

# **DISTRESS COMMUNICATION**

## **SEND DSC DISTRESS CALL**

1. Ensure GPS / Chartplotter is on (always on while underway)
2. If the radio is turned off, press the volume control (lower right) for 1 second to turn the radio on.
3. GPS signal is available when "Satellite Icon" is shown on VHF
4. Lift flap and push red DSC button beside Mic cable at the main radio or behind Mic at the helm station.
5. Hold red button for 5 seconds. The display will count down (3-2-1) then the distress signal will be sent.
6. While waiting for a reply, a loud alarm will sound. If this is distracting... press CLR key to silence the alarm.
7. When acknowledgement is received (or even if it isn't), move to Ch 16 and proceed with verbal distress call.

## **SEND VERBAL DISTRESS CALL**

1. On Ch 16, press Mic button and say:  
MAYDAY - MAYDAY - MAYDAY, This is GOOD IDEA,  
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2. State general position including any visible landmarks or nearby buoys. For example:  
I AM IN FRAZER BAY NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO BAIE FINE
3. State GPS Position which is shown on Radio display and on the chartplotter at the helm. For example:  
MY POSITION IS: NORTH 45deg 59.8min, WEST 81deg 40.4min
4. State the nature of distress and what you need, i.e.  
I HAVE A PERSON IN MEDICAL DISTRESS AND REQUIRE  
EVACUATION
5. State the number of people aboard. For example:  
THERE ARE TWO PERSONS ABOARD, ONE FEMALE AGE 58,  
ONE MALE IN MEDICAL DISTRESS AGE 58.
6. State seaworthiness and description of the boat. For example:  
MY VESSEL IS SEAWORTHY. I AM A 34 FOOT SAILBOAT,  
BLUE TOPSIDES, WHITE CABINTOP.
7. End transmission.  
THIS IS GOOD IDEA - MAYDAY - OVER
8. Release Mic button and wait for reply. If no reply within a few minutes, repeat verbal distress call from #1