

MAN OVERBOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOATERS

1. Shout "man-over-board" and mark M.O.B position on the G.P.S.
2. Begin throwing floatation objects overboard including life ring.
3. If there are others on board, instruct a crew member to watch the person in the water and point continuously.
4. Quickly slow the vessel and start the recovery maneuver by turning hard in the direction the person fell over.
5. If you cannot see the person in the water or have any doubt about your ability to recover him/her, send a "Mayday" call through Channel 16 on your VHF radio making sure to include G.P.S coordinates.
6. Determine the wind / current speed and direction.
7. The approach will vary depending on location, weather conditions and the type of boat. When possible approach the person from the downwind or down current side, whichever is strongest.
8. Provide the person with a floatation device and throw a line to pull them along side the boat if needed. If unconscious, make a careful approach and grab the victim using a boathook or other device. The boat operator should never enter the water during a rescue.
9. Ensure the propeller is not turning when you are alongside the person in the water.
10. Provide first aid and treat for hypothermia if needed