

Emergency Information Sheet

Keep Calm and do the following:

In the event of an emergency

- Dial **999** and ask for 'Coastguard' (Coastguard and London VTS occupy the same office)
- Alternatively, Channel **16** on your VHF (if you have one) and follow standard procedure, giving out the information below.
- If the emergency is not imminent, call London VTS (Vessel Traffic Services) on **0208 855 0315**

Give the following information

- The name of your boat
- Your current location (eg nearest bridge, prominent building, moored boat nearby, etc.)
- The nature of the emergency (eg fire on board, engine cut-out, man overboard, etc.)
- Number of people on board (in case of necessary evacuation)
- What assistance you think you require (eg a tow to safety, evacuation, ambulance, etc.)
- Your intention (eg to deploy anchor, steer to bank/safe haven, deploy lifebuoy, etc.)

Whilst you are waiting for assistance, try to place the boat in a safe position by deploying the anchor or mooring up. Follow standard 1st Aid procedure if necessary.

Do not add to the emergency by well intended, but potentially dangerous, actions (eg diving overboard, clearing something from around the prop with the engine switched on, tackling an out of control fire, etc.)

If the emergency resolves itself then please call London VTS, Coastguard or Channel 16 on VHF to cancel any emergency services call out.