Imminent threat to life!

PAN-PAN – Urgent assistance is required – for this call replace the word **MAYDAY** for **PAN-PAN**

- ENSURE THE VHF IS ON CHANNEL 16 AND 25 WATTS/HIGH POWER
- DEPRESS THE TRANSMIT BUTTON on hand microphone.

MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY

(ALL SHIPS, ALL SHIPS, ALL SHIPS (**PAN-PAN** ONLY))

THIS IS Repeat the vessel's name three times

MAYDAY Vessel name spoken once

MY POSITION IS Latitude and Longitude or True bearing and distance from a charted feature

NATURE OF DISTRESS e.g. sinking, on fire, etc

I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD and **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

OVER

- Release the transmit button and wait for acknowledgement.
- Keep listening on channel 16 for instructions
- If an acknowledgement is not received repeat the distress call.