Are you PREPARED to CALL FOR HELP?

Have a plan in place to alert SAR (Search and Rescue) in the event of an emergency.

Cell Phone
- Dial *16 to alert Coast Guard Radio
- Dial 911 to alert Local Authorities

Marine Radio - DSC
- Channel 16 to alert Coast Guard Radio and other vessels in the vicinity
- DSC (Digital Selective Calling) Radio, properly registered, sends auto alerts

EPIRB 406 MHz
*(Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon - For Boats)*
- Provides your location via satellite to nearest Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- Register your EPIRB with the Canadian Beacon Registry

PLB 406 MHz
*(Personal Locator Beacon)*
- Portable alerting device
- Provides your location via satellite to nearest Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- Register your PLB with the Canadian Beacon Registry
- Note on your emergency contact sheet that it’s in a boat
IF YOU CAN’T MAKE THE CALL!

Leave a **Float Plan** with a responsible person whom you trust to act if you don’t return.

- Include critical details about your boat and planned trip
- Ensure the person knows who and when to call in the event you do not return

SURVIVE THE WAIT

Be prepared! Sometimes it takes time for SAR to arrive.

- Keep your boat afloat with a bailing device
- Keep your boat in one place by using an anchor
- Bring extra clothing for both the expected and the unexpected weather conditions
- Have water and food aboard
- Seek shelter within your boat if it is safe to do so
- **WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET**

BE A GOOD TARGET

Listen for SAR and when they are close by, help them pinpoint your location and communicate with you.

- Have pyrotechnics (flares) and a signal mirror on board and know how to use them
- Try contacting / communicating with SAR on **Channel 16** on a VHF Radio or **911 / *16** on a cell phone