



Basic Canoeing and Kayaking Paddlecraft Safety

September 13, 2025; 8am-5pm; rain or shine.

Old Point Comfort Yacht Club

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BSA Aquatic Supervision: Paddlecraft Safety is a recommended training that prepares a unit leader to supervise canoeing and kayaking excursions in **flat water** confidently. This course expands Safety Afloat to include hands-on skills, as well as knowledge, to provide unit leaders with the proper training required to demonstrate competency in paddlecraft usage and safety. Content of this course will include swimming, personal safety skills, basic boating skills, and group safety skills.

Persons wishing to be Canoeing or Kayaking merit badge counselors in Colonial Virginia Council need to be current with this training or achieve ACA certification.

Who Can Attend: The training is open to any registered adult leader or Scout/Sea Scout/Venturer who is age 15 or older. Participants must have completed and thoroughly know Safety Afloat training as well as be in good physical condition, and be classified as a BSA Swimmer.

What to Expect: The training takes roughly 8 hours and is valid for three years. You must pass the final written test (80%) to get the card and badge. Be prepared to paddle and swim. Equipment provided during the course includes kayaks, canoes, paddles, and life jackets.

What to Bring: Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, towel, clothes that can get wet, closed-toe footwear (water shoes), light jacket, sack lunch, BSA Medical Form A & B. You may use your personal USCG-approved life jacket (with attached whistle, no inflatables) if you prefer.

How to Sign Up: Registration is via the council's Black Pug site. Cost is \$20. Please register by September 7, 2025.