

A Mayday situation is one in which a vessel, aircraft, vehicle, or person is in grave and imminent danger and requires immediate assistance. Examples of "grave and imminent danger" in which a Mayday call would be appropriate include fire, explosion or sinking.

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THIS IS YACHT BAYBREEZE, BAYBREEZE, BAYBREEZE

CALL SIGN ZIOC5

MMSI 235005655

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MAYDAY

THE YACHT BAYBREEZE IS LOCATED [current position, speed and bearing].

[Example: Position 54 25 North 016 33 West, drifting at one knot with a bearing of 228 degrees]

WE ARE EXPERIENCING [*distress situation*] AND ARE IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

THERE ARE [*number*] PEOPLE ON BOARD WITH [*injuries/other additional information*]. Length, color, rig of boat can be helpful, as well as any intention to deploy life boats, etc.

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Wait for response. If you do not hear one after 15 seconds, repeat the call again.

- While waiting, prepare flares, life rafts, life jackets, gather emergency supplies, call orders to others to prepare, etc. Stay calm and set an example for everyone else to follow.
- If you still have no reply and don't have to leave your boat yet, listen on another channel and break in with your distress call. It may be that your transmitter is too weak or not responding well, so ask other vessels to transmit your distress call to shore.

Follow instructions unless you need to evacuate immediately. You may be asked to switch to a Coast Guard 'working channel'. You may be told, for example, to switch to another channel. If so, confirm by saying something like, "Confirmed, Switching to [*channel number*]."

- In the event that you need to leave immediately after making a Mayday call, inform authorities of what you're doing as part of the additional information in the Mayday message, for example, "We are taking to lifeboat/deploying a life raft".
- If you're able to maintain radio contact, follow all the radio operator's instructions. They are trained professionals and it is their job to help you