

Junior Log Book Scheme



The log book scheme is designed to help TARS Juniors feel welcome at and participate in events. Members start out as a Ship's Boy and work towards becoming an Able Seaman, then onto Mate and Captain.

Each new participant is given a Ship's Boy badge and an Able Seaman log book. Each log book contains five challenges, when all five have been signed off the participant can be promoted to Able Seaman and given a Able Seaman badge and Mate log book.

Events

The five challenges in each log book consist of a challenge specific to the rank they are working towards; an adventurous event; a discovery event; a nautical event; a free choice event (with a different aspect to it for each rank). Some challenges offer participants alternatives which they can complete at home/with other groups.

Most events in your programme will fall into one of these challenge categories. Some events may cover more than one category, however participants may only complete one challenge per event and must choose which challenge they want to have signed off, even if the event is more than one day long.

Specific Challenges

Titty's Challenge (For those working towards Able Seaman)

This can be any event which includes a artistic or craft activity. A Titty's Challenge event doesn't need to be an exclusively creative event, any event which has a creative element can be designated a Titty's Challenge. This is particularly useful for indoor, winter events which can't fall into other categories. Participants can also create an artwork at home to send in for publication in *The Outlaw*.

Susan's Challenge (For those working towards Mate)

This can be any event which provides participants with the opportunity to cook on a campfire. If participants have a go at cooking on a fire at home or with a club they can take a photo and provide the recipe of what they cooked as evidence.

John's Challenge (For those working towards Captain)

This can be any event which involves camping overnight. If participants go camping elsewhere they can provide evidence by writing a log of their trip including the task they helped with to make the camp possible.

Adventure Events

Any event which involves going outdoors and being active.

Discovery Events

Any event which involves discovering something new, such as learning a new skill.

Nautical Events

Anything boat related. Although the opportunity to get afloat will always be a hit, this can also be any activity with a nautical theme such as visiting a maritime museum.

Free Choice Events

Able Seaman

The participant can attend any event but then must write a report on the event to go in the regional pages. Log books cannot be signed until the article has been written.

Mate

The participant can attend any event but they must have prepared/helped prepare their family/party for the day. The age of the participant should be taken into account and the opinion of the participant's natives when deciding if the participant has done enough to have their log book signed. For an eight-year-old, helping to choose and prepare the picnic may be a suitable amount of preparation. For a 16 year-old writing a kit list for the day, making sure there is a map/directions for the day and ensuring everything everyone needs is packed may be more appropriate.

Captain

The participant must come up with an idea for an event of their choice, write a plan of how it should be run and suggest it as a possible future event. Again age should be taken into account when deciding if their plan is worthy of the log book being signed. For an eight-year-old writing a description of how their event would be run may be sufficient whereas a 16-year-old may be capable of writing a plan which includes a list of materials/equipment needed, instructions and considering timings. It would be wonderful if as many of these ideas as possible could be used to inspire events or parts of events.

Regional Pages and Web Listing

Please display the black and white logos indicating event categories next to events publicised in *Signals* and display the colour logos next to listing on the website. Logos are available from <http://www.arthur-ransome.org.uk/?p=1319> Some events may fall into more than one category so all the appropriate logos may be displayed next to that event.

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Any participant who turns 16 before they complete the scheme should be allowed to continue to the end if they wish to.