



# Boat Fire

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## 1. INSTANT ACTIONS

- Shout “FIRE IN THE BOAT!” to alert the crew
- Order crew to wear life jackets
- Consider emergency anchoring or driving the boat to shore or to shallows
- Turn boat so that the smoke and flames go away from the boat and crew
- Call for emergency help
- Find out what is on fire and if is it possible to put it out yourselves

## 2. EXTINGUISHING (IF POSSIBLE)

- Start extinguishing actions if possible, otherwise abandon the boat
- To restrict the fire, close possible fire valve, vents and other openings
- If the fire is in the engine room, turn off the engine, close the fuel supply and remove electrical fuses
- If the fire is in the galley, shut down gas (if any), **DO NOT USE WATER INTO GREASE FIRE**
- Use extinguisher with short sprays to the roots of the flames
- Prepare for abandoning the boat

## 3. ABANDONING THE BOAT

- Close the fuel supply
- Start abandoning the boat
- Make sure all has life jackets on properly dressed
- Prepare the life raft or skiff and set it afloat
- Order and control the abandoning, captain leaves last
- Activate the emergency rescue transponder (SART/EPIRP) if any
- If floating without boat, gather people to one group to keep warm and be more visible
- Stay close to boat sink zone to ease the rescue

## 4. TO KEEP IN MIND IN BOAT FIRES

- Most important is to rescue the people not to put out the fire
- Do not leave once extinguished fire unguarded, it may ignite again