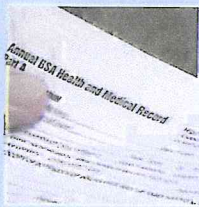


Summary of Safety Afloat Guidelines



1. Qualified Supervision.

All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in his or her care, and who is trained in and committed to the nine points of BSA Safety Afloat.



2. Personal Health Review.

All participants must present evidence of fitness by a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. Adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, a medical evaluation by a physician should be required by the adult leader.



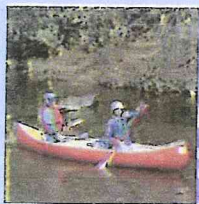
3. Swimming Ability.

Operation of any boat on a float trip is limited to youth and adults who have completed the standard BSA swimmer classification test. (Beginners and nonswimmers may participate in activities afloat only with the approval of the qualified supervisor in compliance with the complete text of Safety Afloat.)



4. Life Jackets.

Properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets must be worn by all persons engaged in boating activity. Type III life jackets are recommended for general recreational use.



5. Buddy System.

All participants are paired as buddies who are always aware of each other's situation and prepared to sound an alarm and lend assistance imme-



6. Skill Proficiency.

Everyone in an activity afloat must have sufficient knowledge and skill to participate safely. (Skills appropriate for different situations are summarized in the complete text of Safety Afloat and reviewed elsewhere in this publication.)



7. Planning.

Proper planning is necessary to ensure a safe, enjoyable exercise afloat. All plans should include a scheduled itinerary, notification of appropriate parties, communication arrangements, contingencies in case of foul weather or equipment failure, and emergency response options.



8. Equipment.

All craft must be suitable for the activity, seaworthy, and capable of floating if capsized. All craft and equipment must meet regulatory standards, be properly sized, and be in good repair. Spares, repair materials, and emergency gear must be carried as appropriate.



9. Discipline.

All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for safe boating activities provided by Safety Afloat guidelines. Applicable rules should be discussed prior to the outing and reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the activity begins.