ABANDON SHIP

1. **Preparations** should include the following as time and circumstances permit:
   a. **General alarm and mayday**
   b. **All personnel don immersion suits/PFDs** and warm clothing
   c. **Prepare to launch liferaft**; attach sea painter to vessel above weak link
   d. **Get abandon ship kit** including signals (EPIRB, flare signal smoke, flashlights, hand-held radios, etc.), first aid kit, water and food
   e. Gather other useful items

2. **Meet** at abandon ship station

3. **When sinking is imminent** or when remaining onboard is inappropriate:
   a. Close watertight openings
   b. Launch and board liferaft
   c. Keep sea painter attached to vessel but be prepared to cut it immediately if there is risk to raft or if vessel begins to sink
   d. **Activate EPIRB** and begin **Seven Steps to Survival** (see last page)