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U-1105 Historic Shipwreck Preserve Safety Reference Sheet

→ Divers visiting the *U-1105* Historic Shipwreck Preserve (Preserve) will experience strong currents and near zero visibility. These can create hazardous diving conditions.

→ Review the *U-1105* Visitor Information Sheet before your visit. Always dive within the limits of your training. Clear communications are vital in an emergency. ***Ensure all divers and crew are familiar with marine VHF use and emergency procedures.***

→ This document is a quick guide for emergency procedures. Print this page and post it in a visible place on your vessel.

Boat Traffic

→ Hail approaching vessels on *VHF channel 16* and use the horn to sound the ***danger signal (five short rapid blasts)***. Advise that there are divers down, and to give a 300ft buffer.

Site Preservation and Access Concerns

→ Report any damage or disruption to *U-1105*, the mooring buoy, or bullet floats through the Site Condition Report Form.

Site Condition Report Form

Diving Emergency Procedures

1. ***If you have a diving related medical emergency, first call 911.***
2. After activating EMS, call Divers Alert Network (DAN) ***+1-919-684-9111***. Inform them of the situation and provide the injured diver's DAN number.
3. ***If you cannot reach EMS via 911, contact the Coast Guard on VHF channel 16.*** Begin the message with a distress signal based on the level of emergency:
   → **"MAYDAY-MAYDAY MAYDAY- MAYDAY MAYDAY-MAYDAY"** for a life-threatening situation.
   → **"PAN-PAN PAN-PAN PAN-PAN"** for an urgent situation.
4. **Describe the situation:**
   → **"This is the dive boat [name]. I have a scuba diving emergency as follows: [briefly describe]."**
5. **Report your location to the Coast Guard as:**
   → **"Potomac River, Maryland side, one mile west of Piney Point."**
   → Coast Guard Sector Maryland NCR will respond by first asking you for your "GPS coordinates."
6. **How you should respond:**
   → ***At the Preserve*: "Latitude three eight degrees tack zero eight decimal one zero minutes North. Longitude zero seven six degrees tack three three decimal one zero minutes West."**
   → ***Not at the Preserve***: Report the coordinates displayed on your VHF, chart plotter, or GPS using the same format.

Note: The nearest Coast Guard station is at St. Inigoes. It will take about 30 minutes for responders to reach the Preserve.