

STANDARD MARINE DISTRESS SIGNALS

MARINE RADIO

DISTRESS CALL

USE: CHANNEL 16,
MARINE VHF

CALL 911 (MARINE RESCUE)



CALLING PROCEDURES

MAYDAY
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Immediate danger for persons
or ship. eg. sinking

PAN-PAN
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Urgent message concerning
safety of a person or ship
eg. medical emergency

- Give vessel name and call sign
- State position of vessel
- Describe nature of emergency

EMERGENCY
POSITION INDICATING
RADIOBEACON
(EPIRB)

- USE TYPE 406 MHz



BEFORE LEAVING THE DOCK



- TELL A FRIEND,
OR HARBOUR RADIO
- ENSURE REQUIRED SAFETY
EQUIPMENT IS CARRIED
- CHECK WEATHER FORECAST
- CHECK BOAT/FUEL/BATTERY



ARM SIGNAL

USE
SIGNAL
MIRROR



SOUND SIGNALS

Continuous
horn, bell
or whistle.



FLARES

Hand-held



Parachute
rocket



Buoyant or
hand-held
orange smoke
for daylight



DYE MARKER



FLASHLIGHT

