

# MMSI

# Distress and Safety Radio Procedure ( )

## DISTRESS PROCEDURES

### Distress, Urgency and Safety Signals

**MAYDAY** means a ship or person is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance.

**MAYDAY RELAY** means the calling station is relaying a distress message on behalf of a ship or person threatened by grave and imminent danger.

**PAN PAN** means the calling station has a very urgent message to transmit concerning the safety of a ship or a person.

**SÉCURITÉ** means the calling station has an important navigational or meteorological warning to transmit.

## Phonetic Alphabet

<b>A</b>	Alpha	<b>J</b>	Juliet	<b>S</b>	Sierra
<b>B</b>	Bravo	<b>K</b>	Kilo	<b>T</b>	Tango
<b>C</b>	Charlie	<b>L</b>	Lima	<b>U</b>	Uniform
<b>D</b>	Delta	<b>M</b>	Mike	<b>V</b>	Victor
<b>E</b>	Echo	<b>N</b>	November	<b>W</b>	Whisky
<b>F</b>	Foxtrot	<b>O</b>	Oscar	<b>X</b>	X ray
<b>G</b>	Golf	<b>P</b>	Papa	<b>Y</b>	Yankee
<b>H</b>	Hotel	<b>Q</b>	Quebec	<b>Z</b>	Zulu
<b>I</b>	India	<b>R</b>	Romeo		

Passage plan left with a responsible person ashore?  
 Passage plan takes into consideration adverse weather, navigational hazards and fuel requirements?  
 Check radio equipment is operational  
 Check any batteries used to power radio equipment for emergency use  
 VHF radio connected to GPS  
 Check Visual distress signals onboard (flares, signalling light, etc)

## Mayday

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

### 1. Send DSC Alert

Ensure radio is switched on, High power (25W).

Lift flap and press the red “distress button”

Use buttons to Scroll up or down to select type of distress.

Press and hold the red “distress” button for 5 seconds.

### 2. Send distress call on VHF CH16

Switch to VHF CH16 and transmit distress call and message:

**MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY**

**THIS IS** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**MAYDAY** \_\_\_\_\_ **MMSI** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION** (read off GPS or radio)

**NATURE OF DISTRESS** (Short description)

**AID REQUIRED** (Short description)

**NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD** (Including you)

**OTHER USEFUL INFO** (EG firing flares)

**OVER** (Wait for reply)

### Cancelling a False VHF-DSC Distress Alert

Transmit on VHF CH16 High Power (25W):

All stations, All stations, All stations, This is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ **MMSI** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** (Read off GPS or radio)

**Cancel my distress alert of** ( Give date and time.)

**This is** \_\_\_\_\_ **MMSI** \_\_\_\_\_

**Out.**

### URGENCY PROCEDURE (PAN PAN)

“PAN PAN, PAN PAN, PAN PAN, All stations – All stations – All stations

**This is** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **MMSI** \_\_\_\_\_,

**Position** (read off GPS or radio), **Explain reason** for message, **Over**”.