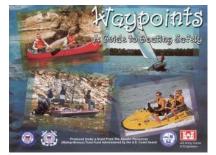


## Coast Guard Auxiliary Programs for Scouts and Scouters

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the civilian volunteer arm of the US Coast Guard, responsible for boating safety. 30,000 dedicated members serve as a unique resource for Scouts and Scouters nationwide.

**Educational Programs:** Age-specific programs are available for youth and adults at all Scouting levels.

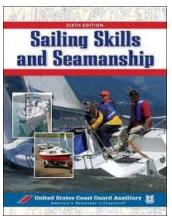
Boating Fun – Adventure on the Water is perfect for younger Cub Scouts, from Tiger Cub to Bear Cub age (3rd grade). The lessons are included in an activity book which can be



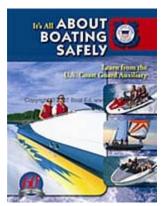
Waypoints – A Guide to Boating Safely is for older Cub Scouts – Webelos age – and younger Boy Scouts (through 6th grade).



About Boating Safely is for older Scouts and Scouters. The overview of boating laws, safety equipment and navigation rules provide the classroom portion of the Motorboating Merit Badge, as well as the prerequisite for adult operator qualification under the BSA Safe Boating/Sailing Standards.



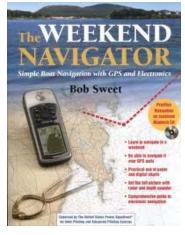
Sailing Skills and Seamanship will prepare youth for the Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge, Sea Scouting sailing electives or a trip to the Florida Sea Base.



*Paddlesports America* can help you prepare for any paddlecraft event, and assist youth in earning related merit badges: Canoeing, Rowing, and Whitewater merit badges.

Venturers and Sea Scouts can benefit from our more advanced courses. *Boating Skills and Seamanship* reviews essential boating practices in detail. *Weekend Navigator* provides an understanding of piloting and navigation concepts which are integral to the Sea Scout advancement program.





New for 2011 is *Shore Side and Underway Training*. This innovative program involves Coast Guard Auxiliary operations crew, training Sea Scouts using the same materials used for Auxiliary and active duty Coast Guard boat crews. Skills include docking, maneuvering under power, anchoring and many other boat handling skills and experience.

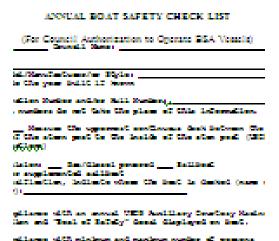


The **Vessel Safety Check** (VSC) is the "gold standard" for ensuring that your vessels have the equipment required by law for safe operation by your Scouts. Consider including the Coast Guard Auxiliary in your camp preparation efforts. They can check your boats—whether they be rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats or motor boats, to ensure they are maintained and safe for the summer camp season. VSCs are required by the BSA Safe Boating/Sailing Standards, which apply to any boat owned by a BSA council other than Row Boats, Canoes, Open Cockpit Sailboats, Small Vessels Propelled Solely by Oars or Paddles.

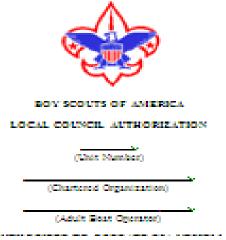
New for 2011: The Auxiliary has a new VSC procedure specifically designed for paddlecraft. Form 7012-A includes items to check for kayaks, canoes, row boats, paddleboards, sculls and other paddlecraft, including vessel condition, legal equipment requirements, and discussion items for additional safety recommendations, such as personal protective gear and emergency provisions.

Are you familiar with the BSA Safe Boating/Sailing Standards? Adopted in 1994, they require VSCs for all non-exempt BSA owned boats and adult operator training and authorization procedures to ensure that the vessels are operated in a safe manner.

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To be completed by a U.S. Coast G					Yes 🗆	No	]	
Sections 1, 2 and 3 must be completed								
I. Owner / Operator Information				II. Paddle Craft Information				
Name:				Registration No. HIN:				
				Make & Model:				
Attended Safe Boating Class: Yes No				Kayak  Canoe  Row Boat  Paddleboard				
Attended Related Skills Class: Yes No			Scull Other:					
Location of VSC- County: State:				Color: Deck Hull				
Replaced decal was: Check a selection below			Length (in fast): <12 12-16					
Last Year Outdated First Time Water craft used in: Protected Open						S	wift	
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III. Safety Check Requirements	Y	N	N/A	V. Other Recommendations	Y	N	N/A	
Sound signal (whistle, hom, etc)				Dressed for immersion / helmet				
Life jacket(s)				Personal ID on operator				
Overall Vessel Condition: as applies				Float plan with someone on shore				
<ol> <li>Hull &amp; deck sound</li> </ol>				Adequate food and water / Sun Protect	tion			
<ul> <li>Hatch covers (good condition/secure)</li> </ul>				Assess the risk / good awareness				
<ul> <li>Deck lines &amp; Bungee Cords</li> </ul>			High visibility clothing, gear, etc.					
<ol> <li>Hardware secure (in working order)</li> </ol>				Appropriate emergency kit (might				
<ul> <li>Bulkheads/Airbags/Flotation</li> </ul>				include first-aid kit, knife, repair kit, etc.)				
f. Paddle / Oars (serviceable)				Appropriate self-rescue system / sk				
Navigation Lights; White lights				Contact information affixed to craft				
Visual Distress Signals (VD6)				Accident Reporting - Owner Response	ible			
State and/or Local Requirements				Anchor lights (if applicable)				
IV. Open Water Recommendations	. Open Water Recommendations			Vessel Examiner Comments				
Pump or bailer	Г	Г						



The BSA Safe Boating/Sailing Standards are available on the internet at: http://www.seascout.org/for\_leaders/safe\_boating\_standards.html. The Standards provide the Checklist and Authorization shown here. Your local Coast Guard Auxiliary can assist your council in complying with the Standards by providing VSCs for your vessels and training for adult operators.



## How to locate your local Coast Guard Auxiliary unit:

We have members all over the country who can help you with your aquatics programs. The easiest way to locate your local Coast Guard Auxiliary unit is through the national website: http://cgaux.org/units.php For additional information concerning youth programs of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, go to our BSA Wiki site at: http://auxbdeptwiki.cgaux.org/index.php/Boy\_Scouts\_of\_America or contact Nick Tarlson at 415/956-5700 or nick@tarlson.com.

## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AREAS, DISTRICTS, AND REGIONS

