# **Cancelling False DSC Distress Alert**

## VHF

- Stop the alert from repeating
- Switch to Channel 16
- Make a transmission to ALL STATIONS containing vessel's name, call sign and MMSI number, cancelling the false alert including the words SEELONCE FINI

## MF

- Stop the alert from repeating
- For R/T tune to 2182 kHz for telex tune to 2174.5 kHz
- Make a transmission to ALL STATIONS containing vessel's name, call sign and MMSI number, cancelling the false alert including the words SEELONCE FINI

#### HF

As for MF but the alert must be cancelled in all frequency bands on which the alert was transmitted (4, 6, 8, 12 and 16 MHz bands as necessary) including the words SEELONCE FINI.

#### Example:

## Inmarsat C

Notify the appropriate MRCC to cancel the alert by sending a Distress Priority Message via the same LES through which the false alert was sent.

MAYDAY
NAME + CALL SIGN + SAT C NUMBER
CALL SIGN MMSI (of your vessel)
PLEASE CANCEL MY FALSE DISTRESS ALERT OF DATE AND TIME UTC
SEELONCE FINI
NNNN

#### EPIRB

If for any reason an EPIRB is activated accidentally then you should **turn the EPIRB off immediately and inform the nearest MRCC** by any means available. No action will normally be taken, Governments may prosecute in cases of repeated violations.