

# HOW TO MAKE A DSC MAYDAY CALL

- Make sure the DSC VHF radio set is on, at the set itself and at the switchboard.
- Lift the cover of the emergency button and press it for five seconds. It should set itself to Channel 16.
- You should now receive an acknowledgement.
- Lift the handset and make a Mayday broadcast by following steps **1-10** below:
  - 1. SAY:** 'Mayday, Mayday, Mayday'.
  - 2. SAY:** 'This is yacht ..... ' (Repeat name of yacht 3 times)  
'Our MMSI number is ..... '  
'Our call sign is..... '
  - 3. Pause to let those listening write down the details.**
  - 4.** Repeat Step 2 in full, then go on to step 5.
  - 5. SAY:** 'We are in position.....' (read out the latitude and longitude of the boat from the GPS or chart. Alternatively, give a rough geographical estimate, for instance 'a mile off Brighton'.)
  - 6. STATE THE NATURE OF OUR DISTRESS. EG:** 'We are holed and sinking'.
  - 7. SAY:** 'We require immediate assistance'.
  - 8. SAY:** 'There are (number) persons on board'.
  - 9. ANY IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, EG:** 'We will be taking to the liferaft in 10 minutes and will take a VHF radio.'
  - 10. SAY:** 'Over.' (Release transmit button.)