

# Paratus Survival

## RAFT System Components & Operating Philosophy

The **Paratus Survival**-RAFT concept is a survival philosophy, with accompanying product inventory and instructional plan designed to be adapted to *YOUR* personal strengths and weaknesses, while simultaneously taking into account the realities of being lost in a harsh, unfamiliar environment. We call it a system because it consists of multiple components; namely, activity specific gear, a survival emergency action plan, and a reporting system for early notifications.

**Paratus Survival** has developed and compiled a series of easy to use tools and equipment for you to incorporate into your survival kit. We have also refined a specific survival plan which you can deploy during any phase of a survival emergency. Additionally, we have laid out an interactive TRIP report that you can adapt to multiple environments, adventures, and scenarios.

*What is the RAFT?* The RAFT is a symbolic place of refuge that survivors can “cling to” for life. It represents a central camp that survivors need to establish regardless of the survival environment; An area that you never desert until rescue is a certainty. Don't abandon the RAFT!

The RAFT system components and operating philosophies are derived from the successes of rescues-at-sea and are then applied to situations where individuals find themselves stranded or disoriented on land. The modern successes of at-sea rescues are based on several critical factors:

- 1) **Timely Reporting of Survival Situation**- Are you lost or sinking? Does someone know where you are . . . or aren't? Realize your situation and treat it appropriately.
- 2) **Predictable path of travel**- Where were you headed? If you're lost and wandering, your path of travel becomes unpredictable and the success of your rescue is dramatically reduced. Help someone find you, just by stopping.
- 3) **Stop!** - Stop moving and just float.
- 4) **Hi-Visibility**- Can someone see you where you are?
- 5) **Shelter**- Can you weather the storm . . . or the sun?
- 6) **Water**- Are you thirsty? Water your brain.
- 7) **Hope**- Do you have the basic necessities to give your brain the necessary measure of hope?