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# **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

VHF MARINE TRANSCEIVER

# IC-M45EURO

Icom Inc.

# **FOREWORD**

Thank you for purchasing this Icom product. The IC-M45EURO VHF MARINE TRANSCEIVER is designed and built with Icom's superior technology and craftsmanship. With proper care this product should provide you with years of trouble-free operation.

# **IMPORTANT**

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS** carefully and completely before using the transceiver.

**SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL**—This instruction manual contains important operating instructions for the IC-M45EURO.

# **EXPLICIT DEFINITIONS**

WORD	DEFINITION		
△WARNING	Personal injury, fire hazard or electric shock may occur.		
CAUTION	Equipment damage may occur.		
NOTE	If disregarded, inconvenience only. No risk of personal injury, fire or electric shock.		

# **FEATURES**

#### Durable, water-resistant construction

Built tough to withstand the punishing marine environment, the IC-M45EURO offers reliability you can count on.

#### Dual watch and tri-watch functions

Convenient functions which allow you to monitor the distress channel (ch 16) while receiving a channel of your choice—dual watch; or monitor the distress channel and another channel while receiving a channel of your choice—tri-watch.

## Large, easy-to-read LCD

With dimensions of  $20(H) \times 60(W)$  mm, the IC-M45EURO's function display is easy to read and shows operating conditions at a glance. Backlighting and contrast can be adjusted to suit your preferences.

#### 'Smart' microphone

Operating channel and transmit output power level settings are easily selectable via the supplied microphone.

## Simple operation

Ergonomic design with a minimum number of switches and controls provides simple intuitive operation.

# **CAUTIONS**

⚠ WARNING! NEVER connect the transceiver to an AC outlet. This may pose a fire hazard or result in an electric shock.

⚠ WARNING HIGH VOLTAGE! NEVER touch the antenna or an internal antenna connector during transmission. This may result in an electric shock or a burn.

**NEVER** connect the transceiver to a power source of more than 16 V DC. This connection will ruin the transceiver.

**AVOID** using or placing the transceiver in direct sunlight or in areas with temperatures below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or above  $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

**DO NOT** operate the transceiver without running the vessel's engine. When your vessel's engine is OFF and the transceiver is transmitting, the vessel's battery will soon become exhausted.

**KEEP** the transceiver out of the reach of children.

**KEEP** the antenna cable and DC power cable as far away as possible from electrical pumps, generators and other electronic instruments to prevent instrument malfunctions.

**KEEP** the transceiver and microphone at least 1 meter away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If your vessel requires assistance, contact other vessels and the Coast Guard by sending a distress call on channel 16.

#### O USING CHANNEL 16

#### **DISTRESS CALL PROCEDURE**

- 1. "MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY."
- 2. "THIS IS ....." (name of vessel)
- 3. Your call sign or other indication of the vessel.
- 4. "LOCATED AT ....." (your position)
- 5. The nature of the distress and assistance required.
- 6. Any other information which might facilitate the rescue.



Versions of the IC-M45EURO which display the "CE" symbol on the serial number seal, comply with the essential requirements of the 89/336/EEC directive for Electromagnetic Compatibility.

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**OPERATING RULES** 

# 1

#### ♦ Priorities

- Read all rules and regulations pertaining to priorities and keep an up-to-date copy handy. Safety and distress calls take priority over all others.
- You must monitor channel 16 when you are not operating on another channel.
- False or fraudulent distress calls are prohibited under law.

#### ♦ Privacy

- Information overheard but not intended for you cannot lawfully be used in any way.
- Indecent or profane language is prohibited.

# ♦ Radio licenses SHIP STATION LICENSE

When your craft is equipped with a VHF FM transceiver, you must have a current radio station license before using the transceiver. It is unlawful to operate a ship station which is not licensed.

Inquire through your dealer or the appropriate government agency for a Ship-Radiotelephone license. This license includes the call sign which is your craft's identification for radio purposes.

#### **OPERATOR'S LICENSE**

A restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit is the license most often held by small vessel radio operators when a radio is not required for safety purposes.

