**Activity #1: Lost at Sea Exercise**

**Group Size**: 4~5 people in a small group for discussion

**Time**: 15~20 minutes

**Objective:** Discover that people need people. Develop consensus building skills within a team and to discover the benefits of consensus building versus individual thinking in relation to scenario outcome.

**Lost at Sea Scenario**

You and your three friends have chartered a yacht for the holiday trip of a lifetime across the Pacific Ocean. None of you have any previous sailing experience, so you have hired an experienced skipper and two-person crew.

As you sail through the Pacific Ocean, a fierce fire breaks out. The skipper and crew have been lost to the fire while fighting the blaze. Much of the yacht and its stuff onboard are destroyed too. The yacht is slowly sinking.

Your location is unclear because vital navigational and radio equipment have been damaged in the fire. Your best estimate is that you are hundreds of miles from the nearest dry land.

You and your friends have managed to save 14 items, undamaged and intact after the fire. In addition, you have salvaged a four-man rubber life craft and a box of matches.

Your task is to rank the 14 items in terms of their importance for you, as you wait to be rescued. Place the number 1 by the most important item, the number 2 by the second most important and so forth until you have ranked all 14 items.

You and your friends have managed to save the following 14 items:

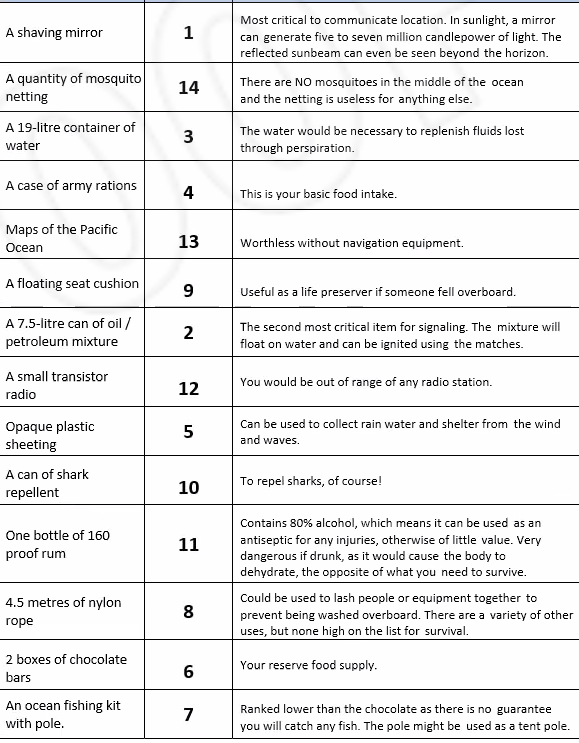
1. A shaving mirror
2. A quantity of mosquito netting
3. A 19-litre can of water
4. A case of army rations
5. Maps of the Pacific Ocean
6. A floating seat cushion
7. A 7.5-litre can of oil / petroleum mixture
8. A small transistor radio
9. 186-square decimetres of Opaque plastic sheeting
10. Shark repellent
11. One bottle of 160 proof rum
12. 4.5 metres of nylon rope
13. 2 boxes of chocolate bars
14. An ocean fishing kit & pole

In addition to the above, you have salvaged a rubber life raft. The total contents of your team’s pants pockets amounts to one package of cigarettes, three boxes of matches, and three pieces of paper currency.

**Lost At Sea (Print this page if you are using this)**

**Student Ranking Chart**

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| **Step 1** | **Items** | **Step 2** |
| Your individual ranking | Your team ranking |
| 14 | A shaving mirror (to make fire) | 9 |
| 13 | A quantity of mosquito netting | 11 |
| 2 | A 19-litre container of water | 5 |
| 1 | A case of army rations | 6 |
| 12 | Maps of the Pacific Ocean | 8 |
| 11 | A floating seat cushion | 10 |
| 10 | A 7.5-litre can of oil / petroleum mixture | 13 |
| 7 | A small transistor radio | 4(so can try contacting help) |
| 6 | 186-square decimetres of Opaque plastic sheeting | 1 (to make water) |
| 9 | A can of shark repellent | 12 |
| 8 | One bottle of 160 proof rum | 14 |
| 4 | 4.5 metres of nylon rope | 2 (to make stuff out of it, connect wreckage) |
| 3 | 2 boxes of chocolate bars | 7 |
| 5 | An ocean fishing kit & pole | 3 |
| **SCORE** |  | **SCORE** |
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