



ACTIONS BY SHIPS UPON RECEPTION OF **HF DSC** DISTRESS ALERT

**HF DSC
 DISTRESS ALERT
 IS RECEIVED**

**LISTEN ON
 ASSOCIATED RTF
 OR NBDP
 CHANNEL(S)
 FOR 5 MINUTES**

**IS
 THE ALERT
 ACKNOWLEDGED OR
 RELAYED BY
 CS AND/
 OR RCC?**

**IS
 DISTRESS
 COMMUNICATION
 IN PROGRESS ON
 ASSOCIATED RTF
 CHANNELS?**

**TRANSMIT
 DISTRESS RELAY
 ON HF TO
 COAST STATION
 AND INFORM RCC**

**IS
 OWN VESSEL
 ABLE TO
 ASSIST?**

**CONTACT RCC VIA
 MOST EFFICIENT
 MEDIUM TO OFFER
 ASSISTANCE**

**ENTER DETAILS
 IN LOG**

RESET SYSTEM

NOTE 1 : If it is clear the ship or persons in distress are not in the vicinity and/or other crafts are better placed to assist, superfluous communications which could interfere with search and rescue activities are to be avoided. Details should be recorded in the appropriate logbook.

NOTE 2 : The ship should establish communications with the station controlling the distress as directed and render such assistance as required and appropriate.

NOTE 3 : Distress relay calls should be initiated manually.

CS = Coast Station

RCC = Rescue Coordination Centre

**HF DSC RTF AND NBDP
 CHANNELS (kHz)**

DSC	RTF	NBDP
4207.5	4125	4177.5
6312.0	6215	6268
8414.5	8291	8376.5
12577.0	12290	12520
16804.5	16420	16695