

Example Ditch Bag Contents

Ditch Bag – Positive Flotation, Water-resistance, High visibility, inner pockets and dividers, carry straps, adequate size

Electronic Signaling/Communications

- 406 Mhz EPIRB
- PLB
- Handheld DSC Waterproof VHF with Built-in GPS
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- Handheld GPS
- Extra Batteries (for handhelds listed above)
- Satellite Phone
- Cell Phone (useful in near-shore situations)

Other Signaling Devices (not electronic)

- SOLAS Grade Flares
- Distress Light
- Orange Smoke Day Signals
- Signal Mirror
- Radar Reflector
- Rescue Laser Flare
- Flashlight
- Strobes

Medical

- First Aid Kit
- Trauma Pack
- Anti-bacterial Skin Ointment
- Vitamins
- Sea Sickness Tablets

Survival Gear

- Knife
- Knife Sharpener
- Light Sticks
- Rescue Quoit
- Space Blankets

- Fishing Gear
- Waterproof Matches
- Speargun
- Cordage
- Waterproof Charts

Food and Water

- Packaged Water
- Food Bars
- Nuts, trail mix (low sodium)

Personal Items

- Prescriptions
- Spare reading glasses
- Credit cards
- Passports
- Currency
- Waterproof notebook
- Pencils

Morale Boosters

- Shortwave radio
- Books
- Games