## COMSWAIN JOB AID



BOAT FORCES CENTER

## CONVERSION TABLE

| $01 "=.02^{\prime}$ | $16^{\prime \prime}=.27^{\prime}$ | $31^{\prime \prime}=.52^{\prime}$ | $46 "=.77$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 02" $=.03$, | $17^{\prime \prime}=.28$, | $32^{\prime \prime}=.53^{\prime}$ | $47^{\prime \prime}=.78^{\prime}$ |
| $03^{\prime \prime}=.05$, | $18^{\prime \prime}=.30^{\prime}$ | $33^{\prime \prime}=.55$ | $48^{\prime \prime}=.80^{\prime}$ |
| 04" $=.07$ | $19^{\prime \prime}=.32^{\prime}$ | $34^{\prime \prime}=.57^{\prime}$ | $49^{\prime \prime}=.82$ |
| $05 "=.08$ ' | $20^{\prime \prime}=.33^{\prime}$ | $35^{\prime \prime}=.58$ | $50^{\prime \prime}=.83^{\prime}$ |
| $06^{\prime \prime}=.1$ ' | $21^{\prime \prime}=.35$ ' | $36^{\prime \prime}=.6$ | $51 "=.85$ ' |
| 07 " $=.12^{\prime}$ | $22^{\prime \prime}=.37^{\prime}$ | $37^{\prime \prime}=.62^{\prime}$ | $52^{\prime \prime}=.87$ ' |
| $08^{\prime \prime}=.13$ | $23^{\prime \prime}=.38$ | $38^{\prime \prime}=.63^{\prime}$ | $53^{\prime \prime}=.88^{\prime}$ |
| $09^{\prime \prime}=.15$ ' | $24^{\prime \prime}=.4$ | $39^{\prime \prime}=.65$ | $54 "=.9$ |
| $10^{\prime \prime}=.17^{\prime}$ | $25^{\prime \prime}=.42^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime \prime}=.67^{\prime}$ | $55^{\prime \prime}=.92$ |
| $11^{\prime \prime}=.18^{\prime}$ | $26^{\prime \prime}=.43$ ' | $41 "=.68{ }^{\prime}$ | $56^{\prime \prime}=.93$ |
| $12^{\prime \prime}=.2{ }^{\prime}$ | 27 " $=.45$ ' | $42^{\prime \prime}=.7$ ' | $57 "=.95$ |
| $13^{\prime \prime}=.22^{\prime}$ | $28^{\prime \prime}=.47^{\prime}$ | $43^{\prime \prime}=.72^{\prime}$ | $58^{\prime \prime}=.97$ ' |
| $14^{\prime \prime}=.23^{\prime}$ | $29^{\prime \prime}=.48^{\prime}$ | $44^{\prime \prime}=.73$ | $59^{\prime \prime}=.98^{\prime}$ |
| 15 " $=.95$ | $30^{\prime \prime}=.5$ ' | 45" $=.75$ ' | $60^{\prime \prime}=1.0{ }^{\prime}$ |
| EXAMPLE: $15 \mathrm{SEC}=.25 \mathrm{MIN}$ OR $.25 \mathrm{MIN}=15$ SECONDS |  |  |  |
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## CONVERTING:

HUNDRETHS TO SECONDS: MULTIPLY THE HUNDRETHS BY 60

SECONDS TO HUNDRETHS: DIVIDE SECONDS BY 60

## SPEED, DISTANCE \& TIME <br> AID

## 60 D-STREET

USE MINUTES FOR TIME, NAUTICAL MILES FOR DISTANCE AND KNOTS FOR SPEED.

