

MARINE RADIO CHANNELS

Calling Channels (US)

Emergency (Coast Guard)	16
Non-Emergency	09

Working Channels (US)

Emergency (Coast Guard)	22
Ship to Ship Safety	06
Non Emergency (Rec Boaters)	68, 69, 71, 72, 78
Navigational (Ship, Bridge, Locks, Etc)	13
Marine Operator (Marine Phone)	24-28, 84-87
Port Operations	12, 14, 20, 66, 73, 74
Commercial Shipping	01, 07-11, 18, 19, 63, 67, 79, 80, 88

MARINE RADIO EMERGENCY SIGNALS

MAYDAY - The distress signal

This is used to when there is immediate danger to life or property.
The boat is sinking or someone is seriously hurt.

PAN PAN - The urgency signal

This is used when the safety of the ship or person is in jeopardy but not immediate.
The boat has run out of fuel, my rudder is broken, I am lost in the fog, etc.

SECURITE - The safety signal

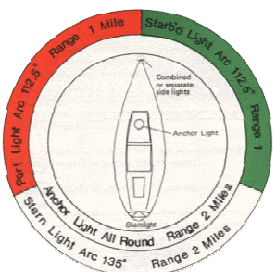
This is used for messages about the safety of navigation or weather warnings.
I am approaching a blind bend. I see a sunken object in the channel

MARINE DISTRESS PROCEDURE

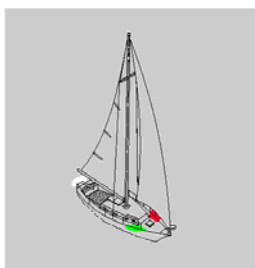
Speak -- slowly -- clearly -- calmly.

1. Make sure your radio is on.
2. Select **VHF Channel 16** (156.8 MHz).
3. Say: **"MAYDAY – MAYDAY - MAYDAY."**
4. Say: **"THIS IS THE 24 FOOT SAILBOAT – NORTH STAR"**
5. Say: **"MAYDAY – NORTH STAR"**
6. Say where you are:
7. State the nature of your distress
8. Give number of persons aboard and conditions of any injured.
9. Estimate present seaworthiness of your ship.
10. Say: **"I AM ON THE 24 FOOT SAILBOAT NORTH STAR WITH WHITE HULL AND SAIL# 10"**
11. Say: **"I WILL BE LISTENING ON CHANNEL 16."**
12. Say: **"THIS IS NORTH STAR - OVER."**
13. Release microphone button and listen. Someone should answer.
If not, repeat call, beginning at Item 3 above.

Sailboat Lights



Distress Flag



Powerboat Lights

