



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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SUBJECT: Cruise Plan for Sea Scout Ships and Venturing Crews
FROM: Charles Holmes, Director, Venturing Division
TO: Scout Executives, Skippers, and Advisors

The following policies are recommended in regards to Cruise Plans and Tour Permits by all Ship/Crew personnel.

1. **LOCAL DAY SAILING--** within sight of the departure point **does not require a Cruise Plan** to be filed with a designated safety officer for boats under 26 feet or under 40 horsepower prior to leaving. A cruise plan should be filed for boats over 26 feet or over 40 horsepower (see Designated Safety Officer definition in paragraph 2)
2. **LOCAL WATERS CRUISING--** for boats traveling beyond visual observation from the departure point but less than 500 miles distance and less than five days duration **requires a Cruise Plan** to be filed with a designated safety officer prior to leaving.

The **DESIGNATED SAFETY OFFICER** could be the council Sea Base watchstander, Sea Base OD (Officer of the Day), or a Ship/Crew responsible person (parent/adult) who can be contacted by radio or telephone should problems develop.

3. **EXTENDED CRUISING--** for boats traveling beyond 500 miles or for more than five days **requires a Cruise Plan and National Tour Permit** to be filed thru the Local Council Service Center at least two weeks in advance. This Cruise Plan should also be posted on a vessel bulletin board at the departure base if such is available.

ACTION: This recommended Cruise Plan is provided for council use.
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CRUISE PLAN

For Sea Scout Ships and Venturing Crews

Skippers/Advisors: If your boat is leaving the vicinity of your home base (dock, yacht club, etc.) so as to be out of sight of another Venturing leader, you should file this Cruise Plan before departure and cancel it when you return. If you are overdue, this is our only way of starting search procedures. If you are delayed or have a problem and have a radio, call via the marine operator so that we don't start searching needlessly.

SHIP or CREW IDENTIFICATION

SHIP/CREW NO. _____ DISTRICT:

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION:

VESSEL IDENTIFICATION

BOAT # _____ VESSEL NAME

TYPE OF VESSEL _____ LENGTH _____ HULL COLOR

DECK COLOR _____ TYPE OF RADIO _____ CALL SIGN

CRUISE DESCRIPTION

DEPARTURE: DATE _____ TIME _____ RETURN: DATE _____ TIME

TYPE OF CRUISE: 1 DAY ___ MORE THAN 2 DAYS ___ NO. OF OVERNIGHTS

CRUISE DESTINATION

1. _____ Marine/Bay (Inside Jetty) 2. _____ Harbor (Inside Breakwater) 3. _____ Open Sea

4. _____ Scout Cove 5. _____ Inland Water

6. _____ Other Local Destination

IF OVERNIGHT LIST ANCHORAGES and DATES:

PURPOSE and ROUTE OF CRUISE:

NAVIGATIONAL LIMITS: Inland and coastal waters of the United States of America, the Bahamas, Mexico, and Canada not exceeding 100 miles offshore. Approval from the local Council must be received and additional insurance must be purchased for any exceptions.

CREW and PASSENGER INFORMATION

The Boy Scouts of America Policy requires two adult leaders on all trips and tours. For Venturing both leaders must be at least 21 years of age and the leader in charge have safe swim defense certification. Each coed crew must have coed adult leaders.

LIST ALL PERSONNEL ABOARD THE VESSEL INDICATING:

A-Adult C-Crew G-Guest Y-Youth Protection S-Safe Swim Defense

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| 18. _____ | 36. _____ |

APPROVALS

Approval of Parents or Guardians and Medical Release for each Venturer.

INSURANCE INFORMATION and REQUIREMENTS

All boats under 26 feet or under 40 horsepower are automatically covered through the BSA general liability program. Boats 26 feet and/or over 40 horsepower owned by the council must be scheduled with the national office as there is no insurance coverage until an additional premium is paid. Vessels owned by chartered organizations or others and used in Scouting activities should carry their own insurance. If the chartered organization does not carry primary liability insurance on the boat, then it should be scheduled the same as a council owned vessel. Watercraft in the category of 50 feet or more are specifically excluded from BSA umbrella liability coverage and must be scheduled on a separate policy and an additional premium is charged.

CRUISE PLAN ACCEPTED BY: _____ Date:

(Cruise Plan)