

Taking Water or Sinking Guidance

General Requirements of All:

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

Mate:

- Muster details to skipper.
- On the instructions from the skipper deploy the liferafts and rescue boat if carried.
- Secure liferafts in safe area on vessel and provide safe means of boarding.
- Keep skipper informed on progress.

Skipper:

- Send DSC alert on appropriate frequency.
- Follow with voice transmission on appropriate frequency.
- If call for assistance is answered request portable pumps.
- Consider if pumps are going to cope.
- Consider evacuation of non essential crew members.
- Consider 'abandon ship' (go to 'abandon ship').

Engineer:

- Check compartments for water ingress.
- Monitor bilge alarms.
- Maintain bilge pumps.
- Keep skipper informed of progress of pumps and water levels.
- Advise skipper on stability state of the vessel.
- Advise skipper on possible future of water levels and speed of water ingress.
- Advise skipper if additional pump would make a difference.
- Close all oil and fuel vents to try to prevent pollution.