



20-22 June 2025  
Afloat with Sea Scout Ship 1415  
Boarding Manual

# Welcome Aboard!

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## Program

### Overview

Afloat with Sea Scout Ship 1415 is a provisional unit camping experience offering scouts aged 14 to 20 years a weekend of powerboating activity. Scouts under 18 years of age will have the opportunity to earn the motor boating merit badge over the course of the weekend.

### Cost

The program, including event t-shirt and all meals is: \$40.00 per person.

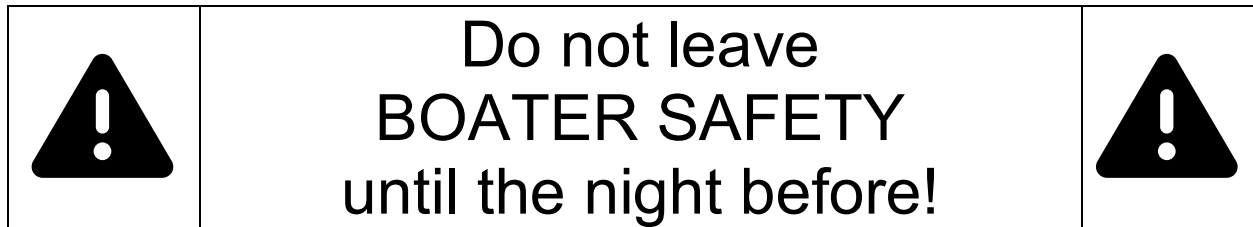
### Crew Assignment

Avast ye landlubbers! Ye've been pressed into service aboard The Invictus, Sea Scout Ship 1415. Prepare yerselves for a weekend o' fun and hard work mastering yer maritime skills. The first order of business will be assigning ye lot to yer crews. Ye'll tent, eat, and participate in all activities with yer crew so look sharp and mind yer mates.

## Prerequisites

Each scout must meet all prerequisites to fully participate in the program and earn the merit badge. Proof of completing each prerequisite will be reviewed at check in. Scouts that have not completed all prerequisites may still participate but will be limited to activities based on their proofs. No refunds will be given for failing to meet the prerequisites.

- Hold a current registration with a Scouting America troop, crew, or ship.
- Be at least 14 years of age (or 13 years of age and have completed eighth grade) and no older than 20 years of age on or before 22 June 2025.
- Have achieved swimmer status through a Scouting America swim test on or after 20 June 2024. Swim tag from summer camp, or a note from a Scoutmaster or parent attesting to swimmer status will be accepted.
- Scouting America Health Form parts A & B completed on or after 20 June 2024.
- Please try to complete the packet at the end of this manual before arrival.
- Hold a New York State approved safe boater certificate. A certificate can be earned through an online course for no cost at <https://www.boatus.org/newyork>.



### About the NYS Safe Boater Certification:

- It is required by NYS law to drive a motorboat.
- The course takes 6 to 8 hours to complete.
- You can take breaks throughout the training; you do not have to complete it in one sitting.
- You **MUST** pass the class to earn the motorboating merit badge!
- There are no refunds for failing to complete your certification before the merit badge weekend.
- You can take the course for free at <https://www.boatus.org/newyork>.

As of January 1, 2025, New York State law requires all operators of motorboats to have passed an approved boating safety course. We cannot allow you to drive any of the motorboats we will be using if you have not earned your certification, and therefore you will not earn the merit badge. Do not leave this course to the last minute! The course will take six to eight hours to complete. You can stop and restart the course over several days, so you do not need to do the training all at once, but you must get it done! We cannot issue a refund if you register for the program, but fail to complete the boater safety course.

The course is offered by several providers and can be complete online for free at <https://www.boatus.org/newyork>

## Safety and Security

### **Schodack Island State Park is a public park**

Schodack Island State Park is a public park with a busy boat launch, camping sites, and event pavilions. We will be sharing space with the public. Scouts should maintain a vigilant attitude for the duration of the event. Safety and security protocols will be strictly enforced to ensure we have a safe and fun weekend.

### **Wristbands, t-shirts, and Class As**

Scouts should arrive for the weekend wearing their class A uniform. At check in each scout will be issued a Tyvek wristband and an event t-shirt. Scouts are required to wear their wristband at all times and should wear their event t-shirt for all program activities.

### **Adult Leadership**

Adult leaders will be wearing event t-shirts and Tyvek wristbands for easy identification. Only adults wearing both a t-shirt and wristband are with our group.

### **Buddy System**

The buddy system will be strictly enforced. Scouts are strongly encouraged to stay together with their crew for all activities and must always have a buddy. Scouts that cannot adhere to this rule will be asked to leave the event.

### **Bed Checks & Anchor Watch**

Every effort has been made to group our camp sites away from other sites open to the public. Two adults will be on duty to watch over our sites throughout the night and will conduct bed checks periodically.

### **Personal Security**

Again, Schodack Island State Park is open to the public, please keep this in mind when deciding which electronics and other items you bring with you. Scouts should not leave day bags or electronics unattended and are discouraged from leaving valuables in their tents during program.

### **Restrooms**

Park restrooms and showers are open to the public. Scouts must have a buddy to visit the restroom (even after lights out). Adult leader escorts will be available. Anything that seems out of place should be reported to an adult leader ASAP. Under no circumstances are scouts allowed to bring their personal electronic devices (phones, etc.) into the restrooms.

