

ALWAYS **KNOW** WHERE YOU ARE WHILE FISHING.

*** DISTRESS IS WHEN YOUR VESSEL IS IN GRAVE AND IMMINENT **DANGER** AND REQUIRES ASSISTANCE.

**** IT IS **ILLEGAL** TO SEND FALSE DISTRESS MESSAGES.

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SPEAK: SLOWLY CLEARLY CALMLY

WHEN IN DISTRESS:

MAKE SURE VHF (RADIO) IS ON **CH: 16**.

CALL: **:MAYDAY” “MAYDAY” MAYDAY”** three times.

SAY: **“THIS IS.....NAME of BOAT”, and DESCRIPTION**

POSITION: LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OR
 ANY LANDMARK YOU ARE NEAR.

NATURE OF DISTRESS: SINKING, FIRE, CAPSIZING,
STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, GROUNDING OR DRIFTING.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD.

**NUMBER OF LIFEJACKETS, IMMERSION SUITS, BOATS, SKIFF,
LIFE-RAFTS on BOARD.**

INJURIES IF ANY.

ADVISE US OF YOUR **INTENTIONS....’ARE YOU ABANDONING
THE VESSEL**

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

CONDITION OF BOAT.

** END MESSAGE BY SAYING: **“THIS IS.....Name of Boat”...”OVER”**

** IF NO REPLY, REPEAT ABOVE STEPS AGAIN.

**** ADVISE STATION WHEN HELP IS NO LONGER
 REQUIRED.

CHECK IF BOAT IS EQUIPPED WITH DIGITAL SELECTIVE
CALLING (DSC), IF SO, “MAYDAY” CALLS ARE SENT BY SIMPLY
TOUCHING THE “DISTRESS” BUTTON ON THE RADIO.