

➤ **Raid/Open-Water Safety Craft**

DESCRIPTION

This program will provide safety boats from which personnel can monitor small-craft and swim training. The boat will possess integrated communication and navigational systems to provide its crew the necessary situational awareness to respond to, and aid disabled craft and injured personnel. It will provide easy access to combat equipment-laden casualties, allowing them to be moved from the water to the craft's deck for first aid without incurring further injury. There will be space for treating casualties during transport, or for transport of passengers in the event of disabled raid craft (6 personnel and 2 casualties minimum). Its speed of 30 knots will allow for rapid evacuation of casualties with life-threatening injuries.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Reconnaissance units and infantry boat companies are required to focus on training of an amphibious nature. When these units conduct various combinations of small boat training, surface swims, and combatant diving, there is a requirement for a safety boat to remain close at hand. A large, fast boat is required to properly facilitate the safety supervision of training and if necessary to expeditiously medevac injured Marines or divers.

PROGRAM STATUS

The program is currently in system demonstration. The program was approved for abbreviated acquisition in FY 2002. National Guard, Reserve Equipment Activity (NGREA) funding in FY 2002 supported the procurement of three prototype craft for evaluation.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:	FY03	FY04
<i>Quantity:</i>	0	0
DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER		
TBD		