**SSP SPECIFIC HAZARD ATTACHMENT: SMALL BOATS**

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| Pre-boarding                  | - Receive safety briefing from boat crew operators  
- Receive emergency extrication briefing  
- Know location of emergency equipment  
- Ensure operator knows how to contact emergency services  
- Ensure operator has good communications with coordinating vessels and shore units  
- Ensure communications schedule with parent unit is understood  
- Ensure distress signals are available for day and night operations (3 per shift)  
- Ensure qualified operators are running the boats  
- Ensure appropriate number of CG-approved type I and Type II preservers  
- Confirm location of safe seating from boat operator  
- Ensure portable fuel tanks are full prior to boarding  
- Keep all sources of ignition away from fueling area  
- Ensure boat does not exceed safe load capacity (personnel plus equipment)  
- Ensure proper footwear for maintaining adequate boat deck contact  
- Ensure equipment on boat is distributed evenly to ensure stability  
- Ensure at least two people are operating the boat  
- Ensure sun protection is available (sun glasses and sun screen)  
- Ensure adequate food and water is available for the duration of the operation  
- Ensure presence of first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, and alternate means of propulsion  
- Ensure adequate fenders and mooring lines are available. |
| Boat Operations               | - Remain seated whenever possible – Keep low in the boat  
- Ensure boat is able to maintain direct contact visually or by radio  
- Avoid anchoring the boat by the stern. |
| Boat Mooring and Leaving      | - Keep hands and feet away from pinch points between boat and dock  
- Stay clear of lines being used for mooring  
- Do not disembark with bulky or heavy equipment; get assistance  
- If not assisting in the mooring operation, remain seated until lines are tied. |
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