



## **NELSON DISTRICT ROD & GUN CLUB**

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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 16, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7

**Indoor Range & Clubhouse:** 801 Railway St, Nelson BC

**Outdoor Range:** 124 Porto Rico Rd (off Hwy 6), Nelson BC

**Website:** [www.nrgcbc.ca](http://www.nrgcbc.ca)

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/NelsonDistrictRodAndGunClub/?ref=br_rs)

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**January 2024 Newsletter**



President's  
Message  
Howie Grant

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2024. As a Club, we have so much to be thankful for including our members and our incredible volunteers. A special thanks to those members and businesses who have donated equipment to the outdoor range and the Legacy Project.

We are off to a running start with our Annual General Meeting & Elections:

When – Saturday Jan 13, 2024

Where- Mickey McEwen Hall, 801 Railway Street (upstairs)

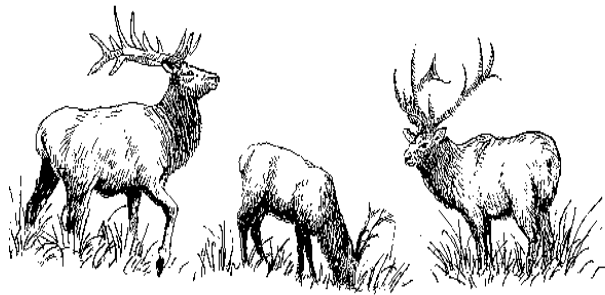
Time - 10:00 am

There are five Director positions up for election this year and I encourage younger people to get involved to become part of the ongoing success of our club. Also, five new notice of motion can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA OF Nelson District Rod & Gun Club

January 13, 2024 10:00 AM  
Meeting called to order / time to be recorded

1. Roll call of officers
2. General Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda as circulated
4. Reading and approval of minutes from Jan 14, 2023
5. Unfinished business from minutes
6. Reports of Directors & Committees
7. Business arising from Notice of AGM
8. Reading of financial report
9. Election of Directors
10. New Business
11. Next Board Meeting: TBD
12. Adjournment



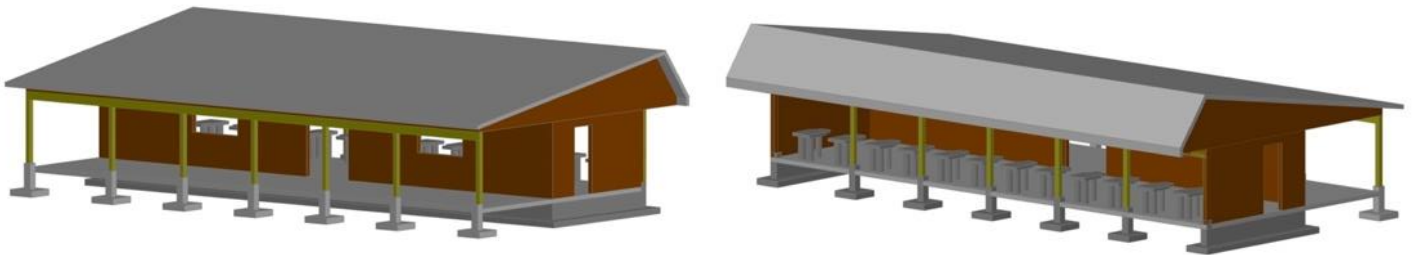
## **LEGACY PROJECT:**

The expected completion date will be early spring 2024. We hope to have it ready for our annual spring clean-up. The official opening will take place at that time.

We still need to fundraise so if you or your company would like to donate to this Project and see your name on the Legacy Board, I would ask you to consider the following donor levels:

Diamond Corporate Sponsor -	\$4000
Platinum Sponsor -	\$1500
Gold Sponsor -	\$1000
Silver -	\$500

If you would like to donate by e transfer, please use: [membership@nrgcbc.ca](mailto:membership@nrgcbc.ca)  
Contact Howe Grant 250 551-1077 or Wally Penner 250 551-6699 for more information.



