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Report of Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Inspection RN 59 – 8th Worthing Sea Scouts

Summary

8th Worthing Sea Scouts successfully completed their RN inspection ashore at their HQ on 12 December 2013.

What I saw in the inspection

Parade presence. The parade made for an impressive site with over 100 people present. The opening ceremony was conducted smartly although the use of the ship's bell was not understood and I am sure I heard the report that it was, 'sunrise'. Splitting the formal inspection into 2 sessions enabled other activities to be prepared and saved the scouts and explorers from excessive waiting. It was a little disconcerting that PLs turned their backs to me as I approached their patrols and some used 'land scout' salutes. Although not 'wrong', the Navy style salute and the stories about its origins are a part of our maritime heritage. Having criticised these details, the PLs, and the cubs, reported confidently and behaviour was excellent throughout.

Uniforms. Uniforms were very smart.

Training bases. A good range of activities was on display. They were mostly adult led but explorers were in charge of a session on how to wear personal buoyancy correctly. There were also knotting, lashings, parts of boat and heaving line practicals under way. The scouts learning about weather maps were very knowledgeable but the up to date information being used was quite depressing! Explorers showed me the results of their DofE expeditions: 2 teams produced calendars and on team a book. These were all very professionally produced.

Youth leadership. Scouts were happy with their responsibilities at troop meetings and at camp. I quizzed them quite heavily about cooking at camp and they were very knowledgeable. The explorers operated in patrols which I believe is unusual but, in my opinion, a proven method of organising scouting.

HQ and equipment. The HQ, camping store (especially) and the boats all looked well cared for. I recommend that you rig a halyard in the hall for your RN Recognition pennant. The Group's supporters were clearly enthusiastic and I hope the new magazine proves to be an enduring success.

Reputation and events

RN events. Having now made my first visit to 8th Worthing, I challenge you to make a return visit by attending one of the Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scouts' events. I have recorded Harry Rippon as your champion for this challenge and hope to see him at the summer camp.

Other outreach. The Group is clearly very active at district and county events and it is a great credit to have no less than 4 young people selected to attend the World Jamboree in Japan.

Water activities. Water activities pose a logistical challenge but scouts and explorers spoke enthusiastically about their boating, especially at camps. Those that attended the River Wye Expedition Challenge were justifiably proud of their achievement.

Self-assessment

I generally agree with the self assessment. Scouts, explorers and leaders were all enthusiastic and had many tales to tell about their adventures and achievements. The explorers reported challenges and awards as an area for development but there is a good DofE training scheme running and, with 2 Chief Scout's Platinum Awards presented at the inspection, improvements are obviously already in hand. I moderated the parade presence score based on my observations (but also have a personal action to help fix this). Facilities are excellent and I have only seen one other camping equipment store of comparable quality and tidiness.

Actions for Staff Officer Sea Scouts

I aim to provide guidance on piping and ceremonial within the next 6 months. The inspection form needs to be amended to include significant events such as regattas as well as nights away events.

Conclusion

8th Worthing is delivering high quality sea scouting. You have excellent facilities and your organisation is obviously very strong. It was easy to renew your Royal Navy Recognition.

Yours aye,

(Sent by email)

David Gray
Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy
Staff Officer Sea Scouts

Distribution

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Enclosures:

1. Inspection of Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Groups and Units
RN 59 – 8th Worthing Sea Scouts.
2. RN Inspection Programme.



Inspection of Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Groups and Units

Return the completed form to the Inspecting Officer two weeks before the inspection date:
NAVYCADETS-SEASCOUTSMAILBOX@mod.uk

Part 1 requests information about the Troop and/or Unit being inspected and **Part 2** is the self-assessment section.

If you need advice on completing the form, please contact either of:

Staff Officer Scouts (023 9272 7712) at Portsmouth

Programme Team (020 8433 7150) at Gilwell Park.

Part 1 - Group and unit details

RN No	59	Group name	8th Worthing
District	Worthing	County or region	West Sussex

What day(s) are your weekly meetings?

