Be prepared—You and Your Boat

The Adventure:
Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, powerboats... There are all kinds of vessels with which you can have great adventures on the water. Having the right gear with you is the key to staying safe and having fun. Explore the safety gear on your vessel and create scenarios to help you understand its purpose. Have a bailing competition, test your accuracy with a throw rope, or play the Kim’s game to ensure you remember the right gear.

Plan:
- Who can help with this adventure?
- What scenarios can we use to practise using this gear?
- What do the local maritime laws require you to have on your boat? How can you find out? What safety equipment isn’t required, but is still good to have?
- Where can we practise these skills?
- What emergency equipment are you not familiar with?

Do:
- Play some games to get more familiar with boating safety gear. Have fun!

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 can you build on this experience?

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- Before you go, share a trip plan with a trusted friend or family member.

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