A Captain with a Permit

The Adventure:
From the age of 11, you can earn your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). Did you know that there are “Rules of the Water” for when you are in a boat, just like there are “Rules of the Road” for when you are driving in a car? A lake or river is just like a road for boats to travel on, with buoys and markers providing the signals that you need to follow. With your fellow Scouts, discover how to be a courteous boat operator. Successfully obtain your PCOC.

Plan:
- What are the requirements to get your PCOC?
- Where can you find out about the rules of the water?
- What activity can you use to practise the skills to earn your PCOC?

Do:
- Practise the skills needed to be successful in this adventure.
- Obtain your PCOC.

Review:
- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did your team work together on this adventure?
- How did you feel before, during and after this adventure?
- What was your favourite part of this adventure?
- How will you build on this experience?

Safety Note:
- What safety precautions should you take for all water activities?
- Stay off the water when visibility is reduced (e.g. fog or heavy rain) as it is more difficult to navigate and to be seen.
- When operating any type of boat, always watch for other boats. Know the “right of way” and avoid collisions.
- Stay away from marked hazards and stay away from dams.

Online Resources:
Check out the 360 interface with all the resources to help you on this adventure.