

1st Clifton (York) Sea Scout Group - Boating Rules

Before Departure

- Assemble at Scout Hut for 6pm and go to the rear entrance of the hold quietly as there may be a meeting in the main hall.
- Pick up your Buoyancy Aid and Helmet.
- When told go into Main Hall and await allocation of Jobs.
- Deployment of Swift, Tern, Canoes, Safety boat, Topper and Kayaks which ever needed or chosen to use. The Scouts will be allocated by Kath Surtees to which piece of equipment they need to help load.
- Anyone not allocated a job to stay in hall to await further instructions.
- Quietly load up trailers and Kit into the Van.
- When finished return to the main hall to be allocated transport.
- When told to do so make your way to allocated transport with your Kit.

Leader Responsibilities before Departure

- Scout allocation - Kath S
- Kayaks and Canoes - Peter I / Paul M
- Swift - Andy J / John BT
- Safety Boat - Gary H / James I
- Topper - Gary H / Lewis H
- Tern - Peter S / Simon M
- Spare BA / Helmets - Richard R / Matthew D

Each Boating type will have its own equipment list.

At Blue Bridge

- Buoyancy Aids on.
- If allocated to Kayaking / Canoeing / Sailing put Helmets on. No Helmets are required for Swift or Tern.
- Assist in removing kayaks / Canoes from trailer and place on the cobbles away from the cycle path and road.
- Each Scout will be allocated a boat.
- Assist in preparing Tern / Swift / Topper and safety boat for launching.
- Scouts are not to assist in launching Swift or safety boat.
- Adults to launch Safety boat first then Swift/Tern.
- When being used the Safety boat is to be launched first. Must always be used when sailing.
- Canoes and Kayaks will be launched last.
- During this time Scouts to be given quick pep talk and they will get their log books and give to their allocated instructor.
- When launching Kayaks do not seal launch from the high part of the bank.

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Always launch from the slipway. Only launch from other areas if your instructor allows.

On the Water

- Always listen to your instructor.
- Be Aware and show respect to other river users.
- No deliberate capsizing unless your instructor allows.

Off the water

- One group at a time to leave the water, empty boats and store out of the way ready to load up on trailer. **DO NOT BLOCK THE CYCLE PATH.**
- Kayakers and canoeists to buddy up for boat handling.
- Hang up Buoyancy Aids and Helmets.
- Get changed **QUIETLY** as we are in a residential area. If possible use the van.
- When changed put Kit in transport and go to the cobbled areas ready to be allocated a job.
- Assist in loading boats and equipment.

On Return to the Scout Headquarters

- All Scouts must return to assist in unloading the equipment.
- Must not leave early before dismissal. (Unless specifically allowed to by Kath Surtees)
- Place all kit in the main hall.
- Assist in unloading the van and putting boats away.
- When all kit is away return to the main hall for any notices and dismissal.

General SAFETY and Behaviour

- **Scouts, Parents and Leaders** must always wear a Buoyancy Aid or Lifejacket when on the river, slipway or the river bank.
- Cycle path to be kept clear at all times.
- No running about.
- Respect residents and onlookers.
- Please keep noise to a minimum as there are local residents.
- Scouts to carry kayaks in twos. (Unless the instructor is confident in your boat handling and has allowed you to carry your own)
- Scouts to carry Canoes in fours.
- Always wear appropriate footwear and clothing.
- Be careful on the slipway and near the River as it can be slippery.
- Bring a drink, something to eat and spare clothes.