## **Severe Weather Evacuation**

If we should experience a severe weather event State Park staff will direct our group to shelter in one of the hard-building comfort stations in the park. The station is marked on your map. Crew leaders will take attendance for each crew and report absences to the Bosun. The Bosun will report absences to the adult leadership.

### **Illness and Injury**

Every effort will be made to protect scouts from illness and injury, however this is a high adventure program which comes with an higher level of risk. All injuries and illnesses will be treated and triaged by our medical officer.

Mild injuries and illnesses will be treated by the medical officer and the scout will continue to participate in the program.

If the medical officer determines that an injury or illness is severe enough to prevent a scout from continuing with the program, the scout's parents or guardians will be contacted to come and pick up their scout.

911 emergency medical services will be summoned for any severe or life-threatening injuries or illnesses and parents or guardians will be notified as soon as possible.

## **Parental/Guardian Contact, Leaving Early**

Parents and guardians are of course free to call, text or email their scout as they see fit. However, if you need to collect your scout early, please also contact Mr. Greg at 518-396-7071 (call or text. DO NOT LEAVE VOICEMAIL) so that event staff can be made aware of your situation.

# Program Schedule

## Friday night:

- 1700 - 1900: Check in
- 1915 - 1930: Crew assignments
- 2000 - 2145: Cracker barrel/campfire program
- 2200: lights out

## Saturday:

- 0700: Reveille
- 0730 - 0745: Colors
- 0800 - 0845: Breakfast
- 0900 - 1300: Motor boating practical, Dark Star tours, other land-based program.
- 1300 - 1400: Lunch
- 1400 - 1900: Motor boating practical, Dark Star tours, other land-based program.
- 1900 - 1915: Colors
- 1915 - 2000: Dinner
- 2200: lights out

## Sunday

- 0700: Reveille & trail breakfast
- 0730 - 0800: Colors & interfaith service
- 0800 - 1200: Finish any requirements not completed from the previous day.
- 1200 - 1215: Colors & dismissal

## Provisions

Let us know ASAP if you have an allergy or dietary requirement this menu does not address.

### Cracker barrel

- Cheddar Cheese cubes
- Jack Cheese cubes
- Pepperoni
- "Ritz" Crackers
- popcorn

### Breakfast

Deconstructed Bacon, egg, and cheese.

- Pre-made egg patties
- Pre-cooked bacon
- American cheese
- Hard rolls or hamburger buns
- Granola/Cereal bars
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Margarine
- Vegan and gluten free options as necessary

### Lunch

Hamburger/Cheeseburger/Hotdogs

- Hamburger patties
- Hotdogs
- American cheese
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Hamburger/hotdog buns
- Assorted bagged chips
- Cookie platter
- Vegan and gluten free options as necessary

### Dinner

BBQ Chicken Sandwich

- Prepared boneless chicken breast
- Baked beans
- Potato salad
- Coleslaw
- Green salad
- BBQ sauce
- Brownies
- Vegan and gluten free options as necessary

### Breakfast 2

Deconstructed Bacon, egg, and cheese.

- Pre-made egg patties
- Pre-cooked bacon
- American cheese
- Hard rolls or hamburger buns
- Granola/Cereal bars
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Margarine
- Vegan and gluten free options as necessary

### Always available

- Bread slices
- Peanut butter packets
- Jelly packets
- Fruit
- Snack pack crackers/cookies

# Packing List

What should yeh bring?

**A small tent** – It'll be six to site so you may not need to pitch your tent if ye can bunk up with a crew mate. Hammocks are welcome but ye may find a place to hang it hard to come by.

**A sleeping bag or bed roll** good for the weather. For ye comfort ye might consider a sleepin' pad, too.

**Rain gear** – We'll only stop for thunderbolts so prepare to work in the rain if we must. And should the weather be clear **Sun Screen** to fight off the scourge o' sunburn o'course.

**Shoes that can get wet** – heavy boots'll encumber you awful on deck and sandals and such with open toes won't do on land. A nice pair o' sneakers, as it were, would do yet best. Just make sure you don't mind gettin' em wet.

A change or two of **clothes appropriate for the weather**. If yeh need this one explained, best not to come.

A **windbreaker** o' some sort, warm on land can be a bit cooler on the water. Though we hope the weather'll hold and yeh won't need it.

**Something to write with** – pen, pencil, quill and ink, or bloody finger, it matters naught to us.

**Bug spray** to keep off the mosquitos and ticks.

**Yer showerin' supplies** and other items yeh deem necessary for hygiene.

And perhaps a **ditty bag** to tote yer belongings 'round in.

# Park Map



# Motorboating Merit Badge Worksheet

**Requirement 1(b):** Explain first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while motorboating, including hypothermia, heat reactions, dehydration, motion sickness, bug bites, blisters.

**Hypothermia** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Heat reactions** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dehydration** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Motion sickness** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Bug bites** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Blisters** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 3(a):** Explain inboard, outboard, and inboard/outboard motors, and the uses and advantages of each.

**Inboard** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Advantages** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Disadvantages** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Outboard** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Advantages** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Disadvantages** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Inboard/outboard** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Advantages** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Disadvantages** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 3(c):** Explain how to winterize a boat motor and tell why this procedure is necessary.

**Procedure** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Why is winterizing necessary?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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