

ABSOLUTE AQUA VHF/SRC (GMDSS) COURSE INFORMATION

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

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