

LOST AT SEA WORKSHEET

EXERCISE

The Situation: You are adrift on a private yacht in the South Pacific. Because of a fire of unknown origin, much of the yacht and its contents have been destroyed. The yacht is now slowly sinking. Your location is unclear because of the destruction of critical navigational equipment and because you and the crew were distracted trying to bring the fire under control. Your best estimate is that you are approximately one thousand miles south-southwest of the nearest land.

Below is a list of fifteen items that are intact and undamaged after the fire. In addition to these articles, you have a serviceable, rubber life raft with oars large enough to carry yourself, the crew, and all the items listed below. The total contents of all survivors' pockets are a package of cigarettes, several books of matches, and five one-dollar bills.

Rank the fifteen items below in order of their importance to your survival. Place the number "1" by the most important item, the number "2" by the second most important, and so on through number "15," the least important. Rank them first individually, by placing your ranking number under the "Individual" column. Later you will rank the items as a group.

Individual Ranking	Undamaged Items	Group / Team Ranking
	Sextant	
	Shaving mirror	
	Five-gallon can of water	
	Mosquito netting	
	One case of U.S. Army C-Rations	
	Maps of the Pacific Ocean	
	Coast Guard seat cushion (flotation device)	
	Two-gallon can of oil-gas mixture	
	Small transistor radio	
	Shark repellent	
	Twenty square feet of opaque plastic	
	One quart of 160-proof Puerto Rican rum	
	Fifteen feet of nylon rope	
	2 boxes of chocolate bars	
	Fishing kit	