

2025 Spring Long Cruise Boarding Manual

A Cooperative Long Cruise Among Ships

Registration will be on the CAC website

Dates: Sunday March 16, 1300, to Wednesday March, 19, 1200.

Cost: \$160 for the four days. This includes all camp fees, all meals and common program costs. We will stay in tents at the Austin Yacht Club. Registration cutoff is March 1, 2025.

Location: Austin Yacht Club (AYC) 5906 Beacon Dr Austin, Tx 78734

Purpose: The purposes of the Spring Long Cruise (SLC) are to foster comradeship and cooperation among the participating Sea Scout ships, to provide instruction in Sea Scout skills. Sea Scouts who are certified at SLC should have that certification accepted by their home ship, realizing that continued practice in all skills is needed to firmly establish those skills. The general pattern will be to do on-shore activities in the morning and on-water activities in the afternoon. Evening classes may be held as needed to improve advancement chances.

Check-in: Check-in starts Sunday at 1300 and needs to be complete by 1400. A Skipper/Boatswain meeting will be held that afternoon. Sea Scouts or adults may come for less than the full time, but will need to adapt their schedule to those there for the full week.

Meals: Meals will be provided beginning with supper on Sunday and ending with breakfast on Wednesday. Each youth will be required to help with cooking, serving and cleaning in the dining area, on a rotating basis. Adult volunteers are also appreciated in the galley.

Billeting: All Scouts and some adults will be sleeping in tents. Some adults will have cabins. Units will be assigned sites and may share sites with other units as needed.

Medical: Each ship will provide Parts A, B, and C of the current BSA medical forms for each youth and adult attending. Forms must be turned in at the Registration desk at check in. Any injury shall be immediately reported to the medic for treatment. In case of a serious injury, treatment will be obtained and the medic will notify the ship representative and Council office. Each attendee needs to come prepared for rain and cold weather.

Youth Protection Training Certificate – All youth and staff 18 and above must bring a copy of their **YPT certification and Show Proof of Being a Registered Adult**. You will also need Medical forms A-B-C. It must be turned in at check in.

What to bring: Bring whatever personal gear you will need for the time. Bring seasonal and weather appropriate clothing for work outside (including rain gear!) as we will be outdoors most of the time. , Breathable shirts, wind-proofs, rain-proofs, hats are critical to deal with windy and sunny weather. Bring a water bottle or hydration system. Sea Scout uniforms are required for the flags, breakfast and supper. **NO OPEN TOED SHOES ARE ALLOWED.** A Scout T-shirt or unit uniform is always proper during class and on the water activities. Wet socks or water shoes are required for all waterfront events. Smart attendees should bring one pair of wet socks to stay wet throughout the event, dry shoes and uniform shoes.

GENERAL ORDERS

WHO MAY ATTEND: All registered BSA Sea Scouts and adults in the sponsoring ships may attend. The Guide to Safe Scouting will be followed at all times.

ADULT LEADERSHIP: Dallas Hall is the chairmen of the event, and is expected to be on-site for the full week. Dave Aronson and Chris Schuggner have authority over anything that affects AYC. Each unit must have at **least two adult leaders** for each 10 youth. Units with young women must provide or arrange appropriate adult female leadership. Arrangements may be made to share responsibility so long as the responsible adult understands, and conscientiously accepts the increased responsibility. All adults are expected to cooperate and participate when called upon by the cruise staff. Adult participation includes safety, supervision, teaching, kitchen staff, or other duties assigned by the chairman

COURTESY: Leaders should impress upon their members the necessity of exemplary conduct at all times. **Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated!**

ADULT RESPONSIBILITY: Individuals are responsible for your youth, your personal campsites, and collectively for, dining and bathroom facilities. Facilities will be inspected prior to checkout.

SHORE LEAVE: There is NONE. All youth are responsible for staying within the limits of AYC. Ship officers and adults are responsible for compliance with this rule.

SWIMMING: Swimming in the pool or lake is not permitted except as part of scheduled cruise events with appropriate supervision.

Sailing: is not permitted except as part of a scheduled cruise event with appropriate supervision.

FIRES: There are no fires

BATHHOUSES: Showers will be in your campsite area. A schedule will be arranged for cleaning the shower/restroom facility.

LIQUOR OR DRUGS: Possession or consumption of intoxicating products or drugs of any kind by participants, guests, or adults will not be tolerated at any time during the long sail. Violation of this regulation will result in immediate expulsion from the long sail.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Anyone requiring refrigeration for medication shall notify the Medic. If special accommodations are necessary for anyone attending the long sail, the unit shall notify the organizers a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the event. Special dietary needs or specific food allergies must be listed on the registration form and submitted on time.

