

# 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)