U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Riverine Class 25-Foot SAFE Boat

FACT SHEET

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol utilizes the 25-foot Secure-Around-Flotation-Equipped (SAFE) Boat for maritime operations.

The 25-foot SAFE Boat is an aluminum hulled, foam-collared vessel capable of operating in the shallow water of the riverine (rivers and lakes) environment. It has a fully-enclosed, protected cabin that makes it ideal for operation during inclement weather.

It is an integral part of the riverine patrol fleet, whose purpose is to stop maritime smuggling into the United States. The 25-foot SAFE Boat provides an excellent enforcement platform to detect and apprehend illegal aliens and drug smugglers attempting to enter the United States by way of shallow water rivers and lakes.

Two Border Patrol agents work in conjunction 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 maritime 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**
  4 to 6 hours
- **Length**
  25 feet
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
  9,500 pounds

Features:

- Marine Surface Radar
- Global Positioning System
- 2 x 225 hp Honda Outboard Engines

For more information, visit the CBP.gov website
or contact the Office of Public Affairs at (202) 344-1780.

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