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Policies and Procedures

Western Cape Regional Water Committee

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1 Water Charge Certificate

NOTE: Water Charge Certificates may only be awarded by the Regional Support Team Member (RSTM) for Water Activities.

WATER CHARGE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (SCOUTS)

For Pulling & Sailing on Inland Waters



1. Hold the Helmsman badge
2. Hold the Boatman badge
3. Hold the Lifesaver badge
4. Be endorsed by his/her Troop Scouter as a responsible and competent scout

NOTE: A higher level of competence is required over and above that which is expected for the Helmsman, Boatman and Lifesaver badges.

Scouts who wish to be considered for a Water Charge Certificate need to complete the latest "RWC01 Application for Water Charge Certificate" form and submit it to the Sea Scout Base Training Officer (ssbtrainingofficer@gmail.com).

From there, if the requirements are met, the Regional Support Team Member (RSTM) for Water Activities will, **in consultation with the Scout's Troop Scouter, examiner, and/or Sea Scout Base Training Officer**, award the Water Charge Badge.

WATER CHARGE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (SCOUTERS)

For Pulling & Sailing on Inland Waters

1. Parts of the Boat, Parts of the Oar.
2. Practical pulling; pulling commands, coming alongside, man overboard etc.
3. Loading a boat.
4. Heaving line.
5. Theory of sailing.
6. Parts of the sails, running rigging, standing rigging.
7. How to rig a Saldanha dinghy.
8. Practical sailing; sailing commands, coming alongside, man overboard etc.
9. Rules of the road at sea.
10. Water Safety & Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.
11. 20 logged hours of Sailing (additional hours may be requested by the examiner).

Adults who wish to obtain their Water Charge Certificate should attend a recognised Water Charge Course, such as the one held by the Sea Scout Base in Sandvlei.

The course leader, in consultation with the examiner and his/her instructors, will recommend competent applicants to the Regional Support Team Member (RSTM) for Water Activities who will award the Water Charge Certificate.

Adults who feel they are competent and have other qualifications, such as a sailing ticket for JML Rotary Scout, should liaise directly with the Regional Support Team Member (RSTM) for Water Activities who may request that the adult go through the Water Charge evaluation process only.

2 Appendices

2.1 SSA's Safe Scouting Policy on Water Activities

9. Water Activities

Water Charge licenses are valid for a certain period. The validity is stated in the Adult Support training documentation pertaining to the specific course.

9.1. General Regulations

9.1.1. All events or activities on or near water must adhere to the general principles of Section 2 of this policy, with the following additional requirements:

9.1.1.1. An Activity Permit must be issued in terms of Section 3 of this policy.

9.1.1.2. The Activity Leader must hold a valid Water Awareness License or applicable Charge License.

9.2. Water Activities Committee

9.2.1. In any Region where boating forms part of the programme for SCOUTS, a Water Activities Committee must be formed.

9.2.2. The Water Activities Committee is responsible for:

9.2.2.1. The classification of all waterbodies and rivers in the Region.

9.2.2.2. The compilation, issuing and observance of local rules for the use, condition, and equipment of all rafts and boats, and for the safety of those using them, and in particular:

9.2.2.3. The awarding, renewing and revoking of Charge Licenses.

9.2.2.4. Ensuring that all Groups of the SSA take proper care and maintenance of any boats and equipment loaned to, or in the possession, of any Scout Group.

9.2.2.5. The Water Activities committee may prohibit the use of a boat or equipment, irrespective of who may own it, if such boat(s) are considered unseaworthy, or equipment unsatisfactory or inadequately maintained.