

## EMERGENCY RADIO CALL PROCEDURES

1. MAKE SURE RADIO IS ON
2. SELECT CHANNEL 16
3. PRESS/HOLD THE TRANSMIT BUTTON
4. CLEARLY SAY: **MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY**
5. ALSO GIVE:
  - VESSEL NAME AND/OR DESCRIPTION
  - POSITION AND/OR LOCATION
  - NATURE OF EMERGENCY
  - NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON BOARD
6. RELEASE TRANSMIT BUTTON
7. WAIT FOR 10 SECONDS - IF NO RESPONSE REPEAT "**MAYDAY**" CALL.



**VHF-FM**

### HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS

- \* Intentional hoax calls are an offense and subject to prosecution.
- \* U.S. Coast Guard will not be equipped to respond to Digital Selective Calling (DSC) distress calls on Channel 70 until 2006.



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### Pan Pan (Pahn Pahn)

- Urgency signal "Pan Pan" repeated three times
- Announces an urgent message, a request for assistance if a boat or its crew is in danger, but the situation is not life-threatening
- Used to gain attention of other vessels

### Securité (Say-cure-it-tay)

- Safety signal message "Securité" repeated three times
- Announces important information, such as a warning to other shipping
- Examples: Dangerous debris in the water; Intention of large vessel to get under way

### All Ships

- Contact nearby but unknown vessel
- Most appropriate for use on the high seas
- Causes all receiving DSC radios to automatically return to Channel 16
- Do not use in port or harbor unless necessary