## **WILDGAME BANQUET**

Our wild game banquet is scheduled for March 9, 2024, and we need volunteers. Please contact our Chef, Jordan Braun, at 778 908-9535 if you want to help.

## **GUN SHOW**

Keep the dates: April 5,6, and 7, 2024 open so you can book a table and be part of our gun show. If you would like more information:

Contact: Hoge Tyler 250 551-7645 or Dave White 250 505-6007.

Proceeds from the gun show and banquet will go towards the Legacy Project.

Thank you for all you do.  
Howie Grant

## Legacy Project Bow Donation

NDRGC member Uli Lenhert of Heron Mark is once again donating a bow for the Club to sell. This time, the proceeds will go towards the Legacy Project at the rifle range. Purchasing this bow is a great way to donate towards the legacy project while adding a functioning piece of art to your quiver! This bow

The bow is inspired by the famous Bear Super Kodiak, an all-time favourite of hunters as it is a shorter recurve (63") with an unusually long riser (27") and short snappy limbs. The bow is dead in the hand, quiet, and fast. This bow is not only a great shooter, but also a display of woodworking mastery.

At first glance, you can appreciate the 200 hours of meticulous craft that Uli put into this recurve. Uli built two strings for this Super Kodiak, a classic 14-strand Astro flight with Cat Whiskers silencers and brush buttons, perfect for hunting; and a 10-strand fast flight for 3D and target archery. This replica shoots exactly as I would expect from the Original Bear, even better, as this one has an insert suitable for weights and wrist sling. You can find a great review of the [Bear Super Kodiak Here](#).

Thank you so much Uli for your kind donation to the Club! If you wish to buy or try this bow, you can email me at [nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonbcarchery@gmail.com)

Greg Seidelin



## Firearm Licences and BC Hunting Licences



REQUIRED TRAINING FOR FIREARMS (PAL) AND HUNTING LICENCES (CORE): Booking now for the fall courses. Classes in Nelson, Salmo, Slocan, Nakusp, Revelstoke and the Okanagan. Limited seating, book your seat early. For more information about classes, dates and locations check out [www.dbozconsulting.ca](http://www.dbozconsulting.ca) or contact Dorian Boswell, 250-265-8323 (cell), [dbozconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:dbozconsulting@gmail.com) If your community wishes to sponsor a course I can travel to your community to do a course(s).

### **For Sale:**

Utility trailer, good shape. Holds up to three ATVs. Asking \$200.00

250-505-5006

### **Indoor Firearms Range Update.**

The Indoor Firearms Range is again active on Wednesday morning for the fall/winter season. Unfortunately for now it's a limited schedule that may not run every week depending on the availability of Range Safety Officers. At present the schedule is Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30 AM.

Please check the NDR&GC web site for last minute cancellations before coming to the range, I will do my best to keep the site updated, however with the ongoing power outages on the North Shore that is not always possible. To find the Indoor Range page on the club's website click on the Site Map and scroll down to Indoor Range.

<https://www.nrgcbc.ca/>

<https://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>

Our club and its activities are totally dependent on volunteers.

Respectfully,  
Marvin Paisner,  
Indoor Range Director  
250-229-5710

## Pacific Partners Boating Bulletin

January 2024

### Anchoring Safely

Knowing how to anchor is an important aspect of safe boating and a skill that all operators should master. Anchoring safely and correctly will keep you from drifting out to sea or washing ashore.

Choose an area to anchor with plenty of open space that is clear of other boats and hazards. When anchoring your vessel make sure there is adequate water depth and preferably sand or mud on the bottom of the waterway. Make sure that when the boat swings around due to wind or current, the boat will not hit another boat, go aground, or hit underwater obstructions. The ideal location for anchor would be sheltered from wind, waves, and currents.

