



PRESS RELEASE: Man Overboard – A Skipper's Worst Nightmare

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As a skipper, your crew's safety is top priority and without doubt, anyone going overboard while out on the water has the potential of being one of the worst situations you could ever face. You and your crew spend countless sessions learning and practising what to do in a man overboard event, how to turn the vessel around, how to retrieve a person from the water and preparing for the unknown, but without knowing that someone is missing in the first place, no amount of training will change the end result of losing a crew member forever.

There is, however, an affordable and easy-to-use onboard alarm system available from Mobilarm® that provides an automatic, immediate alert to crew in a man overboard emergency. The fundamental principle behind the system is that crew members are always connected to the vessel via a wireless network which continuously monitors their presence onboard.

Each crew member wears a compact and lightweight pendant which is individually registered to the wireless network onboard the vessel. The pendant continuously transmits a signal to the central console, which in turn provides a visual indication of the crew's safety status, including the battery level of the rechargeable pendants.

If the signal from the pendant fails to reach the central console, either through submersion in

water or distance from the network, the system automatically activates an audible and visual alarm. Mobilarm systems are designed to be failsafe – even a damaged pendant or one with a flat battery breaks the connection and therefore sounds the alarm, alerting crew to a potential safety emergency. The system is ‘always on watch’ and will safeguard crew from going overboard undetected.

The length of time someone is in the water is critical to survival in man overboard situations, and Mobilarm® Man Overboard Alarms are designed to enable you to carry out a quick and effective rescue.

Within *three* seconds of a crew member going overboard, the system will automatically create a waypoint and then sound the alarm just *four* seconds later if the pendant signal is not re-established (so the occasional rogue wave over the deck will not inadvertently set off the alarm). The Mobilarm 7000 series display screen, or the vessel’s existing chart plotter or GPS, will also provide crew with essential track back information to the logged waypoint, and, if necessary, track multiple MOB events simultaneously.

Unlike other marine safety solutions such as a personal EPIRB, which must be manually activated by the person in distress, Mobilarm systems are fully automatic and require no action to set off the alarm. This makes them especially practical for small children and pets, or in the event that a person is knocked unconscious as they go overboard.

The other benefit of Mobilarm alarm systems over personal EPIRBs is that the casualty’s vessel

is notified immediately the incident occurs. EPIRB signals are only transmitted to an onshore location and rely on the distress signal being first confirmed, then relayed to other vessels in the area to instigate rescue, which adds precious minutes and hours to the length of time the casualty is in the water. With Mobilarm, any man overboard can be safely back on deck in a matter of minutes.

Once a crew member has been swiftly recovered and is back onboard the vessel, the Mobilarm system automatically resets itself and resumes its role of continuously monitoring the safety of the crew. As skipper, you have the confidence of knowing that all your crew are safely on board and you'll return to shore with a full compliment.

Mobilarm® - Always On Watch

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Mobilarm Ltd. is the world leader in electronic marine safety products that protect and save lives in man overboard emergencies.

Available online and through a global network of dealers and distributors, Mobilarm's award-winning products are specifically designed to improve the safety environment for commercial and

recreational mariners, by providing an instant alert to vessel and crew in the event of man overboard.

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