

Awareness Materials

The BOBP-IGO has brought out a variety of awareness promotion materials on safety at sea (illustrations on this and the facing page.)

Precautionary messages

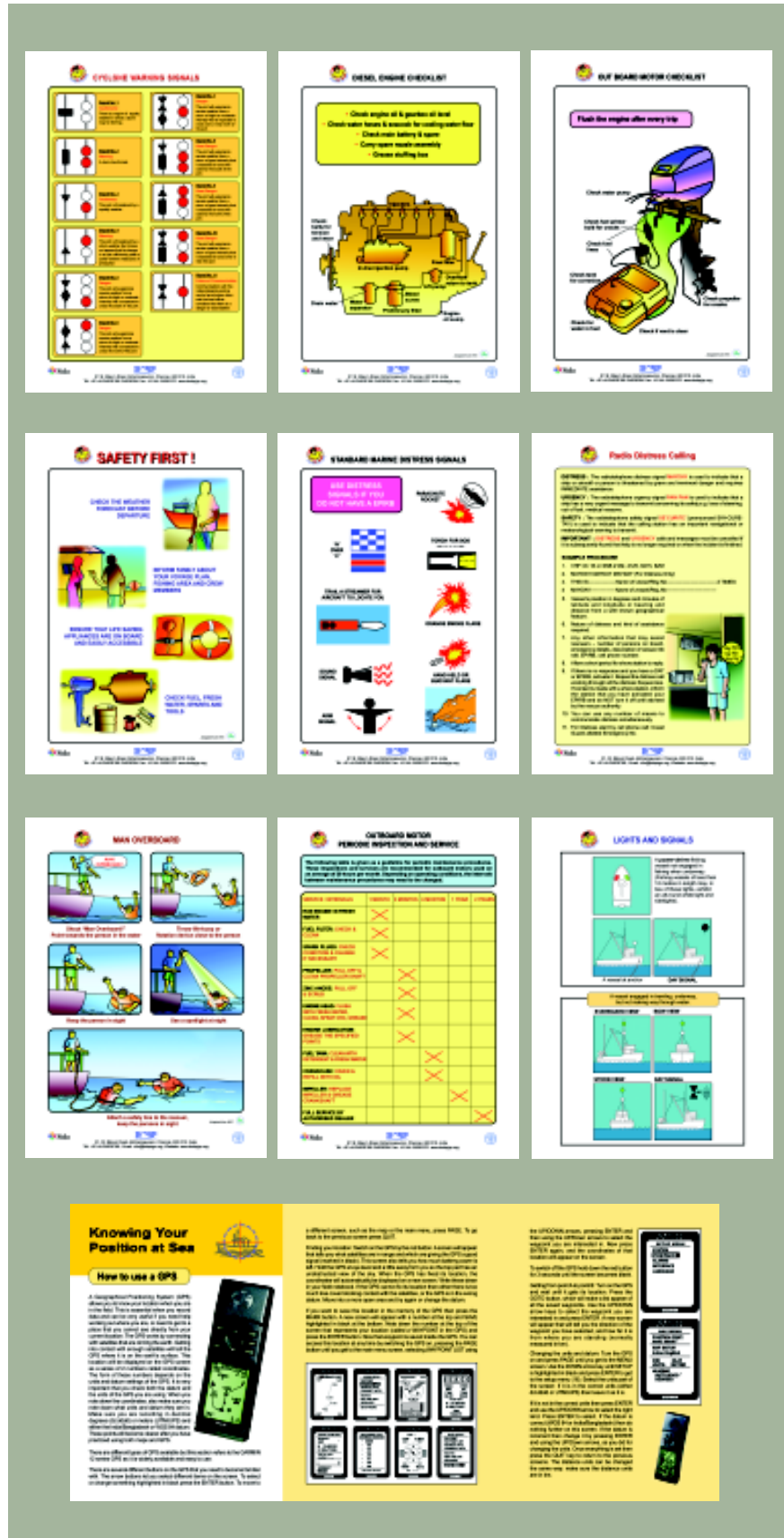
Ten colour handout sheets (in English, Tamil, Telugu and Bangla) on preventing, mitigating or confronting disaster at sea have been prepared and distributed to fishers in India and Bangladesh.

“Safety first” tells fishers about what they should do and what precautions they should take before starting on their fishing trip. Like telling their family members where they will be fishing and who will be going out with them.

“Standard marine distress signals” instruct fishers on how they should tell the world that they are in trouble. They can send up a “parachute rocket” – a cloth balloon that can light up at the tail and create a red flare noticeable from afar. They can create an orange smoke flare. They can create an on-off flare with a hand-held device, or a yellow-coloured flare in the water through another device. They can keep putting a torch on and off.

They can create a red streamer in the water, for aircraft to spot. They can send out sound signals through intermittent blasts of a horn. An arm signal – both arms outstretched – can convey a ‘Help’ message to rescuers who are near.

“Cyclone warning signals”: There are 11 cyclone warning messages varying in kind and degree – about the likelihood of squally weather, a storm forming, a moderate storm, a severe storm, failure of communications with the meteorological centre, etc. Harbour authorities flash these messages on flagposts raised high to help fishers



Laminated placards for awareness on Safety at Sea.

setting out to sea, or fishers who are close to the harbour.

“Lights and signals”. A power-driven fishing vessel uses these to inform others about its activity – not engaged in fishing, engaged in trawling, etc.

“Man overboard”: What steps should a person on a boat take when someone falls overboard? These simple sketches provide guidance.

“Radio distress calling”: What code words should you use to convey distress quickly and effectively to a radio station? ‘Mayday’ conveys danger. Utter the word ‘Mayday’ a few times. ‘Pan pan’ means you need urgent help. The radio user should follow up by conveying his vessel’s position, the kind of assistance needed, etc.

Engine maintenance

Three handout sheets have been prepared for engine mechanics. They are “diesel engine checklist,” “outboard motor checklist” and “Outboard motor: periodic inspection and service”.

Poster calendar

A poster calendar or a single-sheet wall calendar repeats the themes and months of BOBP-IGO’s 2008 calendar on safety at sea. It has been given to officials and fisher associations. Its 12 illustrated messages are: Safety begins at home. Plan your fishing trip – it always pays. First-aid kit – never forget to carry. Make the deck a safer place for work. Navigation equipment and spares – keys to safety. Signals will help to locate you at sea. Use protective gear while handling equipment and harmful aquatic organisms. Conserve fresh water, When in distress, you are safe in a lifebuoy. Fishing in pleasant waters – use condoms. Fishing boats should be built as per specifications and safety requirements. “Together we shall make fishing safer”. (Fishers, boatbuilders, boat owners, the authorities).



Safety at sea T-shirts

Three thousand simple but elegant cotton T-shirts emblazoned with a safety-at-sea logo (see above) have been manufactured. They are being distributed to officials and fishers of Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka.



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