

Man Overboard Drill:

- 1). **IN THE EVENT** a fellow passenger traveling on your vessel is seen falling overboard while you are traveling enroute, that crew member whoever saw that event shouts Loudly “MAN OVERBOARD” and points Directly to that person and continues to point until the distressed person is hopefully found.
- 2). **STOP** all forward movement of the Vessel, to avoid distancing yourself further from the Distressed person in the water.
- 3). **Three long Blasts** of your horn indicate and other boats nearby your current situation that is underway.
- 4). Simultaneously you push the **M O B button** on your chart plotter (if available). This step saves the Latitude and Longitude of that position, and gives you time and a heading to return to, also starts the timing of how long that person is in the water. (Also the US Coast Guard will need that information).
- 5). A designated crew member should as soon as possible **throw a flotation device overboard** towards the person that is in water. Hopefully it has a line attached to it!
- 6). Turn vessel into the wind and abeam of that position as to operate the vessel whether motoring and or Drifting in the correct direction **arriving A.S.A.P to the side of the person in the water.**
- 7). **Make sure you bring the victim to the lowest freeboard** of your vessel and **closest advantage to the water** to be able to pull them back onboard. **A wet and tired person will be heavier and struggling to move. Due to hypothermia. Ready you crew You will need help and be prepared for this difficulty.**
- 8). When bringing the rescued person back on Board if possible **wrap them in a blanket** to avoid the continued symptoms of Hypothermia.
- 9). **Immediately seek Medical attention** for the person involved. The **Captain is Responsible for the Safety of all on Board his Vessel.**
- 10). **Report to US Coast Guard on channel 16 the emergency** and the resolution to the current Situation (as they already monitor all of the marine VHF radio frequencies). **You may have to file a report if necessary.**

Minimum Safety equipment Required on all Florida Boats in recreational waters over 16’:

At least one Type IV Throwable flotation Device for overboard rescue, PFD ‘s for everyone on Board, Signaling Device (horn), Navigation Lights, USCG Type 5B or 20B Fire extinguisher (according to type of powerplant), up to date (within 3 years) Daytime/nighttime flares, Gas/Diesel engine emergency cutoff switch.

(suggested: common sense items) Chart Plotter, VHF Radio, Medical Kit, Anchor and attached Anchor line, towing line, boarding ladder, pair of Binoculars, attached Bow and stern Dock lines.