

Boat Equipment & Fixtures

General

This section details what boat equipment and fixtures you should check (for) when preparing the boats for use. There are three lists. They all refer to a standard Sea Scout Cutter, but are also generally applicable when making use of the sunbursts.

Boat Equipment & Fixtures:

1. For all boating activities,
 2. When going rowing, and
 3. When going sailing.
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Boat Trailers

The easiest way to transport our boats is through the use of a vehicle towing a trailer with the boat on it, as the boats tend to be very heavy to carry.

The following outlines the items you should check with respect to the boat trailers.

- The boat should be tied down, and fastened to the winch cable.
 - The light board should be tied on, plugged in, and checked that it is working.
 - The light board should carry a current WOF and registration sticker.
 - The safety chain between the towing vehicle and trailer should be securely fastened.
 - A spare wheel and trailer jack should be carried.
 - 2 chocks for blocking the wheels when launching or retrieving the boat.
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Other Gear

Boat Box

- Contains items for undertaking running repairs on the boats.

First Aid Kit

- You may find some useful items in one of these if you get hurt.
 - Do you know what should be in a First Aid Kit – and how to use its contents?
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Boat Equipment & Fixtures For All Boating Activities

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The following equipment should always be carried in the Sea Scout Cutter when going boating.

Anchor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anchor warp to be 30 metres long, Either 3 m of 8 mm chain, or 5.2 m of 6 mm chain, Ensure that the anchor is securely fastened to the boat, and that it is not tangled so that it can be used.
Bailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 * 9 litre, 1 * 3 litre, Must be tied in, with cordage of sufficient length for easy use.
Boat Hook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used when picking up buoys.
Bung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that you have the correct bung and that it is in place.
Buoyancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure any removable buoyancy is present and securely fastened in.
Crutches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 + 1 spare, Must be tied in.
Floor boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that any floor boards are securely fastened in.
Life Jackets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 for each crew member, You do not have to wear a life jacket when rowing but they must be carried in the boat.
Life Ring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be clearly marked with the boat and group name, Should be easily accessible.
Oars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two oars should be carried at all times.
Painters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stern Painter, Forward Painter, Both must be tied in and should be at least the length of the boat. <p>Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Towing Being towed Tying up alongside
Rudder & Tiller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes steering the boat much easier. Include both rowing and sailing tillers. If one breaks you have a spare.

Boat Equipment & Fixtures When Going Rowing

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In addition to those items listed under '*Boating Equipment & Fixtures For All Boating Activities*', the following equipment should always be carried when going rowing.

Oars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One oar for each crew member, plus one spare oar. (Includes the two oars already in the boat).
Stretchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes rowing much easier.

Boat Equipment & Fixtures When Going Sailing

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In addition to those items listed under '*Boating Equipment & Fixtures For All Boating Activities*', the following equipment should always be carried when going sailing.

Battens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Main sail requires battens to give it shape.
Boom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure you have the correct boom for the boat you are using.
Buoyancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that any additional buoyancy required (usually for under the thwarts), is present and securely fastened in.
Mast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure you have the correct mast for the boat that you are using and that it is securely tied down.
Reefing Cord	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cord to reduce sail area in heavy winds.
Rigging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that you have:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Side stays (2)• A fore stay (1)• Back stays (2)• A haliad for each sail• Sheets for each sail
Sails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The boats can carry the following sails:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main sail• Jib• Spinnaker
Spinnaker Pole	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A very useful item if planning on using the spinnaker.