Troop(s)	Thursday and Friday	ESU	Monday
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Points of contact

Group contact		Principal contact for inspection?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name	Ian Wetherell	Scouting role	GSL	Day telephone	
Email				Evening telephone	

ESU contact		Principal contact for inspection?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name	Paul Chaplain	Scouting role	ESL	Day telephone	
Email				Evening telephone	

Co-ordinator for RN inspection (if not one of the above)					
Name		Scouting role		Day telephone	
Email				Evening telephone	

Locations

Location	Address	Postcode
Meeting place ashore	8th Worthing Sea Scout HQ Glebeside Avenue Worthing West Sussex	BN14 7PR
Boating base	Cripplegate Lake, Southwater Country Park Cripplegate Lane Southwater West Sussex	RH13 9UN
Other (please specify)		

Leaders: GSL, SL, ESL, Group Contact, ESU Contact

Name	Role	Day Tel:	Eve Tel:	Email
Ian Wetherell	GSL			
Paul Chaplain	ESL			
Alyn Laughlin	SL (Port)			
James Hackett	SL (Starboard)			

Classification of waters usually used for boating: B1

Form completed by: Ian Wetherell

Role: GSL

Date **12/11/2013**

RN No: 59	Group Name	8th Worthing (S.S.S. Osprey)
	Unit Name	Osprey

Date of Inspection:	12/12/2013	
Start Time:	19:00	End Time: 21:15
Venue. Please enclose or include an outline programme. 8th Worthing Sea Scout HQ Glebeside Avenue Worthing West Sussex		

Guests invited

Name	Role	Significance to Group or Unit (eg donated funds for 2 new Canadian canoes)
Irene Orford	County Commissioner	
Al Chartres	Acting District Commissioner	

Census information

(captured from census return)

RN No	59	8th Worthing Sea Scouts
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Membership

	Census		On parade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Scouts	67	8	47	10
Explorers	37	5	42	7
Scout leaders	7	2	8	2
Troop assistants	3	2		
Explorer leaders	2	2	5	2
Unit assistants	1	0		

Scout awards, challenges and activity badges

Chief Scout's Award

Chief Scout's Gold Award	12
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Scout Challenges

Outdoor	10	Outdoor Plus	10	Creative	21	Fitness	3	Promise	29
Global	14	Community	6	Adventure	12	Expedition	9		

Scout Activity badges

Emergency Aid Stage 2	9	Emergency Aid Stage 3	13
Emergency Aid Stage 4	0	Fire Safety	25
Basic Nautical Skills	39	Nautical Skills	7
Advanced Nautical Skills	0		

Explorer awards, challenges and activity badges

Queen's Scout Award

Queen's Scout Award	0
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Chief Scout's Awards

Chief Scout's Platinum Award	0	Chief Scout's Diamond Award	0
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Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

DofE Bronze	2	DofE Silver	0	DofE Gold	0
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Young Leaders and Explorer Belt

Young leaders	5	Explorer Belt	0
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Explorer Activity badges

Emergency Aid Stage 4	0	Emergency Aid Stage 5	0
Basic Nautical Skills	0	Nautical Skills	0
Advanced Nautical Skills	0	Water Activities	0

