

BOAT HANDLING & DISTRIBUTION

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Purpose for Boats

1) Flood

- Evacuation of stranded victims & distribution of food aids.

2) Rescue

- Search for drowning victims in the sea, lake or river.

3) Type of boats

- Fibreglass
- Aluminium
- Inflatable
- Ideally 12-18 feet
- Light and shallow draft

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Basic Boat Handling

Safety Gears

- Oar
- Torch Light
- Water (drink)
- Communication equipment
- Fuel for Engine (OBM)
- Life Jackets (depends on capacity of Boat)
- Ropes and small anchors

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Practical Handling at Tasik Biru

- Look out for obstruction
- Knowledge on the depth of the water
- Steer against the water current when closing or going alongside
- Put gear on neutral when someone is in the water

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Advantages of small boats

- Quick deployment
- Shallow draft (can manouvere in shallow water)
- Light & portable (easily lifted by 4 person)
- Can be traileable on a car top

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Permits / License (Malaysia)

- Commercial - Yes
- Recreational – No
- Type of Disasters at Sea
- Accidents, collision at sea involving vessels
- Search and Rescue
- Human Trafficking (refugees) using unseaworthy boats or overloading

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Distribution of food aid

- Report your presence to the authorities eg. Bilik Gerakan/Civil/Military/Govt co-operation.
- Speak to other aid agencies to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Discuss with Ketua Kampung on your needs/requirement & advise on the number of people affected.
- Arrange sufficient volunteers to pack and assist with distribution.

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