Abandon Ship Drill

F/V ________________________________

Date: ______________ Time: ______________
Location: ______________________________

Scenario
Despite the crew’s best efforts to control the fire or the flooding, the situation gets out of control and the drill leader gives the order to abandon ship.

Setting Up the Drill
This drill can be added to the end of a fire or flooding drill to save time and make the drills more challenging. To prevent the fire or flooding drill from being cut short, the drill leader should tell the crew not to abandon ship until the order is given.

The crew will only simulate launching life rafts, activating EPIRBs, and abandoning the vessel. However, immersion suits should be donned and appropriate survival equipment brought to the abandon ship station.

Initiating the Drill
When the fire or flooding drill has been concluded, the abandon ship signal will be sounded over the ship’s alarm system.

Critical Points to Look for During Drill
1. Alarms/Communication
   - Does person discovering the fire immediately sound the alarm?
   - Does person on watch alert all crewmembers? How?
   - Are Coast Guard and other vessels made aware of the problem?
   - Does entire crew recognize the abandon ship signal?
   - How soon is entire crew aware of the emergency?
   - Are any crewmembers unaware of the emergency due to an inoperative signal or lack of communication?
   - Do crewmembers account for others?
   - Are signals used or simulated before abandoning ship to attract nearby assistance?
   - Are all crewmembers able to make an adequate MAYDAY call and find the vessel’s position?

2. Response
   - Do crewmembers react in accordance with their Emergency Assignments?
   - Do crewmembers readily do unassigned, but needed jobs (cross-training)?
   - Does crew work together as a team?
   - Do crewmembers anticipate or react to events?
   - Do crewmembers know their abandon ship station?
Yes  No

Do obstructions block escape routes or access to survival equipment?  
Is life raft painter always secured (simulated) once life raft is released?  
Do all hands have an immersion suit of a size that fits appropriately even with deck clothing on?  

Do all crewmembers completely don their immersion suits in 60 seconds?  
Does crew use a buddy system in donning suits and launching rafts?  
Does crew simulate tossing throwable flotation (buoys, etc.) overboard?  

Does crew gather an EPIRB, extra clothing, water, food, flares, log, and any other survival equipment, and are these items protected from washing overboard?  
Are watertight doors and hatches closed, if there is time, before abandoning vessel?  
Do crewmembers simulate entering the water properly wearing immersion suits?  

Can all crewmembers describe how and when to launch a life raft and entry procedures?  
Is crew aware of procedures for recovering a life raft?  
Are all crewmembers aware of immersion suit features, proper care and stowage?  

Can all crewmembers describe how to operate and test EPIRBs?  
Is the EPIRB tested and logged at the end of the drill?  
If flares are lit, is a Security given on channel 16?  

Notes:

Drill Conductor: ________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________

Date: ________________________________________

Instructions: Mark the "Yes" or "No" check box next to each question in response to your observations of the crew's performance during the drill. Strike through or mark "N/A" any question that is not applicable to your vessel. Record any other observations in the notes section. You may also want to record the names of crewmembers that participated in the drill.

Use the recorded observations in your debrief of the drill with the crew. Retain this record to document the crew's performance over time.