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\begin{aligned}
& D=\text { SPEED X TIME } \div \text { BY } 60 \\
& S=60 \times \text { DISTANCE } \div \text { TIME } \\
& T=60 X \text { DISTANCE } \div \text { SPEED }
\end{aligned}
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## 3-MINUTE RULE:

THE DISTANCE TRAVELED IN YARDS, IN 3 MINUTES DIVIDED BY 100 EQUALS YOUR SPEED

EXAMPLE: 300 YARDS IN 3 MIN $=3 K T S$

## 6-MINUTE RULE:

THE DISTANCE TRAVELED IN NAUTICAL MILES IN 6 MINUTES MULTIPLIED BY 10 EQUALS YOUR SPEED

EXAMPLE: $1.5 \mathrm{NM} \operatorname{IN} 6 \mathrm{MIN}=15 \mathrm{KTS} \quad(1.5 \times 10=15)$

# CORRECTING AND UNCORRECTING 

CORRECTING - CHANGING A COMPASS OR MAGNETIC COURSE TO A TRUE COURSE.

UNCORRECTING - CHANGING A TRUE COURSE TO A MAGNETIC OR COMPASS COURSE.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Deviation MUST be taken from the SPECIFIC VESSELS deviation table. (Each vessels deviation table must be calibrated annually and be calibrated every 15 degrees.)
Variation MUST be taken from the nearest compass rose on the chart in the area you are transiting.

True Virtue Makes Dull Company After Weddings


Can Dead Men Vote Twice At Elections

## CONVERTING RELATIVE BEARING TO COMPASS BEARING

SIMPLY ADD THE RELATIVE BEARING TO THE MAGNETIC OR TRUE HEADING (IF THE SUM IS GREATER THAN $360^{\circ}$ YOU SUBTRACT 360 TO GET YOUR ANSWER)
( NOTE: You must convert to compass after you calculate because the deviation may be different! )
EXAMPLES:

1. MAGNETIC COURSE IS $010^{\circ} \mathrm{m}$.

OBJECT IS $180^{\circ} \mathrm{r} . \mathbf{0 1 0}^{\circ} \mathrm{m}+180^{\circ} \mathrm{r}=190^{\circ} \mathrm{m}\left(+/-\right.$ deviation $\left.={ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$
2. MAGNETIC COURSE IS $290^{\circ} \mathrm{m}$.

OBJECT IS $345{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{r} .290^{\circ} \mathrm{m}+345^{\circ} \mathrm{r}=635^{\circ}-360^{\circ}=275^{\circ} \mathrm{m}\left(+/-\right.$ deviation $\left.={ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$

## RECIPRICAL COURSES

THE STANDARD WAY FOR DOING THIS IS TO ADD 180 TO YOUR MAGNETIC OR TRUE COURSE IF COURSE IS LESS THAN $180^{\circ}$ OR SUBTRACT 180 IF YOUR COURSE IS MORE THAN $180^{\circ}$
( NOTE: You must convert to compass after you calculate because the deviation may be different! )
EXAMPLES:

1. CURRENT COURSE IS $020^{\circ} \mathrm{m}+180=200^{\circ} \mathrm{m} \quad\left(+/-\right.$ deviation $\left.={ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$
2. CURRENT COURSE IS $215^{\circ} \mathrm{m}-180=035^{\circ} \mathrm{m}\left(+/-\right.$ deviation $\left.={ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$

## PLUS 2 MINUS 2 OR MINUS 2 PLUS 2

IF THE FIRST DIGIT IN YOUR 3 DIGIT COURSE IS A ZERO OR ONE YOU WILL ADD TWO TO THAT DIGIT AND SUBTRACT TWO FROM THE SECOND DIGIT. THE THIRD DIGIT ALWAYS STAYS THE SAME. EXAMPLE: C=137(137

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\text { RECIPRICAL }=\frac{+2-2}{31} 7\left(317^{\circ} \mathrm{m}\right)
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IF THE FIRST DIGIT IN YOUR 3 DIGIT COURSE IS A TWO OR THREE YOU WILL SUBTRACT TWO FROM THAT DIGIT AND ADD TWO TO YOUR SECOND DIGIT. THE THIRD DIGIT ALWAYS STAYS THE SAME. EXAMPLE: C=2 43 ( $243{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{m}$ )

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\text { RECIPRICAL }=\frac{-2+2}{=063}\left(063^{\circ} \mathrm{m}\right)
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NOTE: THIS DOES NOT WORK FOR 000 THROUGH 019, 100 - 119, 180-199 and 280-299.
HOWEVER, THOSE YOU CAN DO EASILY BY ADDING/ SUBTRACTING 180.