Lower the anchor slowly.

Have your boat come to a complete stop and slowly lower the anchor and line, hand over hand, over the bow to the bottom. Do not throw the anchor. Never anchor from the stern as this can cause the boat to become submerged.

Secure the anchor firmly and check for dragging.

Once the anchor is on the bottom you may be able to feel it drag. When the anchor “sets” firmly, the boat will stop. You can pull on the anchor line to check that the anchor is set. Tie the anchor line securely to the bow of your boat. To confirm that your boat is not dragging pick a landmark on shore and see if it stays in its relative position to your boat. If the position of the landmark changes significantly you may need to reset the anchor. Monitor your surroundings frequently.

Use Anchor lights.

From sunset to sunrise boaters must display an all-around white light on the vessel to indicate to others that their boat is at anchor. This keeps you and others safe when they are boating at night.



## **RANGES AND CLOSURES**

### **INDOOR GUN RANGE**

<http://www.nrgcbc.ca/indoorange/>

🏹 Wednesday 9:30am to 11:30am

### **ARCHERY RANGE**

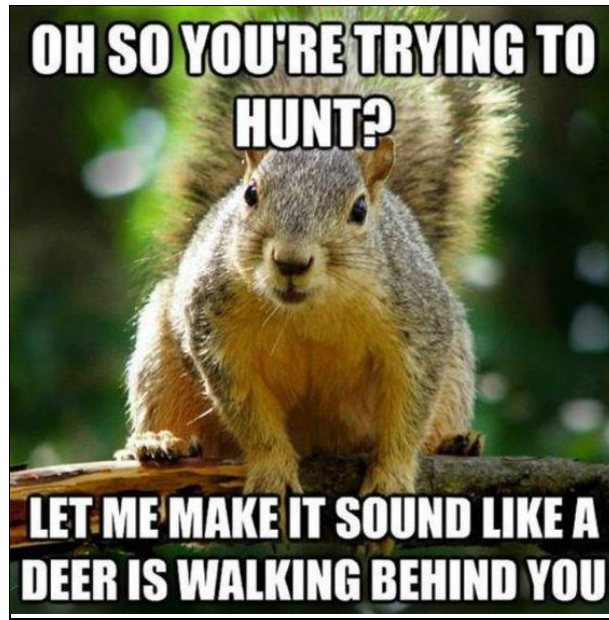
Indoor for all ages and disciplines with a maximum of twelve archers. Come early if it is your first time or you require club equipment; you will have to sign waiver, get a safety briefing, and try club equipment. If you plan on joining us



Tuesday and Wednesday 5:15pm to 7:00pm



Sunday 9:00am to 11:00am



### **NEWSLETTER**

Please submit your February submission, or any suggestions for the letter at [NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonBCarchery@gmail.com)

Greg Seidelin





## Notice of Motion

**Re: Constitution and By-laws of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club  
I, Frances Brown \_\_\_\_\_**

**hereby give notice that at the January 2024 Annual General Meeting  
that I will move, or cause to be moved a change to the Constitution**

### **A. Current**

2. The Club shall be organized for the promotion of co-operation and good fellowship among **the sportsmen and sportswomen** in the Nelson District.

Change to:

2. The Club shall be organized for the promotion of co-operation and good fellowship among **all who participate in the varied activities and recreations available in the West Kootenays of British Columbia.**

### **B. Current**

3. It shall be the business of the Club to look after the interests of **sport in general; to assist and to recommend to the government such changes in the Fish and Wildlife Laws as may, in the opinion of the members of the Club to be in the interest and** the conservation of **sport** in general and fish, fowl and wildlife and supporting habitat in particular.

Change to:

3. It shall be the business of the Club to look after the interests of recreation and conservation in general, and fish, fowl and wildlife and supporting habitats in particular.