Leaders' and instructors' details

Name	Role	Wood Badge and Scout Association activities permits (including nights away)
Paul Chaplain	ESL AGSL County Assessor Kayaking	<p>Wood Badge ASL No 135310 Issued 11/07/1994</p> <p>Wood Badge ESL No 204405 Issued 11/01/2013</p> <p>Wood Badge AGSL No 204406 Issued 11/01/2013</p> <p>Rafting (Traditional) B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 02/06/2013 End: 01/06/2018 Restrictions: Supervise up to 3 groups on B1 Tidal (max 3 rafts per group)</p> <p>Nights Away Indoor Start: 07/11/2009 End: 07/11/2014</p> <p>Nights Away Campsite Start: 07/11/2009 End: 07/11/2014</p> <p>Nights Away Lightweight Expedition Start: 07/11/2009 End: 07/11/2014</p> <p>Nights Away Greenfield Start: 07/11/2009 End: 07/11/2014</p> <p>Kayaking B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: permitted to lead 8 people sea/estuary</p> <p>Kayaking B3 Waters - Leadership Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Permitted to lead 2 people inland</p> <p>Kayaking B2 Waters - Supervisory Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Supervise 2 Groups inland (max 4 persons per group)</p> <p>Canoeing B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Supervise 3 Groups inland (max 4 persons per group)</p> <p>Kayaking B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Supervise 3 Groups inland (max 4 persons per group)</p> <p>Power Boating B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 19/06/2010 End: 18/06/2015 Restrictions: Helm a single craft. Power Boat (open planning) only Inland B1 waters or below only)</p> <p>Power Boating B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 19/06/2010 End: 19/06/2015 Restrictions: Helm a single craft. Power boat (open planning) only Inland B1 waters or below only.</p> <p>Dragon Boating B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Permitted to lead a single craft inland</p> <p>Kayaking B2 Waters - Leadership Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Permitted to lead 8 people inland</p> <p>Canoeing B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 14/08/2013 End: 14/08/2018 Restrictions: Lead up to 6 people inland</p> <p>Pulling B2+ Waters - Supervisory Start: 28/08/2013 End: 28/08/2018 Restrictions: Supervise 2 boats tidal/nontidal up to B2</p>
Petula Bladen	AESL	<p>Wood Badge ACSL No 185599 Issued 20/03/2009</p> <p>Nights Away Indoor Start: 24/08/2011 End: 23/08/2016</p> <p>Nights Away Campsite Start: 24/08/2011 End: 23/08/2016</p>

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Name	Role	Wood Badge and Scout Association activities permits (including nights away)
Jacky Green	AESL	Wood Badge BSL No 126470 Issued 15/06/1992 Wood Badge AESL No 204587 Issued 22/01/2013 Nights Away Indoor Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014 Nights Away Campsite Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014 Nights Away Greenfield Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014
James Swift	AESL	
Ian Tester	AESL	
Harry Rippon	UA	
Alyn Laughlin	SL	
Stephen Frost	ASL	
Lou Scott	ASL	Wood Badge ASL No 160345 Issued 13/02/2001
Mark Scott	ASL	Wood Badge ASL No 160344 Issued 13/02/2001 Nights Away Indoor Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014 Nights Away Campsite Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014 Nights Away Lightweight Expedition Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014 Nights Away Greenfield Start: 20/11/2009 End: 20/11/2014 Power Boating B2 Waters - Leadership Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: Power planing inland / tidal S2 > B2 Pulling B2+ Waters - Leadership Start: 14/06/2010 End: 14/06/2015 Restrictions: S1 on C, B1 and B2 non-tidal Dinghy Sailing B2 Waters - Leadership Start: 14/06/2010 End: 14/06/2015 Restrictions: Lead 2 boats on inland or tidal B2 Power Boating C Waters - Leadership Start: 14/06/2010 End: 14/06/2015 Restrictions: Inland & Class C waters only Kayaking B2 Waters - Leadership Start: 01/05/2010 End: 01/05/2015 Restrictions: 1 group max 3 persons on inland B1 or 2 persons on inland or tidal B2. Be with group all time. Group should have similar ability or have safety boat or shore party monitoring.

