

Templates for Written Safety Procedures for Small fishing vessels

Abandon Ship

1. Inform the crew to prepare to abandon ship.
2. Advise authorities that you are preparing to abandon ship.
3. Crew advises passengers to gather on main deck, warmly dressed, and put on lifejackets. Keep them as sheltered as possible. Do not allow lifejackets to be worn inside.
4. Crew checks that all persons on board are accounted for.
5. Crew readies life raft for launching and gets medical kit, blankets, food and EPIRB ready to be placed in the life raft.
6. Review with crew and passengers how the evacuation will be carried out. Assign able-bodied people to assist elderly, children...
7. Review cold shock symptoms and how to counteract them.
8. If the situation deteriorates, call for abandon ship.
9. Throw life raft over the side and inflate it, leaving the painter attached to the vessel.
10. Assist passengers into the life raft. (Should there be a crewmember in the raft to help them down?)
11. Keep the life raft attached to the vessel so long as it is safe to do so.
12. Cast off if it appears the vessel will sink or capsize, or if staying alongside poses other hazards.