

**ELIOT INSTITUTE**  
**BOATING TESTS**  
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**ROWBOAT TEST**

- The child or youth must first have the Blue swim test stripe on their wrist bracelet and be wearing a life jacket. If not, politely ask them to come back when they have received their stripe.
- The candidate will demonstrate how to enter the boat safely, sitting facing the stern (back of the boat), and set the oars and oarlocks.
- They will then untie the boat and row far enough to demonstrate they can row in a controlled fashion, including passing under the bridge and back.
- While out on the lagoon, the candidate will demonstrate how people in the boat change seats safely.
- The person will then return the boat to the wharf, tie it up and demonstrate how to get out of the boat safely.
- On successful completion of the test, congratulate the candidate, and apply the Gray Paddle Boat test stripe on their wrist bracelet (if they don't have it), and the narrower Orange Rowboat test stripe on top of the Paddle Boat stripe.

**PADDLE BOAT TEST**

A paddle boat badge will be provided for younger children wishing to use the paddle boats that have not yet passed the boat test. Children and youth who have passed the Row Boat Test do not need to take the Paddle Boat Test.

- The child or youth must first have the Blue swim test stripe on their wrist bracelet. If not, politely ask them to come back when they have received their stripe.
- The person must wear a life jacket, when on the dock or in the paddle boat.
- The candidate will need to:
  - Safely board and exit the paddle boat.
  - Maneuver the paddle boat in a figure"8".
  - Operate the paddle boat in a forward and backward direction.
  - Return to dock slowly.
  - Secure the paddle boat to the dock.
  - Display a willingness to follow the directions of the "harbormaster".
- On successful completion of the test, congratulate the candidate, and apply the Gray Paddle Boat test stripe to their wrist bracelet.