

PLANNING A CHARTERED (*Fishing*) BOAT ACTIVITY? DO IT RIGHT!

It's that time of year again when scouts are looking ahead to spring and summer activities and, for some units this may include a day on the water with a chartered boat. As you consider your seasonal activities, you should be aware that a chartered boat activity requires some special pre-planning to make sure there is insurance coverage for the outing. Without following these steps there may be no insurance coverage for your charter boat outing.

There are steps that must be taken:

- First, you need a tour permit regardless of the location of the charter.
- Second, your activity must be designated as a "Fund-Raiser". Units should both advertise it as such and insure that charges include funds for the unit. (**units must also fill out a unit money earning application**)

In addition, your protection and that of the Council is greatly increased by obtaining:

- An indemnification agreement (hold harmless) in favor of the BSA, Theodore Roosevelt Council and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and participants.
- An insurance certificate verifying the charter boats liability insurance covering boating operations in an amount not less than \$1 Million. This insurance should name the BSA, Theodore Roosevelt Council and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and participants as additional insureds. The insurance should explicitly cover the indemnification agreement referenced above.

You may have questions regarding the correct procedure to follow or the insurance documentation you need to request. Please contact the council service center at 516-797-7600 and we will work with you in answering any questions you may have.