

RADIO USAGE

Channel 16 is Distress and Calling.

Pleasure Vessels Working Channels: 09, 67, 68, 69 and 72.

Contact can be made on Ch 16 but then go to a working frequency

CALLING

Make sure Radio is turned on and set to the proper channel.

Press microphone button & speak past the microphone not directly into. Do not "spit" into the microphone, use a normal voice.

(Name of vessel station you are calling three times) THIS IS (your vessel's name and call sign). Do not add other words (Such as "Come in Bob" or "Do you read me?")

Release microphone button.

You must not call the same station for more than 30 seconds at a time.

If you do not get a reply wait at least two minutes before calling again.

After 3 tries wait 30 minutes before calling again.

When you reach the other station go to a working channel and send message.

If you expect an answer end your transmission with "OVER" else say "OUT"

Use low power (1 watt) in a Harbor.

DISTRESS

MAYDAY - MAYDAY - MAYDAY - This is (Your vessel name & call sign spoken three times) MAYDAY - (Your vessel name & call sign)

The position of your boat (Latitude, Longitude - bearing to a land mark etc.)

Nature of distress (sinking, man overboard on fire etc.)

Type of help requested

Other information needed when contact is made:

Number of people on board.

Description of vessel. (color, size, type, sail color or other traits)

Number of people requiring medical attention if appropriate.

Any other information that will assist emergency. (captain is injured and you don't know how to operate the vessel)

MISC.

Set Squelch only high enough to stop noise.

Speak in a normal voice into the microphone.

Speak slowly and clearly.

Don't chat endlessly.

Procedure Words (PROWORDS)	
Procedure Word	Meaning
OUT	This is the end of my transmission to you. No answer is required or expected.
OVER	This is the end of my transmission and a response is expected. Go ahead, transmit. Omit when it is clearly not needed.
ROGER	I received your last transmission OK.
WILCO	Your last message has been received, understood, and will be complied with.
THIS IS	This transmission is from the station whose name and call sign follows immediately.
FIGURES	Figures or numbers follow, for example, "Vessel length is FIGURES two three feet.
SPEAK SLOWER	Your transmission is difficult to understand. Speak slower.
SAY AGAIN	Repeat.
WORDS TWICE	It is difficult to understand you. Give each phrase twice.
I SPELL	I shall spell the next word phonetically. Used when a proper name is important in the message. "Boat name is Martha. I spell – Mike, Alfa, Romeo, Tango, Hotel, Alfa.
WAIT	I must pause for few seconds; stand by for further transmission.
WAIT OUT	I must pause for longer than a few seconds. I Will call you back.
AFFIRMATIVE	You are correct, or what you have transmitted is correct.
NEGATIVE	No.

The Phonetic Alphabet		
Phonetic		
Letter	Equivalent	Pronunciation
A	----- ALPHA	----- AL * FAH
B	----- BRAVO	----- BRAH VOH
C	----- CHARLIE	----- CHAR LEE
D	----- DELTA	----- DELL TAH
E	----- ECHO	----- ECK OH
F	----- FOXTROT	----- FOKS TROT
G	----- GOLF	----- GOLF
H	----- HOTEL	----- HO TELL
I	----- INDIA	----- IN DEE AH
J	----- JULIETT	----- JEW LEE ETT
K	----- KILO	----- KEY LOH
L	----- LIMA	----- LEE MAHM
M	----- MIKE	----- MIKE
N	----- NOVEMBER	NO VEM BER
O	----- OSCAR	----- OSS CAH
P	----- PAPA	----- PAH PAH
Q	----- QUEBEC	----- KEH BECK
R	----- ROMEO	----- ROW ME OH
S	----- SIERRA	----- SEE AIR RAH
T	----- TANGO	----- TAN GO
U	----- UNIFORM	----- YOU NEE FORM
V	----- VICTOR	----- VIK TAH
W	----- WHISKEY	----- WISS KEY
X	----- XRAY	----- ECKS RAY
Y	----- YANKEE	----- YANG KEY
Z	----- ZULU	----- ZOO LOO
* Emphasis is on the part of the word in <i>Bold Italics</i>		

Pronunciation of Numbers	
Number	Pronunciation
0 - ZERO	----- ZERO
1 - ONE	----- WUN
2 - TWO	----- TOO
3 - THREE	----- THUH REE
4 - FOUR	----- FO WER
5 - FIVE	----- FI YIV
6 - SIX	----- SIX
7 - SEVEN	----- SEVEN
8 - EIGHT	----- ATE
9 - NINE	----- NINER