

Abandon Ship Guidance

General Requirements of All:

- **Sound Crew Alarm.**
- Crew to muster stations with warm clothing and lifejackets donned correctly.

Skipper:

- Issue order to 'abandon ship' by verbal order to mate and / or over ships intercom system.
- Crew go to liferaft embarkation points, not returning to cabins to get personal items.

Mate:

- Account for all crew members and report to skipper.
- Supervise deployment of liferafts, pay due care to weather conditions for boarding.
- Supervise deployment of rescue boat if carried.
- Supervise embarkation of liferafts and account for all crew members boarding rafts as indicated on muster list.
- Tether both of the liferafts (and the rescue boat if carried) together.
- Take command of liferaft number 2 taking additional grab bag, first aid kit, portable VHF radio and flares.

Skipper:

- To ensure all crew are accounted for and have embarked life rafts.
- DSC alert sent and voice transmission to include the fact that crew are abandoning the vessel to liferafts, position, number of crew and any crew with injuries.
- Deploy EPIRB and SART if carried.
- Take charge of liferaft number 1, collect remaining VHF portable radio, log book and remaining equipment in grab bags, consider additional water for injured crewmen.



Abandoning the Vessel

If possible survival craft should be boarded dry, but if it is necessary to abandon a vessel by jumping directly into the water, the following procedure should be followed.

Hold lifejacket, block off nose and mouth, keep feet together, check below, avoid obstructions, jump feet first, look ahead parallel to horizon, attempt to land near and slightly ahead of survival craft. Do not jump into boats or on top of liferafts, the contents could cause you serious injury.

In the Water

A survivor in the water should swim away from a sinking vessel as quickly as possible since when it founders wreckage and debris may surface with great force along with oil.

Get out of the water as soon as possible and remember swimming increases the rate of heat loss, try to avoid any likely hood of hypothermia.