

## Non-Distress Assistance

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If you contact the Coast Guard on Channel 16 VHF-FM or Digital Select Calling Channel 70 and the situation is determined to be non-distress, the Coast Guard will offer to contact any assistance provider (commercial or friend) you request. If you have no preference, the Coast Guard will issue a Marine Assistance Request Broadcast (MARB). You may then be contacted directly by another boater ("Good Samaritan") or by a commercial assistance provider, such as Sea Tow or BoatUS, with an offer of help