

VHF Marine Radio

Channels

16 - Listening, call then switch, emergency calling

Calling & working channels.

Club or marina channels.

Our Information

Write your yacht name, MMSI, registration number, yacht description & any other important details here:

Distress Calling Protocols

Distress and grave and imminent danger – Mayday (x 3)

Urgent message but no imminent danger - Pan Pan (x 3)

To broadcast a safety message - Securite (x 3)

What to Say in an Emergency

- Start with: "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday."
- Yacht name;
- Lat/long coordinates;
- Yacht description (type, size, colour, etc.);
- Number of people onboard;
- Nature of the emergency;
- End with "over."

A

Alpha

B

Bravo

C

Charlie

D

Delta

E

Echo

F

Foxtrot

G

Golf

H

Hotel

I

India

J

Juliett

K

Kilo

L

Lima

M

Mike

N

November

O

Oscar

P

Papa

Q

Quebec

R

Romeo

S

Sierra

T

Tango

U

Uniform

V

Victor

W

Whiskey

X

X-ray

Y

Yankee

Z

Zulu

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