



WOODENBOAT SCHOOL GEAR LIST

OPEN BOAT EXPEDITION

Good gear is not a luxury on this expedition, it's essential. The difference between a rewarding day and a difficult one often comes down to staying warm, dry, and protected from the elements. Conditions on the Maine coast can shift quickly, and you will be exposed to wind, spray, sun, and cold salt water throughout each day. Thoughtful layering, reliable foul-weather gear, and proper footwear will allow you to stay comfortable, focused, and fully engaged. If you are warm and dry, you will not only enjoy the experience more—you will learn more, too.

Please review the equipment list carefully and come prepared. The brand links are simply suggestions to indicate the type and quality of gear needed—you do not need to purchase those exact items. Plan to bring everything listed. Clothes will get wet, so quick-drying materials are key; wool and synthetics work best. Avoid cotton for active layers, as it stays wet and can quickly lead to discomfort. Your layers should be designed to keep you warm in cold and wet conditions while allowing you to shed layers when it's hot.

All clothing and equipment for the expedition should be packed and ready upon arrival. On Monday morning, you'll bring your gear packed and ready for the week. **We'll begin with a group gear check to ensure everyone is properly equipped, followed by transferring your belongings into a large dry bag provided by the school. Please also bring a smaller dry bag for daily use** (see below).

A note about cell phones: During the expedition, we will be traveling in a remote, wilderness setting where service is limited. While phones can be useful for photography, we ask that you keep them off or in airplane mode throughout the week. This is an opportunity to step away from constant connection and fully engage with the natural environment, the work, and your crew. There is a unique freedom in being untethered, and we encourage you to embrace it.

Personal Equipment List

Clothing:

- 2-4 Shirts (lightweight wool, synthetic athletic - quick dry preferred)
- 1 Long Sleeve Shirt (lightweight wool or synthetic quick dry)
- 1 Mid-weight Wool or Fleece Shirt
- 1 Heavy- weight Wool or Fleece sweater
- 2 pairs of Synthetic Long Pants (non-cotton, synthetic quick dry)
- 2 pairs of Shorts (synthetic -quick dry)
- 1 Bathing Suit
- 1 set of Sleep Wear
- 5 pair of Underwear
- 2-3 bras (if appropriate)
- 3-4 pair of wool or fleece socks
- 1 set of long underwear (wool or synthetic)

Foul Weather Rain Gear:

- High-quality, waterproof, and windproof [raincoat](#) and [pants or bibs](#).
- Wind breaker - lightweight (*could also be same as foul weather jacket)
- Sun hat - baseball hat or wide brimmed hat
- Sunglasses - polarized with glasses strap (Croakie)
- Glasses strap - Croakies
- Wool or fleece winter hat
- Water Shoes (closed toed shoes)
 - Old pair of sneakers or Keens, or Water shoes (No Crocs)
- Camp Shoes (closed toed shoes - different from water shoes)

Equipment:

- Personal Flotation Device (PFD) - well-fitting type 2
- 1 [small drybag or daypack](#) - for easy access to rain gear or warm layer while sailing
- 3-4 Stuff sacks - bags to put all of your clothes into (synthetic stuff sack bags or heavy weight ziplock bags)
- 1 Sleeping Bag (if your bag is not rated below 40° F, bring an extra blanket or fleece bag liner)
- 1 Sleeping Pad (Air mattress or closed-cell ensolite)
- 1 Headlamp with extra batteries
- 2 one-liter Water Bottles
- 1 Bowl, Spoon, (Optional: Plate, fork, knife)
- 1 Insulated Mug (with water tight lid) for hot beverages
- 1 Quick Dry Towel

Toilet kit:

- Small toothpaste, toothbrush, lip balm, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products

Optional Items:

- Camp pillow, Pillowcase or stuff sack to stuff for pillow
- 1 Sharp Knife with locking blade
- Plate, fork, knife
- Book for reading
- Bandana
- Bug spray non-Deet
- Sunscreen (non-spray sunscreen PLEASE!)
- Rite-in-the-rain Journal & Pencil
- Lightweight binoculars
- 1 pair of wool or synthetic mittens or gloves
- 1 pair of Waterproof Boots
- ** Cell Phone

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- 1 Large 115lt Dry Bag with backpack straps - [Seal Line Black Canyon Dry Pack - 115 Liters](#) or [NRS 110L Dry Bag](#)
- 2 Person Tents - you will be sharing a tent with one other participant while camping
- All cooking, camping and safety equipment Extra PFDs
- Camping Cooking Gear
- Boat, sails, oars, 2 anchors, fenders, life ring, etc.
- Dinghy - Shellback with oars
- First Aid Kit
- Boat repair kit
- Cold Water Immersion kit - sleeping bag, space blanket, sugar gel, wool socks, wool winter hat
- Fog horn

Compass

Food for trip

Tarp

Garmin InReach - Personal GPS tracker and satellite communication

Hand-held GPS with digital charts

Paper Charts of area

Toilet - 5-gal bucket with toilet seat

Wagbags - Double Duty bags for responsible and safe containment of human waste

Trash bucket

Nav Kit - 2 compasses, write in rain + pencils, 2 dividers