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Scouting



THERE'S IN HIGH ADVENTURE
SENIOR SCOUTING



main set; or with the main furlled, carrying on under jib and mizzen. The advantage of such a rig is well known to experienced sailors and has long been a favorite in open or rough water.

This ketch-rigged 30' Whaleboat provides one of the finest pieces of training equipment that Sea Scout Ships or other Senior Units could possibly have. It is big enough to provide a maximum of safety on our protected waters, along the coast or inland; and yet its size and shallow draft permit it to be used on most of our lakes and rivers.

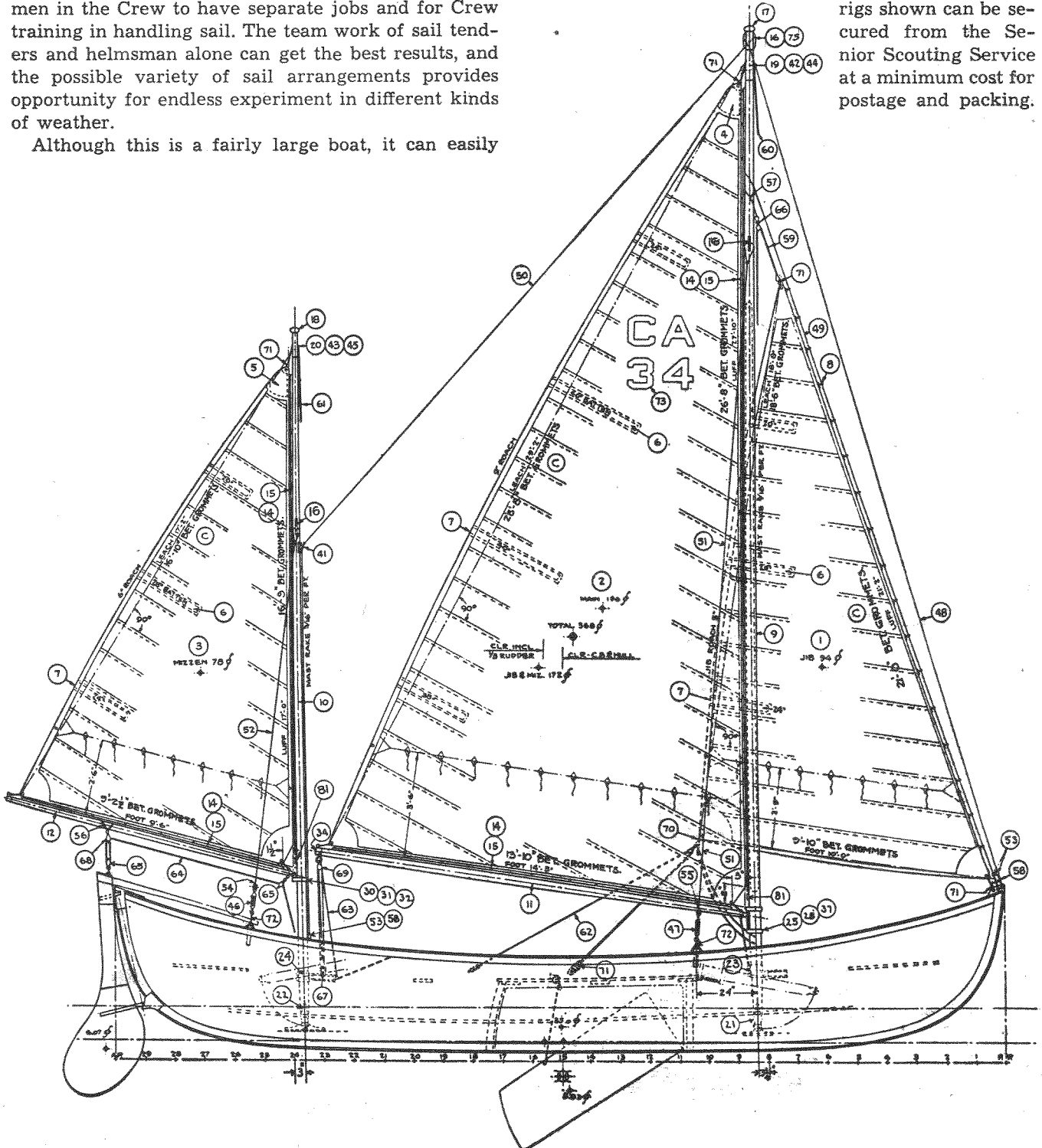
The sail plan provides opportunity for a number of men in the Crew to have separate jobs and for Crew training in handling sail. The team work of sail tenders and helmsman alone can get the best results, and the possible variety of sail arrangements provides opportunity for endless experiment in different kinds of weather.

