

Items	Coast Guard ranking	Reasoning
A sextant	15	Useless without the relevant tables and a chronometer.
A shaving mirror	1	Of all the items, the mirror is absolutely critical. It is the most powerful tool you have for communicating your presence. In sunlight, a simple mirror can generate five to seven million candlepower of light. The reflected sunbeam can even be seen beyond the horizon.
A quantity of mosquito netting	14	There are NO mosquitoes in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and the netting is useless for anything else.
A 25-litre container of water	3	Vital to restore fluids lost through perspiration. 25 litres will supply water rations for your group for several days.
A case of army rations	4	This is your basic food intake.
Maps of the Atlantic Ocean	13	Worthless without navigation equipment.
A floating seat cushion	9	Useful as a life preserver if someone falls overboard.
A 10-litre can of oil/petrol mixture	2	The second most critical item for signalling. The mixture will float on water and can be ignited using the matches.
A small transistor radio	12	You would be out of range of any radio station.
20 square feet of opaque plastic sheeting	5	Can be used to collect rainwater and shelter from the wind and waves.
A can of shark repellent	10	To repel sharks, of course!
One bottle of 160-proof rum	11	Contains 80% alcohol, which means it can be used as an antiseptic for any injuries, otherwise of little value. Very dangerous if drunk, as it would cause the body to dehydrate, the opposite of what you need to survive.
15 feet of nylon rope	8	Could be used to lash people or equipment together to prevent them being washed overboard. There are a variety of other uses, but none are high on the list for survival.
2 boxes of chocolate	6	Your reserve food supply.
An ocean fishing kit and pole	7	Ranked lower than the chocolate as there is no guarantee you will catch any fish. The pole might be used as a tent.

Scores

00-25	Excellent	You demonstrated great survival skills Rescued!
26-32	Good	Above average results. Good survival skills. Rescued!
33-45	Average	Seasick, hungry and tired. Rescued!
46-55	Fair	Dehydrated and barely alive. It was tough, but rescued!
56-70	Poor	Rescued, but only just in time!
71+	Very poor	Oh dear, your empty raft is washed up on a beach, weeks after the search was called off.