EMERGENCY INSTRUCTION FOR ANCHORING

1. Choose a location with protection from the wind and seas if possible, and with a suitable bottom.

2. Anchor in a maximum water depth of _____ feet or _______ fathoms. (Note: This vessel has _____ feet or _______ fathoms of line/chain.)

3. Approach the anchorage location slowly and head the bow into the wind or current, whichever is stronger.

4. When the vessel starts to back slowly, ease the anchor to the bottom.

5. Quickly pay out a scope of five (in good weather) to 10 times (in bad weather) times the water depth in anchor line/chain. Secure the anchor line/chain. If drift is not rapid, back down with minimum power to set the anchor.

6. Maintain an anchor watch to feel the anchor drag and look out for any vessel drift. Be prepared to get underway if vessel drags anchor.