

Weymouth & Portland On The Water Training Ltd

Mayday format - M.I.R.P.D.A.N.I.O.

M MAYDAY x 3 MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY

I IDENTIFICATION x 3 This is Yacht ALPHA ALPHA ALPHA

MMSI (e.g. 232484989)

R REPEAT x 1 MAYDAY Yacht ALPHA

P POSITION My position (Lat/Long; Brg/Dist from a known point)

D DISTRESS Nature of distress - I am sinking, on fire e.t.c.

A ASSISTANCE I require immediate assistance

N NUMBER OF PERSONNEL Total number of personnel on distressed vessel

I INFORMATION Yacht drifting, on fire abandoning, flares fired, EPIRB activated

O OVER An invitation to reply

INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| A - Alpha | K - Kilo | U - Uniform | 0 - Zero |
| B - Bravo | L - Lima | V - Victor | 1 - Wun (One) |
| C - Charlie | M - Mike | W - Whiskey | 2 - Two |
| D - Delta | N - November | X - X-ray | 3 - Tree (Three) |
| E - Echo | O - Oscar | Y - Yankee | 4 - Fower (Four) |
| F - Foxtrot | P - Papa | Z - Zulu | 5 - Five |
| G - Golf | Q - Quebec | | 6 - Six |
| H - Hotel | R - Romeo | | 7 - Seven |
| I - India | S - Sierra | . (full stop) stop | 8 - Ait (Eight) |
| J - Juliet | T - Tango | . (point) decimal | 9 - Niner (Nine) |

VHF CHANNEL ALLOCATION

| <i>Channel No</i> | <i>Allocation</i> |
|-------------------|---|
| 16 | Distress. Safety and Calling |
| 70 | Digital Selective Calling (Absolutely no Voice) |
| 6 | Intership working channel - primary |
| 8 | Intership working channel |
| 72 | Intership working channel |
| 77 | Intership working channel |
| 80 | UK Marina |
| 11 | Port operations |
| 12 | Port operations |
| 14 | Port operations |
| 13 | Bridge to bridge communication, safety and navigation |
| 67 | Small boat safety (HM Coastguard) |
| 10,23,73,84,86 | HMGC weather navigation and safety warnings |
| M, 37 | Yacht safety and race management |
| 15, 17 | Low power channels port operations/ship movements |