# BFC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF THEETRUNO RADAR 

## Step one: read the OPERATOR'S MANUAL, and then watch the RADAR video.

## Ensure your GPS is on first or you will get a "No Data" Alarm Ensure you are in Radar control (lowest soft key)

HUE: Depress POWER/BRILL key. Depress HUE soft key. Set HUE to MANUAL. Return. Select MENU key then RADAR DISPLAY SETUP key. Select ECHO COLOR. Set ECHO COLOR to MULTI-COLOR.
(This will allow the user to view contacts in three colors, in order of
descending strength.) While in the RADAR DISPLAY SETUP, select TUNING. Choose AUTO.
(The unit's ability to tune itself is far superior to that of manual adjustment.
If the auto setting does not provide adequate tuning, have the unit re-adjusted.)
Select Return, then Menu
PRESENTATION MODE: Select the RADAR DISPLAY soft key. Select the MODE soft key. Choose HD UP.
(Selecting HEAD-UP mode will allow information on the radar display to
Correspond directly to that of the chart plotter.)

## RADAR SETTING:

Press Gain key:
Adjust Gain to about 35
Adjust Sea Clutter to 60, as needed, or auto
Adjust Rain Clutter to 0 , as needed, or auto
The A/C AT should be off
Return
Select SIGNAL PROC. soft key to adjust I rejection to low or med
E Ave. should be off
Adjust E STR as desired
NOTE: Read carefully pg. 2-31 of the OPERATOR'S MANUAL explaining the
WATCHMAN function. Pressing the NAV Function soft key will enable you to turn on/off
Watchman function.
(Inadvertently selecting the WATCHMAN function will place the radar in
STAND-BY mode for periods of 5,10 , or 20 minutes.)

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FURUNO VIDEO PLOTTER 

## Again: Read the OPERATOR'S MANUAL, and then watch the PLOTTER video.

PRESENTATION MODE: Select the MODE soft key. Choose either CSE UP or AT CU. This will need to be done EVERY time the unit is turned on. (Selecting COURSE-UP or AUTO COURSE-UP will allow information on the plotter display to correspond directly to that of the radar once underway.) The unit automatically goes to NORTH UP when it is initially turned so it is not always trying to update its position on the chart plotter.

## PLOTTER:

Select DISPLAY, then plotter screen (second from top left) hit enter, then select second from the top left again (split screen with plotter on left) Enter. Plotter is on left side for MOB function. If you hold MOB function long enough or hit ENTER, the whole screen goes to plotter.
NOTE: Operating this unit in the OVERLAY mode in INLAND waters within close proximity to land, bridges, large piers, Aids to Navigation, and concentrated vessel traffic leads to confusion between Plotter information and that of the Radar

DEPTH INFO : Select MENU, CHART SET UP, CHART DETAIL and then Soft Key DEPTH INFO.
CONTOUR SHADING: As desired - we at UTB use 10 Ft .
SPOT SOUNDING RANGE: As desired, again we use 10 Ft .
Return, Menu
NAVIGATING TO WAYPOINTS: To access the PLOTTER SETUP Select MENU, PLOTTER SET UP, SET GOTO METHOD. WAY POINT SWITCHING should be on PERPENDICLAR then Choose 35 POINTS,.
(This step will allow the unit to navigate to more than one waypoint.
Otherwise, it will cease to follow ROUTES past a single waypoint.)
Waypoints should be entered into alpha list instead of local.
NAV Soft key needs to be on WPT

## SEARCH PATTERNS

Press MENU, PLOTTER SET UP, WAYPOINT SWITCHING, ARRIVAL ALARM CIRCLE. Return, Menu.
Press ALARM key and adjust the ARRIVAL ALARM to ON and adjust to 50 yards. (.025) and XTE ALARM to ON and 50 yards (.025)