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Name	Role	Wood Badge and Scout Association activities permits (including nights away)
Mick Orpin	TA	<p>Wood Badge ASL No 162863 Issued 12/12/2001</p> <p>Kayaking River B2 Waters - Leadership Start: 10/02/2013 End: 09/02/2018 Restrictions: Limited to five people on the water at one time</p> <p>Kayaking River B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 10/02/2013 End: 09/02/2018 Restrictions: Limited to eight people on the water at one time</p> <p>Kayaking Open Inland B2 Waters - Leadership Start: 10/02/2013 End: 09/02/2018 Restrictions: Limited to five people on the water at one time</p> <p>Kayaking Sea B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 10/02/2013 End: 09/02/2018 Restrictions: Limited to five people on the water at one time</p> <p>Kayaking Open Inland B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 10/02/2013 End: 09/02/2018 Restrictions: Limited to eight people on the water at one time</p> <p>Nights Away Greenfield Start: 27/01/2013 End: 26/01/2018 Restrictions: To be accompanied by a Wood Badge holder</p>
James Hackett	SL	<p>Wood Badge ASL No 170904 Issued 15/07/2004</p> <p>Rafting (Traditional) B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 02/06/2013 End: 01/06/2018 Restrictions: Supervise one group of three rafts on B1 (non-tidal) waters.</p> <p>Kayaking B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 24/06/2012 End: 23/06/2017 Restrictions: Look after a maximum of 5 people at one time on open inland or river B1 waters. Must remain on water with the boats as a single group at all times.</p> <p>Nights Away Indoor Start: 03/12/2009 End: 03/12/2014</p> <p>Nights Away Campsite Start: 03/12/2009 End: 03/12/2014</p> <p>Nights Away Greenfield Start: 03/12/2009 End: 03/12/2014</p> <p>Power Boating B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: 1 planing or displacement boat on inland B1</p>
Lewis Chidwick	ASL	
Richard Treagus	ASL	<p>Wood Badge ASL No 170714 Issued 22/06/2004</p> <p>Rafting (Traditional) B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 02/06/2013 End: 01/06/2018 Restrictions: Supervise two groups of three rafts on B1 inland (non-tidal) waters. Supervise one group of three rafts on B1 tidal waters.</p> <p>Kayaking B1 Waters - Leadership Start: 24/06/2012 End: 23/06/2017 Restrictions: Look after a maximum of 5 people at one time on open inland or river B1 waters. Must remain on water with the boats as a single group at all times.</p> <p>Power Boating B1 Waters - Supervisory Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: Supervise 1 power craft on B1 inland waters</p>
Phil Wiles	ASL	

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Pauline Wilton	ASL	Wood Badge BSL No 162656 Issued 06/11/2001 Nights Away Greenfield Start: 18/12/2009 End: 18/12/2014 Nights Away Campsite Start: 18/12/2009 End: 18/12/2014
Ian Wetherell	GSL	Wood Badge GSL No 96001 Issued 01/11/1984 Nights Away Indoor Start: 13/01/2010 End: 13/01/2015 Nights Away Campsite Start: 13/01/2010 End: 13/01/2015 Nights Away Lightweight Expedition Start: 13/01/2010 End: 13/01/2015 Nights Away Greenfield Start: 13/01/2010 End: 13/01/2015 Dinghy Sailing B2 Waters - Supervisory Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: Supervise up to 6 boats on up to B2 tidal Dinghy Sailing B3 Waters - Personal Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: Helm one dinghy up to B3 tidal Power Boating B2 Waters - Supervisory Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: Supervise 1 boat planing or displacement that's under the helm of a qualified person on up to B2 inland waters, river and estuary Power Boating B3 Waters - Personal Start: 24/07/2010 End: 24/07/2015 Restrictions: Helm planing or displacement up to B3 tidal Pulling B2+ Waters - Supervisory Start: 20/06/2010 End: 31/03/2015 Restrictions: Inland C S1, B1 S1, B2 S1, B3 L1 Rowing and Sculling - Supervisory Start: 20/06/2010 End: 31/03/2015 Restrictions: Inland C S3, B1 S3, B2 S1, B3 L1
Wayne Dix	OH	Wood Badge ASL No 158324 Issued 18/05/2000 Hill Walking Terrain 2 Summer - Leadership Start: 17/05/2013 End: 16/05/2018 Restrictions: UK only
Andy Price	SI	Hill Walking Terrain 2 Summer - Leadership Start: 25/04/2011 End: 23/04/2016 Restrictions: Leading England & Wales walking summer only. No scrambling.

Maritime links

Please give details of Scouts or explorers who have taken up training or jobs related to marine trades and industries; eg RN, merchant navy, boat-building.

Kevin Lawrence - Lt RN

Pete Scutt - Owner Whitewater The Canoe Centre

Oli Kershaw - Outdoor Instructor

Pete Whyatt - Army

Jamie Whyatt - Army

Programme

Headline activities undertaken in the various programme zones.

