

Emergency Radio Messages

- Sending a Mayday (distress) message
- Check the radio is switched ON
- Select Channel 16 or 2182 kHz
- Press Transmit button and say slowly and clearly
 - Mayday, Mayday, Mayday
 - This is R/V Brooks McCall Whiskey Charlie Zulu seven eight one one (repeat 3 x)
 - Mayday
 - This is R/V Brooks McCall Whiskey Charlie Zulu seven eight one one
 - My Position Is.... *(give latitude longitude or bearing/distance from known point)*
 - I am..... *(nature of problem – on fire, sinking, etc)*
 - I require immediate assistance
 - I have*(number persons on board, drifting, flares fired, etc)*
 - OVER *(this means please reply)*
- Release transmit button and listen for acknowledgement
- Keep listening Channel 16 for instructions
- If no acknowledgement, repeat the distress call

- Types of Messages
- "SECURITE"
 - ("say curitay") message concerning safety to navigation or important weather conditions
- "PAN PAN"
 - Urgent message regarding safety of a person or property
- "MAYDAY"
 - Imminent Danger to life or property requiring immediate assistance

Channel Reminders

Purpose	Channel
•Distress, Safety	16
•Ship/Ship safety	6
•Calling	9, 16
•Recreational Use	9, 68-69, 71-72, 78
•Marine Operator	24-28, 84-87
•DSC (Digital Selective Calling)	70