## SAR ASSISTANCE FLOW CHART



## TOWING AID

Safe Towing speed:
The square root of the vessels waterline X $1.34=$ Max Towing speed (S)
Subtract $10 \%$ of S to get Max Safe Towing Speed (Ss)
(This formula applies to displacement vessels only)

## SAFE TOWING SPEED <br> TABLE

| Vessel Length at Waterline | Square Root | $\begin{gathered} \text { Maximum } \\ \text { Towing Speed } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Safe <br> Towing Speed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $20^{\prime}$ | 4.5 | 6.0kts | 5.4kts |
| 25' | 5.0 | 6.7 kts | 6.0 kts |
| 30' | 5.5 | 7.4kts | 6.7kts |
| 35' | 6.0 | 8.0kts | 7.2kts |
| 40' | 6.3 | 8.4kts | 7.6kts |
| $50{ }^{\prime}$ | 7.1 | 9.5kts | 8.6kts |
| 60' | 7.8 | 10.5kts | 9.5kts |
| $70^{\prime}$ | 8.4 | 11.3kts | 10.2kts |
| 80' | 9.0 | 12.0kts | 10.8kts |
| $90^{\prime}$ | 9.5 | 13.0kts | 11.7kts |
| 100' | 10 | 13.4kts | 12.1kts |

NOTES:

1. ALL SUMS ROUNDED TO NEAREST TENTH

## 2. HIGH SPEED TOWING IS NOT RECOMMENDED OR AUTHORIZED

3. TRY TO AVOID CONNECTING THE EYE OF YOUR TOWLINE DIRECTLY TO SUBJECT VESSEL. ALWAYS USE A PENNANT OR BRIDLE. (a working line is easier to replace than a towline)

## BASIC DEFINITIONS

DANGER ZONE: An area around the distressed vessel, that you want to stay out of. When establishing a DANGER ZONE consider:

1. Prevailing weather
2. Aspect of the D/A vessel to the prevailing weather
3. YOUR abilities and experience
4. Your CREWS abilities and experience

OPTIMUM POSITION: THIS IS YOUR GOAL! You have obtained the optimum position when the UTB has its bow into the prevailing conditions, and is outside of the danger zone, and the towline is tending $90^{\circ}$ off the UTB to the D/A vessel.

SAFE DISTANCE: A distance within the optimum position and outside of the danger zone that allows you to be close enough to pass the towing rig. When selecting a SAFE DISTANCE, consider the same items as you would with the danger zone.

MANEUVERING ZONE: An area outside the danger zone, inside the safe distance which you may safely maneuver the UTB while station keeping to maintain the optimum position. You are in the maneuvering zone when your towline is no less than $45^{\circ}$ or aft of your welldeck.

NOTE: No two cases will ever be the same. Very seldom will they be ideal. Remember to have a plan based on these guidelines before you make your final approach and try to account for everything.

## SEARCH PLANNING

| PATTERN | NAME | RECOMMENDED USAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TRACKLINE SINGLE UNIT RETURN | FOR SEARCH OF A TRACKLINE OR LINE OF POSITION WHEN UNIT MUST BREAK OFF SEARCH AT SAME END OF TRACK AS SEARCH ORIGINATED. |
|  | TRACKLINE SINGLE UNIT NON-RETURN | SAME AS TSR EXCEPT THAT SEARCH TERMINATES AT OPPOSITE END OF TRACK FROM COMMENCE SEARCH POINT. |
|  | SECTOR SEARCH | DISTRESS POSITION KNOWN WITHIN CLOSE LIMITS AND SEARCH AREA NOT EXTENSIVE, (. 1 NM FOR PIW, ALL TURNS 120* TO RIGHT). |
|  | EXPANDING SQUARE | DISTRESS POSITION KNOWN WITHIN CLOSE LIMITS AND SEARCH AREA NOT EXTENSIVE, (ALL TURNS 90* TO RIGHT). |
| PS $\square$ $\square$ | PARALLEL SEARCH | SEARCH OF A LARGE AREA WHEN POSITION OF DISTRESS IS UNKNOWN |
|  | CREEPING LINE | DISTRESS GENERALLY KNOWN TO BE BETWEEN TWO POINTS. WIDER THAN TRACKLINE PATTERNS. |

