

CHAPTER 2.—GENERAL SIGNAL CODE

<i>Code</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Cross Reference</i>
Distress Signal		
EG	Did you hear SOS/MAYDAY given at time indicated?	
EG 1	Will you listen on 2182 kHz for signals of emergency position-indicating radiobeacons?	
EG 2	I am listening on 2182 kHz for signals of emergency position-indicating radiobeacons.	
EG 3	Have you received the signal of an emergency position-indicating radiobeacon on 2182 kHz?	
EG 4	I have received the signal of an emergency position-indicating radiobeacon on 2182 kHz.	
EG 5	Will you listen on... MHz for signals of emergency position-indicating radiobeacons?	
EG 6	I am listening on... MHz for signals of emergency position-indicating radiobeacons.	
EG 7	Have you received the signal of an emergency position-indicating radiobeacon on... MHz?	
EG 8	I have received the signal of an emergency position-indicating radiobeacon on... MHz.	
EJ	I have received distress signal transmitted by coast station indicated.	
EJ 1	Have you received distress signal transmitted by coast station indicated?	
EK	I have sighted distress signal in lat... long...	
EK 1	An explosion was seen or heard (position or direction and time to be indicated).	
EK 2	Have you heard or seen distress signal from survival craft?	

* Reference is made to signals prescribed by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (Regulation 16(a), Chapter V) as replies from lifesaving stations or maritime rescue units to distress signals made by a ship or person.

Position of Distress

EL	Repeat the distress position.	
EL 1	What is the position of vessel in distress?	
	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (or aircraft) was lat... long... (or bearing... from place indicated, distance...)	FG
	What was the position given with SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (or aircraft)?	FG 1
	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY is wrong. The correct position is lat... long...	FH
	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY by vessel is wrong. I have her bearing by radio direction finder and can exchange bearings with any other vessel	FI
	Survival craft are believed to be in the vicinity of lat... long...	GI
EM	Are there other vessels/aircraft in the vicinity of vessel/aircraft in distress?	

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Contact or Locate		
EN	You should try to contact vessel/aircraft in distress.	
EO	I am unable to locate vessel/aircraft in distress because of poor visibility.	
EP	I have lost sight of you.	
	I have located (or found) wreckage from the vessel/aircraft in distress (position to be indicated if necessary by lat... long... or by bearing... from specified place, and distance...)	GL
EQ	I expect to be at the position of vessel/aircraft in distress at time indicated.	
EQ 1	Indicate estimated time of your arrival at position of vessel/aircraft in distress.	
	I am flying to likely position of vessel in distress	BI
	One or more vessels are assisting the vessel in distress.	CM
	Vessel/aircraft reported in distress is receiving assistance.	CM 1
	I am proceeding to the assistance of vessel/aircraft in distress in lat... long.....	CR
	I have found vessel/aircraft in distress in lat... long...	GF
POSITION		
ER	You should indicate your position at time indicated.	
ET	My position at time indicated was lat... long...	
EU	My present position is lat... long... (or bearing... from place indicated, distance...).	
EU 1	What is your present position?	
EV	My present position, course, and speed are lat... long... ,... , knots...	
EV 1	What are your present position, course, and speed?	
EW	My position is ascertained by dead reckoning.	
EW 1	My position is ascertained by visual bearings.	
EW 2	My position is ascertained by astronomical observations.	
EW 3	My position is ascertained by radiobeacons.	
EW 4	My position is ascertained by radar.	
EW 5	My position is ascertained by electronic position-fixing system.	
EX	My position is doubtful.	
EY	I am confident as to my position.	
EY 1	Are you confident as to your position?	

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EZ	Your position according to bearings taken by radio direction finder stations which I control is lat... long... (at time indicated).	
EZ 1	Will you give me my position according to bearings taken by radio direction finder stations which you control?	
FA	Will you give me my position?	
FB	Will vessels in my immediate vicinity (or in the vicinity of lat... long...) please indicate position, course, and speed.	
Position of Distress		
FC	You should indicate your position by visual or sound signals.	
FC 1	You should indicate your position by rockets or flares.	
FC 2	You should indicate your position by visual signals.	
FC 3	You should indicate your position by sound signals.	
FC 4	You should indicate your position by searchlight.	
FC 5	You should indicate your position by smoke signal.	
FD	My position is indicated by visual or sound signals.	
FD 1	My position is indicated by rockets or flares.	
FD 2	My position is indicated by visual signals.	
FD 3	My position is indicated by sound signals.	
FD 4	My position is indicated by searchlight.	
FD 5	My position is indicated by smoke signal.	
	I expect to be at the position of vessel/aircraft in distress at time indicated	EQ
	Indicate estimated time of your arrival at position of vessel/aircraft in distress	EQ 1
	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (or aircraft) was lat... long... (or bearing... from place indicated, distance...).	FG
	What was position given with SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (or aircraft)?	FG 1
	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY is wrong. The correct position is lat... long...	FH
	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY by vessel is wrong. I have her bearing by radio direction finder and can exchange bearings with any other vessel	FI
	Position of accident (or survival craft) is marked.	FJ
	Position of accident (or survival craft) is marked by flame (or smoke float).	FJ 1
	Position of accident (or survival craft) is marked by sea marker	FJ 2
	Position of accident (or survival craft) is marked by sea marker dye	FJ 3

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	Position of accident (or survival craft) is marked by radiobeacon.	FJ 4
	Position of accident (or survival craft) is marked by wreckage.	FJ 5
	Is position of accident (or survival craft) marked?	FK
	You should transmit your identification and series of long dashes or your carrier frequency to home vessel (or aircraft) to your position.	FQ
	Shall I home vessel (or aircraft) to my position?	FQ 1
	You should indicate position of survivors by throwing pyrotechnic signals	HT
SEARCH AND RESCUE		
Proceeding to Assistance		
	I am proceeding to the assistance of vessel/aircraft in distress (lat... long...)	CR
FE	I am proceeding to the position of accident at full speed. Expect to arrive at time indicated.	
FE 1	Are you proceeding to the position of accident? If so, when do you expect to arrive?	
	I am unable to give assistance	CV
	Can you assist?	CV 4
Position of Distress or Accident		
FF	I have intercepted SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (name or identity signal) (or aircraft) in position lat... long... at time indicated.	
FF 1	I have intercepted SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (name or identity signal) (or aircraft) in position lat... long... at time indicated; I have heard nothing since.	
FG	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (or aircraft) was lat... long... (or bearing... from place indicated, distance...).	
FG 1	What was position given with SOS/MAYDAY from vessel (or aircraft)?	
FH	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY is wrong. The correct position is lat... long...	
FI	Position given with SOS/MAYDAY by vessel is wrong. I have her bearing by radio direction finder and can exchange bearings with any other vessel.	
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