
CREW SAFETY BRIEFING

All crews must be given a safety brief before the vessel departs on a passage. The following is a suggested list of topics that should be covered.

The safety briefing should not be confused with the crew briefing concerning the sailing of the vessel. Skippers should also remember that they might be the crewmember that is incapacitated; they should make sure that at least one other crewmember can, for example, use the VHF radio.

1. LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

Lifejackets	Adjustment When to wear – particularly non-swimmers Individual allocation
Harness	Adjustment When to wear Individual allocation
Liferaft	Where stowed Check tied to boat How to use
Lifebuoy & danbuoy Heaving line Boarding ladder Man Overboard	Getting people out of the water

2. FIRE

Sources	Gas Electric Fuel Smokers Cooking
Extinguishers	Types Location How to use Gauges Minimum - 1 at each exit
Smoke / gas detectors Fire blanket	

3. DISTRESS

Sending MAYDAY and simple messages
Flares and their operation
Other distress signals

4. WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY

Seacocks, their operation and location
Through fittings
Stern gland - type and maintenance required
Bilge pumps - operation and handles for emergency operation

5. GENERAL SAFETY

Never run
Never jump
No rings and jewellery

First Aid kit

Anchor usage
Wire cutters
Emergency steering