

BOAT TESTING – WEST YORKSHIRE SCOUTS 2006

REGISTRATION

All water borne craft owned or operated by the scout movement are required to be registered under this scheme. This includes ..

Canoes & Kayaks, Dragon Boats & Bell Boats, All rowing & pulling craft, Sailing dinghies and cruisers and Power boats (inboard or outboard)

Also, registration extends to personally owned craft that are used as part of a scouting activity.

Arrangements in West Yorkshire

All craft and associated equipment will need to be inspected by "county approved boat inspectors" every **THREE** years. In the intervening years, a self assessment of the craft and associated equipment must be carried out in accordance with information as supplied by the scout association on factsheet FS120627.

The craft must be registered **annually** and boat stickers will be supplied carrying a 12 month validity.

Canoes & Kayaks

A team of boat inspectors have been identified and are willing to arrange a mutually convenient date for the appropriate inspection. We are planning 2 specific dates in early spring to deal with the majority of craft. One will be based at Reva in the North of the County and one in Huddersfield, the south of the county. These two separate dates will be advised very soon please look out on the West Yorkshire Scouts website.

THE TEAM (BCU Level 3 Coaches)

Paul J Cartwright	Huddersfield	John Firth	Gomersal
Janet Cartwright	Huddersfield	Tony Wallace	Bradford
Dave Benbow	Barnsley	Damian Butterworth	Huddersfield
Mick Edwards	Silsden	Mike Oldridge	Huddersfield (Open Canoes Only)
Dave Hall	Bradford	Barry Gray	Huddersfield (Open Canoes Only)
Mike Robson	Dewsbury	Carey Dowson	Brighouse (Open Canoes Only)
John Allport	Elland	Alan Johnston	Brighouse (Open Canoes Only)
Neil Cochrane	Bradford		

Direct contact details can be found on the website under the heading of local instructors, alternatively contact canoeing-north@wyscouts.org.uk

What will be inspected?

The craft will be inspected for all safety issues including a swamp test. No weights will be affixed and no need for a body to be sat in the boat! It must float horizontally. All associated gear will be inspected and this must be individually identified. Buoyancy blocks must be fixed rigid. Expanded foam will be rigorously examined, empty water bottles, tyre inner tubes etc will be deemed unsuitable. It must now be borne in mind that plastic kayaks have been in use in this county for over 20 years, therefore fibreglass, plywood or canvas canoes are unlikely to be of a suitable nature. There are however exceptions to this guide!

Who conducts the self-assessment?

The owner of the craft! The county assessors will be willing to give advice annually.