



PRIORITIES
OF
SURVIVAL

WITHIN THIS VSSL ARE SOME ESSENTIAL TOOLS
FOR SELF PRESERVATION. HOWEVER...

THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SURVIVAL IS
THE ABILITY TO KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

PRIORITIES

1. First Aid: Tend to serious wounds first.

2. Shelter: Extreme weather makes building a shelter of top importance.

3. Fire: You may need a fire for warmth and signaling. Find fuel and start a fire before dark.

4. Signaling: You will need to prepare rescue signals. Your VSSL S.O.S mode lantern was made for this.

5. Water: Is essential. You can only live without it for a few days.

6. Food: A person can live several weeks without food.

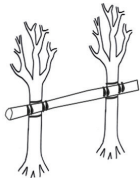
CANDLE



Multiple uses for
beeswax:

1. Light source
2. Lubricate zippers
3. Waterproofing gear
4. Assist with fire starting
5. Help close wounds
6. Rust prevention
7. Itch relief
8. Fish bait

ROPE

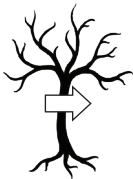


Some Rope Uses:

1. Binding items for shelter
2. Repair clothing
3. Fasten loose items
4. Make a snare
5. Tie a splint
6. Fishing line
7. Bow String

TRAIL MARKER TAPE

1. Tear off small section of tape and place at eye level.

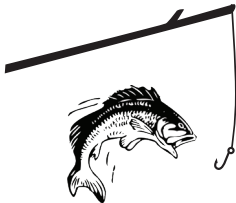


2. Tear tape into arrows to point towards your base camp.

3. Use high visibility tape to expand your search area.

4. Use tape to repair gear or cover wounds.

FISHING TACKLE



1. Attach line and hook to a stick.
2. Fish in deeper sections of water and around natural areas of shelter.
3. Avoid letting fish see you.

WATER BAG



1. Add one purification tab to the fill line on the bag.
2. Mix well for 10 mins.
3. Wait 30 mins. before drinking.

ZIP TIES



Multiple uses for
zip ties:

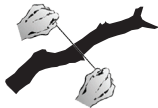
1. Bundle organization.
2. Attach items to packs, bags, or shelters.
3. Repair backpacks, straps, tents.
4. Emergency shelter building with a tarp or tent.

WIRE SAW



1. The most effective method is to make a bow saw.

2. Always try and keep wire/blade straight when cutting.



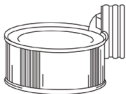
3. Don't let the saw get too hot.

WHISTLE



1. Use a section of rope to make a tether.
2. Use whistle to scare away unwanted wildlife or intruders.
3. In a rescue situation, blow whistle at constant 3 second intervals.

CAN OPENER



1. Place can opener as shown in diagram with rim of can inside the can opener slot.

2. Keep can rim in slot to provide leverage and twist FORWARD to puncture can.

3. Keep rim in slot, pull opener towards you and repeat stroke to open can.

FIRE STRIKER



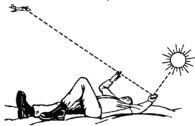
1. Fray the end of the cotton tabs to expose more surface area.

2. Collect more dry tinder than you think you'll need.

3. Place dry tinder around cotton tabs prior to lighting.

4. Scrape ferro rod with ceramic striker away from you and direct sparks onto the dry tinder.

MIRROR



1. Use a mirror to signal during the day.

2. Use mirror to reflect SOS up to 7 miles.

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3. Use your mirror to also assist in administering first aid on hard to see areas.

RAZOR



A sharp edge serves
multiple critical
functions

1. Cut Rope.
2. Cut clothing for use in first aid; wound cover, splints, slings etc.
3. Shave sticks for kindling.
4. Help prepare food, skin fish.
5. Remove splinters.

SEWING KIT



1. Repairing a hole in clothing.
2. Fastening a sling.
3. Repairing a tent / sleeping bag zipper.
4. Removing slivers with needle.



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