



PATROLS IN ACTION

Patrol Activities are planned and run by Patrol members. The activities can be anything, but should account for the abilities & interests of all the Patrol members.

Every Patrol should have a name and logo or symbol that is unique.

Some Scout Troops have traditional Patrol names.

Ideally the Patrol decides it's own name and a creative Scout in the Patrol creates a logo. Every member of the Patrol can offer their ideas in this discussion. Patrol logos can appear on badges, flags, boxes, notice boards, etc.

The Patrol Leaders' Council is a meeting for the PL's and a Scouter to discuss the running of the Troop. Sometimes the APLs are invited.



On board ship we worked in crew-teams called 'Watches'. Sea Scouts use this term of course.

On a ship, or exploring new lands, it is important to have a good team. You need a leader to provide direction, encourage the team, and organise the work. While the Patrol Leader takes this role, they can give members of their Patrol their own leadership chances too.

The "Boss" was great at this and would give responsible jobs to each member of the crew. He'd check to see how they got on and give them bigger challenges the next time. Looking back now, I can see we all had a chance to shine and it helped us to move up in the ranks of the Navy.