

When Going Boating

General

The following procedure is generally fairly constant when we go boating. We do not send notices home when we go boating. Scouts are usually told on the Wednesday prior to the boating day, which is normally held on a Sunday so not to clash with parents work commitments or the scouts sporting events. Our regular boating spots are the Whau Creek, Pt Chevalier and French Bay, all within ten minutes of the Scout Den. The decision as to whether we row or sail on any day depends largely on the weather and thus the final decision is often made on the day.

Meeting place

Unless advised differently we meet at the Scout Den on Margan Ave.

Meeting time

- The meeting time will be mentioned at the same time as the intention to go boating is announced.
 - We do not know how many boats to get ready until we know how many are going boating or how many parents can tow boats.
 - If you arrive promptly it saves wasting other scouts and parents time and gives us more time on the water.
 - If you are intending to go boating but know that you cannot make the meeting time please let us know, so we can organise the boats.
 - If you are late, do not turn up and expect a place will have been left in a boat on the off chance you may show.
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Getting the boats ready

When you get to the Scout Den:

- It is important that everyone helps to get the boats ready.
 - Please don't leave one or two to do all the work.
 - If you don't know what to do please ask.
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Towing and transport

- We need your parent's help to tow the boats to and from boating.
 - Please don't turn up expecting someone else to transport you and from boating all the time. We require your parents help.
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Putting the boats away

At the end of each boating day:

- The boats and equipment often need washing,
 - This helps to increase the life of the gear and minimise the need for continual repairs.
 - If everyone helps it only takes 10-15 minutes, if you try to leave early or don't help it makes more work for those left.
 - Remember to say thank you to the parents who helped you.
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Parent involvement

Your parents are welcome to watch your training or races. Parents are most welcome to come out in the boats.
