### Purpose

To identify risk to the vessel and take appropriate steps for prevention and response.

### Responsibilities

* Master – To take steps to ensure the procedure below is reviewed in drills, communicated with all crew and executed effectively when warranted.
* Crew – To assist the vessel Master with any tasks required in response to a situation where the vessel is taking on water.

### Procedure

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| **Step** | **Taking on Water - Safety Procedure** |
| **1.** | Call out, “water in or on the [location]”. |
| **2.** | Start pumps or have a crewmate start bailing water out of the vessel. |
| **3.** | Determine where the water is coming from. |
| **4.** | If there is a risk to the vessel, contact authorities and surrounding vessels to advise of your situation and your position. Broadcast mayday. |
| **5.** | Take steps to stop or slow down the leak. Consider grounding the vessel if unable to bring the flooding under control. |
| **6.** | If vessel stability is at risk, begin emergency tasks and prepare to abandon ship.  |
| **7.** | Monitor tasks completed: flares up, mayday sent, immersions suits on, life raft/boat deployed, head count taken,  |
| **8.** | Keep authorities advised of the situation until resolved.  |