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The U.S. Coast Guard is modernizing its outdated national distress communications system. The project, called "Rescue 21", will be the nation's primary maritime emergency system for the more than 78 million boaters and 13 million vessels that navigate coastal and intercoastal waters.

The system will greatly improve the Coast Guard's ability to detect mayday calls from boaters, pinpoint the location of the source of the call, and coordinate rescue operations throughout the 95,000 mile U.S. coastline and interior waterways.

Testing of this equipment will continue to be required at the General Dynamics C4 Systems facility in Scottsdale, Az. This testing will be used to verify the operation of the shore, vessel, and portable type equipment which will comprise the enhanced National Distress and Response System (NDRS).