

## Lost at Sea Exercise

### Background

This exercise can be used in many different settings and training programs. It is designed to work mainly within team building and leadership style training.

### Lost at Sea Scenario

You and your team have chartered a yacht. None of you have any previous sailing experience, so you have hired an experienced skipper and two-person crew. As you sail through the Southern Pacific Ocean, a fire breaks out and much of the yacht and its contents are destroyed. The yacht is slowly sinking. Your location is unclear because vital navigational and radio equipment have been damaged. The yacht skipper and crew have been lost to the fire. Your best guess is that you are approximately 1,000 miles southwest of the nearest landfall.

You and your friends have managed to save the following 14 items:

1. A shaving mirror
2. A quantity of mosquito netting
3. A 19 liter can of water
4. A case of army rations
5. Maps of the Pacific Ocean
6. A floating seat cushion
7. A 7.5 liter can of oil / petroleum mixture
8. A small transistor radio
9. 186 square decimeters of Opaque plastic sheeting
10. Shark repellent
11. 1.1 liters of 160 per cent proof rum
12. 4.5 meters of nylon rope
13. 2 boxes of chocolate bars
14. A fishing kit

In addition to the above, you have salvaged a rubber life raft. The total contents of your team's pants pockets amounts to one package of cigarettes, three boxes of matches, and three \$5 bills.

**YOUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL WILL DEPEND UPON YOUR ABILITY TO RANK THE ABOVE 14 ITEMS IN THEIR RELATIVE ORDER OF IMPORTANCE. GOOD LUCK!**