

# **ACTION FOR MAN OVERBOARD!**

## **If you see someone go overboard:**

- Raise the alarm by shouting “**Man Overboard!**” to alert all on board.
- Immediately throw the lifebuoy overboard. The person in the water may not be able to see it but will mark his approximate position.
- Ensure that the helmsman is aware of the situation. He should mark the vessels position from the GPS Navigator using the MARK MOB function button.
- Act as a lookout or ensure somebody else does. Watch the person in the water and continually point to them. Keep the helmsman informed.
- If it is safe the helmsman should turn the vessel as quickly as possible to return to the person in the water.
- Recovery of the person in the water should be carried out on the weather side of the vessel to avoid drifting down on top of them.
- Have a rope ready to heave to the person in the water in case it is difficult to manoeuvre alongside them.
- A boat hook can assist in getting the person back alongside.