UNIFORM: Bare feet, flip-flops, tank-tops, halters, tube-tops, etc. are not considered acceptable dress. Swim wear is acceptable during sailing and water events only. **Swimwear shall be modest.**

PROGRAM: The program coordinator will be S846 Skipper Lipham who will write the daily schedule in consultation with the designated primary leader from each ship. To be effective, ships need to provide the organizers with advancement data in advance so that the specific topics to be taught can be scheduled. An advancement scoresheet (SPAR) will be provided, and each attendee should have the current status logged. Dates are not needed, just whether the item is completed or not. **SPARS will be provided as documentation of all advancement and must be kept by the Sea Scout and presented to their Skipper at the end of the event. I will tally the SPARS at the end of the event.**

Galley: Dallas Hall is in charge of galley. Every youth and adult are required to take turns in the galley, both preparing food and cleaning up. If possible, Ordinary advancement credit will be provided for appropriate work performed. Menu preparation is a separate Ordinary requirement.

Facility Guidelines:

- AYC property shall be treated with respect.
- No running anywhere.
- **Stay** out of the way of other guests
- Personal gear should be kept in assigned location and not left out.
- Do not leave camp except in an approved group outing.
- Close-toed shoes are to be worn at all times.
- The gate is to be closed 30 minutes before taps every evening.
- The buddy system **WILL** be used at all times.

Sleeping arrangements/After hours:

- No person of the opposite gender will enter any sleeping quarters at any time or for any ANY REASON.
- After taps no one is allowed out of their designated sleeping area unless it is for a worthy reason, and an adult or responsible youth leader has been notified and has given permission.
- Taps means lights-out and sleeping. No music, etc.
- No one will be on the waterfront after dark.
- All adults will be assigned duty to clear the grounds and building of all youth at curfew.

Miscellaneous Planning Comments

The daily schedule will be prepared based on the needs of the individuals attending. Quartermaster, Able and Ordinary Sea Scouts will be encouraged to teach Apprentice, Ordinary and Able skills. To do this effectively, we will need the current status of every Sea Scout.

Ordinary and Able Sea Scouts will be asked and expected to teach lessons within their capabilities that meet the requirements for Quartermaster. A Sea Scout who accomplishes a requirement for any rank that s/he does not hold will be given credit for that accomplishment. Sea Scouts should take an active role in ensuring that accomplishments are logged. Skippers have the right to review and approve/disapprove of logged advancement. Ships may conduct Bridges of Review during the cruise. ILSS will be taught by the youth needing to teach it. All youth will have an opportunity to take ILSS. A meeting of those that need to teach it will be held Sunday after dinner.

This long sail will concentrate rank and on water activities. The afternoons will be devoted to on-water activities. The mornings, because they are cooler, will be more shore activities.

Sample activities are:

Pass swimming test (APP-4)
Safety life jackets etc. (APP-5abd)(TPWD)
Knots (APP-6)
Use a heaving line (APP-7)
Service hours (APP-8)

Swimming MB (ORD-4)
Safety equipment required (ORD-5b)
MOB/fire/abandon ship (ORD-5d)
Make three radio calls (ORD-5f)
Cook breakfast, lunch, dinner (ORD-5giii)
Marlinspike Seamanship (ORD-6)

Handle a rowboat (ORD-7d)
Types of anchors (ORD-8b) (TPWD)
Weigh and set anchor (ORD-8d)
Navigation Rules (ORD-9) (TPWD)
Measure speed and distance (ORD-10c)
Use 24-hour time (ORD-10e)
Perform lookout duties/reporting (ORD-11b)
Use relative bearings (ORD-11c)
Lookout for one watch (ORD-11d)
Use helm commands (ORD-11e)
Prepare 3 days of cruise log (ORD-11f)
Pollution plaques (ORD-12) (TPWD)
Service Hours (ORD-15)
Opening/closing ceremonies (ABL-1a)
Equipment checklists (ABL-5a)
Fire extinguishers (ABL-5bcd)
Block & Tackle (ABL-6c)
Boat Handling (ABL-7)

Anchoring (ABL-8)
Aids to Navigation (ABL-9d)(TPWD)
GPS use three way points (ABL-10e)
Radar Fix (ABL-10f)
Identify ship's hardware (ABL-11c)
Surface conditioning/hulls (ABL-11de)
MARPOL placard (ABL-12)
Triangular course (sloop-rigged) ABL-14a
Teach Marlinspike (QM-6)
Mooring/springing (QM-7ab)
Teach boat handling (QM-7c)
Teach anchoring (QM-8abc)
Teach nav rules? (QM-9)
Teach piloting? (QM-10)
Weather (QM-11)
Paddle craft

The activities above will be selected based on the needs of the youth attending and the resources of the youth and adults. We expect to be able to do any of them. We will give priority to those requirements that are needed to finish a rank advancement, i.e. if a Sea Scout only needs four of these items to finish a rank, and another one needs three different ones, those are the ones we will select as our first choices to teach.

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