



## Distress Radio Procedures

**For use only when in grave and imminent danger and IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE is required.**

1. Send DSC Alert by pressing the **RED** button
2. Send distress call on VHF CH16
3. Activate EPIRB

### 1. Send DSC Alert

Ensure radio is switched on. Press and hold the **RED** “distress” button for 5 seconds.

### 2. Send distress call on VHF CH16

Switch to VHF CH16 and transmit the following distress call and message:

MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY

THIS IS \_\_\_\_\_(Vessel name 3 times)

MAYDAY followed by vessel name & MMSI number (if you know it)

POSITION (latitude/longitude; bearing or distance from a landmark)

NATURE OF DISTRESS (whats wrong or happening)

AID REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SOULS ON BOARD (condition of any injured)

DESCRIPTION of VESSEL (type; colour; length, survival  
Equipment on board)

If outside of VHF range, send the distress message on **2182 kHz** or use any other means of communication.

### 3. Activate EPIRB

Activate EPIRB following directions printed on beacon.

If you abandon ship, take the EPIRB with you

Ensure EPIRB is vertical, with antenna pointed upward.