Outdoors and Adventure	Kayaking, Sailing course, DofE expeditions, Snowdonia expeditions, World Scout Jamboree
Global	Shelter Box, Diwali, Chinese New Year cooking, Summer Camp (Belgium), African drumming
Community	Churchyard cleanup, RNLI museum and station visit (Poole), Magistrates visit, emergency aid training, fire station visit, Young Leaders
Fit For Life	Wide games, hiking, trek cart racing, driver training, beach volleyball, RN 6 a side football, indoor skiing/snowboarding, London to Brighton bike ride
Beliefs and Attitudes	Code of conduct, Last Post (Menin Gate), remembrance parade (>100 attended), Buddhism
Creative Expression	Group anniversary badge design, bottle rockets, model hot air ballooning, communicators badge (semaphore), Gang Show

Nights away

Details of camps and other nights away events since the last inspection (approx dates, location, number of nights away, participants [Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, explorers] and activities undertaken)	<p>02/04/11 - 03/04/11 Bronze DofE training weekend</p> <p>29/04/11 - 02/05/11 Starboard Activity Camp (Blackland Farm)</p> <p>06/05/11 - 08/05/11 Port Outdoor Challenge Plus</p> <p>14/05/11 - 15/05/11 Bronze DofE practice expedition</p> <p>29/05/11 - 03/06/11 Group Snowdonia Expedition (Yr Hafod)</p> <p>17/06/11 - 19/06/11 Starboard Outdoor Challenge (Broadstone Warren)</p> <p>18/06/11 - 19/06/11 District Survival Camp</p> <p>08/07/11 - 10/07/11 Port Outdoor Challenge</p> <p>09/07/11 - 10/07/11 Explorer Gilwell 24</p> <p>16/07/11 - 17/07/11 Bronze DofE qualifying expedition</p> <p>22/07/11 - 25/07/11 Silver DofE practice expedition</p> <p>23/07/11 - 30/07/11 Starboard Summer Camp (Longridge)</p> <p>27/07/11 - 07/08/11 World Scout Jamboree</p> <p>30/07/11 - 06/08/11 Port Summer Camp</p> <p>14/08/11 - 19/08/11 Explorer Summer Camp (Carroty Wood)</p> <p>02/09/11 - 04/09/11 Silver DofE practice expedition</p> <p>30/09/11 - 02/10/11 RN 6 a side football (HMS Bristol)</p> <p>30/09/11 - 02/10/11 Port Outdoor Challenge Plus</p> <p>08/10/11 - 10/10/11 Silver DofE qualifying expedition</p> <p>23/10/11 - 25/10/11 Starboard Alton Towers</p>
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	26/11/11 - 27/11/11 Starboard Expedition Camp (Blackland Farm)
	24/03/12 - 25/03/12 Starboard Cheddar/Longleat
	14/04/12 - 15/04/12 Bronze DofE training weekend
	12/05/12 - 13/05/12 Bronze DofE practice expedition
	06/07/12 - 07/07/12 Explorer Gilwell 24
	21/07/12 - 28/07/12 Port Summer Camp (Perch Pool, Christchurch)
	29/07/12 - 03/08/12 Explorer Summer Camp (Longridge)
	03/08/12 - 11/08/12 Starboard Summer Camp (Longridge)
	21/09/12 - 23/09/12 Port Outdoor Challenge Plus
	06/10/12 - 07/10/12 Bronze DofE qualifying expedition
	20/10/12 - 21/10/12 Starboard Expedition Camp (Blackland Farm)
	05/04/13 - 07/04/13 Port Activities Camp
	20/04/13 - 21/04/13 Bronze DofE training weekend
	10/05/13 - 12/05/13 Starboard Activity Camp (Blackland Farm)
	18/05/13 - 19/05/13 Bronze DofE practice expedition
	26/05/13 - 30/05/13 Group Snowdonia Expedition (Ty Cornel)
	20/07/13 - 21/07/13 Bronze DofE qualifying expedition
	26/07/13 - 28/07/13 Silver DofE practice expedition
	26/07/13 - 03/08/13 Starboard Summer Camp (Longridge)
	03/08/13 - 10/08/13 Port Summer Camp (Cobnor)
	10/08/13 - 17/08/13 Explorer Summer Camp (Belgium)
	13/09/13 - 14/09/13 Port Expedition Challenge trip (River Wye)
	27/09/13 - 29/09/13 Port Outdoor Challenge Plus
	26/10/13 - 28/10/13 Silver DofE qualifying expedition

Youth adventurous activities permits

This question is about adventurous activities permits held by youth members of the group and unit. You may optionally include national governing body awards.

