



Quick cops: Waterborne security forces will form a key part of operations surrounding APEC activities. Fast Britton Marine boats, shown here with a full NSW Police complement aboard, will be at the marine forefront.

Marine men to provide support

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NINE fast tactical-response boats built at Taren Point by Britton Marine will have a key role in the huge security operation surrounding the APEC gatherings.

Six of its boats purchased by the NSW Police and three by the Federal Police will be patrolling waterways around Sydney during the summit.

Britton Marine has supplied tactical-response vessels to the NSW Police, other Australian police forces, the

New Zealand Navy and the Indonesian military.

A large fleet of its vessels have been working over several years in international operations in the Solomon Islands.

The NSW Police boats are powered by two Mercury four-stroke outboards, each producing 205 kilowatts of power.

With a capacity of two crew and another eight fully equipped officers, they can hit 50 knots, or more than 90 kilometres an hour.