## INITIAL TRACK SPACING (NM)

|  | GOOD CONDITIONS | POOR CONDITIONS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SEARCH OBJECT | WIND < 15 KTS | WIND > 15 KTS |
| PIW | SEAS < 3 FEET | SEAS > 3 FEET |
| <15 FEET | 0.1 NM TS | 0.1 NM TS |
| >15 FEET | 0.5 NM TS | 0.2 NM TS |
|  | 1.0 NM TS | 0.5 NM TS |



LEG 1: $\qquad$ $\circ$

DATUM:
LEG 2: $\qquad$
LEG 3: $\qquad$ - (ON DATUM)

LEG 4: $\qquad$
LEG 5: $\qquad$
LEG 6: $\qquad$ - (ON DATUM)

LEG 7: $\qquad$ $\circ$

LEG 8: $\qquad$
LEG 9: $\qquad$
WPT NO. $\qquad$

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## SIERRA SIERRA SEARCH QUICK SHEET



CSP: ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$
${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W} / \mathrm{E}$

SPEED: KTS

COURSE
TIME
LEG 1: $\qquad$ $\circ$

LEG 2: $\qquad$ $\circ$

LEG 3: $\qquad$ $\circ$

LEG 4: $\qquad$ $\circ$

LEG 5: $\qquad$ -

LEG 6: $\qquad$ $\circ$

LEG 7: $\qquad$ $\circ$

## ENGINEERING CASUALTY CONTROL

| STEP | PROCEDURE |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Reduce RPM's to clutch ahead on both engines. |
| 2 | Identify affected engine. |
| 3 | Notify crew of casualty. |
| 4 | Secure affected engine. |
| 5 | Check engine room through lower cabin view port to assess the situation. |
| 6 | Rig the anchor, if necessary. |
| 7 | Engineer: Enter engine room. <br> Crewmember: Act as safety observer for Engineer. |
| 8 | Ensure fire extinguishers are on scene. |
| 9 | Check bilge areas for lube oil. |
| 10 | Check lube oil for quantity and quality. |
| 11 | Notify station of situation. |
| 12 | Return to station if cause cannot be determined or repaired. |

SHAFT STUFFING BOX/PACKING GLAND OVERHEATING

| STEP | PROCEDURE |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Bring both main engine throttle control handles to the clutch position. Do not <br> disengage the shafts or secure the main engines. |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Cool down the shaft and packing gland with raw water. |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Loosen the packing gland nut. |

MAIN ENGINE HIGH WATER TEMPERATURE

| STEP | PROCEDURE |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Reduce RPM's to clutch ahead on both engines. |
| 2 | Identify affected engine. |
| 3 | Notify crew of casualty. |
| 4 | If temperature continues to rise, secure engine. |

CAUTION: While the engine is secured and the fuel stop is in the up position, to prevent seizure until the engine cools, periodically rotate the engine with the starter.

| $\mathbf{5}$ | Check overboard discharge. |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | Engineer: Check engine room through lower cabin view port to assess the situation. |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | Crewmember: If necessary, rig the anchor. |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | Engineer: Enter the engine room. <br> $\mathbf{C r e w m e m b e r : ~ A c t ~ a s ~ s a f e t y ~ o b s e r v e r ~ f o r ~ e n g i n e e r . ~}$ <br> $\mathbf{9}$ |
| $\mathbf{E n s u r e}$ sea suction valves are open. |  |
| $\mathbf{1 1}$ | Check sea strainers. If necessary, shift strainers. |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Check bilges |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ | Check cooling lines. |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Check raw water pump with the back of the hand. |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ | Notify station of tank after engine has cooled. |