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Admiralty Fund

When did you last apply for a grant from the Admiralty Fund?	
What did you need the grant for?	
If successful, how much did you receive?	
What benefits have you realised?	

Water craft used by the group and unit

Give details of all craft available for use whether or not they are owned by the group or unit. The inspecting officer may wish to see the boat certificates.

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Add a separate sheet if you need to continue the list.

Self assessment - Scouts

Score criteria	1 - Unsatisfactory	2 - An area for development	3 - Good	4 - Exemplary	Self-assessment	Inspecting officer's score
Assessment item						
1 - Programme	The programme is very narrow.	Some programme zones are not being adequately covered.	The programme covers all the zones and methods.	Scouts enjoy an engaging and challenging programme which covers all the zones and methods.	4	4
2 - Water activities	The Scouts rarely take part in practical sessions afloat.	Scouts experience activities afloat but few become competent helmsmen.	There is a good variety of water activities and some Scouts gain personal permits.	Most Scouts gain a personal permit in at least one water activity.	3	3
3 - Nights away	Scouts have not had a nights away experience in the past 12 months.	Scouts attend nights away events but develop only limited self sufficiency in camp.	Scouts develop sound camping skills by participating in a good range of nights away events.	Scouts develop good camping skills and some events are youth led under the nights away passport scheme.	3	3
4 - Challenges, awards and activity badges	Scouts are achieving very few of the RN endorsed badges and most do not achieve the Chief Scout's Gold Award before leaving the Troop.	Scouts are achieving a few of the RN endorsed badges. Fewer than half achieve the Chief Scout's Gold Award before leaving the Troop.	Scouts gain many of the RN endorsed badges and most move on to with a Chief Scout's Gold Award.	Scouts successfully achieve most of the RN endorsed badges and at least 90% move on to explorers with a Chief Scout's Gold Award.	3	3
5 - Boats and their equipment	There is only a very limited selection of boats and equipment available for regular use. There is no realistic plan to dispose of or restore unserviceable or surplus boats.	A range of boats is available but maintenance planning is sporadic. Some boats have been waiting longer than a year for long term repairs.	The Group makes use of a good range of boats that are well maintained and suited to the local conditions. There are few, if any boats awaiting long term repair.	The Group makes very good use of a fleet of well maintained boats covering several disciplines. Boats that are out of service have a realistic restoration plan and there is a sound defect reporting and maintenance process.	4	4

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Assessment item						
6 - Buildings, facilities and equipment	Inadequate facilities or equipment is preventing the leaders from providing an adequate balanced programme.	Shortcomings in facilities or equipment cause additional work for leaders in delivering a balanced programme and adventure.	Facilities support a good balanced programme. There is sound forward planning for maintenance and replacement.	Excellent facilities are well managed with section leaders free to concentrate on the programme and activities rather than organising maintenance.	4	4
7 - Parade presence	Scouts are able to stand still and keep quiet for only a very short time.	Scouts are generally respectful. There is a noticeable number of incorrect uniforms.	Uniforms are generally smart and correct and Scouts are attentive and responsive to commands on parade.	Nearly all uniforms are correct, drill movements are crisp and PLs report their patrols smartly and confidently.	4	3
8 - Young people	The Troop has few, if any, young people over the age of 12½. There is no, or minimal youth input into the programme.	The Scouts have limited involvement in running the Troop. PLs and APLs have very few responsibilities.	Scouts participate in Troop leadership forums. PLs fulfil meaningful responsibilities.	A troop leadership forum meets frequently. Youth influence on the programme can be clearly demonstrated. Older Scouts fulfil genuine leadership roles and lead some ceremonial.	3	3
9 - Adult leadership	A shortage of suitably qualified leaders is hampering youth opportunities.	A small team of adult leaders needs more members or additional training.	The leader team is adequately trained and experienced and capable of providing nights away and water activities.	A strong team of well trained and experienced leaders provide an excellent programme. New adult joiners quickly complete their training.	3	3
10- Group and unit organisation and structure	There is minimal support for the uniformed leaders. Trustees and members of the Group executive are not aware of the roles they should be fulfilling.	The Group is struggling to cover costs or relies heavily upon the uniformed leaders to organise fund raising activities.	There is an effective Group executive committee with good fund-raising and development plans.	Excellent support is highly responsive to the section leaders' needs. Long term plans are scheduled realistically and successfully achieved.	3	3

