



## The Young Mariner Proficiency Badge

A new set of proficiency badges called the Young Mariner Badge has been officially launched on 7 Jan 2014, in collaboration with MPA (Maritime Port Authority of Singapore) and SMF (Singapore Maritime Foundation). These new proficiency badges are unique in a number of ways. They were designed with MPA's help and are issued by MPA upon satisfactory completion of the individual badge requirements. This set of badges cannot be purchased from the scout shop.

The primary schools Cub Scouts section would be delighted to note that there are 2 stages to this Young Mariner Proficiency Badge, namely the Level 1 badge to kickstart the learning experience and the Level 2 badge to further challenge the Cub Scouts. These proficiency badges are to be worn on the right sleeve in accordance with the existing Scout uniform requirements.

### Syllabus for the Cub Scout Young Mariner Badge – Level 1 (Primary School)



To gain this badge, Cub Scouts must complete the requirements below:

1. Know 5 occupations associated with Maritime Singapore.
2. Visit the Singapore Maritime Gallery and share with your leader on your experience/one key topic of interest.
3. Make 3 different types of boats from paper.

### Syllabus for the Cub Scout Young Mariner Badge – Level 2 (Primary School)



To gain this badge, Cub Scouts must complete the requirements below:

1. Hold the Young Mariner's Cub Scouts Level 1 Badge.
2. Using nautical flag symbols, create the sentence "I am a Young Mariner" on a flag.
3. Lead a six on a visit to the Singapore Maritime Gallery and do a presentation to the rest of the six after the visit highlighting experiences and exhibits seen and lessons learnt.
4. Using recycled materials, make a boat that can float on water.
5. Choose two of the following:
  - a. Identify and show pictures of 4 different types of vessels—2 military and 2 merchant (commercial)
  - b. Identify and show pictures of 3 different types of aids to navigation
  - c. Identify and show pictures of 2 different types of oil rigs

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1)** I am a Cub Scout Leader, how do I get my Cub Scouts to attempt this Young Mariner badge?

**A1)** First step: A specially arranged guided tour of the Singapore Maritime Galley (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Marina South Pier) has to be arranged through Scout HQ by contacting Mr Lim Weixing at his email [weixing.lim@scout.org.sg](mailto:weixing.lim@scout.org.sg)

Second step: the Cub Scout is required to follow and perform according to the syllabus listed above.

Third step: the Cub Scout Leader will monitor and decide if the Cub Scout has met all requirements listed in the syllabus.

Final step: the Cub Scout leader fills in a form with the names of all the Cub

Scouts that have passed the Young Mariner Badge requirements and sends to Scout HQ, attention to Mr Lim Weixing, in exchange for the Young Mariner Badge.

**Q2)** As a Cub Scout leader, can I make arrangements on my own through the Singapore Maritime Gallery?

**A2)** Yes, the Singapore Maritime Gallery is open to public from Tuesdays to Sundays but going on your own will not entitle you to the special arrangements that Scout HQ have made with MPA, where there would be an experienced English speaking MPA guide to help explain to the Scouts the various items on display.

**Q3)** What is the cost of the Singapore Maritime Gallery tour with the MPA guide & how long does the tour last?

**A3)** The guided tour takes about 1 hour and is free of charge.

**Q4)** Can we get additional Young Mariner badges from the Scout shop?

**A4)** This badge is controlled and only one piece could be issued to each successful participant. It is free of charge.

**Q5)** To get Scout HQ to help arrange for the guided tour at the Singapore Maritime Gallery, is there a minimum number of participants required?

**A5)** Yes, the Singapore Maritime Gallery guide will be provided only for groups of 15 Cub Scouts or more.