



STATION 106 - SHUSWAP

Fire Procedures

1. Make sure everyone is wearing a PFD and is accounted for!
2. Call Mayday on the radio channel 16 or phone 911.
3. If time allows and it is safe to do so then turn off the boat's main battery switch and shut off fuel to the engine.
4. In case of a small fire, activate a fire extinguisher and aim it at the base of the flames. Sweep the discharge nozzle from side to side and for a few seconds after the flames are completely out.
5. If your boat is moving when a fire starts, position it so the fire is downwind from you and stop the engine if it is safe to do so under the weather conditions.
6. If the fire is in the engine compartment turn off the engine first then discharge your fire extinguisher into the compartment making sure to only open the engine hatch slowly and just enough to get the nozzle in. Anymore and you may allow too much oxygen to fuel the fire and you risk severe burns. Use extreme caution when opening the hatch.
7. If the fire cannot be controlled then signal for help using a flare or other recognized signalling device.
8. If the fire cannot be controlled then prepare to abandon ship (don PFDs, grab ditch bag, deploy dinghy or life raft if you have one). Abandon early enough to avoid injury and toxic smoke inhalation caused by burning fibreglass. Jump into the wind so that the boat floats away from you.
9. Swim to land if it is close; otherwise maintain the fetal position to preserve body heat. If there are multiple people in the water then huddle together chest to chest to preserve body heat.
10. If you are still able to signal then do so with handheld radio, lights, arms, etc.