### **Current:**

5. **The Club shall maintain affiliation with the B. C. Wildlife Federation and the West Kootenay Outdoorsmen.**

**Change.** Remove No. 5 entirely.

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**Re: Constitution and By-laws of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club  
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**hereby give notice that at the January 2024 Annual General Meeting  
that I will move, or cause to be moved adoption of a new policy**

**Club Policy 2022.04.09 Orientation for Outdoor Range**

### **Preamble**

The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club is a volunteer organization.

We all have a role to play in the safety of our members and the public, and the maintenance of our facilities.

The following rules must be read and acknowledged before use of the Outdoor Range is permitted.

### **Section 1 – General Rules**

1. Disrespectful or abusive behaviour is not tolerated within the Nelson District Rod & Gun Club and its facilities.
2. Shooting times are from 7:30 a.m. to Dusk. No shooting after dark.
3. Remember to have the gate locked while using the range and when you leave.
4. Sign in before you shoot. This is required for insurance purposes. Must record name and membership number in the sign-in log.
5. Members must carry their membership card while at a Club facility or a Club sponsored function and produce same when asked to do so. Anyone on using the property without a membership or not accompanied by a member, will be required to leave the property immediately.
6. All guests must be signed in, and will be under the supervision of the Member whose guest they are.
7. Members and guests are required to follow the direction of the Club Executive, the Director in charge of the Outdoor Range, Safety Officers and/or their designates at all times.
8. All junior members (less than 18 years old) must be supervised by an adult.
9. Club range procedures and rules can be found on the website.
10. The Club Executive, the Director in charge of the Range, Safety Officers and/or their designate can direct an individual or group to leave the premises if an individual or member of a group is
  - a. engaging in unsafe practices;
  - b. violating range rules; or
  - c. engaging in unacceptable behaviour.

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**hereby give notice that at the January 2024 Annual General Meeting  
that I will move, or cause to be moved cancellation of the following indoor  
firearms range policies of the club**

**2014.03.01**

**Confirmation of acceptance of responsibilities of Range Officer  
And**

**2014.03.14**

**Criteria for establishing privilege of Range Officer status**

These two policies were replaced in 2016 but it was forgotten to remove them.

Thanks to Marvin Paisner for remembering to bring this omission to the Boards attention.

## Notice of Motion

**Re: Constitution and By-laws of the Nelson District Rod and Gun Club  
I, Frances Brown \_\_\_\_\_**

**hereby give notice that at the January 2024 Annual General Meeting  
that I will move, or cause to be moved a change to the by-laws of the club**

### first change

#### A. Section 1 - Membership

##### 1. Rights and privileges

Current a. vii. affiliation with the B. C. Wildlife Federation and the West Kootenay  
Outdoorsmen

Remove – as per change to Constitution.

### Second change

#### A. Section 1 - Membership

##### 1. Rights and privileges

Current

b. On being admitted to membership, each member is entitled to, and the Club must give the  
member without charge, a copy of the Constitution, by-laws, policies and regulations of  
the Club.

Change to:

b. On being admitted to membership, each **member will be advised that the Constitution, by-  
laws, policies and regulations of the Club are available on the Club web site.**

**If a member requests in writing, the Constitution, by-laws, policies and regulations of the Club  
will be emailed to the member at no charge.**

## Notice of Motion - New

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### **remove**

#### **A. Section 1 - Membership**

##### **9. Pro-rating of membership**

New members, if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> in any calendar year, be granted membership for the remainder of that year and all of the forthcoming year. Members returning to the Club after an absence in excess of ten (10) years, shall also be entitled to this benefit. There will be no other pro-rating of memberships.

#### Rationale

This was put in place back when the Club had less than a hundred members


































Due to substantial growth in membership, this is now a considerable loss to the club.

This was brought to attention of the Board of Directors

Who authorized a change –

This will now be dealt with by Club policy so that, in the event of a necessary change.