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Assessment item						
11 - Maritime knowledge	Scouts know little about the RN or maritime heritage. Ceremonial is rather informal and does not have an RN feel.	Scouts have some awareness of the RN or maritime heritage. Colours and sunset ceremonies have a Naval feel.	Scouts generally understand the role of the RN and Naval ceremonial is conducted proficiently.	Scouts are very knowledgeable about the RN. Naval ceremonial is very smartly conducted	3	3
12 - Participation in the RN Recognition Scheme	The Troop has not contributed to or taken advantage of activities or benefits of the RN Recognition Scheme.	The Troop has either contributed to or taken advantage of only one activity or benefit of the scheme. Few district, regional or national events are attended.	The Troop has either contributed to or taken advantage of several activities or benefit of the scheme.	The Group has good knowledge of the scheme, has taken advantage of at least one activity or benefit and assisted in the organisation of a 'Big 4+' event or an equivalent regional water based event.	1	1

Self assessment - Explorers

Score criteria	1 - Unsatisfactory	2 - An area for development	3 - Good	4 - Exemplary	Self-assessment	Inspecting officer's score
Assessment item						
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2 - Water activities	Explorers rarely take part in practical sessions afloat.	Explorers experience activities afloat but few become competent helmsmen.	There is a good variety of water activities and many Explorers gain personal permits.	Most explorers hold personal permits in at least one water activity.	3	3
3 - Nights away	Explorers have not had a nights away experience in the past 12 months.	Explorers attend nights away events but rely heavily on adult organisation.	Explorers have good camping skills and some events are youth led under the nights away passport scheme.	All Explorers have attended at least one nights away experience and the unit supports district or group nights away events.	3	3
4 - Challenges, awards and activity badges	Explorers are achieving very few of the RN endorsed badges and most do not achieve the Chief Scout's or DofE awards.	Explorers are achieving a few of the RN endorsed badges. Fewer than half achieve the Chief Scout's Platinum Award.	Explorers gain many of the RN endorsed badges and most achieve Chief Scout's Platinum or DofE awards.	Explorers successfully achieve most of the RN endorsed badges and at least 90% achieve Chief Scout's Platinum or DofE awards.	2	2
5 - Boats and their equipment	There is only a very limited selection of boats and equipment available for regular use. There is no realistic plan to dispose of or restore unserviceable or surplus boats.	A range of boats is available but maintenance planning is sporadic. Some boats have been waiting longer than a year for long term repairs.	The Unit makes use of a good range of boats that are well maintained and suited to the local conditions. There are few, if any boats awaiting long term repair.	The Unit makes very good use of a fleet of well maintained boats covering several disciplines. Boats that are out of service have a realistic restoration plan and there is a sound defect reporting and maintenance process.	4	4

