

SOFTIN, Inc. -- Seafaring adventures teach skills and self-esteem

Time (hrs)	Activity	Curriculum details
0.2	Welcome, safety orientation	Board vessel, welcome talk, safety orientation, fit life jackets
0.1	Chart orientation and story telling	Familiarize passengers with local nautical chart, fix our position and discuss destinations. Tell the story of Bent Wing, the handicapped endangered brown pelican who turned his handicap into his strength. Our mission today is to find Bent Wing because we owe him a favor.
0.2	Bait loading	Tie up to bait dock and load bait, give explanatory talk, touch fish.
0.6	Harbor egress, waterfront infrastructure	Motor throughout harbor in search of Bent Wing, while lecturing on boat types and uses (commercial fishing, research, enforcement, oil industry), lecturing on harbor infrastructure (fuel dock, ice house, Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard, marinas, docks, launch ramps, piers).
0.2	Sea and shore bird viewing/id	Search for and count various sea and shore birds, provide informative talks on each species. Tell adventure stories of Bent Wing the handicapped pelican.
0.3	Marine mammal viewing/id	View sea lions and harbor seals on docks and buoys, tell stories of great white sharks, search for porpoise, dolphins and whales, provide informative talks on each species.
0.2	Marlinspike seamanship	(While boat in transit).. Teach and practice marlinspike seamanship skills (ropes/lines, knots, moving about safely).
0.1	Discuss weather and sea state	Observe current weather conditions and sea state. Discuss how this affects boating destination decisions and boat handling.
1.1	Fishing, ethical angling, MPA monitoring	Position boat, teach about safe use of rods, reels, tackle. Practice catch and release fishing with emphasis on principles of ethical angling. Lecture on Marine Protected Areas and monitoring.
0.3	Harbor regress, water quality, marine debris	Cruise back to harbor, lecture on local water quality issues and marine debris programs, quiet moments for reflection, dock boat.
0.2	Ocean conservation talk and disembark	Review the day's activities, relate to ocean conservation issues, distribute informative materials, farewells, disembark.
3.5	Total hours	