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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

SECTION 1

per DNR Law Enforcement Division: Watercraft Rented to Public

A. Radio-telephone distress:

1. Switch to channel 16 - Coast Guard.
2. Give distress signal "MAYDAY" 3 times.
3. Give boat name, type, and color.
4. Give Position
5. Describe Emergency

B. Man Overboard:

1. Post a lookout
2. Throw over a flotation device or the water light.
3. Do not jump into the water unless the person overboard is a small child, elderly or a person with a disability
4. Manuever to return for pickup
5. Use additional markers
6. Get victim aboard
7. Call for help if necessary

C. Explosion

1. Be ready to go overboard with personal flotation device (life jacket).
2. When clear of danger, account for all passengers and assist.
3. Stay together.

D. Fires

1. If possible, use fire extinguisher.
2. If practical, jettison burning materials.
3. Reduce the air supply.
4. Assemble at opposite end of boat.
5. Make preparation to abandon ship.
 - a. Put on Life Jacket
 - b. Signal for help by radio or any means available

E. Leaks or damage control

1. Put on life jacket
2. Check bilge pump operation.
3. Pull up all decks and floor boards in search of leaks.
4. Slow or stop boat as needed. You may need to stay on plane to keep hole above waterline
5. Stop engine, close sea cock for engine cooling, disconnect hose and place end in bilge. Start engine to act as bilge pump
6. Cover large hole from outside of boat with mattress or similar device.
7. Use radio to call for help. Channel 16 - Coast Guard.