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HELP TAKE THE **SEARCH** OUT OF **SEARCH AND RESCUE!**

PUT SAFETY FIRST!

Use Your VHF Radio

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WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, CELL PHONES MAY NOT WORK!

The use of a cell phone from a boat has many disadvantages including:

- Area geography may limit or block a cell phone signal, making the cell phone unusable (cell phone coverage on the Great Salt Lake is very poor and varies upon cell phone companies)
- Caller's location cannot be determined using radio direction finders
- 911 calls from maritime locations are frequently misdirected to police or fire departments, which may delay any water rescue response
- A cellular call cannot be monitored by other boaters
- It may not be possible for the caller to be contacted by the rescue boat or aircraft.

WHEN YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, USE CHANNEL 16

- Have all persons put on life jackets!
- Transmit "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY THIS IS (BOAT NAME), (BOAT NAME), (BOAT NAME)"
- Report your location (Latitude and longitude if known, or "We are 3 miles west of Indian Bay"), or last seen reference point (buoy, landmark, etc).
- Report the nature of your emergency (boat flooding, on fire, on the rocks, etc).
- Report the number of people aboard including yourself.

Wait for a response for 10 seconds, and if there is none, repeat the message.

- Be prepared to give the following information:
- Describe the boat and its seaworthiness ("Boat is a 30 foot white sailboat with a blue canopy. Engine has stopped due to flooding and the boat is in danger of sinking").
- Condition of any injured persons.
- What assistance is needed ("Need to have children removed from the boat and we need a pump and tow").

WHEN A CELL PHONE IS YOUR ONLY MEANS OF MAKING DISTRESS CALLS

Take the following precautions before leaving the dock:

- Make sure the battery is fully charged
- Keep the cell phone in a waterproof bag that floats
- Have the U.S. Coast Guard and other appropriate water rescue phone numbers with you (GSL State Marina 801-250-1898 / GSL Harbor Master 801-209-9142 / 911) Have them highly visible. It is useful to tape the numbers to the phone
- When you first place the distress call, immediately give your:
 1. Cell phone number
 2. Vessel name and/or description
 3. Position and/or location
 4. Nature of the emergency
 5. Number of people on board
 6. Repeat the cell phone number before ending the call.
- Speak slowly so you can be clearly understood

**VHF CHANNELS & THEIR USES
FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, USE THEM PROPERLY!**

Purpose (intended Use)	Channel
Distress-Safety-Calling	16
Ship-to-Ship (SAFETY ONLY)	6
Digital Selective Calling (DSC)	70
<u>Channels available for Recreational Boats</u>	
Ship-to-Ship or Ship-to-Shore	9,68,69,71,78
Ship-To-Ship Only	72
Boater Calling Channel	9
Mariner Operator	N/A
<u>Weather (receive only)</u>	
Salt Lake City, Tooele Valley & Wasatch Front	1
Cache Valley, NE Utah and Bear Lake	2
Wasatch Mountain Valley Area, Park City	3
Extreme SE Idaho and Northern Utah	4
Evanston, Wyoming	5
Salt Lake City, Tooele Valley & Wasatch Front	7

WHEN USING VHF

- Use the lower power setting (1 watt) except during emergencies.
- Keep radio traffic to a minimum
- Do not chatter on 16. After making initial contact, move to a working channel.

- Great Salt Lake State Marina and Antelope Island State Park monitor VHF channel 16