Although this is a fairly large boat, it can easily

be maintained by a good Senior Unit without outside help. With a little ingenuity it can be taken from and put into the water by Seniors themselves. Also they can repair, paint, and overhaul it.

Similar boats, some large and some small, have been acquired from time to time from the Coast Guard and the Navy, and are still available when being replaced by the Government. Applications should be made only through the Local Council office on Form 0-915 or Form 0-1115. However, it is also practical to secure such boats through building or purchase.

Plans for the sail rigs shown can be secured from the Senior Scouting Service at a minimum cost for postage and packing.



SENIOR PROGRAM

Where-To-Go Service Project

YOUR Senior Scouts will have so much fun making a Where-To-Go Book that you may question whether it's primarily a service project. But it will be so useful to nearby Senior Units and Troops that they'll say it's a great service.

Although the idea is simple, it needs outdoor skills and experience on the Senior Scouting level to be carried out successfully. The project will take months to whip into shape and may go on indefinitely, but it can be done gradually and so worked into your Unit schedule without slighting other features.

The Where-To-Go Book is a loose-leaf job containing essential information about campsites and hiking trails, one site or trail to a page. It can be started with a few pages and added to from time to time.

Get These Facts

Certain information about every site will be wanted by everyone. Here's an outline to fit to local needs.

Name of site — First give the name as listed on maps; then add any local name that may be used for the same place.

Type and size of site — State whether it is suitable for hiking or camping or both, and the number of Scouts that can be accommodated.

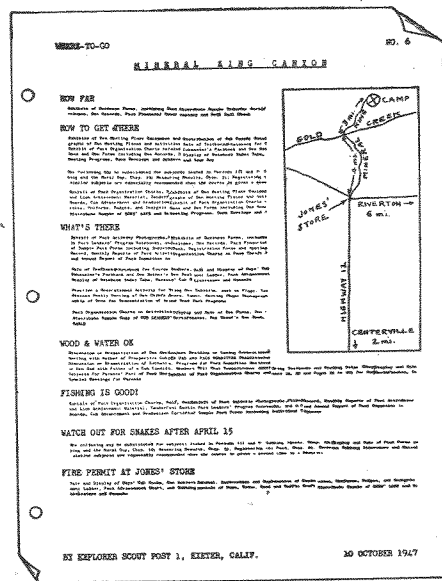
Build up — Tell what's interesting or special there, why the place was chosen. "Sell" it, but briefly.

Location — Give the name of the nearest town shown on road maps. Tell the distance and how to get to the site from this town, not only by road but by trails and waterways. Since ordinary maps usually do not show the byways that make the most interesting trails, include a sketch map of them and also of camping areas. This requires field work and original mapping but will result in one of the Book's most serviceable features.

Permission — List the name of the property owner, farmer, caretaker, or superintendent whose permission should be obtained, and whether advance reservations are necessary. Tell how to find him (by phone, street address, or location of his headquarters on the site).

Give any fees or rentals required. If there are special rules to be observed in using the site, state them or tell where they may be found.

Tell about a campsite or a hike trail on each page of a Where-To-Go Book. Include site and trail maps. Put date at bottom to allow replacement by page of new information later.



Physical facilities — Give the amount and kind of shelter available (cabins, lean-to's, tent platforms, tents) or suggest what shelter equipment to take. Locate the cook stoves and outdoor fireplaces, the toilets, garbage and waste disposal places, the wood and water supplies. Be sure the water is pure! You may have to have it tested. Your local, county, or state health department will cooperate by telling you how to take samples and where to have them tested.

Program facilities — Suggest the Scouting and outdoor skills, games, and adventures that the area offers. Without going into detail, give the main features such as fishing, swimming, boating, wild-life observation, wide games (requiring a large area), pioneering or backwoods engineering.

Limitations — Point out dangers such as treacherous swimming and boating areas, cliffs, poisonous plants, snakes, impure water, high tension lines. Give the name, location, and phone of the nearest doctor.

Choosing the Area

At the start don't bite off more than your manpower can chew; take a second or third bite later. For the first chomp, try locating objectives for hikes and one-night camps. Even if transportation to overnight camps is used, you probably won't go beyond a 50-mile radius. In many sections a 10-mile radius will include enough sites to keep you busy awhile. With

HELPS



the experience gained in testing these first objectives, you can add sites for longer hikes and camps.

Before you hit the trail, look at maps and guidebooks, and talk to people who know the ground.

Use Written Helps

Highway maps can be obtained free at gas stations. Get them from various companies and compare the different features shown. U.S. Geological Survey topographical maps (indicating elevations) can be bought at map stores or from the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Detailed county highway maps are available in all states except New York, usually from the state highway department.



Photo by Harold K. Whitford

Shakespeare said, "Ambition should be made of sterner stuff," but could be that this Explorer is hard at work, taking notes on a prospective campsite for a Where-To-Go Book.

For other maps and also leaflets and pamphlets, get in touch with state publicity, conservation, fish and game, or recreation departments; sportsmen's and outdoor clubs; chambers of commerce; and state and county historical societies. The officials or members of these groups may be willing to attend a Unit meeting and give you some valuable tips on how to proceed.

See if the public library has a copy of your "state guide." These detailed guidebooks were written by the Federal Writers' Project of W.P.A. a few years ago and privately published under separate titles.

To learn what to look for in a good camp site, see

these Scouting publications (Catalog Numbers in parenthesis): *Policies and Standards For Camping* (3694), *Scout Motor Tours and Moving Camps* (3734), *Camping Manual For Troop Scouters* (3695), *Explorer Scout Manual* (3506), *Camping Merit Badge pamphlet* (3256).

Take advantage of what others have done, but DON'T substitute this for field work. By on-the-spot testing stand back of every site that your Senior Unit recommends.

Publishing the Book

Mimeographing is the cheapest publishing method unless you can make an exceptionally good deal with a printer and engraver. You may be able to borrow a mimeograph and do most of the work yourselves. Have one of the fellows draw or trace a cover picture. Make it a loose-leaf job so pages can be added.

These points might be cleverly and forcefully mentioned on an introductory page: Care in starting and PUTTING OUT fires. Protecting plants and trees, especially NOT hacking growing trees with axes. Leaving clean campsites. Closing gates in farm fences. Staying out of fields where crops are growing. Using common sense and courtesy on the trail and in camp.

Picture of a Bridge

OBJECTIVES FOR MARCH

OUTDOOR
27th Where-To-Go survey trip

SOCIAL
20th Ball & Court of Awards

SERVICE
1st-27th Where-To-Go preparation

INDOOR
3d Board of Review
5th Election of Officers
12th Program Committee report
28th Teachers-Employers

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 20, 1948

Place Park Hotel Committee Responsible Social
Main Purpose of Meeting Ball & Court of Awards

TIME	ACTIVITY	LEADER
8:30	Grand March	Williams
8:40	Dancing	Parkson
9:30	Court of Awards	Cross
11:00	Dancing	Parkson

SUGGESTIONS FOR MARCH

Outdoor
Breeches buoy and crossing hazards by ropes.
Bicycle reconnaissance trip.
Short training camp on wilderness living techniques.

Social
Bowling tournament with other Senior Unit or girls' group.
Teachers-Employers' Night.
Old time dance.
Senior Scout carnival.
Little Theater play with girls' group.

Service
Conservation project for Wildlife Week.
Help promote Local Council camp attendance.
Survey of local area hiking and camping sites.

Indoor
Election of officers for April-June.
Plan April-June program in detail.
Check on progress in recruiting new members.
Advancement review and awards ceremony.
Indoor swimming meet.
Make fishing equipment.
Study camp layout and organization, sanitation, tent pitching and dishing, ground bed making.
Rope work, knots, hitches, splicing, lashing.

The Senior Scouting Program Notebook is a bridge between planning and program-in-action.

It suggests program ideas and where to find others. In it you can nail down monthly objectives, and details of every meeting. Properly kept up, it tells who does what, when and where. Are you using yours for all it's worth?