

# EMERGENCY ACTION CHECKLIST

In **ANY** emergency, tell the **COASTGUARD** immediately, using **CHANNEL 16** of the VHF radio

A distress call or urgency call will have absolute priority.  
Listen to CH16 before broadcasting as channel might already be busy.

In an **URGENCY** situation – **when no imminent danger to life exists** (e.g. suspected DCI, moderate injury), use the **urgency** call as follows:

- PAN PAN – PAN PAN – PAN PAN
- This is Bathtub, Bathtub, Bathtub (or Diversity x 3)
- My POSITION is..... (distance and direction from a named feature, GPS posn)
- Say what is wrong, how many people are affected, and what help you think you need.
- OVER

If in a **DISTRESS** situation, **when someone is not breathing, has a serious bend or the boat is going to be smashed on the rocks**, use the distress call as follows:

- MAYDAY – MAYDAY – MAYDAY
- This is Bathtub, Bathtub, Bathtub (CALLSIGN T104313) (or Diversity x 3)
- My POSITION is..... (distance and direction from a named feature or GPS posn)
- Say what is wrong, how many people are affected, and what help you think you need.
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**Continue to broadcast the message until an answer is received!**