

Coastal Retreat Security

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I was sitting here thinking that living near the ocean or along the seaboard has certain advantages in regards to the available food supply. There is always an abundance of food to be found within the ocean so starvation is not an option in this case.

Those who choose to reside in these types of locations need to have an understanding of the ocean itself and above all they must understand the necessary security issues that will likely appear. You will need to bring yourself up to par with the risks which would threaten your survival along the coast and attempt to mitigate those risks the best you can.

Statistics show that in any one coastal location ninety-five percent of the areas supplies arrive there by water thus the conveyance of any sort of cargo to and from your location along the coast are simplified by its location. You can obtain your needed supplies and perhaps trade with other survivalists' groups along the water route providing you with a bit of variety in your product selections which won't usually be found by most post calamity communities.

One issue as we have mentioned was security and it will fall onto you to establish a workable security force in order to protect that which is yours. You won't be able to do this alone either, it would only be feasible if you are within a group rather than as an individual or single family structure. If friendships between the various groups have developed along the waterway you might even wish to consider the possibility of mutual aid agreements to aid in emergency security problems.

The first order of business you will need to address is risk assessment. It will be your responsibility to properly gather and assess any information which you can regarding any types of security threats present in your area. After properly evaluating your risk you should take those ideas and train your people accordingly. This training will be specifically directed towards the potential entrance to your location from the sea. Regular security drills will likely become absolutely necessary both before the balloon goes up and certainly afterwards.

The term security usually leaves much to an individual's interpretation; however, we intend it to mean defending your coastal bug out location. This will entail neutralizing the vulnerability of hostile attacks and identifying as well as responding to any sort of safety issues. Think of yourself as having the same vulnerabilities as the coastal cities did during the early times of pirates operating along the eastern coast. In fact, when you think about it that is exactly what will be your greatest hazard.

You and your security forces will need to establish some sort of access control system in order to limit those with admittance to your area. With a vested interest in securing and making your retreat area safe and secure you become the first line of

defense against attack. The ultimate responsibility for the retreat security will be shared by all those people who have an interest in the operation of the retreat.

Although law enforcement agencies would normally play a critical role in the security of your retreat at this time in our scenario there would be no enforcement component setup and operating. It is assumed that these people would be likewise home with their families and friends. Unfortunately, my friend, you will be on your own - good luck and be safe.