



**ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE
SEARCH & RESCUE**

STATION 106 - SHUSWAP

Man Overboard Procedures

1. If a person is missing from the boat and you can't see them in the water call Mayday immediately on the radio on channel 16 or **CALL 911** to notify rescue personnel before you go back to search.
2. If after a short while you still can't find the person then signal to nearby vessels to help with the search.
3. If you can see the person in the water then sound the alarm to your passengers, slow down and/or stop the boat, and then assign someone to keep pointing their arm at the person in the water.
4. Throw your recovery device to the person in the water and then carefully maneuver your boat so you approach the person into the wind and current.
5. Turn off the motor (if conditions allow) when the person comes along side for pickup and recovery. Note that some propellers spin when in neutral so engine off is safer for the person in the water (unless in a water-jet powered boat).
6. If the person is conscious then pull them into the boat in a vertical position and then remove clothing and slowly warm them by removing wet clothing, wrapping in blankets and administering warm sweet drinks containing no alcohol or caffeine.
7. If the person is unconscious then pull them out of the water in a horizontal position to avoid draining the blood away from their vital organs. Check vital signs and administer CPR if necessary while keeping them warm and quickly transporting them to the nearest medically capable first responder.