

## 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.