

Considerations for scheduling team practices

- Points – All Mariners must accumulate required points by _____ in order to be eligible to attend Rendezvous. Review the point requirements sheet.
- Did you schedule Sunday practices at times that will allow team members and adults to go to church?
- Have you checked with your team members to determine their availability for practices?
- Have you coordinated your practice schedules with the other team boatswains to make sure you are all not going to be attempting to use the same equipment at the same time?

Adult supervision:

- Did you check with your team advisor for their availability on your scheduled dates?
- Have you checked with any other adults for their availability?
- Are you interested in using adults as instructors? If so, are any available?

Suggestions for organizing team practices

DO'S

- Discuss everything with your team advisor.
- Efficiently use people's time – this includes team members and adults -- you can accomplish this by organizing your practices, dividing the team into smaller groups and by delegating leadership responsibilities for these smaller groups.
- Clearly communicate your practice schedules to team members and adults --in writing. Be aware of the difficulty that revisions create for youth and their parents.
- On Wednesday nights – remind your team of the weekend practice schedules. Find out who plans to attend.
- Ask your crew leaders/asst. crew leaders to call team members (assign who calls who) to remind them of practices the day before.
- When planning, make sure the person you designate to be in charge of an activity knows what needs to be done and has the skill/information to be in charge.
- At the beginning of your practice, clearly communicate the plan for that day's practice to both team members and adults including who is responsible (usually a crew leader/asst crew leader) for each group/activity
- Throughout the practice continue to check to make sure the persons you designated to be in charge are doing a good job of leading and executing assigned tasks. If the person is not, take the person aside and provide the necessary instructions to ensure tasks are executed.
- Ask for adult help when you need it.

DON'Ts

- Don't waste time –you are wasting time when you have lots of people sitting around watching one person execute a task. If the person is not instructing, then the person does not need an audience.
- Don't change your practice schedule without discussing the change with your Team Advisor.
- If you change your team practice schedule, make sure that all team members and the adults scheduled to work know of the change.