U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Riverine Class 23-Foot SAFE Boat

FACT SHEET

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol utilizes the 23-foot Secure All-around Flotation Equipped (SAFE) Boat for maritime operations. The 23-foot SAFE Boat is an aluminum hulled, foam-collared vessel capable of operating in shallow water of the riverine (river or lake) environment. The foam collars enable the boat to remain buoyant even if it takes on large amounts of water. The Riverine Class SAFE Boat is an integral part of the vessel fleet to stop maritime smuggling into the United States.

Working in the riverine environment, the 23-foot SAFE Boat provides an excellent enforcement platform to detect and apprehend illegal aliens and drugs attempting to enter the United States by way of shallow water rivers.

The boat is operated by two Border Patrol agents working with the Office of Air and Marine, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat smuggling and protect U.S. ports from acts of terrorism.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
  45 knots (51 mph)
- **Range**
  150 nautical miles (172 miles)
- **Endurance**
  8 hours
- **Length**
  23 feet
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
  9,000 pounds

Features:

- Marine Surface Radar
- Global Positioning Satellite
- 2 X 150 hp Mercury Outboard Engines