U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Interceptor Class All-Weather 33-Foot SAFE Boat

FACT SHEET

The Office of Air and Marine (OAM) uses a 33-foot Secure-Around-Flotation-Equipped SAFE) Boat with fabricated marine-grade aluminum hulls and foam collars, which provide the stability and the buoyancy of a ridged hull inflatable boat with an unmatched durability and safety factor. These features make it ideal for performing law enforcement missions in rough seas and in areas congested with waterborne debris. The foam collars enable the boat to remain buoyant even if taking on water during rough conditions. The protective cabin of the SAFE Boat has heat and air to protect the crews from the elements.

OAM uses SAFE Boats for the pursuit and boarding (inland and offshore) of vessels transiting in rough waters and locations with extreme weather conditions. The SAFE Boat carries 3-person (minimum) crews that work in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat maritime drug smuggling and protect U.S. ports from acts of terrorism.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
  45 knots (51 mph)
- **Range**
  300 nautical miles (345 miles)
- **Endurance**
  4 to 6 hours
- **Length**
  33 feet
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
  13,300 pounds

Features:

- Marine Surface Radar
- Global Positioning Satellite
- 3 X 300 hp Mercury Outboard Engines
- Forward Looking Infrared Detection System, which detects infrared radiation created by objects warmer or colder than the ambient temperature.