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**BOATING COURSES AND WATER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME 2019**

Dear Scouts & Parents,

Enclosed is the water activities programme for 2019.

As you may be aware, we are due to undertake some significant building works at The Den, hopefully starting in the next few months. This is likely to impact on our ability to run boating courses at The Den, so we have had to make some changes to the programme.

Our fear is that if we schedule in the normal array of courses, we may end up cancelling a large number as they require both indoor teaching space, and access to the appropriate boats. We have therefore decided this year to concentrate on running general boating sessions, which are open to a larger number of people, and more importantly means we will have a greater amount of flexibility to work around any of the difficulties presented by the building works, and hopefully means we won't have to cancel as many sessions.

We will be running a small number of combined RYA Stage 1/2 sailing courses to give new members of 3rdCB some basic boat training, building their confidence to join in with open boating sessions. Details of how to book onto these courses are below. Please note there is a small charge for the course of £15 to cover RYA logbooks and certificates.

For those who were hoping to complete a higher level of sailing course, please continue to attend the general boating sessions and bring your logbooks down with you. Where possible we will run some more structured general boating sessions, with the aim of getting elements in your logbooks signed off and conducting direct assessments for courses, for those that feel ready.

We accept that the limited course programme this year may cause some disappointment, but feel we need more flexibility around the programme to maximise the amount of people we can get afloat this year, whilst working around the building works. We appreciate your understanding in this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [boating@3rdcb.org.uk](mailto:boating@3rdcb.org.uk).

Kind Regards,


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## 2019 Boating Courses

Course	Date(s)	Cost	Duration	Start	Finish
Sailing Stage 1/2	20-21 April	£15	2 Days	1000	1700
	1-2 June	£15	2 Days	0900	1530
	15-16 June	£15	2 Days	0900	1500
	28-29 September	£15	2 Days	1000	1600

### How to book a place on a course

1. Go to the course booking page on the Group website at: [www.3rdCB.org.uk/courses/](http://www.3rdCB.org.uk/courses/)
2. Select the course you would like to do from the list and check the dates.
3. If a space is still available on that course, click the "Select" next to on the Pay on the day ticket (bottom of the right-hand column), the press "Proceed".
4. If you want to add a sibling or friend to the same course, you can do this by booking 2 spaces on the course. If in doubt or you have trouble, then just email us at [Boating@3rdCB.org.uk](mailto:Boating@3rdCB.org.uk).
5. Check the dates are correct, and click on "Book now", then enter the required contact details, or put your name on the waiting list.
6. Your booking will be confirmed. Put the dates in your diary! You will receive a pre-course information email prior to your course, confirming details and what you need to bring. Payment due by cash/cheque on the first day of the course.

### What to bring

For all activities afloat, you will need to bring suitably warm clothing and footwear which you don't mind getting wet. Jeans and wellies are not appropriate. The Den has a selection of waterproofs, wetsuits and buoyancy aids available for your use. You will need swimwear to put on under a wetsuit, and a towel to dry off with.

If it's sunny make sure you wear sun cream and a hat. You may also want to bring a packed lunch and drink or money for chips.

If you have any questions on the Group's water activities or courses, or issues using the course booking page, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [Boating@3rdCB.org.uk](mailto:Boating@3rdCB.org.uk).

**Water Activity Programme 2019**

Date		Activity	Booking Required	Start / Briefing	Finish
April	20-21	Sailing Stage 1/2 Course	Yes	1000 (1030 Sun)	1700
	20	Open Boating	No	1130	1700
	21	Open Boating	No	1200	1730
May	4	Open Boating	No	1030	1630
	5	Open Boating	No	1130	1630
	18	Ian Johnson Memorial (Afloat)	No	TBC	
	19	Open Boating	No	1100	1630
June	1-2	Sailing Stage 1/2 Course	Yes	0900 (1000 Sun)	1600
	1	Open Boating	No	0930	1500
	2	Open Boating	No	1000	1600
	15-16	Sailing Stage 1/2 Course	Yes	0900 (1000 Sun)	1600
	15	Open Boating	No	0930	1500
	16	Open Boating	No	0945	1600
July	6	Open Boating	No	1300	1800
	14	Open Boating	No	0930	1500
August	12-13	Yantlet Exped (Explorers) – TBC	Yes	TBC	
	31	Open Boating	No	100	1600
September	1	Open Boating	No	1145	1730
	14	Open Boating	No	1045	1630
	15	Leigh Regatta	No	1000	1700
	28-29	Sailing Stage 1/2 Course	Yes	0930 (1000 Sun)	1630
	28	Open Boating	No	1000	1600
	29	Open Boating	No	1030	1630
October	12	Open Boating	No	1000	1700
	13	Open Boating	No	1000	1700
December	26	Boxing Day Sail – TBC	No	TBC	