

VHF Channel Designations (common use)

- 9 Hailing channel for recreational craft
- 13 Inter-ship navigation and safety (bridge-to-bridge, low power)
- 14 Vessel traffic System (Puget Sound)
- **16 International distress, safety, and calling**
- 17 State and local government maritime control 9 (low power)
- 22 USCG liaison
- 68/69 & 71/72 Non-commercial working channel

RADIO ALPHABET

Alpha	Hotel	Oscar	Victor
Bravo	India	Papa	Whiskey
Charlie	Juliet	Quebec	X-ray
Delta	Kilo	Romeo	Yankee
Echo	Lima	Sierra	Zulu
Foxtrot	Mike	Tango	
Golf	November	Uniform	

URGENT CALLS

Mayday: Used only in life-threatening situations.

Pan Pan: Used to call for help in non-life threatening situations and to advise mariners to be on the lookout for a missing or distressed vessel.

Securité: Used to announce navigation or weather hazards.

CALL PROCEDURE

“Mayday, Mayday, Mayday, this is the MV/SV ...” repeat name 3 times

“Mayday. This is ...” repeat name. “

“ I am located ... (give position relative to navigation mark or geographic feature)

“I am taking on water..”(give the nature of your distress)

“I need evacuation...”(describe assistance needed).

“My vessel is ...” (describe your boat)

“There are two persons aboard”

Pause and listen for half a minute. If no response, repeat the call.

