Damage Control

Emergency Responses



EVENT	IMMEDIATE RESPONSE	QUICK REPAIR	PERMANENT REPAIR
Flooding	Trapped crew? Find Leak Fast & Slow it Check all hull openings: seacocks, rudder, thruster Drop headsail (unless heel reduces flooding)	 Stuff leak Fother if leak forward of keel Activate all pumps Start engine; charge batteries Prepare to Abandon Ship/ Mayday? 	 Wood plugs, Truplug, Nerf balls "Stay Afloat", shoring timber (2x4) Plywood or lead patch, shower pan liner, Abandon Ship? Withdraw Mayday?
Fire	Trapped crew? Fight Fire Fast Drop headsail Sail 150 apparent	Fight FireShut valves-stove/ enginePrepare to Abandon Ship/ Mayday?	Abandon Ship?Withdraw Mayday?Fire watch
Lee shroud or spreader bro- ken or loose	Stay on present tack! • Maintain pressure on windward rigging	Secure leeward rigging Rig halyards to rail	 Rig halyard thru end of pole set abeam Replace or reconnect parts Fabricate new shroud* or spreader
Windward shroud or spreader broken or loose	Tack instantly Maintain pressure on new windward side	Secure leeward riggingRig halyards to rail	 Rig halyard to end of pole set abeam Replace or reconnect parts Fabricate new shroud* or spreader
Headstay broken or loose	Bear off to run • Ease main • Do not drop jib	Run halyards to bow then drop jib. Reduce pressure on backstay and runners	Reconnect or replace headstay*
Backstay broken or loose	Luff up to close hauled Trim mainsheet tight; drop headsail	Run spin halyards to sternTighten mainsheet & vang	Reconnect or replace backstay Spanish windlass if hydraulic failure
Broken Mast	Crew roll call! • Man overboard?	Try to secure rigDon't start engine until rig cleared	Retrieve rig if possible (for jury rig)Cut loose if threatening hullPan Pan or Mayday?
Steering lost: rudder and post intact	Drop headsail Trim main Determine problem	Deploy Emergency tillerEngage autopilot (if ram on quadrant)	Repair steering gearTow drogue if needed\
Steering lost: Rudder gone	Drop headsail Trim main Determine problem	Plug lower rudder bearing?Deploy steering drogue	Pan Pan?
Steering lost: Rudder Post broken & thrashing inside	Drop headsail Trim main Determine problem	 Fight Flooding (if any) Weight to bow (lift stern) Push post down & out? Prepare to Abandon Ship/Mayday? 	 Mayday? Abandon Ship? If OK, Drogue steering