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Assessment item						
6 - Buildings, facilities and equipment	Inadequate facilities or equipment is preventing the leaders from providing an adequate balanced programme.	Shortcomings in facilities or equipment cause additional work for leaders in delivering a balanced programme and adventure.	Facilities support a good balanced programme. There is sound forward planning for maintenance and replacement.	Excellent facilities are well managed with section leaders free to concentrate on the programme and activities rather than organising maintenance.	4	4
7 - Parade presence	Explorers are able to stand still and keep quiet for only a very short time.	Explorers are generally respectful. There is a noticeable number of incorrect uniforms.	Uniforms are generally smart and correct and explorers are attentive and responsive to commands on parade.	Nearly all uniforms are correct, drill movements are crisp and explorers respond smartly and confidently to the inspecting officer.	4	3
8 - Young people	Activities are organised and led by adults.	Explorers have some input into the programme which is generally organised and led by adults.	Activities are inspired by youth. Some unit administrative tasks are undertaken by the explorers.	The unit's programme is genuinely driven by youth with the adults in a supporting role. There is healthy interaction with other units and sections.	3	3
9 - Adult leadership	A shortage of suitably qualified leaders is hampering youth opportunities.	A small team of adult leaders needs more members or additional training.	The leader team is adequately trained and experienced to manage the safety of youth led activities and events.	A strong team of well trained and experienced leaders acts on choices and decisions made by explorers. New adult joiners quickly complete their training.	4	4
10- Group and unit organisation and structure	There is minimal support for the uniformed leaders.	The Unit is struggling to cover costs or relies heavily upon the uniformed leaders to organise fund raising activities.	There is effective support for the Unit with good fund-raising and development plans.	Excellent support is highly responsive to unit' needs. Long term plans are scheduled realistically and successfully achieved.	3	3
11 - Maritime knowledge	Explorers know little about the RN or maritime heritage. Ceremonial is rather informal and does not have an RN feel.	Explorers have some awareness of the RN or maritime heritage. Colours and sunset ceremonies have a Naval feel.	Explorers generally understand the role of the RN and Naval ceremonial is conducted proficiently.	Explorers are very knowledgeable about the RN. Naval ceremonial is very smartly conducted.	3	3

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12 - Participation in the RN Recognition Scheme	The Unit has not contributed to or taken advantage of activities or benefits of the RN Recognition Scheme.	The Unit has either contributed to or taken advantage of only one activity or benefit of the scheme. Few district, regional or national events are attended.	The Unit has either contributed to or taken advantage of several activities or benefit of the scheme.	The Unit has good knowledge of the scheme, has taken advantage of at least one activity or benefit and assisted in the organisation of a 'Big 4+' event or an equivalent regional water based event.	2	2

RN Inspection – Thursday 12th December 2013

General Information

Due to the late date, this year's inspection will be entirely land-based.

The inspection will take place at the HQ and after the Inspecting Officer has been welcomed aboard and Colours, the remainder of the programme will be in the form of a "round robin" of activities and formal inspection of the sections. The evening will finish with Prayers, Colours and finally an address by the Inspecting Officer.

All Leaders, Uniformed Helpers, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, and Cub Scout Sixers & Seconds are expected to attend. An outline programme is set out below, details will follow:

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| 19.00hrs | Inspecting Officer arrives, piped aboard by Explorers

Officers of Group, District & County officials etc. |
| 19.05hrs | Colours by Port Troop |
| 19.10hrs | Formal Inspection of Beaver Leaders, Cub Scout Leaders, Sixers and Seconds
(During this inspection, Explorer Unit and Starboard Troop to fall out and move quietly to activity areas. Port Troop to stand fast.) |
| 19.30hrs | Formal Inspection of Port Troop on main deck.
(Cub Scouts and Leaders fall out quietly, Cubs to go home) |
| 19.45hrs | Inspecting Officer moves to inspect Explorer Unit Activities.
(Starboard Troop to fall in on main deck ready for formal inspection) |
| 20.00hrs | Formal Inspection of Starboard Troop on main deck.
(Explorer Unit to fall in quietly on Main Deck)
(Port Troop to fall out and move quietly to their activity areas) |
| 20.15hrs | Inspection of Port Troop activities
(Starboard Troop to fall out quietly and to PLs Cabin/Office). |
| 20.30hrs | Formal Inspection of Explorer unit on main deck.
(Port Troop to move from Gun Room to PLs Cabin/Office
(Starboard Troop to move from PLs Cabin/Office to Gun Room |
| 20.45hrs | Inspection of Starboard Troop activities
(All other Leaders, guests etc. and Port Troop to re-assemble on main deck for prayers & Colours. |

21.00hrs Starboard Troop to fall in quietly on main deck

Presentations

Prayer by Explorer Scout

Colours by Starboard Troop

21.15hrs Then will follow the address by the Inspecting Officer, after which Leaders and guests etc. will be served refreshments.

Ian Wetherell
Group Scout Leader.