

Abandon Ship Procedures

- When the captain gives the order, sound alarm and send MAYDAY.
- All crew members don extra clothing and Immersions Suits / PFDs.
- Carry out assigned emergency duties
- Prepare to launch life raft or other survival craft. Release and take your EPIRB. Release Hydrostatic Device.
- Gather survival supplies (clothing, food, water, flares, cell phones, etc.). Throw buoyant objects over the side to increase visibility.
- Close watertight and weather tight doors.
- Report to the pre-established muster station and prepare to abandon ship as a group.
- If possible, board directly into your inflatable life raft to remain dry. If not possible, jump into the water close to the painter line and pull yourself to the raft.
- Assist others to the raft. Use your whistle on your PFD / Immersion Suit to let others in the water know of your location.
- Once all crew are accounted for, cut the painter line, paddle out of the danger area, deploy the sea anchor, close entrances, if necessary bail out and repair leaks.



Preparing for Abandon Ship Emergencies

- Fire, collision, and un-controlled flooding are emergencies that may require abandoning your ship.
- Every crewmember must know how to perform their Abandon Ship duties in any emergency.
- *The order to abandon ship must be given only by the captain.*
- Abandon the vessel only when staying on board is more dangerous than being in the water.
- All crewmembers must participate in emergency drills every month.
- Be prepared to do your part.
- The captain or person in charge is responsible for ensuring that all crewmembers are familiar with the location of survival equipment and emergency procedures.



General Alarm

- All crewmembers must know how to sound the ship's General Alarm and know proper radio distress procedures.
- The General Alarm must sound in all manned spaces and must be tested every week.
- The signal for abandoning ship must be at least 7 short blasts followed by 1 long blast.

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Know your Emergency Assignments and duties prior to an emergency.

Crewmembers must demonstrate their ability to respond to emergency situations.

