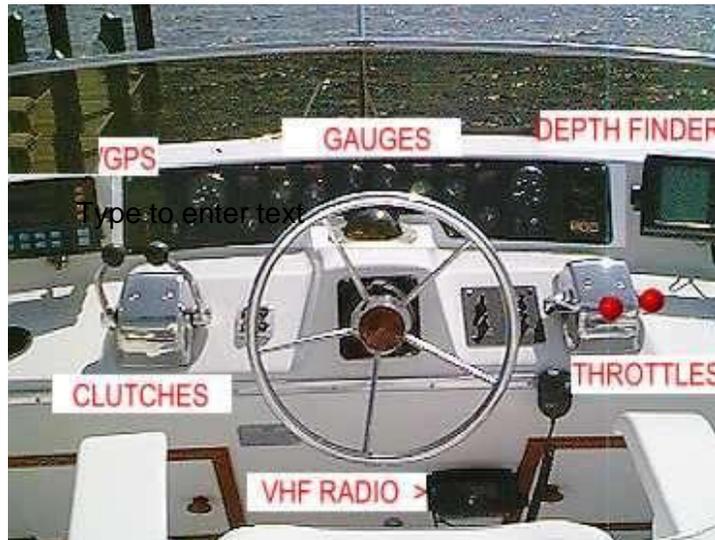


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EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURES

- 1) Locate the VHF radio near the steering station for the boat. It will look like this:



2) Lift the RED distress button cover on the lower right. Underneath is a red button. Press the button and hold it for 4-5 seconds and then release the button. In a few seconds, there will be a loud alarm coming from the radio's speaker. Touching any button on the radio will stop the alarm.

3) Press the red 16/9 button to tune the radio to Channel 16. If the display reads 09, press the red 16/9 button again, and it will display Channel 16.

4) Slide the microphone off of its catch. Located the transmit button on the upper left corner of the microphone. Hold the microphone up to your mouth. Press the button on the microphone and say:

MAYDAY - MAYDAY - MAYDAY

This is the vessel _____.

This is the vessel _____.

This is the vessel _____, with 2 onboard.

Our captain is passed out, and we require medical care.

Take your finger off the transmit button on the microphone and listen for a response from the Coast Guard or another vessel. It may take 10-15 seconds before you hear a response. Most likely the Coast Guard will call you back and acknowledge your transmission.

If no answer on the radio, turn the volume control (the large black dial on the lower right) on the boat's radio and repeat the MAYDAY call above.

5) The Coast Guard may ask for your position - even though they should have the latitude and longitude from when you pressed the RED DISTRESS button.

Locate your position on the display for the VHF radio or on the GPS chartplotter.

[Insert text explaining the buttons to press to get to the screen with the Lat/Long display if it is on the chart plotter]

Determine which direction the boat is traveling by looking at the compass in the center and reading the center number on the far side away from you. You can also find the heading on the upper corner of the GPS chartplotter, where it says "Mag" after three numbers.

[Insert text to explain how to bring up the heading on your chart plotter or read it from the autopilot.]



Using the microphone, answer the Coast Guard:

Coast Guard, Coast Guard - Vessel _____ is at Latitude _____ and Longitude _____, slowly heading North.

6) The Coast Guard will most likely ask for a description of your boat:

The vessel _____ is a _____ (year and make of boat), _____ (color and trip).

We are twin engine with a fly bridge _____ (style of boat) and _____ color canvas.

We have _____ people on board.

At this stage, the Coast Guard will ask you to have the entire crew put on life vests or PFDs. They are located in the _____ of the boat.

7) Determine whether you should stop the boat and wait, or slow the boat down. A boat will be more stable if slowly underway than if stopped in the water.



The boat's steering may be under the control of the autopilot. The autopilot is located here:
[Insert picture of your autopilot.]

This Standby button will turn the autopilot off, and the Auto button will turn the autopilot on and maintain the current heading.

The Coast Guard will most likely dispatch a boat or aircraft to come to your aid. They may also coordinate with someone's boat nearby who may be directed to your boat to assist you.

When the Coast Guard or another boat arrives, you may be asked to pull the throttles back and towards you to idle and take the boat out of gear using the shift (shown as the clutch) in the photo. You will be instructed by someone on the radio on what to do.

The boat's VHF Radio is your link for help and to reach the authorities.

Training Program

The Waggoner and Fine Edge Nautical Seminars can provide you with a 1/2 day Training Session on your boat covering emergency procedures. As part of this service, we will prepare an emergency binder customized for your boat. Cost \$500.

Or, we can provide the binder only customized for your boat for \$300. We will ask you to provide a list of 5-6 pictures of your boat and some of the key emergency equipment for the binder.
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