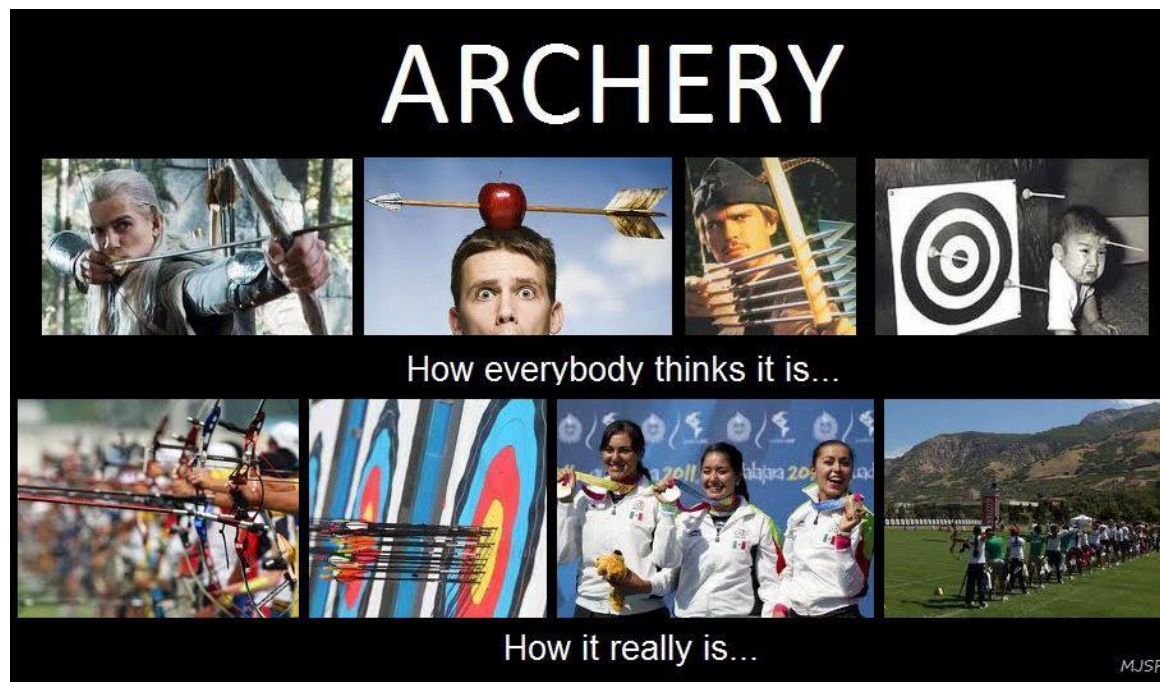
The by-laws need not be impacted.

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
 Indoor 09:00 – 11:00  Social Gaming 16:00 – 21:00	<h1>Happy New Year</h1>	 Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Indoor 09:30 – 11:30  Indoor 17:15 – 19:00	 Ladie's Shooting 18:00	 Social Gaming 17:00 – 22:00	
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## Club Contact List

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<b><u>Past President</u></b>	<b>Conservation – Environment – Fish &amp; Wildlife – Website – Hall maintenance – Edward Jones Account</b>	Wally Kampen	250-354-2926	<a href="mailto:kampenwally@gmail.com">kampenwally@gmail.com</a>
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Coordinator	<b>Hall Rental Manager</b>	Susan maze	250-352-9592	<a href="mailto:hallrental@nrgcbc.ca">hallrental@nrgcbc.ca</a>
Coordinator	<b>Security</b>	Al walker	250-352-9752	<a href="mailto:arwalker@telus.net">arwalker@telus.net</a>
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Coordinator	<b>Social Gaming</b>	Calvin Hacking		<a href="mailto:calvin.hacking@gmail.com">calvin.hacking@gmail.com</a>
Coordinator	<b>Bylaws – Constitution – Policies – Edward Jones Account</b>	Frances Brown		
Coordinator	<b>Outdoor Range</b>	Garth Georgetti	250-354-8525	<a href="mailto:garlyn@telus.net">garlyn@telus.net</a>
Coordinator	<b>Outdoor Range – Gun Show</b>	Hoge Tyler	250-551-7645	<a href="mailto:hogetyler@gmail.com">hogetyler@gmail.com</a>
Coordinator	<b>Facebook Group</b>	Jack Berry		<a href="mailto:jackberry@gmail.com">jackberry@gmail.com</a>
Coordinator	<b>Cottonwood Creek</b>	Alan Thompson		
Coordinator	<b>Fly Fishing – Fly tying</b>	Drew Turner	250-505-6630	<a href="mailto:flygroupnelson@gmail.com">flygroupnelson@gmail.com</a>





