

Children's Maintenance Session

This session can be carried out on days when the children cannot sail or Kayak and it is not raining. It could also be used in conjunction with Boogey Boarding.

The aim of the session is to encourage the children to take ownership of the Waterwise equipment and to give them an understanding of the work that goes into keeping the equipment and facilities operational.

Children can be divided into groups and carry out different activities under supervision or work as one group.

To Begin

1. Explain the procedure for reporting missing equipment or damage to equipment. Should they discover any damaged/missing equipment they should be allow to write the details on the board/log book.
2. Explain the cleaning requirements of the equipment and the importance of clean, the effects of salt water on the equipment ie. corrosion.

Activity 1

Take out all of the hulls, check for damage. Check if bailer, mast restraint, centre board restraint painter, pulley's are present and functioning. Check for damage to Centre Boards and Rudders.

Activity 2

Take out all buoyancy aids and wet suites and check for damage, in the case of the buoyancy aids do they still have crotch strap. Are they all present.

Activity 3

Take out all of the kayaks, check for damage, ie. holes, is the combing attached, are the handles missing or damaged. Check paddles, are they all present and operational. Are the foot peddles present. If children have not kayaked this would be a good time to discuss the different kayaks we use and the parts of a kayak.

Activity 4

Take out all of the sails, mast and booms, lay them on the ground and have the children check that all fixtures and fittings are present. Check for damage. This is a good time to discuss all the parts of the rigging.

Activity 5

Pull out the Patrol boats. Explain the safety features of the patrol boat and then check if they are present:-

1. Is the boat inflated
2. Painter
3. Oars
4. Bailer
5. Bung
6. Whistle/Flag/Knife
7. Tow rope
8. Anchor & Chain

Show children how to start and flush the engine. Let them have a go. Explain the purpose of the propeller guard

Activity 6

Take out all of the Boogey Boards, check for damage and are the safety leashes attached and operational.

Activity 7

Whilst all the equipment is out of the lockers, you could ask the children to sweep them out and check there is enough detol and sunscreen.