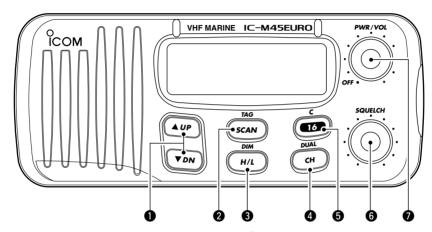
The Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit must be posted near the transceiver or be kept with the operator. Only a licensed radio operator may operate a transceiver.

However, non-licensed individuals may talk over a transceiver if a licensed operator starts, supervises, ends the call and makes the necessary log entries.

A current copy of the applicable government rules and regulations is only required to be on hand for vessels in which a radio telephone is compulsory. However, even if you are not required to have these on hand it is your responsibility to be thoroughly acquainted with all pertinent rules and regulations.

# PANEL DESCRIPTION

# ■ Front panel



#### **1** CHANNEL UP/DOWN SWITCHES [▲UP]/[▼DN]

Push to select an operating channel. (p. 6)

 Push and hold to 'speed' scroll up or down through the available channels.

#### **2** SCAN SWITCH [SCAN • TAG]

- → Push to start/stop scanning. (p. 9)
  - Scan type can be selected in SET mode. (p. 12)
- → Push for 1 sec. to toggle the tag setting for the displayed channel. (p. 9)

#### 3 HIGH/LOW POWER SWITCH [H/L • DIM]

- → Toggles between high and low output powers. (p. 8)
- ➡ While pushing, push the [UP]/[DN] switches to adjust the display backlighting. (p. 10)
- ➡ While pushing, push [SCAN] for 3 sec. to clear all tag channels. (p. 9)

#### **4** CHANNEL SWITCH [CH • DUAL]

- ⇒ Push to selects the International channel group. (p. 6)
- ➡ The U.S.A. channel group is also available. To toggle between international and U.S.A. channels, while pushing [H/L], push this switch.

#### PANEL DESCRIPTION 2

#### G CHANNEL 16 SWITCH [16 • C]

- ⇒ Push to select channel 16. (p. 5)
- → Push for 1 sec. to select the call channel (the call channel number is different depend on version). (p. 5)
  - Each group can have it's own call channel programmed.
- → Push for 3 sec. (when a call channel is selected) to enter call channel write mode. (p. 10)
  - Channel indication flashes.

#### **6** SQUELCH CONTROL [SQUELCH]

Rotate clockwise to eliminate audio noise. (p. 7)

#### POWER/VOLUME CONTROL [PWR/VOL]

Turns power ON and OFF and adjusts the audio output level.

# **■** Microphone



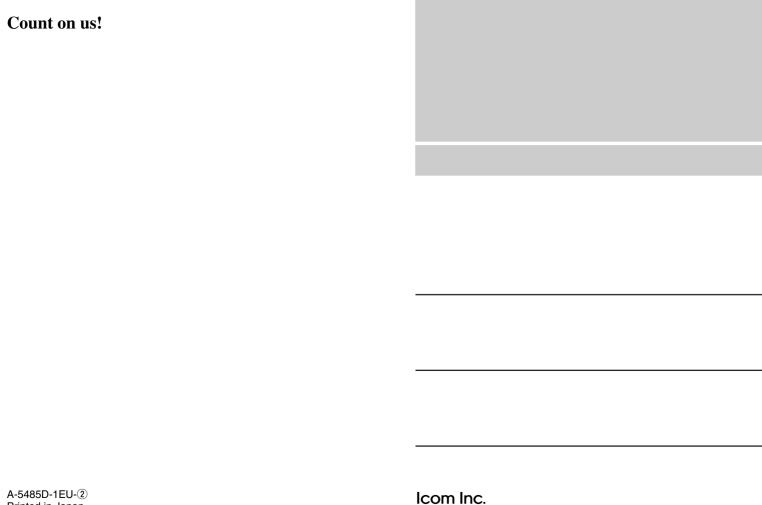
#### **①** CHANNEL UP/DOWN SWITCHES [▲]/[▼]

Select an operating channel in the selected channel group.

- These switches can be used instead of the transceiver's [UP]/[DN] switches.
- HIGH/LOW POWER SWITCH [HI/LO]

The same function as the transceiver's [H/L] switch—toggles between high and low output powers.

 Pushing this key at power ON turns the microphone keys ON/OFF.



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