



SAFETY GRAB BAGS INTRODUCTION

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Promoting safety first at sea has been the concern of the National Maritime Safety Authority.

Last Friday, the authority was presented Grab Bags containing safety equipment from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Port Moresby.

The grab bags targets small craft seafarers.

Chief Executive Officer for National Maritime Safety Authority, Chris Rupen said the safety equipment is timely as the authority prepares to roll out the Small Craft Act.

"The concept is new to Papua New Guinea and we will try to convince our people that safety is their own responsibility, and that they must carry lifesaving equipment's when going out to sea," said Chris.

The grab bag concept has been used by Australian coastal communities and has improved safety survival rates during small craft

accidents.

Representing the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Jonathan Manieva said PNG is a member country and such assistance is vital to promote safety at sea.

"We will not stop them to go out to the sea but to help them become aware of the lifesaving equipment's for their own safety," Jonathan said.

The equipment includes sea anchor, radio, flashlight, mirror, mobile pouch, compass, life jacket and even a five minute safety checklist.

The grab bags will be distributed after Maritime Provinces establish registration with NMSA.

The safety equipment is valued at a total cost of seventy-two thousand kina (K72, 000.00).

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