

RYA VHF/DSC PRE-COURSE READING

Channel Numbers:

CHANNEL NUMBER	USE
6	Ship to Ship
8	Ship to ship
12	Port operations
13	Bridge to Bridge
16	International Distress, Safety & Calling Channel
23	HM Coastguard Maritime Safety Information (Weather)
67	HM Coastguard Small Craft Safety Channel
70	DSC Reserved Channel. No Voice Communications
72	Ship to Ship
77	Ship to Ship
80	Port Operations (UK Marinas/ Harbours)
84	HM Coastguard Maritime Safety Information (Weather)
86	HM Coastguard Maritime Safety Information (Weather)

Basic MAYDAY Call

Remember MIPDANIO – a mnemonic to help you remember the correct sequence to deliver a MAYDAY distress call on VHF radio

	Meaning	Use
M	MAYDAY	Mayday x 3
I	IDENTITY	This is: <i>(vessel/callsign/MMSI)</i>
P	POSITION	My position is: <i>(Lat /Long)</i>
D	DISTRESS	I am: <i>(on fire/sinking etc)</i>
A	ASSISTANCE REQUIRED	I require immediate assistance
N	NUMBER OF PERSONS ONBOARD	There are __ number of persons onboard
I	INFORMATION	<i>Other useful information</i>
O	OVER	Over

PHONETIC ALPHABET

A	ALPHA	N	NOVEMBER
B	BRAVO	O	OSCAR
C	CHARLIE	P	PAPA
D	DELTA	Q	QUEBEC
E	ECHO	R	ROMEO
F	FOXTROT	S	SIERRA
G	GOLF	T	TANGO
H	HOTEL	U	UNIFORM
I	INDIA	V	VICTOR
J	JULIET	W	WHISKEY
K	KILO	X	X-RAY
L	LIMA	Y	YANKEE
M	MIKE	Z	ZULU

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