



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Riverine Class 23-Foot SAFE Boat

FACT SHEET



CBP's Office of Border Patrol (OBP) utilizes the 23-foot Secure-Around-Floatation-Equipped (SAFE) Boat center console vessel for maritime operations.

The 23-foot SAFE Boat is an aluminum hulled, foam collared vessel capable of operating in shallow water of the Riverine environment. It is an integral part of the vessel fleet to stop maritime smuggling into the United States.

Working primarily in the Riverine environment, the 23-foot SAFE Boat provides an excellent enforcement platform to detect and apprehend illegal aliens and drugs attempting to enter the United States by way of shallow water rivers.

The OBP two member (minimum) crews work in conjunction with CBP's Office of Air and Marine, DHS, DOD and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat maritime smuggling and protect U.S. ports from acts of terrorism.

Performance and Weights:

Speed	45 knots
Range	150 NM
Endurance	8 hours
Length	23 feet
Max Gross Weight	9,000 lbs.

Features:

- Marine Surface Radar
- Global Positioning Satellite
- 2 X 150 hp Mercury Outboard Engines