

Emergency Assistance Instructions

How to Make a Mayday Call

In an event of imminent, life-threatening danger to your vessel, yourself, or anyone on board, immediately call in a Mayday for U.S. Coast Guard assistance. Please note that Mayday calls are exclusively permitted for situations in which there is *immediate* and *grave* danger. This may include a fire onboard, a capsized vessel, rapidly taking on water, or a medical emergency.

Mayday calls must be transmitted via marine-band VHF-FM radio Channel 16 or 156.8 MHz.

Mayday Procedure

1. After tuning to the above radio channel, press and hold the transmit button.
2. Clearly say "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. This is vessel [your boat's name]." Repeat this 3 times.
3. After doing the above, provide a description of:
 1. Your vessel;
 2. Your exact location (use GPS coordinates if available);
 3. The nature of your emergency;
 4. The assistance you require;
 5. The amount of people on the board.
4. Before releasing the transmit button, clearly say "over" to indicate the end of your message.
5. Wait 30-60 seconds; If you do not receive a response, repeat your call until it is received.

6. If you are unable to signal a Mayday call using your radio or do not hear back after doing so, refer to the following alternative instructions.