## REDUCTION GEAR FAILURE

| STEP | PROCEDURE |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1 | Bring both main engine throttle controls to the neutral position. |
| 2 | Check the marine gear drive oil pressure gauge for the affected side. If the marine <br> gear drive oil pressure gauge reads ZERO when the marine gear is in the neutral <br> position, SECURE the respective main engine IMMEDIATELY. |
| 3 | The MG-509 marine gear is equipped with a "come home" feature that allows <br> manual engagement of the forward clutch pack for emergency use only. The "come <br> home" feature for the port main engine/marine gear cannot be utilized due to the <br> method of hookup. |
| 4 | To engage the "come home" feature, remove the two "come home" access plugs <br> from the manifold over the forward clutch location (aft side of marine gear). Use a <br> screwdriver and alternately tighten the "come home" set screws in a clockwise <br> direction until clutch lock-up is attained. |

WARNING: The use of the "come home" feature on the MG-509 marine gear requires that the starboard main engine be secured BEFORE the "come home" feature can be engaged or disengaged.

| COLLISION WITH A SUBMERGED OBJECT/RUNNING AGROUND |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| STEP | PROCEDURE |
| 1 | Reduce RPM's to neutral on both engines. |
| 2 | Notify crew of casualty. |
| 3 | Coxswain: Verify position. |
| 4 | Engineer: Procyed to the engine room to check for compartment flooding. |
| 5 | Crewman: Check all other compartments for flooding. |
| 6 | Engage engines at various speeds to check for vibration. |
| 7 | Notify station of situation. |

CAUTION: Excessive shaft or propeller vibration may cause further damage the strut or stern tube bearings.

## FIREFIGHTING POLICY

CG personnel shall not engage in independent firefighting operations except to save a life or in the early stages of a fire, where they may avert a significant threat w/o undue risk. REF: SAR ADDENDUM (CH - 3.D.)

## INITIAL ACTION

- Approach vessel from upwind.
- Check surrounding vicinity for PIWs.
- Recover and evacuate all survivors to the CG vessel.
- Evaluate their condition and administer first aid if necessary.
- If any injuries require more than minor first aid evacuate survivors to another rescue vessel for transport to EMS.
- If there are no survivors or the survivors are in good condition and have been evacuated to a safe place, stop and evaluate the fire.


## SITUATION EVALUATION

Coxswain and crew must evaluate the following elements of the situation:

- Location and extent of a fire
- Class of fire
- Class and extent of all cargo
- Possibility of explosion
- Possibility of vessel involved sinking/capsizing within a navigable channel
- Hazard to your crew
- Maneuverability of your vessel
- Wx forecast
- Risk of a serious pollution incident

If a fire can be put out with no danger to your crew or your vessel, proceed. If not, back off and maintain a safety zone around the vessel.

## OVERHAULING

The process of overhauling the fire is done to avoid reflash. When a fire is out, check for hot spots and set a reflash watch. When danger of reflash is no longer a concern, dewater the distressed vessel.

## INCIDENT PROCESSING FORM

(REF: SAR MANUAL)

1. NATURE OF DISTRESS: $\qquad$
2. POSITION: $\qquad$
3. PERSONS NAME: $\qquad$
4. VESSEL NAME: $\qquad$
5. HOW MANY PERSONS ON BOARD? $\qquad$
6. SIGHTING OF SURVIVORS (if situation warrants) YES (how many?)
7. VESSEL DESCRIPTION: $\qquad$
8. SECONDARY TARGETS: $\qquad$
9. RADIO FREQUENCIES AND/OR PHONE \# : $\qquad$
10. EMERGENCY RADIO EQUIP AND FREQS (Eprib, sart): $\qquad$
11. O/S WEATHER AND SEA CONDITIONS: $\qquad$
12. ASSISTANCE DESIRED OR RECEIVED? $\qquad$
13. FUEL ONBOARD/ ENDURANCE? $\qquad$
14. NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT? $\qquad$
15. SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT? $\qquad$
16. FOOD/ WATER DURATION? $\qquad$
17. DATE/ TIME OF INITIAL REPORT: $\qquad$
18. OTHER PERTINENT INFO: $\qquad$
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