



How to make a Mayday Call

- Tune VHF to channel 16
- Set volume up, adjust SQUELCH, set high power
- Transmit the voice message:

“

MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY

THIS IS [Vessel Name], [Vessel Name], [Vessel Name]

CALLSIGN [Callsign]

MMSI [MMSI]

MAYDAY [Vessel Name]

CALLSIGN [Callsign]

MMSI [MMSI]

MY POSITION IS [Lat/Long or bearing and distance from a charted object]

I AM [Nature of distress – sinking, on fire, MOB, etc]

I REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE [if known specify the type of assistance]

[Any other useful information]

OVER

”

Ref: IMO document - <https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/OurWork/Safety/Documents/Documents%20relevant%20to%20GMDSS/MSC.1-Circ.1658.pdf>