# DISTRESS AND SAFETY RADIOTELEPHONE PROCEDURES

TO BE DISPLAYED BESIDE RADIOTELEPHONE

Name of ship:.....

MMSI number:.....

## BEFORE DEPARTING

- Have you left a sail plan with a responsible person ashore?
- Does your voyage plan take into consideration adverse weather, navigational hazards and fuel requirements?
- Have you verified that your radio equipment is operational?
- Have you charged and checked any batteries used to power radio equipment used for emergency communications?
- If equipped with VHF-DSC (Digital Selective Calling), do you have a valid MMSI\* number and have you connected the radio to your GPS?
- If equipped with an EPIRB, have you registered\* your EPIRB with the Canadian beacon registry?
- Do you have suitable visual distress signals onboard? (flares, signaling light, etc)

## EARLY ALERTING OF SAR

Transport Canada strongly recommends you report, without delay, any situation that has the potential to constitute a danger to life. Time lost in the initial stages of a potential distress incident cannot be regained and may be crucial to the outcome. See example for **URGENCY** (PAN PAN) message.

## DISTRESS PROCEDURES

For use only when in grave and imminent danger and **IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE is required.**

1. Send DSC Alert
2. Send distress call on VHF CH16
3. Activate EPIRB

Ensure radio is switched on. Press and hold the red "distress" button for 5 seconds.

Switch to VHF CH16 and transmit distress call and message:

### MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY

THIS IS \_\_\_\_\_ (Vessel name 3 times)

MAYDAY followed by vessel name and MMSI number

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF DISTRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AID REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD \_\_\_\_\_

If outside of VHF coverage, send the distress message on **2182 kHz** or use other suitable means of communication.

Activate EPIRB (or PLB) by following directions printed on beacon body. Take EPIRB with you to the survival craft. Ensure EPIRB is vertical, with antenna pointed upward.

## Distress, Urgency and Safety Signals

- MAYDAY** means a mobile unit or person is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance.
- MAYDAY RELAY** means the calling station is relaying a distress message on behalf of a mobile unit or person is threatened by grave and imminent danger.
- PAN PAN** means the calling station has a very urgent message to transmit concerning the safety of a mobile unit or a person.
- SÉCURITE** means the calling station has a message concerning the safety of navigation or giving important meteorological warnings.

### Canceling a False VHF-DSC Distress Alert

Transmit on VHF CH16: All stations, All stations, All stations, this is \_\_\_\_\_ (vessel name) MMSI number \_\_, position \_\_\_\_\_ North, \_\_\_\_\_ West, Cancel my distress alert of date and time. This is \_\_\_\_\_ (vessel name) MMSI number \_\_\_\_, Out.

