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⬜ a. Take BSA Safety Afloat Training.

⬜ i. Explain the BSA Safety Afloat plan.

⬜ ii. Demonstrate during a watercraft activity that you know the BSA Safety Afloat plan.

⬜ b. Complete a basic boating safety course provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, US Sailing, American Red Cross, or your state's boating law administrator.

⬜ c. Rescue and hypothermia.

⬜ i. Learn and demonstrate water rescue techniques, including self rescue, group rescue, boat-assisted rescue, short-line rescue, and boat-over-boat rescue.

⬜ ii. Learn and demonstrate that you know the rules for avoiding water-caused hypothermia and what to do in case of hypothermia.

⬜ d. Present the American Canoe Association Start Smart Program or another program on boating safety to your crew, another crew, a Cub or Boy Scout group, or another youth group on boating safety.

Do requirement e, f, or g.

⬜ e. **Paddle Craft**

⬜ i. Learn the American Whitewater Affiliation Safety Code and demonstrate your knowledge during a paddle craft activity.

⬜ ii. Learn about the International Scale of River Difficulty by describing the six classifications of rivers.

⬜ iii. On a whitewater river map of your choice, be able to show why different sections are classified the way they are.

⬜ iv. Learn and describe the differences of the following paddle craft and explain which are appropriate for one, two, or more paddlers:

⬜ Canoes: recreational, touring, whitewater, freestyle, decked, C1

⬜ Kayaks: recreational, touring, sit-on-top, downriver, race, whitewater playboat, whitewater creek

⬜ Rafts: self bailing, paddle, frame, cataraft, inflatable kayak

⬜ v. Learn and use paddling techniques and maneuvers for one of the following craft:

⬜ Canoe, both single and double passenger

⬜ Kayak, single or double passenger

⬜ Raft, be the paddling captain

⬜ vi. Using an appropriate canoe, kayak, or raft, paddle a slow river, lake, or coastal waterway, a distance of at least 8 miles, or run a whitewater river, a distance of 6 miles with at least one class II rapid. If using a paddle raft, be the paddle captain.

⬜ f. **Boardsailing**

⬜ i. Learn and demonstrate the BSA rules for boardsailing.

⬜ ii. Learn how to boardsail.

⬜ g. **Sailboating**

Become certified as a US Sailing Small Boat Sailor or US Sailing Instructor.

**Important excerpts from the Guide To Advancement - 2015, No. 33088 (SKU-620573)**

**[1.0.0.0] — Introduction**

The current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals and previous editions of the *Guide to Advancement*.

**[Page 2, and 5.0.1.4] — Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program**

***No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements.*** There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with special needs. For details see section 10, “Advancement for Members With Special Needs”.

**[Page 2] — The** [**“Guide to Safe Scouting”**](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx) **Applies**

Policies and procedures outlined in the ***Guide to Safe Scouting****,* No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects.