



# Note to Counselors

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## Purpose

Boardsailing BSA has been developed to introduce basic boardsailing skills, equipment, and safety precautions; to encourage the development of skills that promote fitness and safe aquatic recreation; and to lay a foundation for more advanced and demanding boardsailing activities. It serves as a year-round program opportunity for Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing units and is well-suited for older Scouts at summer camp.

## Counselors

Any person recognized as a boardsailing instructor by the U.S. Windsurfing or U.S. Sailing associations may serve as a counselor for this award with the approval of the local council. Adults with similar qualifications may serve as counselors with approval from a council aquatics committee. A person trained and experienced in boardsailing skills and safety may provide instruction for this award in a Scout summer camp program under the supervision of a currently trained BSA Aquatics Instructor. All requirements must be completed as stated.

## Recognition

Scouts completing the requirements are eligible for a swimsuit patch, No. 249. A completed award application (No. 512-017) should be submitted to the local council by the counselor or unit leader.

## Teaching Areas

Instruction must be conducted on a protected body of water in an area free from other traffic or large waves. Initial water entry and practice should be on a gradual beach clear of hazards. A steady three- to seven-knot breeze is ideal for beginner practice. All participants should be close enough to supervisory personnel for efficient instruction and ready assistance.

## References

Basic skills and safety precautions are presented in the BSA publication: *Aquatics Supervision: A Youth Leader's Guide for Swimming and Boating Activities*. Additional references may be found online at [www.uswindsurfing.org](http://www.uswindsurfing.org) and [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).

