

# SCOUTS BSA

## SMALL BOAT SAILING

WORK TOWARDS THE SMALL BOAT SAILING MERIT  
BADGE ABOARD A 74-FOOT, CLASSIC SCHOONER



### HOW WE TEACH:

On all of our interactive programs, we will have the scouts break into smaller groups to work directly with our crew members.

After the safety speech, some of the scouts may help raise the sails.

Our crew will educate them using a questions/answer format. This enables our crew to share fun facts while finding out the level of interest and knowledge in a fun and interactive way. The scouts will cycle through three different learning stations including the captain's station.

The captain will ask a question about the information they just learned. When a scout raises their hand and gives a correct answer, they will take a turn helming (steering) the boat for a couple of minutes.

It is our intent to offer every scout a turn at the "helm". If time permits, maybe the adults can take a turn at the helm, as well.

### QUICK FACTS:

**2-HOUR PRIVATE CRUISES**  
FROM DOWNTOWN  
ANNAPOLIS

Cruises available every day

GROUP SIZE: 2 - 40  
INCLUDING ALL GUESTS

### SAFETY AT SEA

Rules of the Road

Weather Warning Signs

Safety Scenarios & Inspections

Proper Lookout

Sailing Terminology/Types of  
Boats

Care & Maintenance of a Boat

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### SAIL AWAY

Identify Wind Direction by Using  
Different Wind Indicators

Properly Set Sails for the Course

Discuss and Show the "Points of Sail"

Tacking and Gybing

Using Proper Knots

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### "HELM THE BOAT"

How does the boat steer?

How do you give commands as  
captain?

Directions you might hear from the  
captain.

Every scout will get a chance to  
"helm" the boat.

# TIMELINE OF A WOODWIND CRUISE



Scout & Students  
receive a Woodward  
Participation Patch

Check in at Dock Office where boat departs.  
Get outfitted in life jackets for entire sailing group.\*  
Line up in Boarding Line to be greeted by Captain.

When boarding, ask for permission to board the vessel.  
During the safety speech, before we leave the dock, we discuss personal safety, what to do if someone falls overboard, if there is a fire aboard, and how to work the boat systems safely.  
The scouts will have a chance to help raise the sails, weather permitting.  
Scouts divide into smaller learning stations that will rotate around boat.  
Rotate through all 3 stations. (about 20 minutes each)

During the sail, soft drinks and bottled water will be handed out.  
At end of sail, disembark and help put life jackets away.

## Other places to visit in Annapolis within walking distance of boat:

Maryland State House  
United States Naval Academy  
Annapolis Maritime Museum  
William Paca House  
Hammond Harwood House  
Downtown Main Street



## What to see around us when aboard

When we sail around Annapolis harbor and into the Bay, we will go by the U.S. Naval Academy. Along the way we will point out interesting sights and animals to everyone aboard. We may head near the 5 mile long Chesapeake Bay Bridge, or towards a lighthouse, or perhaps see some large ships in the ship channel.

## What to Wear

Since we sail rain or shine, bring gear so you are prepared for the conditions that are predicted ON the water. We recommend layered clothing and REQUIRE soft sole shoes, like sneakers, sandals. We provide complimentary rain ponchos.

## \*Life Jacket Policy

According to Boy Scout and Girl Scout Safety Procedures, all scouts, adults and other children aboard a scout cruise are to be outfitted in life jackets. We have purchased Type III life jackets which are more comfortable for non-emergency use. We do carry the "Emergency-Use" life jackets aboard.

*Schooner Woodward*  
ANNAPOLIS SAILING CRUISES

**Annapolis Sailing Cruises: Schooner Woodward**  
Boat: 80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-263-1981 [www.schoonerwoodwind.com](http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com)

# Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge

## Badge Requirements:

### Safety Discussion Group

- Rules of the Road
- Warning signs of inclement weather
- How can weather affect safety and performance?
- What would be in a float plan?
- Proper clothing
- Safety Inspections- what would they include?
- Proper Lookout
- What if Safety Scenarios that can happen aboard any boat:
  - What if we started taking on water, went aground, or fire?
- Caring for and maintaining a sailboat
- Review sailing terminology, types of sailboats

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### Interactive Sailing Group

- Identify wind direction using wind indicators
- Proper commands
- Discuss Safety: including safety position, safety in "trimming" sails, safety of using winch and handle, and safety in tying off lines
- We will show how to set sails for the course that you are going on.
- We will show how to change sails when course or wind changes.
- "Points of Sail", continuously ask what point of sail are we on right now.
- Participate in tacking and/or gybing commands

### Knot Tying (if not already proficient to tie the 6 knots required)

This can be covered during the Safety or Interactive Sailing Group.

Show how to tie the appropriate knots, square, clove hitch, two half hitches, bowline, cleat hitch, and figure eight knot.

When would you use each one of those knots?

Discuss the kinds of lines used on sailboats and types of fibers in their manufacture. Advantage and disadvantage of each.

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### Helming the Boat

When they get to the captain's station, the captain will quiz them on their new found knowledge.

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