### Phonetic Alphabet

A	Alpha	I	India	Q	Quebec	Y	Yankee
B	Bravo	J	Juliett	R	Romeo	Z	Zulu
C	Charlie	K	Kilo	S	Sierra		
D	Delta	L	Lima	T	Tango		
E	Echo	M	Mike	U	Uniform		
F	Foxtrot	N	November	V	Victor		
G	Golf	O	Oscar	W	Whiskey		
H	Hotel	P	Papa	X	X-Ray		

### EXAMPLE OF DISTRESS PROCEDURE (MAYDAY)

Press distress alert button followed by distress message "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, This is NONSUCH, NONSUCH, NONSUCH. MAYDAY NONSUCH MMSI 316999999, position 49° 04.6' North 123° 18.8' West. Ship has taken on water and in danger of capsizing, I require immediate assistance, 4 persons on board, are taking to liferaft, Over."

### EXAMPLE OF URGENCY PROCEDURE (PAN PAN)

"PAN PAN, PAN PAN, PAN PAN, St. John's Coast Guard Radio, St. John's Coast Guard Radio, St. John's Coast Guard Radio, Victor Oscar November, This is NONSUCH, NONSUCH, NONSUCH. MMSI 316999999, 5 miles East of Cape Bonavista, 5 persons on board, we have taken on water in lazarette and are presently trying to pump out excess water, Over".

# Sail Plan

OWNER INFORMATION	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	
Telephone #:	Emergency Contact #:

BOAT INFORMATION			
Boat Name:		License or Registration #:	
Sail:	Power:	Length:	Type:
Colour	Hull:	Deck:	Cabin:
Engine Type:			
Distinguishing Features:			
Radio Channels Monitored	HF:	VHF:	MF:
MMSI (Marine Mobile Service Identity #):			
Satellite or Cellular Telephone #:			

SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON BOARD
Life Jackets and PFDs (including #):
Life Rafts (including Type and Colour):
Flares (including # and Type):
Other Safety Equipment:

TRIP DETAILS (UPDATE THESE DETAILS EVERY TRIP)	
# of People on Board:	Search and Rescue Telephone #:
Proposed Route:	
Date:	
Leaving From:	Departing Time:
Heading To:	Estimated Arrival Time:
Stopover Points (including Date & Time):	



## Pre-Departure Checklist

Be Prepared for the Unexpected – Check This List Before Every Trip

- Lifejackets – Wear Them!
  - Carry a Canadian-approved lifejacket for ever yone on board.
  - Make sure they are in good condition (check the zippers, buckles, fabric, seams, etc.).
  - Check that they are properly sized to fit each person on board.
- Operator Competency – Are You Ready to Head Out on the Water?
  - Take a boating safety course.
  - Keep your Pleasure Craft Operator Card or other proof of competency on board.
- Weather – Check and Monitor the Marine Weather Forecast
- Sail Plan – File Your Plan Before Heading Out
  - Tell a person you trust where you are going and when you will be back.
- Safety Equipment – Required by Law and Essential for Safety
  - Make sure all equipment is on board, in good working order and easy to reach.
  - Carry a first aid kit, basic tools and spare parts.
- Charts, Compass and Local Hazards – Know Where You Are at All Times
  - Make sure you are aware of all local hazards, water levels and tides.
- Fuel – Check Your Tank and Remember: 1/3 to go, 1/3 to return, 1/3 reserve
- Boat Condition – Should Your Boat Leave the Dock?
  - Check the hull for cracks or other damage.
  - Check the electrical, fuel, propulsion and cooling systems.
  - Make sure the throttle and steering work well.
  - Check the oil.
  - Check all hoses and lines for leaks or cracks and replace if necessary.
  - Make sure all clamps and belts are secure and in good shape.
  - Inspect, clean and replace spark plugs if necessary.
  - Check and change oil and water filters if needed.
  - Check the battery's charge.
  - Make sure the drainage plug is in place.
  - Carry spare plugs for all through hull fittings.
  - Make sure the load on your boat (gear and occupants) is well distributed.
  - Run the blowers for four minutes before starting the engine(s) – check for airflow.
- Safety Briefing – You Are Legally Responsible for Your Guests
  - Show everyone where the safety equipment is located and how to use it.
  - Make sure the communication equipment works and ever yone can use it.