

# BOAT RULES & WHAT TO BRING

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## RULES:

Rule # 1 LISTEN—when Captain, crew, teacher, or adult is talking you need to be very attentive. So, rule # 1 is to always LISTEN to the adult that is talking and follow their instructions.

2. **Obey the captain and crew.** If the captain comes on the loud speaker saying “ATTENTION, ATTENTION” this means that you are to listen quietly and careful to further instructions.

3. **Obey the teacher(s).** Your teacher is your leader and her/his rules are to be followed on the boat.

4. To board and disembark from the boat walk single file using the handrails.

5. No running, skipping, or jumping. Always WALK—decks can be slippery when wet.

6. No climbing or leaning over the railings. You need to keep your waist below the top of the railing.

7. Don't touch any pipes--Pipes can be HOT.

8. Don't touch engine parts or reach beyond protective barriers.

9. “Man-overboard”—means someone fell off the boat. If you see a classmate in trouble shout ‘man-overboard’. ***In case of such an emergency, the captain, crew and adults will instigate the recovery of the person overboard. YOU will need to immediately take a seat, stop talking, listen and follow directions. The captain and crew are US Coast Guard trained to recover a person overboard. You need to remain calm and seated.***

## WHAT TO BRING:

A tradition of the river is to be respectful of all—be it person, animal, water, or air.

### What to wear:

Be sure to be comfortable with what you wear. Often the river air is cooler than the land and at times windy. Even on a sunny day one may need a sweater or wind breaker. Bring sunscreen and a visor or hat to protect you from the sun's rays.

The decks of boats can become slippery when wet. We recommend that you wear sneakers or some rubber soled shoes and not sandals, heels, or other fashion shoes.

### Life jackets:

SPLASH has US Coast Guard approved life jackets. Those 12 or younger must wear life jackets at all times. A crew member will demonstrate proper use of the vest prior to departing from shore.

### What is on SPLASH:

You are welcome to view the steam engine and the pilot house. There are no concession stands on SPLASH so when you pack your lunch be sure and include water and/or a drink. Trash receptacle: Litter should never be tossed overboard. Trash not only pollutes the water but is dangerous to the wildlife that lives in the river. Plastic bags can get caught in a fish's throat, soda rings stuck around a ducks neck, glass and metal can cut...so be responsible and respectful of the environment you are visiting and keep all trash in receptacles or stash in your book bag until you are on shore.

### What you should not bring on board:

- No glass containers. Please use paper or plastic
- No cigarettes, alcohol or drugs
- No weapons, fire implements or knives
- No pets

